

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

*2018: Virginia Tech*

PH. D., ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN RESEARCH. Dissertation: “Innovation in Practice: Experiment and Improvisation in the Architecture of Henry Chapman Mercer”

*2012: Johns Hopkins University*

M.F.A., CREATIVE WRITING.

*2002: University of Virginia*

M.ARCH. Kenan Fellow; Sarah MacArthur Nix Fellow; SBCH Travelling Fellowship winner

*1997: Williams College*

B.A. Cum Laude, Degree with honors; Major: “The Poetry of Philosophy”. Washington Scholar; Paul L. Fowler Scholar

## EMPLOYMENT

*Summer 2022 - Present: Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.*

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, School of Architecture

Courses have included: Studio, Sustainable Detailing, History of the Ancient and Medieval Worlds, Design-Build, Various drawing and graphics courses.

*Fall 2022 - Present: Montgomery County Public Schools and Construction Trades Foundation Student*

Built House

ARCHITECTURE TEACHER

*2010 – 2024: Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD*

LECTURER, The Center for Visual Arts (2011-2024)

VISITING LECTURER, Department of Mechanical Engineering (2014-2016)

ADJUNCT/LECTURER, The Writing Seminars (2010-2013)

Courses have included: Artists’ Books, Art of Architecture, Art of Infrastructure, Fundamentals of Design Representation, Engineering Design Graphics and Fundamentals of CAD, Introduction to Fiction and Poetry, Flash fiction / Prose poetry, Rhythm Clinic

*2018 - 2019 – Winter and Spring: District of Columbia Public Schools*

ARCHITECTURE TEACHER

*2013 - 2016 – PT: Virginia Tech Washington Alexandria Architecture Center, Alexandria, VA*

PH.D. TEACHING ASSISTANT, Department of Architecture

*2005 - 2010 – FT: OZ Architects, Missoula, MT*

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

*2004 – FT: Build LLC, Seattle, WA*

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

ARCHITECTURE INTERN

*2003 – FT: Inscape Studio, Washington, D.C.*

ARCHITECTURE INTERN

*1999-2002 –PT: University of Virginia School of Architecture; UVA Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, Charlottesville, VA*

KENAN FELLOW TEACHING ASSISTANT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

*1998-1999 – FT: Jerry Fulks Company (Now DowBuilt)*

SITE ENGINEER

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS & PAPERS

**“How to Unfinish Gracefully: An Encomium of Blank Walls, Stairs-to-Nowhere, and—”** Book chapter in *Finishing in Architecture: Polishing, Completing, Ending*. Routledge, 2025.

**“Generative AI Tools in Architecture and Construction CTE”** Interactive Paper/Presentation for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Department of Career and Technical Education.

**“Parallel Pedagogies: Divergent Perception of Qualifications for Architectural Study”** Paper co-authored with Feyishara Adelekan accepted for inclusion in 2024 ACSA Annual Meeting.

**“Harnessing Uncertainty: Lessons from a Lost Method for Reinforced Concrete Construction, and Why It Is More Relevant Now than Ever.”** Lecture for the Latrobe Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, November 2020.

**“Proprioceptive Structures: The Artifice of Atmosphere in Poetry and Architecture.”** Paper to be delivered at the annual meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians, Seattle, Spring 2020.

**“Story-work: The Invention of Practice in Henry Chapman Mercer’s Experimental Concrete Vaults.”** Book chapter in *Ceiling and Dreams: The Architecture of Levity*, edited by Paul Emmons, Federica Goffi and Jodi La Coe. Routledge, 2019.

**“The Architect’s Essential Instruments: Implications of Affordance Theory for Construction Documentation.”** Paper presented at the ACSA annual conference, Detroit, Spring 2018.

***Confabulations: Storytelling in Architecture*** (Invited Essays). Associate Editor, and co-Author, with Paul Emmons, of Introduction. Routledge, 2017.

**“Love’s Alterations: Complexity and Parsimony in Construction Documentation.”** Paper presented at the ACSA Annual Conference, Detroit, Spring 2017.

**“\$28.12½: Economy in Edificial Acts and Plans.”** Paper presented at the 5th Colloquium on Architectural Theory, Werner Oechslin Library Foundation in co-operation with ETH Zurich, Eisendeln, Switzerland, Spring 2016.

**“Capricious Concrete: On Plasticity in Material and Method.”** Paper presented at the ACSA Annual Conference, Seattle, Spring 2016.

**“Artisanal and Ad-Hoc Creativity: Novel Methods for Project Delivery.”** Paper for the Architecture Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) 2015.

**Compass** (Poems). *Author*. Winner of the 2013 T. S. Eliot Book Prize. Truman State University Press, 2013.

## BUILT WORK

In fulltime professional practice from 2002 to 2010, I contributed to the design and construction of over 80 projects. Listed below are projects in which I was a designer and active collaborator; or played a significant supporting role (primarily those projects 2006 and before). My work on projects varied from urban planning and landscape architecture, to architectural practice from schematic design to construction documentation and construction administration, and is indicated where applicable by the initials of these various roles.

- 2010 Sherwood Shakespeare House, Missoula, MT (design & construction, all phases inclusive of most construction tasks & trades)  
University of Montana Memorial Allee & Master Plan (MP, LA, CD, CA)  
University of Montana School of Education, Missoula, MT (SD, CD, CA; LA)  
Barrett Residence 2, Upper Rattlesnake, MT (SD, CD)  
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital ER, Birthing Center, and other projects: Architecture (SD, under Architect Mary Noyd; LA)  
Sussex School, Missoula, MT (SD, CD with architect Dennis Greeno; MP, LA)
- 2009 Armed Forces Reserve Center, Missoula, MT: Architecture (SD, CD under architect Dennis Greeno; LA)  
Fetcher Residence, Missoula, MT (LA; CD, with architect Dennis Greeno)  
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital ER (LA)  
Descamps Residence, Missoula, MT (LA)  
Heffron-Vernelson Property, Missoula, MT (SD, CD, CA; LA; Habitat Restoration with consulting ecologist Mark VanDerMeer)
- 2008 Multifamily Housing Projects (Various): Caspar, WY, Gillette, WY, Hamilton, MT, and Missoula, MT (SD, CD under Architect Dennis Greeno; LA)  
Barrett Residence, Upper Rattlesnake, MT (SD, CD)  
Milltown Dam public charrette process (MP, public facilitation, with architect Warren Hampton)
- 2007 Fire Stations #3 & #5, Missoula, MT (LA)  
Dayspring Restoration Headquarters, Missoula, MT (MP, LA)  
Candlewood Inn, Idaho Falls, ID (LA)  
Marcus Daily Memorial Hospital ER (CD, LA)
- 2006 The Springs at St. Mary’s Peak, Stevensville, MT (SD, CD; LA)  
Montana Center for Facial Plastic Surgery, Missoula, MT (CD, under architect Warren Hampton; LA)  
  
Missoula Art Museum (CD, under architect Warren Hampton)
- 2005 Hellgate Meadows Senior Housing, Missoula, MT (LA, under landscape architect Jennie Meinersagen)

- Crist the King Addition and Landscape (LA, under landscape architect Jennie Meinersagen)
- 2004 Camano Cabin, Camano Island, WA (CD, PM - Project Management under project manager Kevin Eckert)  
 Convent Avenue Studios, Seattle, WA (DD, CD, under architect Andrew van Leeuwen/BuildLLC)
- Afghan Women's Centers, Afghanistan (SD, CD, under architect Gregory Kearley)  
 2003 WACIF Daycare Centers, Washington, D.C. (SD, under architect Rick Schneider)
- 1999 Neely Mitchell House (Designed by SBCH Architects. PM, working as 'Site Engineer' under superintendent Tom Marsten)

## LICENSES, LANGUAGES, AND COMMUNITY

### LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

**Maryland State Initial CTE Teaching License** (current)

**Landscape Architect:** Montana, License # MT223 (2008-2014)

**Teacher trainer or proctor for various industry certifications, including:**

- LEED Green Associate
- Autodesk AutoCAD
- Autodesk Revit Certified User

**Master Gardener:** Missoula County. 2008-2010.

### LANGUAGES

**English:** native language.

**French:** basic (read/write).

**German:** basic (read/write).

### SELECTED PRO-BONO WORK & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Architecture:** Tamany Park and School Site Redevelopment, Anaconda, 2019; Women's Centers for Afghanistan, with Inscape Studio, 2004. **Landscape Architecture:** Lewis and Clark School Natural Playground, 2010; Missoula Peace Park, 2009. **Master Planning:** Milltown Dam Design Charettes, 2008.

**Poetry:** Takoma Park Reading Series Selection Committee, 2019-2021 term. Poetry in the Schools, Missoula, MT, 2009-2010. **Web Design:** Confabulations symposium, 2014; Simplist Magazine, 2008.

**Arts:** Teacher, beginning and advanced wheel throwing classes, Takoma Park Recreation Department, 2015-present. **Athletics/Coaching:** Takoma Soccer (NCSL/travel) youth soccer head coach, 2016-2021.