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Educational Background

- Master of Science (architectural theory), 1990, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- Master of Architecture, 1973, University of Washington (Seattle, Washington)
- Bachelor of Architecture, 1972, University of Oregon (Eugene, Oregon)

Professional Employment History

- University of Idaho, Department of Architecture, 1974-2003
 - o Assistant Professor, 1974-1979
 - o Associate Professor, 1979-1984
 - o Sabbatical leave at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1983-1984
 - o Professor, 1984-2003
 - o Chair, Department of Architecture, 1990-1993 and 1999-2003
- The University of Texas at San Antonio, 2003-present
 - o Professor, 2003-present
 - o Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, fall 2003-spring 2007
 - o Interim Dean, spring 2007-summer 2009
 - o Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Studies, September 2009-August 2015
 - o Professor Emeritus (2020)

Awards and Honors

- CACP Outstanding Service Award 2018-19
- CACP Faculty Member of the Year 2014-15
- UI Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award, 1998
- UI Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award, 1994
- UI Associated Students Outstanding Faculty Award, 1983
- UI Department of Architecture's Distinguished Teaching Award, 1982

Research/Scholarly/Creative Activities Summary (peer reviewed)

- "Castiglioni Fiorentino: Re-thinking the Spirit of Place", in the *Proceedings of the 16th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)* in Quebec, Canada September 28-October 4, 2008
- "The Inherited City as Resource" (Chapter 22): *The Built Environment: A Collaborative Inquiry into Design and Planning*, Second Edition, Edited by Wendy McClure, and Tom

Bartuska; John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

- International design competition design published in *Stone Palimpsests: Proposals for the Piazza Isolo in Verona, Italy* edited by Livio Dimitiu and Vincenzo Pavan, New York: USA Books; exhibited internationally during 1997-98
- “Giambattista Vico’s ‘Monster Trope’ and the Ospedale degli Incurabili in Venice”, *Semiotics 1985*, New York: University Press of America, 1985
- “An Interpretation of Technology in William Richard Lethaby’s Architectural Theory”, *The Discipline of Architecture: Inquiry through Design*, Annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Conference 1985
- “Rome as Body and Text: A Suggested Method in Pope Sixtus V’s Reconstruction Program”, *Semiotics 1984*, New York: University Press of America, 1984

Teaching Activity

- University of Texas at San Antonio:
 - o ARC 6146 Advanced Building Design Studio
 - o ARC 6126 Advanced Design Studio. (Based on their design project for the Fall 2016 studio, graduate students Elle Farrias and Jennifer Garza won the 2017 Tritschler prize sponsored by the Washington Architecture Foundation)
 - o ARC 1513 Great Buildings and Cities of the World (I developed this course and submitted a successful proposal to make it a University Core Course)
 - o ARC 5193 Global Principles of Architecture (I developed this course to meet the Student Learning Objectives mandated by the NAAB Accreditation requirements for the M. Arch degree)
 - o ARC 6931 Master’s Project Preparation
 - o ARC 5173 Architectural Theory & Criticism
 - o Master’s Project
 - o ARC 6933 Master’s Project Prep
 - o ARC 1413/CSH 1213/HON 3233 Italian Urban Culture (was taught for the Honors College three-week program in Castiglione Fiorentino and Rome)

- University of Idaho:
 - o Graphic Communication
 - o First Year Study; Architectural Drawing
 - o Architecture Design Studio, Second, Third, and Fourth years
 - o Graduate Architectural Design Studio
 - o Graduate Project Studio
 - o History of Architecture I: Pre-Modern Architecture
 - o History of Architecture II: Modern Architecture
 - o University Honors courses “The Rise of Modern Consciousness” and “After Modernism”
 - o Special Topics Graduate Seminars in architectural history/theory

Study Abroad Teaching

- University of Idaho summer programs in collaboration with the American Institute of Foreign Study (AIFS) program in Florence 1981, 1983 (5-week programs); Cooperative Center for Study in Britain (CCSB) program in London 1992, 1994, 1996; 5-week programs: Sede di Roma (Pennsylvania State University) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

- The University of Texas at San Antonio programs in the College of Architecture spring semester 2005 with Santa Chiara Study Center in Castiglion Fiorentino (3-weeks) February-March 2005, 2006; Honors College Italy program, taught with Dr. David R. Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Department of History at UTSA, based in Castiglion Fiorentino concerning Italian Architecture and Urbanism: spring/summer 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010; Rome: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Granting Activities (with a focus on teaching)

- National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Design Arts program in support of 5th year thesis projects,
- \$5,000; University of Idaho “Star Grant” program, \$1,000
- University of Idaho “Small Travel Grant” program, \$400
- University of Idaho “Teaching/Learning Mini-grant program, \$3,600
- AIA/Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) Design Charrette grant, \$1,500
- University of Idaho “Teaching Enhancement Grant” program, \$4,000

Professional Registration and Affiliations

- Registered Architect (RA), State of Washington, Number 2664 (retired 2015)
- American Institute of Architects (retired)
- NCARB certificate (retired)
- AIA San Antonio Chapter (retired)
- San Antonio Conservation Society (retired)
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (retired)

Service: Committee Assignments

Department

- Department of Faculty Committee 2009-19
- Executive Curriculum Committee 2015-19
- Graduate Program Committee 2003-19
- Curriculum Sub-Committee on “Architectural Theory” 2015-19
- Department Faculty Review Advisory Committee 2010-2019
- Faculty Search Committee 2009-19
- Annual Performance Review Committee 2013-16

College

- Faculty Review Advisory Committee, 2003-19
- Urban and Regional Planning Faculty Search Committee, January 2013 –14
- Dean’s Academic Committee (COM), 2009-2015
- Dean’s Executive Committee (EXCOM) 2009-2015
- Chair, Faculty Search Committee for three faculty members (one of which will serve as

Coordinator) for the M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning Program 2018-2019

University

- Downtown Associate Dean's Council, Committee Member, 2009-2015
- Downtown Council, Committee Member, August 15, 2009-2015
- Roadrunner Days, August 2010-2015
- Honors College Faculty Advisory Committee, Committee Member, January 2011-15
- International Education Scholarship Committee, Committee, Office of International Programs, January 2010-2019
- Top Scholar Concierge Committee, January 2013-2015
- University Core Curriculum Committee 2010-2019
- University Assessment Committee, January 2009-2015
- University Enrollment Management Committee, January 2013-2015
- University Life Awards Program, January 2009-15
- UTSA Recruiters Meetings, January 2009-2015
- University Enrollment Management Committee, Committee Member October 2012-2015
- Associate Dean's Council, September 2009-2015
- University SACS Assessment Committee 2010-2015
- University Grievance Committee 2015-17
- University Faculty Review Advisory Committee P&T (UFRAC) 3-year term
- International Education Fund Scholarship Committee 2010-2019
- University Core Curriculum Committee 2010-17

Assigned Administrative Duties and Activities

- Associate Dean for the School of Architecture, then School/College of Architecture 2003-2007
- Interim Dean, College of Architecture 2007-2009
 - o Coordinator of Graduate programs: Master of Architecture and Master of Science in Architecture, achievements include the establishment of a new M.S. in Architecture: reorganization of M. Arch program—the program has grown from 5 active students in 2003 to 73 as of 2007
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Studies 2009-August 2015
 - o Academic Affairs Assignments
 - Undergraduate Admissions process, January 2013-2015
 - Participated in University and CACP Recruitment activities with Office of Admissions during both long semesters and summer
 - Coordinated Road Runner Days activities for the CACP
 - Oversight of College Admission processes
 - Participated in University and CACP Orientation programs
 - Managed periodic Undergraduate Catalog review/revisions, 2010-2015
 - Liaison with Downtown Academic Advising Center
 - Managed Student grade grievance cases
 - Managed student petition process

- Probation decisions and processing
- Reviewed and approved graduation audits for undergraduate degrees
- Handling of disability services issues
- Management of reinstatement decisions and processing
- Managed Academic approvals and processing
- Managed faculty credential review and processing for Departments of Architecture, Construction Science, and Urban and Regional Planning Programs
- Faculty travel requests, reviews, decisions
- Managed “Signature Experience--Study Abroad program”: visa application preparation, processing pre-departure documents, organized and presented “Sophomore Convocation”, initiated student prep meetings, and development of forms and processes, processing for student appeals for study abroad assignments
- Managed College SACS and Core Curriculum Course Assessment process, and reporting (Architecture, Construction, and Urban and Regional Planning)
- Member of Faculty Advisory Committee for the Honors College representing CACP; met with team that assessed the Honors College.
- Member of University’s Enrollment Management Committee since fall 2010. Consequently, developed and initiated a new Enrollment Management Plan for the College which lead to a new “change of major” and “external transfer plan” and a “stop gap” measure to control admission into College pre-majors, change of major, and external transfer students to COA; these was developed and guided through Provost approval and coordination with Offices of Admissions and Undergraduate Studies
- Managed Awards and Scholarship Recognition Events, 2003-2007
- Provided oversight for Scholarship Committee to make recipient selections in anticipation of annual Scholarship Luncheon in spring semester 2010— was effectively completed
- Presented University Life Awards for College in spring University Assembly 2010-2016

Professional Service Activities

- Reviewer for Journal of Architectural Education, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Member San Antonio Conservation Society: architectural survey of San Antonio’s neighborhoods in the original 32 square miles, from 2003-2010
- Peer Reviewer for papers to be presented at annual ARCC International Conferences 2016-2019