

Jacob Comerci

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Jacob Comerci is a designer, educator and Project Manager for Academic Initiatives at Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He was the 2019-2020 William Muschenheim Fellow at the University of Michigan, having previously received a Master of Architecture from Princeton University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago. While at Princeton, Comerci was awarded the Howard Crosby Butler traveling fellowship where he studied building groups in Berlin as well as the Suzane Kolarik Underwood thesis prize for excellence in design. He has worked with the offices of Bureau Spectacular in Chicago and Los Angeles and with MOS Architects and LTL Architects in New York.

His research and design work reconsiders models for collective life and work by way of the interior fit-out of existing real estate with furniture-scaled domestic equipment. He is co-founder of Taubman Public Design Corps alongside Maria Arquero, Irene Hwang & Anya Sirota – a program connecting students in architecture, urban design, and planning with organizations to tackle pressing economic, environmental, social, and spatial challenges.

### Education

Princeton University – Princeton, NJ  
Master of Architecture  
2015 - 2018

University of Illinois at Chicago – Chicago, IL  
Bachelor of Science in Architecture  
2009 - 2014

### Academic Appointments

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan  
Lecturer I & Muschenheim Design Fellow, 2018 — Current

Princeton University School of Architecture  
Assistant Instructor, 2016 — 2018

### Teaching

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan

ARCH 432 – (public) Works: Fitting Out WPA 2.0 UG3 – Fall 2021  
U-M Public Design Corps – Summer 2021

Independent Study Advisor – On NYC’s Public Space(s) – Summer 2021  
Independent Study Advisor – Furniture Design Seminar – Summer 2021  
ARC 412 — Architectural Design 3G2 — Fall 2020  
Independent Study Advisor – Furniture Design Seminar – Fall 2020  
U-M Public Design Corps – Summer 2020  
Independent Study Advisor – Furniture Design Seminar – Winter 2020  
ARCH 562 — Architectural Design 2G2/3G5 — Winter 2019  
ARC 412 — Architectural Design 3G2 — Fall 2019  
ARC 211 — Digital Drawing — Fall 2019  
ARC 402 — Architectural Design (3G1) — Summer 2019  
ArcPrep Detroit — Scale Workshop — Winter 2019  
ARC 422 — Architectural Design 3G3 — Winter 2019  
ARC 516 — Graduate Architectural Representation — Winter 2019  
ARC 412 — Architectural Design 3G2 — Fall 2018  
ARC 211 — Digital Drawing — Fall 2018

#### Princeton University School of Architecture

ARC 351 — Junior Studio — Fall 2018  
ARC 205 — Interdisciplinary Design Studio — Spring 2018  
ARC 492 — Environmental Challenges of Urban Sprawl — Fall 2017  
ARC 538 — Exhibition-Making in Architecture Seminar — Spring 2016

#### Professional Experience

U-M Public Design Corps  
2020 – Current  
Co-Founder

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning  
2020 – Current  
Academic Initiatives Project Manager

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning  
2018 - 2019  
Faculty Co-Working Pilot, New Wing Commons A/V Design & Implementation

Agrest & Gandelsonas Architects, NY, NY  
2017 - 2018  
Forthcoming Monograph, Research & Design

LTL Architects, NY, NY  
2017  
4C: Four Corridors: Foreseeing the Region of the Future

MOS Architects, NY,NY

2016

Istanbul Design Biennial, Design an Unfinished Encyclopedia of Scale Figures Without Architecture

Bureau Spectacular

2013 - 2015

Chicago Architecture Biennial, 2014 Venice Biennale, Graham Foundation Treatise Exhibition, Flipping Properties, Museum is More

The Economy Magazine

2012 - 2015

Editor

### Publications

ACSA. "In Service of the Public Interest, The Public Design Corps". Spring 2022 (Forthcoming).

Dimensions Journal. Practice, Product, Protocol. Fall 2021.

Architect's Newspaper. Practice, Product, Protocol makes the immaterial tangible. Spring 2020.

MAS Context. Practice, Product, Protocol. Spring 2020.

OCDI Press, "House Us", Entry: A lot of things, all at once! or; An Architectural Compromise. 2017.

Log 36, "Robolog" Curated by Greg Lynn. Entry: The Robot of Kunsthal I. 2016.

suckerPUNCH Daily, An Architectural Compromise. December 2015.

suckerPUNCH Daily, A Chapel in Memphis, TN. April 2014.

suckerPUNCH Daily, Housing in Tyson's Corner, VA. April 2013.

TriQuarterly Literary Magazine. Northwestern university. Interview: Ian Heames. Issue 141.

Winter/Spring 2012.

### Exhibitions

Grenoble Architecture Biennale. Acts of Urbanism. Winter 2021.

Carr Center Detroit. Carr Virtual Center. Fall 2020.

Taubman College of Architecture Fellows Exhibition; Practice, Product, Protocol. Spring 2020.

Carillon & Architecture Design Workshop Exhibition. Fall 2019.

Rejected Architecture Exhibition at The Ohio State University. Fall 2019.

Street Festival Detroit Installation. Summer 2019.

SALVAGE. Princeton School of Architecture, Co-Curated with Sylvia Lavin et.al.

### Awards & Honors For Research, Practice or Scholarship

2019 BeeBreeders Rome Collective Living Challenge

Domestic Equipment for a New Collectivity in Rome — Honorable Mention

2019 – 2020 William Muschenheim Fellowship, University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning

2018 ARCH OUT LOUD Home Competition  
An Urbanism of Stuff — Winner, Pragmatic Award

2018 Princeton University's Suzane Kolarik Underwood Prize  
Highest Award for Excellence in Design

2017 Princeton University's Howard Butler Crosby Traveling Fellowship  
Research on Co-Housing Baugruppe in Berlin

2015 – 2018 Graduate Tuition Fellowship  
Princeton University – Princeton, NJ

### Grants

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning "Keep it Together" RFP. Spring 2022, \$6,000.

Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning "Get it Together" RFP. Winter 2021, \$5,000.

Muschenheim Fellowship Grant, Fall 2019, \$6,000.

Comerci, Jacob. Lecturers' Professional Development Fund. Muschenheim Fellowship Research Fund.  
Fall 2019, \$2,000.

Comerci, Jacob and Ng, Tiffany. "An Archi-Musical Reimagination of the Belltower Typology".

University of Michigan ArtsEngine Integrative Faculty Research Program, October 2019 — December  
2019, \$3,000.

### Invited Lectures

Kent State University's School of Architecture. Winter 2022.

Aarhus School of Architecture. Winter 2021.

Projecting Fellows Symposium. Winter 2021.

Princeton School of Architecture, Amid cero.9 Studio, Fall 2018.

### Invited Juries

Kent State University's School of Architecture, Fall 2021.

McGill's Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture, Winter 2021.

McGill's Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture, Fall 2020.

Pratt Institute School of Design, Fall 2020.

### Service

Taubman College of Architecture's Admissions Committee. Spring 2022.

University of Michigan's ArtsEngine. Review Committee. Fall 2020 - Winter 2021.