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Objective – Create Humanistic Architecture

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Professional Experience

Architecture Designer II – SmithGroup, Madison, WI

2024—Present

- Read state regulatory documentation
- Created drawings to meet state requirements
- Prepared visual aids for client review

Intern/Lead Vocalist/Dance Inst./Fellow – Objective Standard Institute

2023—Present

- Wrote for The Objective Standard and assisted with editing as an intern.
- Reviewed several hundred scholarship applications (mostly from south-american libertarians) for philosophic clarity and purpose.
- Sang for the OSI band in 2024 and 2025; learned to sing harmony with the marketing coordinator.
- Taught a dance lesson in West Coast Swing and gave a breakout lecture at LevelUp 2025.
- Scripted and recorded education videos as an intellectual fellow. Speaking again in 2026.

Architectural Designer I/II – ERDMAN, Madison, WI

2019—2024

- Drafted hospitals and assisted living facilities in Revit.
- Co-designed, tested, and authored ERDMAN's company standards for complex hospital life safety drawings
- Lead façade and envelope documentation on several 100,000+ SF commercial projects and coordinated directly with in-house engineers.
- Managed entry level architectural designers by providing tasks, feedback, markups, training, and detailed work plans.
- Facilitated construction administration, turning around answers to field questions accurately and rapidly.
- Edited or created from scratch over 4000 parametric Revit assets and served as interim Revit content lead in lieu of BIM management.

Character Anecdotes

- I founded a debate club in my college because I insisted that rational debate was needed; a self-described subjectivist faculty member then introduced me to Ayn Rand's *The Virtue of Selfishness* so that we could have better disagreements.
- In my free time I designed and built a detached bedroom for my little brother. I used a totally unique hybrid construction type of steel and lumber to build a pentagonal prism with greatly reduced labor. We learned how to wire the electricals ourselves. I worked with a metal fabrication shop to pre-form aircraft-grade aluminum sheet because off-the-shelf claddings would not work with my building's unique shape. He still lives in it. We call it The Starship (Because it's star-shaped)
- In 2021 I negotiated directly with my CEO to work remote from St. Louis. I also (kept secret from my parents) did paperwork to change my name, buy my first car, and sign my first apartment lease with a kindred spirit in Missouri who I knew would teach me to be more charismatic. I rolled up to our new apartment with my new name and my new car, having never seen the state before, and I never looked back. I had the car paid off in a year due to the low St. Louis rents.
- I self-improved greatly during my time at ERDMAN. I had a reputation for always having a question, and I delighted in training new staff in all the company best practices that I'd helped devise. When I finally decided to move on, I was given a robust sendoff, and one coworker said I'd taught her more about our work than anyone at the company.

Education – Associate in Architectural Technology

December 2018

- **3.97/4.0 GPA** – Western Technical College, La Crosse, WI
- Designed, modelled, and drafted a 26,000 square foot multi-family residential housing complex in Revit. Project was graded "350/350 best overall capstone project I have seen" and used as instruction for successive WTC cohorts.
- My professor's parting words to me were "You have a formidable intellect. Use it for good; not for evil."