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Education

Master of Architecture, Rice University, Houston, TX	1992
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA	1989
Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA	1983-1984

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Practice University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2011-present
Director of TCAUP/Florence Study Abroad Program. Florence, Italy University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2009-2012
Lecturer IV in Architecture University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2008-2011
Lecturer II in Architecture University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2005-2008
Lecturer I University of Michigan, Office of International Programs, Florence, Italy	2007
Lecturer I in Architecture University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2001-2005
Adjunct Lecturer in Architecture University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning	2000-2001
S.T.A.R.S. Instructor (Strategic Teaching for At-Risk Students) Lyons High School, City of Lyons Public School System, Lyons, GA	1992

Professional Experience

Principal, n_space architectures: Neal Robinson, Architect, Ann Arbor, MI.	2007-present
Principal, WETSU, Ann Arbor, MI.	2000-2006
Principal, SKYlab Architectures, Atlanta, GA.	1998-2000
Project Architect, Richard Rekau, Architect, P.C., Atlanta, GA.	1998-1999
Staff Architect, Cooper Carry Architects, Atlanta, GA.	1994-1998
Intern Architect, Crawford, McWilliams, Hatcher Architects, Birmingham, AL	1994
Construction Intern, Harry Moses Construction Company, Vidalia, GA.	1992-1993
Intern Architect, Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, San Francisco, CA.	1991

Professional Licensure and Memberships

Registered Architect: State of Michigan #1301047006	2000-present
Registered Architect: State of Georgia #009280	1997-present
Member: A.I.A. American Institute of Architects	2002-present
Member: National Council of Architecture Registration Boards	2005-present

Professional Honors and Recognition

Neal Robinson, Architect, awarded a Michigan AIA Honor Award for EVE RESTAURANT @ BELL TOWER HOTEL, Ann Arbor, MI.	2020
Neal Robinson, Architect, awarded a Georgia AIA Honor Award for DIRTY WORK(s), Sandersville, GA.	2015
Neal Robinson, Architect, awarded a Huron Valley Chapter AIA Honor Award for IORIO's GELATERIA, Ann Arbor, MI.	2015
Neal Robinson, Architect, awarded a Michigan AIA Honor Award for FRITA BATIDOS, Ann Arbor, MI.	2012
Neal Robinson, Architect, awarded a Michigan AIA Honor Award for M.U.D./M.U.P Lounge, Ann Arbor, MI.	2008
WETSU awarded a Michigan AIA Honor Award for EverydayWines, Ann Arbor, MI.	2006
WETSU awarded "Best Retail Design" for EverydayWines project. Contract Magazine.	2005
WETSU named as Finalist in Ox-Bow Inn Design Competition, Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI.	2004
WETSU named one of the 25 bravest, boldest and best emerging practices. Wallpaper* Magazine, July/August 2003	2003
WETSU received Honorable Mention, for DreamSpace I.D. Magazine- 47 th Annual Design Review, August 2001, Vol. 48 No.5 pp126.	2001

Grants and Fellowships

Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Michigan, Small Projects Grant. <i>"From the Ground Up: Installing Social Geologies"</i>	2012
Research Through Making Grant, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, University of Michigan, <i>"Dirty Work"</i>	2011
Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, Professional Development Grant University of Michigan, <i>"Rotte Metropolitane: Firenze e Sommersa"</i> Florence, Italy.	2009
Office of the Chair, Program Grant, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning University of Michigan, <i>"VISIONS: 9th International Architecture + Media Conference."</i> Rome, Italy.	2009
L.E.O. Professional Development Grant, Office of the Provost, University of Michigan, <i>"Andrea Palladio: 500th Anniversary Conference"</i> , Verona, Italy.	2008
Professional Development Grant, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT), University of Michigan, <i>M.U.D./M.U.P. Student Lounge Design + Build Project.</i>	2007
Office of the Dean Research Fund, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, University of Michigan, <i>"WETSU: chicken & fish"</i> exhibition.	2006
Office of the Chair, Program Grant, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning University of Michigan, <i>"WETSU: chicken & fish"</i> exhibition.	2006
Professional Development Grant, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT), University of Michigan, <i>"Taking to Architecture: Mobility as Mode of Practice"</i> - Roving design studio in Prague, Czech Republic.	2004
Georgia Council for the Arts, Seed Grant, <i>"Throwing Together"</i> exhibition.	1994

Exhibitions

<i>Faith & Form (working title)</i> - exhibition of three unbuilt liturgical propositions Detroit Design Center, Detroit, MI. Spring, 2020 (POSTPONED/COVID-19)	2020
<i>UNESCO City of Design: Sukkah x Detroit</i> – exhibition of selected competition entries Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue, Detroit, MI. Sept 23, 2018 –Sept 30, 2018	2018
<i>Dirty Work: 2012 Research Through Making</i> Liberty Research Annex, Ann Arbor, MI. Jan 20, 2012 –April 15, 2012	2012
<i>The Design Show</i> – MUD/MUP Lounge Design + Build project included in juried exhibition Slusser Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI. March 13. 09 –April 3, 2009	2009
<i>Apparitions 00:00</i> – (Curator) Public installation in 4 cycles held on the recurrent Full Moon. Event chronicled the ongoing creative work of study abroad participants from University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin and Duke University. Villa Corsi-Salviati, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy. 24 hrs: Sept 15 th , Oct 14 th , Nov 13 th , Dec. 12 th	2008
<i>Drawn Out</i> – exhibition of Taubman College faculty drawings Sanitorium on the Edge of Hourglass –“Falling Away” and “Air Plane” Taubman College Gallery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Jan. 07-Jan. 31, 2008	2008
<i>WETSU: chicken & fish.</i> Edge Studios Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA. (Invited) Taubman College Gallery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. (Invited) Elmaleh Gallery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. (Invited)	2005-2006
<i>House: Case Study Cleveland.</i> SPACES Gallery, Cleveland, OH., May 3, - June 14, 2002. (Refereed) Eric Arthur Gallery, Toronto University, Toronto, Canada. Jan. 18- Feb. 21, 2003. (Invited)	2002-2003
<i>Unbuilt Architecture Awards</i> , Boston, MA. (Refereed) Kelly House selected for exhibition	2001
<i>Throwing [UP] Together: Casting a Way of Architecture</i> (Invited) Ohoopce Regional Council for the Arts (ORCA) Gallery, Vidalia, GA.	1994

Academic Publications

"Speculate, Mediate, Activate: The Liminal Landscape," in <i>306090_04, Journal of Emergent Architecture + Design: Global Trajectories</i> , ed. Jason Johnson, (New York: Princeton Press, 2003) pages 104-119. (with E. Shelley & G. Wilkins)	2003
"Hatching Landscape," <i>Dimensions, Vol. 16</i> , ed. Nicole Milliff (Ann Arbor, Taubman College 2002) pages 84-91.	2002
"Differencing Architecture," <i>O.R.C.A. Matters, Vol. 6, No. 1</i> , ed. Mary-Lou Retif (Savannah, GA, Ohoopce Regional Council for the Arts, Jan.1994)	1994

Publications by Others about My Work

"Congregation," <i>Sukkah X Detroit</i> , Ayla Raines, ed Inland Press, Detroit, MI, 2018, pages 69,101	2018
"Tastes of the Union" (Frita Batidos), by Bret Thorn <u>Nation's Restaurant News</u> - March 05, 2012.	2012
"Dirty Works: Constructing Efficacious Practice" No More Potlucks, Issue 23, September/October 2012, pages 40-45.	2012
Middle_Out: Practices, Geographies and the Near Now, Jason Young, ed. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2008.	2009
"Clear Space," Wood Design + Building, Issue 44, Volume 12, Fall 2008, pages 17-21.	2008
"Everyday Excellence," Contract Magazine, Issue 1, Volume 48, January 2006, pages 90-91.	2006
"25 Architects," by Jonathan Bell, Wallpaper* Magazine, July/August 2003, pp108-116.	2003

Publications by Others about My Work (continued)

"WetsuHouse", <i>House: Case Study Cleveland</i> , ed. Robert Bostwick, Julie Langsam, John C. Williams, May 2002 Exhibition Catalog, Spaces Gallery, Cleveland, OH., Pages 40-41.	2002
"Redesigning the American Dream House," by Seven Litt <u>The Plain Dealer</u> – Cleveland, OH., Saturday 5/18/02.	2002
"Concrete Solutions," by Laura Kennelly <u>Cleveland Scene</u> – Cleveland, OH., May23-29, 2002 p.29.	2002
"Affordable Innovation," by Roger Green <u>The Ann Arbor News</u> – Ann Arbor MI., 5.25.02 section E, p.1,4.	2002

Selected Design Work

NSPACE	Frita Batidos XL Expansion	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2020-21	
	Smoke House @LA&M	Chicago, IL	Postponed/COVID	2019-20	
	Frita Air	Detroit, MI	Constructed	2019	
	Frita Batidos	Detroit, MI	Constructed	2019	
	Little Bird Café	Ypsilanti, MI	Proposed	2018	
	Aronoff-Hernandez Residence	Ann Arbor, MI	Proposed	2017-18	
	Bear Care	Royal Oak, MI	Proposed	2016	
	eve restaurant @ Bell Tower Hotel	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2015-16	A.I.A. Honor Award
	lorio's Gelato & Caffè	East Lansing, MI	Constructed	2015	
	Dirty Work(s) a mighty good totem	Sandersville, GA	Proposed	2015	A.I.A. Honor Award
	Re-Minding Equipment	Ann Arbor, MI	Proposed	2012-13	
	lorio's Gelateria	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2014	A.I.A. Honor Award
	Frita Batidos	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2010	A.I.A. Honor Award
	E2	Chicago, IL	Proposed	2009	
	Z Café	Ann Arbor, MI	Proposed	2008	
	MUD/MUP Student Lounge	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2007	A.I.A. Honor Award
	Eve, the restaurant cookbook	Ann Arbor, MI	Published	2006	
WETSU	Everydaycook	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2006-07	
	Everydaywines	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2004-05	A.I.A. Honor Award
	EVE Restaurant,	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2003	
	House: Case Study Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	Proposed	2002	
	Blumenthal Addition/Courtyard	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2002	
	Rise Over Run	Birmingham, MI	Constructed	2002	
	606 South First Street	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2001	
	Lucas-Lerner Residence	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2001	
	V2V Home Store.	Ann Arbor, MI	Constructed	2000	
	SKYlab Architectures	Kelly House	Haralson Co., GA	Proposed	2000
Holland Condominium		Atlanta, GA	Constructed	1999-00	
Lynch Residence		Norcross, GA	Constructed	1999	
Bruschini Addition		Norcross, GA	Proposed	1999	
Satellite Lounge		Atlanta, GA	Constructed	1998	
Moody Residence		St. George Isle, FL	Constructed	1998	
Grasswork	Cut & Run	Vidalia, GA	Ongoing	2000-13, 15	
	M.U.L.C.H. M.U.N.C.H.	U.S. Hwy 100, GA	Ongoing	2005-09, 14-16	
	"Lawn Hog" HABITAT [@]	Birmingham, AL	Constructed	1994	Honor Award

Teaching

University of Michigan	ARCH 662	Thesis Design Studio	Winter	2005 - 2011
	ARCH 660	Thesis Seminar	Fall	2004 - 2006
	ARCH 562	Graduate Option Studio: Systems	Winter	2002, 2004, 2015
	ARCH 552	Graduate Design Studio - Institutions	Fall	2003 - 2004, 2011 – 2018, 2020
	ARCH 527	Building Systems	Winter	2009 - 2015* <i>*Coordinator 2013-15</i>
	ARCH 516	Representation	Winter	2003
	ARCH 509	Special Topics: Devils & Details	Winter	2017 - 2021
	ARCH 492	Study Abroad	Spring	2004 - 2005, 2016 - 2017
	ARCH 442	Undergraduate Design Studio UG4	Winter	2012 - 2013*, 2016 – 2018 <i>*Coordinator 2013</i>
	ARCH 432	Undergraduate Design Studio UG3	Fall	2000 - 2002, 2019* <i>*Coordinator 2019</i>
	ARCH 427	Construction II	Winter	2001 - 2002, 2008
	ARCH 416	Design Fundamentals (3G)	Summer	2008 - 2011*, 2013-2015, 2019-2020 <i>*Coordinator 2008-2011</i>
	ARCH 412	Graduate Design Studio (3G2)	Fall	2005, 2007
	ARCH 400	Independent Study	Summer	2005
	ARCH 326	Design Fundamentals II	Winter	2004 - 2007
	ARCH 322	Undergraduate Design Studio UG2	Winter	2001, 2003, 2019 – 2021* <i>*Coordinator 2021</i>
	ARCH 317	Construction I	Fall	2000 - 2001
	ARCH 316	Design Fundamentals I	Fall	2002 - 2003, 2007, 2011 - 2013*, 2015, 2018 <i>*Coordinator 2011-2013</i>
	O.I.P. Arch	Experiencing the City, Florence, Italy	Fall	2009 - 2010

Awards/Rewards for Teaching

University of Michigan Faculty Road Scholar	2003
Donna Salzer Award for Excellence in Teaching. Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, University of Michigan	2001-2002

Recognition of Student Work

Taubman College Thesis Awards

Outstanding Thesis:	William Liow "Pata"_: Red Herrings + Ecological Suture	(Primary advisor)	2011
Outstanding Thesis:	Emmett Harison museum of absent things (M.O.A.T.)	(Primary advisor)	2009
	Juan Mercado Drift: Migrant Ecologies and the Motel 6	(Primary advisor)	2009
	Matthew Ducharme-Smith Critical Opalescence	(Secondary advisor)	2009
Outstanding Thesis:	David Taylor Conduction Becomes: "Hog House"	(Primary advisor)	2008
Outstanding Thesis:	Megan Conner Threshold to the UnCanny	(Co-advisor)	2006
Outstanding Thesis:	Jennifer Harmon Ecofisk and the Theater of Reclaimed Unconsciousnes	(Co- advisor)	2005

Recognition of Student Work (continued)

Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Competition (<i>Undergraduate Studios</i>)			
Honor Award (1 st)	Chris Myefski	Re-Ranging the American Construct	2018
Honorable Mention	Julia Muntean + Raddit Nimsombun	Cash-4-Data-Pawn	2018
Honor Award (3 rd)	Taylor Boes	Not Mine - Global Redaction Station	2017
Honor Award (3 rd)	Jiashi Yu	Chicken Republic	2017
Honor Award (1 st)	Jamie Lutz	De Fence	2016
Honor Award (2 nd)	Rob Michel	Safe House: Origins of Pre-Historic Modern	2013
Honor Award	Sheena Shah	S.P.A. Spaces of Perceptual Ambiguity	2012
AIA Huron Valley Chapter Awards (<i>Graduate Studio</i>)			
First Prize	Anna Schaefferkoetter	Opportunistic Aggregation	2011
Taubman College Alumni Society Board of Governors Project Award (<i>Graduate Studio</i>)			
Honor Award	Andy Lin	House Breeds	2014
Honor Award	Alex Chow	Intensive Care	2013
Honor Award	Will Liow	Foresteria for San Giovanni Battista	2011
	Beatrice Lau	all'Autostrada del Sole	
	Amy Rydleski		
Merit Award	Anthony Hrusovsky	S.E.E. Center: Re-Sighting the Body	2010
Honor Award	Katherine Peterson	Florence: 24 Hours	2009
Honor Award	Holly Ferguson	Atelier Cuisine Detroit	2008
	Joss Kiely		
Taubman College Gateway Studio Awards (<i>Graduate Studio</i>)			
First Prize	Kyoung-Hee Kim	Sac Fry House/Floating Landscape	2002
Honorable Mention	Gideon Danilowitz	Hatching Landscape: A Wake	2002
Taubman College Journal: <i>Dimensions</i> . Exemplary student work selected for publication			
Volume 32	Christopher Myefski Michie Nimsombun & Julia Muntean Jiashi	The American Construct Cash-4-Data Pawn	Wallenberg 2019
Volume 31	Jiashi (Jess) Yu	Chicken Republic	Wallenberg 2018
Volume 27	Rob Michel Drew Kaczmarek	Safe House: Pre-Historic Modern Physical Grounds	Wallenberg 2013
Volume 26	Sheena Shah	S.P.A.A.	Wallenberg 2012
Volume 24	Natasha K. Mauskapf	Faraway/Nearby	Thesis 2011
Volume 23	Juan Mercado	Migrant Ecologies and the Motel 6	Thesis 2010
	Emmett Harrison	Urban Marvels: M.O.A.T.	Thesis
	Bethany Wilson	Scrambled Eggs:Laminate Ecologies	Thesis
	Ivelisse Ruiz Upward	Counterfeit Architecture	Thesis
Volume 22	David Taylor	Hog House/Conduction Becomes	Thesis 2009
	Brian Taddonio	Here and There: Working Out Mies	Thesis
	Andrew Smith	Musings on Cyclical Forgetting	Thesis
	Caryn Schadegg	Ambivalent Thresholds	Thesis
Volume 21	Jason Carmello	Vacation Homes	Thesis 2008
	Daniel Jarcho	Hotel for Time Travelers	Thesis
Volume 20	Elizabeth Moggio	Realms of Dwelling	Thesis 2007
	Megan Conner	Threshold to the UnCanny	Thesis
	Chansik Park	Making Space of Gap	Thesis
Volume 19	Brandon Andrzejczak	Dr Strangelove 20-O-5	Thesis 2006
	Nicole Adler	Synthetic Perception	Thesis
	Jennifer Harmon	Retreat from Consciousness	Thesis
	Alex Neyman	Mapping Heterotopia	Thesis
Volume 16	Landscape Studio:	Amanda Spicuzzi, Sang-Boem Kim, Gideon Danilowitz, So Eun Cho, Amy Milobowski, Kyoung-Hee Kim	2003

Recognition of Student Work (continued)

<i>The Archiologist</i> : Best Student Work Published	Marco Neito	Ashes to Ashes	Arch 552	2019
<i>Architect's Newspaper</i> : Best of Design Awards_Unbuilt/Public Winner	Christopher Meyefski	The American Construct	Arch 442	2018
<i>Fairy Tales</i> : Architecture Storytelling Competition (blankspace.com) Honorable Mention:	Rubin Quarcoopome	Honey Street	Arch 552	2016
<i>Animal Architecture Awards</i> Honor Award	Daniel Moffat	OceanoGraphic Agricultures	Arch 442	2011
<i>Architect.com</i>	Elizabeth Moggio & Megan Conner		Thesis	2006
"BODYWORK: Farmacia del Corpo di Lavoro," Graduate Design Studio, Florence, Italy. Design Studio featured as part of "Arts & Bodies" – an interdisciplinary educational initiative of Arts on Earth, University of Michigan. (Neal Robinson-Studio Instructor)				2009/10
<i>306090/04 Global Trajectories</i> , Exhibition featuring the work of University of Michigan's 2002 Gateway Studios (Neal Robinson, Gretchen Wilkins and Elise Shelly - Instructors)				2003

Academic Service

N.C.A.R.B. faculty representative – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2017-2021
J.A.E. (Journal of Architectural Education) Reviewer	2018
A.C.S.A. (Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture) Open Session reviewer/reader	2005, 2017, 2020
Lecturer's Professional Development Grant Reviewer, University of Michigan	2008, 2011, 2017
CRLT (Center for Research on Learning and Teaching), Grant Reviewer, University of Michigan	2006, 2007, 2015
A.I.A.S. faculty representative – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2008-2010
Design Ambassador for Taubman College Office of Admissions	2017-2019
Education Policy Committee – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2009-2010, 2019-2020
Graduate Admissions Committee (3G) – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2014-2021
Space Planning Committee – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2014
Graduate Admissions Committee (2G) – Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2008-2012
Undergraduate Admissions Committee - Taubman College, Ann Arbor, MI	2003, 2006

Professional Service

Guest Presenter & Panelist – A.I.A. MI. Summer Design Retreat	2017, 2020
Series Host: Huron Valley A.I.A. Emerging Professionals	2019
A.X.P. (Architecture Experience Program) Supervisor for NCARB licensure candidates.	2016-2021
I.D.P. (Intern Development Program) Mentor for architectural licensure candidates.	2012-2016

Public Service

Design Ambassador: "Por que no?!", Avalon Housing nonprofit, Washtenaw County, MI	2019 - 2021
Invited Guest Speaker: <i>I'mMaterial Kink</i> , C.L.A.W., Cleveland, OH	2018
Invited Guest Speaker: <i>Eating Your Words: A Taste for Narrative</i> , Food X, Cleveland, OH	2016
Invited Guest Speaker: <i>Eating Architecture</i> , Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI	2009-2012
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Architect, Birmingham AL.	1994
Visiting Instructor in Architecture for Lyons Public High School. Lyons, GA	1992