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Assistant Professor of Urban Design • Urban Designer • Architect

EDUCATION

- 2012 - 2017 Harvard Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA
Master in Architecture with Distinction
Master in Urban Planning with Distinction
- 2007 - 2011 Princeton University | Princeton, NJ
A.B. in Architecture, *Summa Cum Laude*
Certificates of Proficiency in Urban Studies and Spanish

ACCREDITATIONS

- Registered Architect
California
New York
- American Institute of Architects
NCARB Certified

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present Harvard Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA
Assistant Professor of Urban Design the Department of Urban Planning and Design
Instructor in “Elements of Urban Design”, “Community-Informed Urban Design”, “Race, Gender, and Real Estate”, “Visual Representation for Urban Planners”, and “Analytic Methods of Urban Planning: Qualitative”
Affiliated faculty in the Healthy Places D-Lab
- 2022 - 2023 Harvard Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA
Design Critic in the Department of Urban Planning and Design
Instructor in “Elements of Urban Design”, “Second Semester Core Urban Planning Studio”, and “Visual Representation for Urban Planners”.
- Fall 2021 University of Maryland, College Park | College Park, MD
Lecturer at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Studio instructor for fourth-year undergraduate architecture students, focusing on architecture, urban design, and landscape architecture.
- October 2019 Impact Justice’s Justice Reform Trip | Finland and Norway
Advocate and Architectural Researcher
Visited prisons and met with the University College of Norwegian Correction Service and Norwegian Association for Penal Reform.
- 2018 - 2021 ECCO Studios | Compton and Inglewood, CA
Co-Founder, Program Director, and Instructor
- Fall 2017 Frank Gehry’s The Future of Prison | New Haven, CT
Yale School of Architecture | Teaching Assistant
- Winter 2017 African American Design Nexus | Cambridge, MA
Harvard Graduate School of Design | Archival Researcher

- January 2017 **Societal Simulations: A Carceral Geography of Restoration**
Harvard Graduate School of Design | Graduate Architecture Thesis

 - 2015 - 2016 **Urban Planning and Design Studios** | Cambridge, MA
Harvard Graduate School of Design | Teaching Assistant

 - 2013 - 2017 **Language Resources Center** | Cambridge, MA
Harvard Graduate School of Design | English Tutor

 - May 2011 *Golf Cart Cities: Retirement, Accessibility, & Leisure*
Princeton University | Undergraduate Architecture Thesis
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - Present **enFOLD Collective, LLC** | Cambridge, MA and Austin, TX
Co-Founder

Established with Megan Echols, artist and urbanist, enFOLD Collective is an interdisciplinary design practice that seeks to position community voices at the center of our work. Through stakeholder engagement and collaborative design processes, our mission is to propel a renewed sense of thinking and uplift the voices of underrepresented and under-resourced communities. Innovation, aesthetics, and craft equally serve our design framework and praxis.

- 2021 - Present **Studio KINN, LLC** | Cambridge, MA
Founder

Studio KINN is a design consultancy that advocates for social justice and equity through smart design and integrated policy. The studio centralizes people and their broader communities throughout its work. It integrates policy, economics, and wellness into innovative solutions to benefit even the most vulnerable populations. Studio KINN has extensive subject matter expertise on alternatives to incarceration, formerly incarcerated individuals, system-impacted persons, persons experiencing homelessness, and the elderly. Currently serving as a subject-matter expert on the Los Angeles County Restorative Justice Village Master Plan.

- 2021 - 2022 **Adre** | Portland, OR
Development Manager

Adre is a real estate development company. The company was founded with the purpose of developing buildings that create social and economic benefits for Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) through the creation of affordable homes, mixed-use developments, and facilities for mission-driven organizations. Led the pre-development of the Building United Futures Complex, a mixed-use facility for BIPOC-led and -owned organizations in Portland’s historic Black neighborhood. Wrote grants for numerous projects, successfully securing more than \$8.2 million for development projects serving BIPOC communities.

- 2017 - 2021 **Gehry Partners, LLP** | Los Angeles, CA
Architect and Urban Planner

Assisted in the development of the LA River Master Plan. Designed technical solutions and drafted policies for stormwater management, increased open space, river-wide amenities, affordable housing, and remedies for homelessness. Led research on social justice needs throughout LA County and the project development of a reentry and wraparound service center in the City of Los Angeles. Documented and coordinated the curtain wall facade of the Louis Vuitton ATP building in Paris, France.

- Summer 2016 William Rawn Associates | Boston, MA
 Summer 2014 Architecture Intern
 Prepared construction documents for the Noble and Greenough School's library in Dedham, MA. Designed the library's glazing details, including the entry vestibules and reading room curtain wall systems. Participated in the construction administration of mixed-used dormitories for Washington University St. Louis.
- Summer 2015 Pei Cobb Freed Architects | New York, NY
 Architecture Intern
 Contributed to the concept design of a residential skyscraper competition in Mumbai, India. Established a catalog of floor area calculations and systematized a modular facade system. Designed residential unit and parking garage layouts.
- Summer 2013 Goody Clancy Associates | Boston, MA
 Architecture Intern
- 2011 - 2012 Marc G. Andre Architects, LLC | Fairfield, CT
 Architectural Designer
- 2010 - 2011 Haiti + Rapid Response | Princeton, NJ
 Architectural and Water Science Researcher

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 - 2025 Built Environment Deans Advancing Change Fellowship Program | Washington, DC
 Dumbarton Oaks
- July 2018 Traveling Fellowship: "On Cities" Workshop | Madrid, Spain
 Norman Foster Foundation
- May 2017 Alpha Rho Chi Award Recipient
 Harvard Graduate School of Design
- May 2017 Award for Outstanding Leadership in Urban Planning and Design
 Harvard Graduate School of Design
- July 2016 Japan Workshop and Traveling Fellowship | Tokyo, Japan
 Meiji University and Harvard Graduate School of Design
- June 2011 Grace May Tilton Prize in Fine Arts
 Princeton University

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- April 2025 "Cryptocurrency and the Built Environment: Liminal Spaces of Intangible Exchange"
 Co-authored with Megan Echols
 Critical Productive (Pending review)

- June 2025 “Folded Voices: How Kites Rise Above Carceral Constraints to Foster Communication and Connection”
Book Chapter in *Spatial Histories of Unfreedom and Resistance* (Pending publication)
Co-edited by Ana María León and S.E. Eisterer
- May 2024 “Building Carcerality”
Co-authored with Lisa Haber-Thomson
Inquest
- June 2022 LA River Master Plan
LA County Public Works | Collaborative master planning effort with Gehry Partners, OLIN, and Geosyntec
- June 2022 “Postcard from Dana McKinney”
Design Miami - The Forum | Open Letter
- July 2018 “Should Designers Try to Reform Immigrant Detention? Confront the Inhumane”
Bloomberg City Lab | Op-Ed
- 2017 “Catalytic Currents” | Co-authored with Michael Haggerty
Book Chapter in *Architecture and Waste: A (Re)Planned Obsolescence*
Edited by Hanif Kara, et al.
- May 2015 “Design Desperately Needs Social Justice”
Al Jazeera America | Op-Ed

BUILT WORK, INSTALLATIONS, AND EVENTS

- 2026 - 2027 *Paul R. Williams Housing in Context* | Los Angeles, CA
Large-scale artwork/installation
Co-produced with Megan Echols as part of enFOLD Collective
USC Fisher Museum (Forthcoming Installation)
- 2024 - Present *An: The Dick Stanley Request* | Albuquerque, NM
Digital artwork and installation
Co-produced with Megan Echols as part of enFOLD Collective
Produced in collaboration with Jamie Diamond
Featured in the Fondazione Prada’s exhibition *Monte di Pietà* | Venice, Italy
- October 2023 “Carceral Landscapes” | Cambridge, MA
Symposium at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Co-produced with Lisa Haber-Thomson
Produced in partnership with the Harvard Law School’s Institute to End Mass Incarceration
- Summer 2023 *Black — Still* | Los Angeles, CA
Large-scale artwork/installation
Co-produced with Megan Echols as part of enFOLD Collective
Constructed in collaboration with Materials & Applications
Installed at the M&A x Craft Contemporary Courtyard
Grants: Graham Foundation, Pasadena Art Alliance, and LA Department of Cultural Affairs
Additional Support: Black Reconstruction Collective
Work featured in the Dezeen, Architect’s Newspaper, STIRworld, and Hyperallergic

- October 2015 Inaugural “Black in Design Conference” | Cambridge, MA
 Conference at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design
 Co-produced with members of the GSD AASU
 Produced in partnership with the Joint Center for Housing Studies, Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, Loeb Fellowship at Harvard GSD, the Dean’s Diversity Initiative at Harvard GSD, and H-OAP
- Spring 2015 *Black Lives Matter* | Cambridge, MA
 Installation at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design
 Co-produced with members of the GSD AASU

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Au: The Dick Stanley Request”
 Research and essays in collaboration with Megan Echols
- Carceral Geographies* (Title pending)
 Book
- “Unhoused America” (Title pending)
 Curation of online multimedia publication with MIT’s Knowledge Futures Group and AmeriQuests Journal

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2024 - Present Dean’s Junior Faculty Research Grant | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Au: The Dick Stanley Request | \$10,000
- 2023 - 2024 Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts | Chicago, IL
Black — Still in collaboration with M&A x Craft Contemporary | \$15,000

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - 2024 ELSO, Inc. | Portland, OR
 Studio Justice Design Cohorts | Guest Educator
- 2021 - 2024 USC Architecture Guild | Los Angeles, CA
 Emerging Professional and Charrette Committee | Member
- 2021 - 2022 Monterey Design Conference | Monterey, CA
 2021 Planning Committee | Member
- 2018 - 2023 Materials & Applications | Los Angeles, CA
 Program Board of M&A | Member
- October 2015 Inaugural Black in Design Conference | Cambridge, MA
 Harvard Graduate School of Design | Co-Founder
- 2012 - 2017 GSD African American Student Union | Cambridge, MA
 President (2015 - 2016) | Vice-President (2014 - 2015) | Treasurer (2013 - 2014)

LECTURES AND PANELS

- May 2025 **Building Belonging: Community-Informed Design and Research**
Hearst Lecture Series
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
- April 2025 **Community Voices: Engagement- and Data-Drive Planning, Design, and Research**
Princeton University, School of Architecture
- March 2025 **Collective Processes: Elevating Vulnerable Populations Through Community-Informed Design**
University of Southern California, School of Architecture
- March 2025 **The Future of Intersectional Transit Equity: Advancing Justice, Accessibility, and Inclusion**
Mobility Matters Series | Transit Equity Day
Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | Community Engagement
- April 2024 **Uplift: Elevating Vulnerable Populations Through Compassionate Urban Interventions**
AIA Regional and Urban Design Committee
- March 2024 **By Design: The Blueprint of the School-to-Prison Pipeline**
HGSE Alumni of Color Conference | Harvard Graduate School of Education
- May 2023 **Spatial Reconfigurations of Justice**
Pathways to Resilience | Creating Physical Spaces to Foster Healing and Resilience: Trauma-Informed Design
- May 2023 **Taking Ownership of Community Development**
Nubian Tigers Podcast, Season 4, Episode 3 | Princeton University
- April 2023 **Black Imagination: Reinvisioning the justice system through public policy and design**
Black Policy Conference | Harvard Kennedy School
- November 2022 **Professionals Portfolio Pecha Kucha**
USC Architecture Guild | University of Southern California
- October 2022 **Design, Justice, and Alternative Frameworks**
Trauma-Informed Design at Parrott Creek | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- May 2022 **The Power of the LA River**
Power and Place | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- January 2022 **Activism, Design Education, and Architectural Practice**
The Nexus Podcast, Season 2, Episode 8 | Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- October 2021 **Place2Be Architecture & Design Roundtable**
UCLA School of Architecture
- March 2021 **Women in Social Development**
UAPSAItaan Podcast, Episode 5 | United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxiliary
- March 2021 **Climates of Justice: An Undoing of Carceral Environments**
Asterisk and WSOA's Year of Climate Justice | Woodbury University

- February 2021 **Black History Month: Owning Our Stories, Owning Our Spaces**
Association of Black Princeton Alumni Panel | Princeton University
- December 2020 **Societal Simulations: A Carceral Geography of Restoration**
Transforming Correctional Design for Justice Reform | Boston Architectural College
- October 2020 **Transitioning Out: Design Activism from School to the Workplace**
cityLAB Open House: Activism in Design + Dialogue | University of Southern California, cityLAB
- September 2020 **Measure J and LA**
Re-Imagine LA and the Architect's Role in Supporting a More Equitable City | AIA Los Angeles
- September 2020 **Integrated Justice: Uplifting Vulnerable Populations in Space**
Pratt Futures | Pratt Institute
- September 2020 **Just Design: Elevating Justice and Vulnerable Population in Space**
cityLAB Summer Speaker Series | University of Southern California, cityLAB
- August 2020 **Alternatives to Incarceration**
AWA + D - Open Mic
- June 2020 **The LA River Master Plan: Addressing Homelessness Within a Flood Control Project**
Foil Architecture Chats
- June 2020 **Intersecting Vulnerabilities: Homelessness and System-Impacted Persons**
Bridging Realities: Sheltering Without a Home | Architecture and Design Museum
- February 2020 **With Love: A Lecture & Workshop in Shaping Space Through Passion & Identity**
College of Architecture & Environmental Design | California Polytechnic State University: SLO
- October 2019 **Diving Deeper: Data-Driven Investigations of the LA River Master Plan**
University of Southern California, School of Arts and Architecture, World Arts and Culture/Dance
- March 2018 **Elevating Black Landscapes: An Urban Alternative to Mass Incarceration**
Chocolate Cities Symposium | Rhodes College
- October 2015 **Spatial Justice, Race Relations, and Student Activism**
Urbanism and Landscape Week | Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2025 - Present UD/Comparative UP Search Committee | Member
- 2024 - Present Druker Traveling Fellowship Prize Committee | Member
- 2024 - Present GSD African American Student Union (AASU) | Faculty Advisor
- 2023 - Present Practice Forum | Member
- 2023 - Present GSD Review Board | Member
- 2023 - Present Urban Design Admissions Committee | Member
- 2023 - Present Urban Design Curriculum Committee | Member

2023 - Present Urban Design Prize Committee | Member

2022 - Present National Organization of Minority Architects Students (NOMAS) GSD | Faculty Advisor

JURIES

Columbia Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation | New York, NY
Urban Design Core III Studio

Harvard University Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA
Community Engagement Workshop: Making Artifacts that Educate and Empower
Field Studies in Real Estate
Landscape Architecture Core Studio III
Landscape Architecture Core Studio IV
MArch Thesis
MLA Thesis
Power and Place Seminar
The Development Project
UPD Thesis

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Architecture | Cambridge, MA
MArch Thesis

Princeton University | Princeton, NJ
MArch Thesis

Texas Tech University | Lubbock, TX
Architecture: Galo Canizares, Victoria McReynolds, and Brendan Shea

University of Maryland | College Park, MD
Architecture:
MArch Thesis

University of Southern California | Los Angeles, CA
Architecture: John Mutlow, Christof Jantzen, Luciana Varkulja | Landscape Architecture: Jessica Henson

SOFTWARE

Strong Proficiency
AutoCAD, Rhinoceros, ArcGIS, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Office Suite

Proficiency
Revit, Grasshopper, SketchUp, 3DS Max

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficiency
Spanish

Basic Proficiency
Italian