DANIEL FINK CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education MIT, SMArchS (2015-2017)

USyd, MArch (2007-2008) USyd, BDesArch (2004-2006)

Practice Independent Consultant

Senior Associate, AR-MA Advisor, Black Oak Group

Research Research Affiliate, MIT

Daniel Fink is an expert in delivering the state-of-the-art to architecture, planning, and property development. With over fifteen years experience in both practice and academia, his focus is in building digital and physical workflows, platforms, and tools that integrate computational design, real estate finance and geospatial science, with project and product delivery.

Daniel is currently an Independent Consultant to commerical, academic, and government clients, and is a Senior Associate at AR-MA, an advanced design computing and fabrication consultancy. He was previously a Lead Researcher at MIT's Real Estate Innovation Lab, and was an Urban Design Project Lead at Grimshaw Architects. He has directed numerous design, software, & research teams, published academic papers in leading journals, had work featured at multiple exhibitions, and been an invited lecturer at major universities around the world. Daniel holds a Master of Science in Architecture from MIT, and a Master of Architecture and Bachelor in Design from the University of Sydney.

PROFFSSIONAL

Independent Consultancy

2024 - current

Director

Daniel provides consulting for developing and adopting technology in property development, architectural design & construction, and urban planning.

Clients include:

- HomesNSW
- Building4.0 Commonwealth Co-operative Research Centre

Black Oak Group

2023 - current

Advisor

Black Oak Group delivers strategic and creative solutions to clients from developers to startups to global firms like Google and Airbnb.

Daniel is responsible for directing technology development in a new business venture that originates & entitles residential townhome subdivisions in California.

AR-MA

2018 - current

Senior Associate

AR-MA is a computational design & architectural engineering practice, where Daniel is responsible for business operations, project leadership & delivery, and team management.

Key achievements include:

- Initiating and managing AR-MA's Boston office and growing to five personnel within two years.
- Instrumental in securing and leading a \$5M, four-year
 consulting engagement with Lendlease Digital to develop a
 technology platform for delivering manufactured buildings.
 Led the development and integration of financial modeling
 with design and construction workflows. The platform was
 spun off as Podium.io, raising \$20M from Autodesk.

MIT Real Estate Innovation Lab

2016 - 2022

Research Lead

The MIT Real Estate Innovation Lab was a research and development laboratory for the built environment that measures the financial and economic performance of innovation in real estate, design and planning.

Daniel was responsible for directing and managing research projects and collaborations with academic and industry bodies.

Key Achievements:

- Three publications in journals with impact factor 7+
- Delivered the Wide Data Experiment: an integrated geometric-geospatial-temporal data cube for NYC real estate, linking 3,000+ variables across 200 datasets from 20 vendors, underpinning numerous Lab publications.
- Delivered City of Boston's Housing Development Interactive Educational Toolkit: a webapp for user-directed learning about property development outcomes and urban planning rules

Grimshaw Architects

2009 - 2015

Project Lead

Grimshaw is a globally renowned architecture firm known for its innovative, sustainable, and technology-driven design.

Daniel was a Project Lead for Urban Transformation Projects in the Sydney and Melbourne offices.

Key Achievements:

- Project Lead, Central-to-Eveleigh Redevelopment. Client:
 NSW Government (Urbangrowth NSW)
- Project Lead, Maribyrnong Defense Site Redevelopment.
 Client: Victoria Government (Places Victoria)
- Design Architect, The Alex Apartments, Redfern

BVN Architecture

2008 - 2009

Graduate Architect

Role encompassed wide facet of architectural practice, from contract documentation of a major racecourse refurbishment to sketch design of competition entries.

INTERNSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

Aditazz

2016

Aditazz uses computational design, modeling, and automation to optimize the planning and design of complex buildings like hospitals and data centers.

Smart Geometry Processing Group

2015

UCL Department of Computer Science

Under the direction of Prof. Niloy Mitra, the SGP Group focuses on developing algorithms and tools for analyzing, modeling, and manipulating complex 3D geometry in computer graphics, computational design, and digital fabrication.

MIT 2015 - 2017

Master of Science in Architecture Studies (SMArchS)

 Thesis: Linking Design to Finance; Enabling a Co-Operative Developer Platform through Automated Design and Valuation

University of Sydney

2007 - 2009

Master of Architecture (with Honours)

- (Inclusive of 2007-2008 enrolment at Bezalel Academy of Art & Design, Jerusalem)
- Thesis: Unfolding; The Beginnings of a Field-Guide to Mapping
- Achievements:
 - 2009: Sir John Sulman Prize (best overall record in Architectural Design)
 - 2009: Dean's Honour Roll

University of Sydney

Bachelor of Design in Architecture

2004 - 2007

- Achievements:
 - 2007: NSW RAIA Undergraduate Student Prize
 - 2007: Architectural Science Prize
 - 2004, 2006: Dean's Honour Roll

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

American Australian Association 2015-2017 Westfield Fellowship

AUD\$40,000 in funding for advanced research and study in the United States

MIT 2015-2017 Half-Tuition Fellowship

NSW Architects Registration Board 2014
Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship

AUD\$15,000 for self-directed research, international travel to centres of excellence in computational urban design, and an internship with leading researcher-practitioners in London.

University of Sydney Scholarship with Distinction

2004-2007

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

Turan, I., Chegut, A., Fink, D., & Reinhart, C. (2021).

Development of view potential metrics and the financial impact of views on office rents. Landscape and Urban Planning, 215, 104193

Turan, I., Chegut, A., Fink, D., & Reinhart, C. (2019). **The value of daylight in office spaces**. Building and Environment, 168, 106503

Peng, C., Yang, Y., Bao, F., Fink, D., Yan, D., Wonka, P., & Mitra, N. J. (2016). **Computational network design from functional specifications**. ACM Transactions on Graphics, 35(4), 1–12

NON-PEER-REVIEWED

Fink, D (2018). **Complex Urbanities: Digital Techniques in Urban Design.** Byera Hadley Travelling Scholarship Journal Series

EXHIBITIONS

Balancing Act: Urbanism & Emerging
Technologies

2019

Boston Society of Architects, Seattle AIA

- Computing Co-operative Development
- Housing Development Toolkit

UTS Open Agenda Research Architecture

2011

Customs House, Sydney

Greater Western Sydney Special Economic Zone

RE:MARCH UTS Broadway Competition

2009

UTS

Design for UTS Faculty of Engineering & IT

TEACHING

MIT 2016

11.303 Real Estate Development Studio (TA)

Approximately 35 students. Interdisciplinary team-based design studio for complex urban development project that integrates finance and marketing.

University of Sydney

2014, 2010

MARC4001 Urban Architecture Research Studio (TA)
DAAE3001 Sustainable Architectural Practice (TA)
BDES2020 Architecture Studio (TA)

University of Technology Sydney

2014

11221 Architectural Design: Strategy Studio (TA)

University of Melbourne

2012

2012

ABPL90123 Digital Design Applications (TA)

RMIT

ARCH1329 Architecture Communications 3 (TA)

UNSW 2009-2010

INTA 2102 Design Studio 2 (TA)
INTA 2101 Design Studio 1 (TA)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages, Platforms, & Frameworks

Python (incl. Pandas/Geopandas, Shapely, Scipy, Dagster)

C# & .NET (incl. Rhinocommon, NetTopologySuite)

SQL (PostgreSQL & PostGIS)

Typescript & CSS

Software

QGIS

JetBrains Suite

Adobe Suite

Microsoft Office Suite

Figma

McNeel Rhinoceros3D & Grasshopper3D

Bentley Microstation