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education

2017-2019

Pratt Institute

Master of Science, Urban
Placemaking and Management

GPA: 3.96

- *awards*: \$5000 scholarship per semester, UPM Excellence in Academic Achievement Award

2012-2014

University of Calgary

Master of Planning, Faculty of
Environmental Design (EVDS)

GPA: 3.96

- *awards*: Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship, 2012, 2014, awarded to the top 10 percent of eligible graduate students; Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship, 2014

2006-2010

University of Toronto

Hon. Bachelor of Arts

GPA: 3.84

- *awards*: Provost Scholar, awarded to the top 10 percent of Trinity graduating students by discipline; Dean's List, all years, graduating with High Distinction in November 2010; Chancellor's Scholarship, 2007, 2008, 2009

tools

Microsoft Word, Excel,
Powerpoint // Adobe
Creative Suite, SketchUp,
ArcGIS // Facebook,
Instagram, Twitter

work experience

2018-present

Perkins Eastman

Public Realm Fellow; Associate & Design Strategist

- lead multiple projects and develop original design research by analyzing built environment typologies to maximize user experience
- support clients with visioning, prioritization and change management
- formalize written proposals and presentations with compelling narratives
- apply design thinking to resolve complex problems across sectors
- engage clients and stakeholders using best practices and original tools

2018-2019

Brooklyn Bridge Park Consultation Project

Graduate Assistant, Pratt Institute

- completed year-long engagement process to design only remaining section of undeveloped park visited by 5+ million people a year
- organized and facilitated community workshop with over 100 attendees representing a variety of community groups and interests
- designed layout and compiled text, images and graphics for 90 page "vision" report shared with two client groups

2014-2017

City of Calgary

Planner 1; Planner 2

- researched best practices globally, developed policy and engaged community members for Policy South Hill TOD Station Area Plan
- managed approvals team responsible for review, approval and release of 40+ public school priority development permits, achieving outcomes on time or ahead of schedule
- developed skills in planning-related tasks, including development permit (DP) approvals, land use redesignations, Calgary Planning Commission and Council report writing and presentations

2013

Office of the University Architect, University of Calgary

Intern

- initiated development of public art policy based on research of successful processes in other jurisdictions and discussions with both internal/external stakeholders and local experts
- drafted policies and guiding documents including the Deaccessioning Standards, Terms of Reference for Public Space Committee, Application to Install Work or Object in Public Space, and a Request for Qualifications for the Taylor Institute Public Art Project

select intl. experience

EVDS Melbourne Exchange |
Melbourne, Australia | 2014

- completed final urban design studio credit at RMIT University
- developed a conceptual Master Plan for large industrial precinct in central Melbourne
- worked with Rob Adams and the City of Melbourne to create a draft structure plan for the historic Queen Victoria Market precinct

U of T Study Abroad, The City as Problem and Promise: Berlin as a Case Study | Berlin, Germany | 2010

awards

- **2019 Mayor's Urban Design Awards (Honourary Mention)**
- **d.talks :: Movement Design Competition finalist**
- **2016 National Urban Design Award**
- **2015 Mayor's Urban Design Award**

credentials

Canadian Institute of Planners

Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP)

Alberta Professional Planners Institute

Registered Professional Planner (RPP)

volunteer experience

2022-present

Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) Public Member

- manage multi-million dollar fund by reviewing and approving applications for capital projects related to public realm improvements in the Beltline, one of Calgary's most dense and diverse communities

2015-2023

d.talks

Volunteer

- chaired the Members Extension committee, which seeks to expand membership to be more representative of existing audience
- managed the design development and build of 3 architectural "pods" for events
- supported the Development Committee by designing and promoting fundraisers and strategizing on membership and other relationships

2014-2019

17th Avenue Pocket Park

Co-founder

- successfully secured a \$300,000 City Council innovation grant to build a "pocket park" along one of Calgary's most visited main streets
- managed site analysis, environmental analysis and design of layout, seating options and materials
- organized and executed numerous engaging and innovative design workshops with community members

2013-2019

The Bench Project

Co-founder

- designed, assembled and anonymously placed benches at favourite local businesses along a number of Calgary's main streets
- received local and national design awards as well as significant media coverage for unique approach to placemaking and community building

conferences

- **ICUE 2022 |** An Interdisciplinary Exploration of K-12 Schools as Building Blocks of Resilient Communities
- **Rutgers 2022 Education Conference |** Exploring Resilient Communities through pK-12 School Design
- **2021 World Town Planning Day |** Cool Streets: A Toolkit for Summer Cooling in NYC's Public Realm
- **EDRA52 |** Relearning K-12 Education
- **EDRA52 |** Cool Streets, Cool Communities
- **EDRA50 |** Defining and Designing a Successful "Fourth Place"
- **CIP's 2017 National Conference |** Urban Acupuncture: Resiliency through Tactical Urbanism