Zihan MEI

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EDUCATION

Harvard Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA   **Aug 2019 - Present**

    Master of Architecture in Urban Design

School of Architecture, Tsinghua University | Beijing, China   **Sep 2014 - July 2019**

    Bachelor of Architecture

Honor and Awards:

    Award for Excellence in Social Practice, Tsinghua University (Top 1%)   May 2018

    Second Class Outstanding Freshman Scholarship, Tsinghua University (Top 10%)   Sep 2014

INTERN EXPERIENCE

Hassell Studio | Intern | Shanghai, China   **May 2018 - Aug 2018**

    Project 1: CGO Yasin Marriott Hotel Mixed use

- Made foam models to carry out field analysis and design exploded views, sectional views, and MLP diagrams in the conceptual design phase.
- Utilized Rhino to perform 3D modeling and elevation designs and studied sunshine intensity and GFA using Grasshopper; Rendered model using Enscape in the schematic design phase.

    Project2: XMN Shimao Retail

- Worked on site analysis & modelling of MLP & sections using drawings in the concept design phase.

    Project3: SHA Flower EXPO Master Planning 2021

- Designed modular devices with modulus, drew plans for the main exhibition hall in the conceptual design phase.

    Project4: Sanlin Vanke Retail

- Visited the construction site and helped with communication work in the construction phase.

Beilun Design Institution | Intern | Ningbo, China   **Jan 2016 - Feb 2016**

- Site Visit | Construction Drawings

Villagers' Activity Center Design | Architect | Shanxi, China   **Aug 2018 - Apr 2019**

- Conceptual design | Schematic design | Site follow up

PRACTICE AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

China GSD | member | Cambridge, MA   **Sep 2019 – Dec 2019**

- Prepared and translated for the architectural exhibition in Beijing

"Rural revitalization" to Niuzhuang | Team Organizer & Leader | Shanxi, China   **Feb & Aug 2018**

- Surveyed situations of traditional workmanship and architectural technology, worked on strategies for Niuzhuang.
- Re-designed and constructed two deserted cave-houses as studios for traditional workmanship.
- Operated a workshop, studied proportions of water and soil in the mud used as façade material.

Architectural mapping of Yan Emperor Temple | Member | Shanxi, China   **Aug 2017 – Sep 2017**

- Measured roof components and structures of the temple.
- Completed elevation drawings of Taizi Temple using AutoCAD.

The project "Inspection of Beijing Hutong" | Member | Beijing, China   **Sep 2015 – Nov 2015**

- Measured and conducted textual research on 30 Hutong from Gongmenkou 1st Hutong to Xigongjiang Hutong.
- Project was included in published government files.

VOLUNTEERS ACTIVITIES

Instructor in Wuwei High School & Hua'ao Primary School | Anhui & Beijing, China   **Aug 2015- Present**

- Taught 10-year-old students about the fundamentals of architecture and models.
- Talked with over 200 high school students about academic issues and life at university.

SKILLS

Digital modeling & analysis: Rhinoceros, Grasshopper, SketchUp, ARCHICAD, GIS, Revit, AutoCAD

Digital graphics: Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), V-ray, Artlantis, Enscape, Lumion

Others: Python in Geospatial Data Analysis, Website Design