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Chicago Design Office LLC
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EDUCATION

2012 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design** | Cambridge MA
Master in Design Studies: History and Philosophy of Design

2009 **Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning** | Ithaca NY
Bachelor of Architecture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017- **Chicago Design Office LLC**
Founder and Design Principal

2014-16 **Booth Hansen** | Chicago IL
Associate

2012-14 **Safdie Architects** | Somerville MA
Junior Architect

2010 **CS & P Architects Inc.** | Toronto ON
Junior Architect

2008 **Skidmore Owings and Merrill LLP** | Chicago IL
Intern Architect

2006 **Brink Kolberg and Associates LLC** | Madison WI
Intern Architect

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS

2016- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** | Department of Landscape Architecture | Champaign IL
Designer-in-Residence
LA 280: Design Communications 1, Fall 2016
LA 335: Community and Open Space Studio, Fall 2016
LA 343: Site Construction, Spring 2017
LA 390: Empire of Extraction, Spring 2017

ADJUNCT APPOINTMENTS

2013-14 **Boston Architectural College** | Boston MA
Advanced Graduate Option Studio: Designed Adjacencies, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

2011-12 **Urban India Initiative** | Department of Urban Planning and Design | Graduate School of Design
Faculty: Professor Rahul Mehrotra

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2010 **Urban Design Proseminar** | Department of Urban Planning and Design | Graduate School of Design
Faculty: Dean Mohsen Mostafavi, Gareth Doherty, Mariana Mogilevich

INVITED JURIES

2017 Spring **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
Design Workshop Figuring Future Nature — Midterm Review
David Hays, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

Graduate Studio A Corridor for Design — Midterm Review
Sara Bartumeus Ferre, Associate Professor, Illinois School of Architecture

ARCH 571 Graduate Studio The Nonstandard Studio — Midterm Review
Aaron Brakke, Assistant Professor, Illinois School of Architecture

LA 234 Undergraduate Studio Site Design — Project 1 Review
Conor O'Shea, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

2016 Fall **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
ARCH 4031 001 Architecture Undergraduate Studio City Amplified — Final Review
Paola Aguirre, Lecturer, AIADO

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
LA 342 Site Engineering — Final Review
Katherine Kraszewska, Designer-in-Residence, Department of Landscape Architecture

LA 537 MLA Studio II Landscape Strategies for 2079 — Final Review
M. Elen Deming, Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

LA 537 MLA Studio III Designing the Operational Landscape — Topography + Projection Workshop Review
Conor O'Shea, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture

ARCH 574 Graduate Options Studio Propositions Studio — Design Review
Kevin Erickson, Associate Professor, Illinois School of Architecture

ARCH 574 Graduate Studio Megastructures — Midterm Review
Therese Tierney, Associate Professor, Illinois School of Architecture

2016 Spring **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
ARCH 3920 002 Interior Architecture Undergraduate Studio — Final Review
Carl Ray Miller, Associate Professor, AIADO

2015 Fall **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
ARCH 1004 002 Arch/InArch Design Communications Section 1 — Final Review
Ann L. Lui, Artist-in-Residence, AIADO

ARCH 1004 002 Arch/InArch Design Communications Section 2 — Final Review
John S. Clark, Adjunct Faculty, AIADO

Illinois Institute of Technology
LA 541 Studio 1 Dynamics and Processes of Place — Midterm Review
Conor O'Shea, Visiting Assistant Professor, Program of Landscape Architecture

2014 Fall **Illinois Institute of Technology**
LA 541 Studio 1 Dynamics and Processes of Place — Midterm Review
Conor O'Shea, Visiting Assistant Professor, Program of Landscape Architecture

2013 Summer **Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program**
Landscape Architecture Studio—Midterm and Final Reviews
Conor O'Shea, Instructor

2012 Summer **Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program**
Architecture Studio — Final Review
Aviva Rubin, Instructor

Landscape Architecture Studio — Final Review
Conor O'Shea, Instructor

Urban Planning Studio — Final Review
Justin Stern, Instructor

2009 Summer **Cornell University Intro to Architecture Program**
Architecture Studio — Final Review
Gabriel Hohag, Instructor

FUNDED RESEARCH

2011-12 **Urban India Initiative** | Graduate School of Design
2012 Harvard Provost's Fund for Interfaculty Collaboration (\$25,000)
Faculty Advisor: Professor Rahul Mehrotra
Role: Lead Research Associate

Kumbh Mela: Mapping the Ephemeral Mega-City

The Kumbh Mela, a Hindu religious festival that occurs every twelve years at the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna Rivers in the city of Allahabad, is a prototype for a concept we call the "pop-up mega-city." An in-depth study of this typological model yields potential deployment in crisis situations, like in refugee camps and sites of natural disasters.

The Urban India Atlas

This project is a long-term critical assessment of emergent patterns of urban growth in India today. The investigation applies a range of spatial analysis techniques to better understand the logic behind urban, regional, and national development, and arrive at conclusions regarding future patterns of growth.

Shifting Grounds: Urban Morphologies in the Yamuna Riverbed | Graduate School of Design
2012 Penny White Travel Award Winner (\$2,200)

Shifting Grounds investigates the fertile strip of land between Old Delhi (Shahjahanabad) and the current location of the Yamuna River, a river that is constantly shifting eastward across the Indo-Gangetic Plain. The project maps the strip through a grid system, identifying and analyzing the relationships between water, land, large-scale transportation infrastructure, and agriculture.

2004-09 **Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship (RCPRS)** | Cornell University
Awarded to 55 incoming freshmen university-wide
Fixed research and travel fund (\$10,000) and 5-year annual tuition grant (\$2,000)

Research papers supported

"Differentiating the Modern City," a comparison of Rome and Delhi (2008)

"Discourses of the Modern City," a study of modernism and contemporary Delhi (2007)

"Chandigarh and Indian Regionalism" (2006)

"Chandigarh," a book of textual and graphic exercises analyzing Le Corbusier's urban plan (2005)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 **List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent** | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
LA 335 Community and Open Space Design
* Outstanding rating

- 2015 **Merit Award for Planning** | American Society of Landscape Architects, Colorado Chapter
"Multi-Grid: Redefining the Spaces Between"
- 2013 **Burnham Prize, Third Place** | Chicago Architecture Club + Chicago Architecture Foundation
"Bus Transit Authority"
NEXT STOP: Designing Chicago's BRT Stations
- Jury Finalist, People's Choice Award Finalist, and Honorable Mention** | AIA Utah Young Architects Forum
"Multi-Grid: Redefining the Spaces Between"
Sixty-Nine Seventy: An Urban Ideas Competition
- 2012 **Thesis Distinction** | Graduate School of Design
"Delhi: The City of Edges"
Faculty: K. Michael Hays
- 2010-12 **Merit Scholarship** | Graduate School of Design
\$18,000 annually
- 2007 **Merit Scholarship** | Cornell Club of Wisconsin
\$1,800
- 2006 **H. Roy Kelley Scholarship** | Cornell University Department of Architecture
\$1,700
- 2005 **James E. Rice Jr. Award for Freshman Writing** | First Place | Cornell University
"The Nature of Truth and Time"
- 2004-09 **Floyd and Muriel W. Mundy Merit Scholarship** | Cornell University
\$10,000 annually

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

- 2012 **Provost Fund for Interfaculty Collaboration** | Office of the Provost, Harvard University | \$25,000
Awarded to Urban India Initiative for the Kumbh Mela project
Faculty Advisor: Professor Rahul Mehrotra
Role: Grant Writer
- 2011 **Penny White Travel Award** | Graduate School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture | \$2,200
Awarded for field research in New Delhi, India
- 2007 **Travel Grant** | RCPRS, Cornell University | \$3,000
Awarded for field research in New Delhi, India
- 2005 **Travel Grant** | RCPRS, Cornell University | \$2,000
Awarded for field research in Chandigarh, India

LECTURES, CONFERENCES, EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 **Claiming Ground** | Designer-in-Residence Exhibition, UIUC | Champaign IL
I Hotel and Conference Center, 3 May
Temple Hoyne Buell Hall Architecture Gallery, 4-30 May
- Empire of Extraction** | Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, UIUC | Champaign IL
Invited public lecture, 18 April
- 2016 **Wasteland** | 50 Designers, 50 Ideas, 50 Wards | Chicago Architecture Foundation | Chicago IL
Exhibition for the CAF 50th Anniversary curated by Urban Lab, June-December
In collaboration with Hinterlands Urbanism + Landscape
www.architecture.org
- The Agency of Design** | Illinois School of Architecture, UIUC | Champaign IL
Invited lecture for faculty and students, 16 March

- City of Edges: Discourses on Delhi** | Illinois Institute of Technology | Chicago IL
Invited lecture for *AURB 201 Metropolis: The Architectural Discourse of the City*, 9 February
- 2014 **City of Edges: A History of Spatial Paradigms in Delhi** | Graduate School of Design | Cambridge MA
Invited lecture for the "Critical Conversations Beyond the GSD" Lecture Series, 6 March
Hosted by LandGSD
www.gsd.harvard.edu
- 2013-14 **Global Citizen: The Architecture of Moshe Safdie**
Touring exhibition of Moshe Safdie's work at the Skirball Cultural Center (Los Angeles, CA)
and the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, AR)
- 2013 **NEXT STOP: Designing Chicago's BRT Stations** | Chicago Architecture Foundation | Chicago IL
Winners panel discussion and exhibition for the 2013 Burnham Prize, 6 June
- City of Edges** | Yale University Macmillan Center | New Haven CT
Presented for the annual South Asia Workshop, 30 March
<http://msaw.southasia.macmillan.yale.edu>
- 2012 **Liquid Limitations** | Harvard University Graduate School of Design | Cambridge MA
Presented for the Writing Cities Conference "Limits and the Urban," 12 May
www.writingcities.scripts.mit.edu

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNALS AND PRIMARY AUTHORSHIP

- 2017- **TRANSECT Magazine** | Founding Editor
Issue 1, Spring 2017: WE
Contributors Paola Aguirre, Christopher Alton, Keefer Dunn
www.chicagodesignoffice.com
- 2014 **City of Edges** | *Writing Cities 3: Limits and the Urban* (peer-reviewed)
Nikos Katsikis, Lily Pollans and Cressica Brazier, eds.
Cambridge: Harvard University Graduate School of Design, p. 58-67.
www.writingcities.org
- 2006 **The Nature of Truth and Time** | *Discoveries* #7
Ithaca NY: John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University, p. 59-63.

ARCHITECTURE MONOGRAPHS

- 2014 **Safdie**
Victoria, Australia: Images Publishing, 820 pp.
With Safdie Architects, Pentagram
Role: Content Editor and Project Manager
- 2013 **Reaching for the Sky: The Marina Bay Sands Singapore**
Singapore: ORO Editions, 287 pp.
With Safdie Architects, Pentagram
Role: Copy and Design Drawing Editor

FEATURED DESIGN WORK

- 2015 **Bus Transit Authority** | *Association Vol. 7*
With Conor O'Shea
Ithaca NY: Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
www.association.aap.cornell.edu
- 2011 **New Geographies: Imagining a City-World Beyond Cosmopolis** | *GSD Platform 4*
With Nicholas Croft, Mariusz Klemens, Elizabeth MacWillie, William Quattlebaum, Trude Renwick,
Mary Grace Verges, and Clementina Vinals
Cambridge MA: Actar, p. 275-277
www.gsd.harvard.edu

2011 **An Archaeology of Perspective: Tempietto Underground** | *Abitare* Harvard Logbook
With Aviva Rubin, Michail Vlasopoulos
www.abitare.it

2010 **MisReading the City: An Urban Proposal** | *Association Vol. 4*
Ithaca NY: Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning
www.association.aap.cornell.edu

COMPETITIONS

2015 **Center for Architecture, Design, and Education** | Chicago Architecture Foundation | Chicago IL
“CADE: An Urban Assemblage”
With Brett Horin, Michael Prince, Noel Turgeon, Erica Wannemacher, Mekael Wesley-Rosa

Lakefront Kiosk Competition | Chicago Architecture Biennial | Chicago IL
“K+: A Public Project for 21st-Century Chicago”

2014 **Hellinikon Master Plan** | Elbit Cochin Island Ltd. | Athens, Greece
With Safdie Architects

2013 **2013 Burnham Prize** | Chicago Architecture Club + Chicago Architecture Foundation | Chicago IL
“Bus Transit Authority”
With Conor O’Shea

Sixty Nine Seventy: An Urban Ideas Competition | AIA Utah Young Architects Forum | Salt Lake City UT
“Multi-Grid: Redefining the Spaces Between”
With Mike Albert, Fadi Masoud, Conor O’Shea, Victor Perez Amado

Tengah New Town | Housing and Development Board of Singapore | Singapore
With Safdie Architects

Atlantis Resort Hainan | Kerzner International | Hainan, China
With Safdie Architects

2012 **Xiqu Centre** | West Kowloon Cultural District | Hong Kong
With Safdie Architects

BUILT WORK

2017 **Just Like New Retail**
Chicago Design Office
Location Hyderabad, India
Client JustLikeNew.in
Role Design Principal

2016 **SCC Swimming Complex**
Booth Hansen
Location Glencoe IL
Client Skokie Country Club
Role Project Designer

Palmolive Storefront
Booth Hansen
Location Chicago IL
Client Draper and Kramer
Role Project Designer