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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009- SYNECDOCHE: Ann Arbor, MI + Detroit, MI
Director of Design, Co-Founder
WBENC Certified, GS10K Alumni Company

2015-2016 University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture, Ann Arbor, MI
Videographer

2011-2017 Freelance architectural photographer

2011-2013 RVTR: Ann Arbor, MI + Toronto, ON
Design / Research Assistant

2008-2009 The Think Shop Architects: Brighton, MI
Architecture Intern

2007 Perkins+Will: Washington, D.C.
Architecture Intern

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
2009-2011 Master of Architecture (M.Arch)

Lawrence Technological University, College of Architecture and Design
2004-2009 Bachelor of Science in Architecture (B.S.)

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
2014-15, 2023- Intermittent Lecturer
2010 Graduate Student Instructor

Lawrence Technological University, College of Architecture and Design
2014 Adjunct Faculty

HONORS AND AWARDS

Professional

2022 SPARK Ann Arbor
“FastTrack Award - 2 year winner” for substantial business growth year over year

2022 The Architect's Newspaper
Best of Practice - Small Firm Midwest Honorable Mention

2022 GC Magazine
Best Commercial Architects in Ann Arbor

2021 GC Magazine
Best Retail Architects in Detroit

2019 BUILD Magazine Construction and Engineering Awards
Best Design/Build Architecture Studio - Michigan

2019 Wanted Design, Launch Pad at DESIGNxNYC
Selected Emerging Designer

2018 Michigan Celebrates Small Business, Michigan 50 Businesses to Watch 2019
Finalist

2018 SPARK Ann Arbor
“FastTrack Award” for substantial growth year over year

Projects with Synecdoche unless otherwise noted

2022 AIA Detroit Architecture Honor Award
 “JEI Neighborhood Hub” Small Project Award

2022 IIDA Michigan
 “Gamma Piercing” Retail Design Award

2022 IIDA Michigan
 “JEI Offices” Honorable Mention Award

2021 Archello
 Best Office Projects of 2020, LLamasoft

2019 BUILD Magazine Construction and Engineering Awards
 Best Midwest Commercial Adaptive Reuse Project: IVEY

2019 Global Future Design Awards, Commercial Interiors Category
 “IVEY” - Third Place

2019 IES Illumination Awards
 “Lo-fi” Merit Award, Detroit Chapter

2019 Michigan AIA Honor Award, Small Project / Low Budget Category
 “Thrive Juicery” - Winner

2019 LIT Lighting Design Awards, Ambient Lighting Category
 “Lo-Fi” First Place

2019 World Architecture and Design Awards, Commercial Interiors Category
 “Thrive Juicery” - Winner

2019 World Architecture and Design Awards, Commercial Interiors Category
 “Lo-Fi” - Second Place

2016 Michigan AIA Honor Award, Small Project Category
 “AKA Sushi” - Winner

2013 15th International Garden Festival : Grand Metis, Quebec, Canada
 “Controlled Burn” - 1 of 20 finalists

2013 Flint Public Art Project : Flat Lot Competition
 “The Big Top” - Semi-Finalist

2013 Flint Public Art Project : Free City Art Festival
 “Second Sight” - 1 of 15 funded projects

2013 Architizer A+ Awards, Sound Category
 “Resonant Chamber” *with RVTR* - Jury + People's Choice Winner

2011 Young Architects Forum Atlanta; 10up Competition
 “Edge Condition” - First Place

2010 Inc.com + Architizer; Coolest Converted Office Spaces
 “WYLD” - 1 of 10 Featured Projects

2010 Young Architects Forum Atlanta; 10up Competition
 “Soft Space” - 1 of 10 finalists

2010 HKS Detroit Fellowship
 “Leveling the Playing Field” - Design Fellow - independent

2009 2A Magazine; Du(b)alities Competition
 “SC-PE” - Second Place

PUBLISHED DESIGN WORK

with Synecdoche unless otherwise noted

2022, Mar 4 “Four Commercial Design Trends You Should Know About Now”
 OfficeInsight. By Claire Butwinick [Modelon Office]

2021, Dec 8 “Top Moments From Design Weeks Across the Country this Year”
 Architectural Digest. By Tim Nelson [Discard Detroit]

2021, Sept 22 “A Look Inside LLamasoft’s New Ann Arbor Office”
 Office Lovin [LLamasoft]

2021, Sept 15 “Detroit Month of Design Highlights”
 Cool Hunting. By David Graver [Discard Detroit]

2021, Sept 14 “Creative Office Revamp Combines Barn, Cafe and Roof Deck”
 LoopNet. By Joe Beeton [Clicn]

2021, Sept 10 “A Look Inside Bamboo’s New Royal Oak Office”

Office Lovin [Bamboo]
 2021, June 1 “Modelon Offices - Ann Arbor”
 Office Snapshots [Modelon]
 2021, May 28 “10 Architectural Installations & Pavilions”
 Archinect By Alexander Walter [Super Temporary]
 2021, Apr 9 “Discard Detroit Turns Iconic Mid-Century Furniture Into Works of Art”
 DesignBoom. By Lynee Myers [Discard Detroit]
 2020, Nov 27 “10 Inviting interior spaces for your Friday inspiration”
 Archinect. By Alexander Walter [GundersonDettmer]
 2018 “Mad Scientist” Great Lakes By Design, Vol. 2 Issue 5 [Mad Scientist Table]
 2018, Sept 21 “Blom Meadworks” ArchDaily. By Fernanda Castro [Blom]
 2018, Spring BluDot Trade Catalog, project feature [AKA Sushi]
 2016, May 23 “Duo Security Offices - Ann Arbor” : Office Snapshots [Duo]
 2015, Jan 9 “AKA Sushi” : ArchDaily [AKA Sushi]
 2012, Apr 19 “Resonant Chamber / rvtr” ArchDaily for Resonant Chamber (*with RVTR*)
 2012, May 1 “Edge Condition / Synecdoche Interview” MASS Atlanta [Edge Condition]
 2011, June 12 “Synecdoche Design : Edge Condition” DesignBoom [Edge Condition]
 2011, June 16 “Edge Condition Pavilion / Synecdoche” ArchDaily [Edge Condition]
 2011, Fall “Edge Condition” : Portico [Edge Condition]
 2010, Dec 2 “59.33 Chururata”: & Ampersand Volume 2 [Artist Chururata]
 2010, April “Kinetic Clinic”: Design for the Children, April [Kinetic Clinic]
 2010, Spring “HKS Fellows”: Portico, Spring [Leveling the Playing Field]
 2009, Dec 1 “WYLD”: & Ampersand Volume 1, December [WYLD]
 2009, Aug “SC-PE”: Lawrence Tech Magazine August [SC-PE]
 2009, July “SC-PE”: 2A Magazine - Art and Architecture Magazine, July [SC-PE]

INTERVIEWS/PRESENTATIONS

2022, Dec 2 “Momentum & Inspiration: Projects in Michigan” Michigan Mass Timber Update
 2016, Feb 7 “Synecdoche Design Make” Architecture Design Center Shoptalk Podcast Interview
 2011 “Partner Up” Architecture for Humanity Atlanta and Young Architects Forum Atlanta
 2010 “Recovering” PechaKucha Night for Haiti Detroit Vol. 6.5
 2009 “Just Do It - Synecdoche” PechaKucha Night Detroit Vol. 6
 2008 “Duress Captivity” Detroit @ 55 seconds [FLAK], Cranbrook Museum of Art

PANELIST

2021, Jan 12 “Pivot to Product” Pivoting Past 2020, Michigan House & Bamboo
 2020, May 21 “Housebound Happy Hour” Michigan House, virtual series
 2018, Feb 8 “Radical Inclusion: Infrastructural Spaces by Design”
 University of Michigan: TCAUP: Stalled! Symposium Panel
 2010 “Leveling the Playing Field” HKS Design Fellowship with Pandush Gaqu,
 Mark Maxey, Chris Ozog, Julie Simpson and Adam Smith

EXHIBITIONS/INSTALLATIONS

with Synecdoche unless otherwise noted

2022, Winter HOMES Campus Gallery - Ann Arbor, MI
 “Symmetries” (*with Dustin Cook*)
 2021, Fall HOMES Campus Gallery - Ann Arbor, MI
 “Together We Are Whole” (*with Mike Han*)
 2016, Summer POP-X Ann Arbor Art Center, selected artist - Ann Arbor, MI
 “Pub Pavilion” & “Water Pavilion”
 2015, Summer Designing Summer, Cranbrook Art Museum Group Show - Detroit, MI
 “Dark Skies / Lightscapes”
 2014, Fall Detroit Design Festival, curated - Detroit, MI
 “Lightscapes”
 2013, Fall Free City Art Festival, juried invite group show - Flint, MI
 “Second Sight”
 2013, Summer Flint Art Walk, juried invite group show - Flint, MI

2013, Winter “Flat Lot Competition Exhibit”
 UQAM; Center for Design, solo show - Montreal, Quebec

2012, Fall “Infra Eco Logi Urbanism” (for RVTR)
 Museum of Design Atlanta; Emerging Voices 11, invited group show - Atlanta, GA
 “Edge Condition”

2012, Spring Taubman College; Research Through Making, group show - Ann Arbor, MI
 “Resonant Chamber” (for RVTR)

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

2023 Winter ARCH 562 Collectives Studio: DIY
 2014 Winter ARCH 211 Digital Drawing
 ARCH 362 Design Fundamentals 2
 2013 Fall ARCH 317 Construction I Undergrad and Grad levels
 2010 Fall ARCH 583 Site Operations (GSI with Geoffrey Thun)

Lawrence Technological University, College of Architecture and Design

2013 Fall ARCH 3117 Integrated Design 3: Techtonics

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

2023 S. Filippis, L. Sauvé, **A. Smith**, “Design with Code Coordination” 2023 International Mass Timber Conference, Portland, OR, United States, March 27-29. (forthcoming)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATION

2020- Registered Architect, State of Michigan, License Number: 1301066960
 2020- NCARB Certificate, Number: 98067
 2019- AIA Member, Detroit, Michigan, and National Chapters
 2007- USGBC - LEED Green Building Associate

COMMUNITY, ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE ROLES

2023- Bike Alliance of Washtenaw County
 2019-2021 AIA Huron Valley - Board of Directors
 Emerging Professionals Director

SERVICE & SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

2019-2020 A2 Tech Film Festival, sponsor
 2018 Works in Progress Exhibit, Ann Arbor Art Center, exhibit sponsor
 2018 Art Now: Drawing, Ann Arbor Art Center, Exhibition main sponsor
 2017- Sponsor: Taubman College Architecture Student Research Grant
 2017 AFC Ann Arbor: Local soccer team - Company Sponsor
 2011 Competition Juror: AIA Atlanta: Young Architects Forum. 10UP Pavilion Competition

NEWS COVERAGE

2018, Jan 17 “Ann Arbor design firm Synecdoche ready to ‘make spaces vibrant’”
 MLive. By Jessica Haynes

Projects

2021, Oct 13 “Ann Arbor architects plan to rehab food truck as pop-up design studio”
 Concentrate Media. By Jaishree Drepaal-Bruder

2021, Sept 8 “Build-Outs of Coffee: Dozer Coffee in Ann Arbor”
 Sprudge. By Staff

2021, June 16 “Community hub moving into former Lucky’s Market”
 Click on Detroit, All About Ann Arbor. By Meredith Bruckner

2021, Mar 24 “Ann Arbor Photograph and Architect launch studio co-working space as a ‘clubhouse’
 for creatives” Concentrate Media. By Jaishree Drepaal-Bruder

2020, June 11 "Returning to Work: A Design Approach" SPARK Ann Arbor News. By Lisa Sauve
2020, Aug 17 "StudioStudio offers unique coworking, studio space for Ann Arbor creatives"
Click on Detroit, All About Ann Arbor. By Meredith Bruckner
2019, Sept 18 "Parking Day To Bring Temporary Art Activities-to Ann Arbor Parking Spaces"
MLive News. By Riley Murdock
2019, May 31 "Community Spotlight: IVEY" DDA Blog. By Maura Thomson
2018, April 11 "Aveda Concept IVEY Salon Opens in Downtown Ann Arbor"
Click on Detroit, All About Ann Arbor. By Meredith Bruckner
2018, Nov 29 "Meet Lo-Fi: Live music bar set to open on Ann Arbor's Main Street"
Click on Detroit, All About Ann Arbor. By Meredith Bruckner
2018, Nov 28 "Lo-Fi bar bring live music, neon dragon to downtown Ann Arbor"
MLive News. By Lauren Slagter
2018, April 11 "Guided Tour of the Design Behind Duo, Nightcap, and Blom Meadworks"
Second Wave Media. By Christopher Slat
2018, Nov 16 "Ann Arbor Pharmacy, Apothecary, and Boutique Opening"
Click on Detroit, All About Ann Arbor. By Meredith Bruckner
2018, Aug 31 "Gold Standard"
Hour Detroit September Issue. By Christopher Cook
2018, Sept "The Standard: Swanky, Sweet, & Striving" Ann Arbor Observer. By M.B. Lewis
2018, Aug 3 "10 New Architectural Spaces Designed for Kids" Archinect
2018, July 26 "Business Spotlight: Blom Meadworks" DDA Blog. By Maura Thomson
2018, July 13 "Dine in the D - The Standard Bistro" Click on Detroit Video
2018, July "12 Hottest Restaurants in metro Detroit" Detroit Metro Times. [The Standard] listed
2018, April 18 "Meadery prepares to open in downtown Ann Arbor" MLive News. By Jessica Haynes
2018, April 10 "French bistro-inspired restaurant The Standard to open in April"
MLive. By Jessica Haynes
2018, April 11 "French Bistro The Standard Says 'Bonjour' To Ann Arbor Today"
Eater Detroit. By Tim Forster
2018, Mar 13 "Here's a Sneak Peek at Ann Arbor's New French Dining Destination"
Eater Detroit. By John Reyes
2018, Mar 20 "Ann Arbor specialty grocer Morgan & York seeks expansion with restaurant, bar"
Concentrate Media. By Jessica Haynes
2018, Feb 14 "Inspired by transgender bathroom debate, U-M holds conference on inclusive design"
Concentrate Media. By Sarah Rigg
2017, Nov 15 "Ann Arbor's first meadery to open in 2018, featuring Michigan-made ingredients"
Concentrate Media. By Sarah Rigg
2017, Nov 10 "Ann Arbor couple opening downtown meadery in early 2018"
MLive. By Jessica Haynes
2017, Nov 8 "Blom Meadworks planning Ann Arbor debut in 2018"
The Detroit News. By Melody Malosh
2017, Nov 7 "Blom Meadworks to Make a 2018 Debut in Ann Arbor"
Detroit Eater. By Serena Maria Daniels
2017, June 27 "Duo Security moves into Ann Arbor's historic Allmendinger Building"
MLive. By Jessica Haynes
2017, June 19 "Tacos now the focus of renovated Cantina in Ann Arbor" MLive, By Jessica Haynes
2017, May 17 "Nightcap Ann Arbor brings modern craft cocktails to Main Street"
MLive. By Jessica Haynes
2017, Jan 11 "BTB Cantina goes farm-to-table with new taco menu"
Concentrate Media. By Eric Gallippo
2016, May 23 "Duo Security Offices - Ann Arbor" Office Snapshots
2016, Oct 28 "An Ann Arbor Restaurant Serving 'Food of Substance'"
New York Times. By Rebecca Flint Marx
2016, Sept 28 "POP-X Ann Arbor Community Art Initiative" Life In Michigan Blog. By Chuck Marshall
2016, Sept 23 "10-day art festival called POP-X underway in downtown Ann Arbor"
MLive. By Martin Slagter
2016, June 24 "No-Frills, Fine Food - A small but mighty Spencer is making an impression on the Ann
Arbor restaurant scene" Hour Detroit July Issue. By Christopher Cook
2015, Oct 21 "Spencer restaurant and cheese bar now open in Ann Arbor" MLive. By Jessica Webster

2013, Sept "A Room of Its Own- The Lunch Room" Ann Arbor Observer. By Sally Mitani
 2013, Aug 4 "The Lunch Room Opens" Damn Arbor. By: Chris Dzombak, August 4
 2012, May 1 "A Mechanical Roof Tweaks Concert Acoustics in Real Time" : Fast Company (*with RVTR*)
 2012, May 2 "Morphable Concert Hall Ceiling Shape-Shifts For Customized Sound" Popular Science.
 By Rebecca Boyle (*RVTR*)
 2011, Jan 24 "Six Tips to Design a Cool Office" Inc.com, January By Eric Markowitz
 2010, Nov "Coolest Converted Office Spaces": Inc.com

COMPLETED/BUILT PROFESSIONAL DESIGN PROJECTS

projects with () received honors/awards*

Synecdoche

2022	Venue by 4M: Ann Arbor, MI	30,000	sf	hospitality + office	adaptive reuse
2022	Sweet Heather Anne: Ann Arbor, MI	1,700	sf	commercial	interior
2022	Ricewood: Ann Arbor, MI	1,500	sf	restaurant	renovation
2022	Rooted Socialite: Lansing, MI	1,700	sf	commercial	renovation
2021	HOMES Campus: Ann Arbor, MI	20,000	sf	mixed-use + brewery	adaptive reuse
2021	* Jefferson East Inc: Detroit, MI	3,000	sf	office	renovation
2021	* Gamma Piercing: Ann Arbor, MI	800	sf	retail	interior
2021	Modelon: Ann Arbor, MI	3,400	sf	office	renovation
2021	Chelsea Burger: Chelsea, MI	1,200	sf	commercial	interior
2020	StudioStudio: Ann Arbor, MI	2,200	sf	commercial + partnership	adaptive reuse
2020	Bellflower: Ypsilanti, MI	2,000	sf	restaurant	renovation
2020	Bamboo: Royal Oak, MI	20,000	sf	office + partnership	commercial
2020	Clinc: Ann Arbor, MI	25,000	sf	office	adaptive reuse
2020	GundersonDettmer: Ann Arbor, MI	7,000	sf	office	renovation
2020	Reach: Bloomfield Hills, MI	1,100	sf	commercial + branding	interior
2020	Nexient HQ: Ann Arbor, MI	80,000	sf	workplace + space plans	interior
2019	* LLamasoft HQ: Ann Arbor, MI	20,000	sf	workplace + space plans	renovation
2019	Thrive Juicery (DT): Ann Arbor, MI	1,700	sf	restaurant	interior
2019	YORK: Ann Arbor, MI	5,500	sf	restaurant + campus plan	renovation
2019	REACH Bodywork: Bloomfield Hills, MI	1,700	sf	commercial	interior
2018	Voxel 51: Ann Arbor, MI	5,000	sf	office	interior
2018	* IVEY Salon: Ann Arbor, MI	1,650	sf	commercial + partnership	interior
2018	Blind Pig: Ann Arbor, MI	2,800	sf	commercial	renovation
2018	888 Bar: San Francisco, CA	1,700	sf	hospitality	installation
2018	REACH Bodywork: Ann Arbor, MI	1,100	sf	commercial	interior
2018	Ann Arbor Pharmacy: Ann Arbor, MI	1,100	sf	retail	interior
2018	* Lo-Fi: Ann Arbor, MI	1,200	sf	hospitality	renovation
2018	* Thrive Juicery: Ann Arbor, MI	1,800	sf	restaurant	renovation
2018	NeuroNexus Trade Show: Varies	400	sf	trade show	fabrication
2018	Chapel Pivot Door: Livonia, MI	-	-	commercial	fabrication
2018	Building Matters A2: Ann Arbor, MI	-	-	non-profit	branding
2018	Blom Meadworks: Ann Arbor, MI	2,900	sf	meadery	renovation
2018	Mad Scientist: San Francisco, CA	-	-	furniture	fabrication
2018	Duo Trade Show: San Francisco, CA	700	sf	trade show	fabrication
2018	The Standard: Scio Twp, MI	9,400	sf	restaurant	renovation
2018	K.West Skin Body Soul: Ann Arbor, MI	2,200	sf	spa + retail	adaptive reuse
2017	Criteo: Ann Arbor, MI	10,000	sf	office	interior
2017	Intercom: San Francisco, CA	-	-	furniture	fabrication
2017	Church Street Lobby: Ann Arbor, MI	1,600	sf	multi-family lobby	installation
2017	Baygrove: San Francisco, CA	-	-	office	fabrication
2017	CornerHouse Lofts: Ann Arbor, MI	1,700	sf	multi-family lobby	installation
2017	Normandy House: Ann Arbor, MI	1,400	sf	residential	renovation
2017	Nightcap: Ann Arbor, MI	2,400	sf	hospitality bar	renovation
2017	Duo Security: Ann Arbor, MI	20,000	sf	office	adaptive reuse
2016	Gunderson Dettmer: Venice, CA	-	-	furniture	fabrication
2016	Cantina: Ann Arbor, MI	1,200	sf	restaurant + branding	interior
2016	General Catalyst: San Francisco, CA	-	-	furniture	fabrication

2016	Stadium Installation: Ann Arbor, MI		-		public art	competition
2016	Zoey Joey: Ann Arbor, MI	1,600	sf		commercial	interior
2016	Duo Security: San Mateo, CA	7,400	sf		office	renovation
2016	Gunderson Dettmer: Ann Arbor, MI	5,000	sf		office	renovation
2015	Duo Security Trade Show: Varies		-		trade show	fabrication
2015	A2 DDA: Ann Arbor, MI	1,700	sf		office	interior
2015	Duo Security HQ: Ann Arbor, MI	30,000	sf		office	renovation
2015	* AKA Sushi: Jackson, MI <i>(in partnership w/ Daub Lab)</i>	2,800	sf		restaurant	renovation
2015	Spencer: Ann Arbor, MI	1,200	sf		restaurant	renovation
2015	Deepfield: Ann Arbor, MI	5,200	sf		office	renovation
2014	Pop-Up Projection Pavilion: Varies <i>(in collaboration with Adams + Gilpin Design Studio)</i>	500	sf		public art	installation
2013	* Controlled Burn: Grand Metis, Canada	1,000	sf		pavilion	competition
2013	The Lunch Room: Ann Arbor, MI	1,100	sf		restaurant	renovation
2013	* Second Sight: Flint, MI	600	sf		commercial	installation
2013	* The Big Top: Flint, MI	1,000	sf		pavilion	competition
2011	* Edge Condition: Atlanta, GA	100	sf		pavilion	competition- built
2010	5933 Churuata: Clarkston, MI	300	sf		pavilion	new construction
2010	* Soft Space: Atlanta, GA	100	sf		public art	competition
2009	* WYLD: Detroit, MI	200	sf		office	interior
2009	* SC-PE Pavilion: Dubai, U.A.E.		-		public art	competition

RVTR

2012	Post Carbon Highway: Great Lakes Megaregion				research + design	exhibit
2012	Mobi Prize: Digitally fabricated artifact				product design	fabrication
2012	Resonant Chamber: Ann Arbor, MI				research + design	installation
2011	Lodge at Dry Pine Bay				research + design	residential
2011	Public Logistics Helsinki South Harbor				urban design	competition
2011	The Stratus Project: Ann Arbor, MI				research + design	installation

The Think Shop Architects

2009	The Flute House: Royal Oak, MI	5,500	sf		design + build	new construction
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