

Curriculum Vitae

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INFORMATION

b.1992 in Palm Springs, CA. Raised in Tucson, AZ, currently living in Zurich, Switzerland.

EDUCATION

- 2012-2017 **University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ
5 year professional Bachelor's of Architecture
- 2011 **University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ
Independent Studies
- 2010 **Gap Year**, Worldwide
Travelled by mini-bus to 23 EU countries, worked on organic farms in South America, Sailed over 1,000 nautical miles of the East Coast US, worked for an NGO in Peru

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2022 **DSP Architekten**, Zurich, CH
Project Architect
on Davos train station competition, data center construction project in South Sudan, and renovation of a house in Basel. dsp-arch.ch
- 2019-2020 **OPAL Architects**, Belfast, ME
Architectural designer
Construction documentation for Waring School, detail drawings
Chewonki Cabins, RFQs and schematics design for various projects.
opalarch.us
- 2017-2019 **KCAP Architects and Planners**, Zurich, CH
Junior Architect and Urban Designer
BIM model for a residential tower in Strasbourg, construction documents for an apartment building near Lausanne, and competitions for residential tower adaptive reuse in Zurich, and regional masterplanning a hospital campus in Luzern. kcap.eu
- 2016 **Coastal Studio**, Halifax, NS
Design build project manager
Cape Breton Highlands Park gridshell student build project, managed a rotating group of 20-30 students with a few student managers.
dalcoastalstudio.wordpress.com
- 2015 **Division NYC**, New York, NY
Intern Architect and Digital Fabricator
Worked on team designing, building and installing a Bud Light stand for a music festival in Toronto. division.nyc

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Research Assistant**, University of Arizona
Design Build Exchange - Cape Breton Highlands Park Gridshell with
Tenured Professor Chris Trumble, ctrumble@email.arizona.edu
- 2014-2015 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Arizona
Fall semester Arch 341 Design Communication II
with Tenured Professor Susanna Dickinson, srd@email.arizona.edu
- 2014-2015 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Arizona
Fall semester Arch 241 Design Communication I
with Adjunct Lecturer Shawn Protz, sprotz@email.arizona.edu
- 2013 **Research Assistant**, University of Arizona
MRED Health Facilities and Therapeutic Environments with Eve Edelstein
Ph.D, neuroarchitecture@gmail.com

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INITIATIVES

- 2022 -
ongoing **Romance Office**, Zurich, CH
Founder, designer
Architecture, design, and development. Working on a Tiny House,
multi-family lofts and a duplex in Austin, TX. romanceoffice.com
- 2023 -
ongoing **Infinite Places**, Online
Founder, researcher
Community Land Trust research focused on commons, agriculture and
community wealth. infiniteplaces.org
- 2022-
ongoing **Enough Structures**, Online
Founder, researcher
Research into prefabrication in order to bridge skilled labor shortage by
building unfinished buildings with sustainable net-zero shells, coming in
below market for affordability. enoughstructures.com
- 2022 -
present **Somatic Earthworks**, Online
Founder, designer
New project looking at combining green infrastructure, landscape
restoration and rewilding with wilderness and nature-based therapy.
somaticearth.works
- 2020 -
2023 **Idle Hours Company**, Zurich, CH
Founder, designer
EU sourced and manufactured workwear company, started with the goal
of supporting makers and interest in local production and employee
ownership. idlehours.co
- 2020 -
2023 **Humans are Nature**, Online and IRL in various locations
Founder, initiator
reading group, workshops and events for kinship and community.
humansarenature.org

2020 - **Leisure Cooperative**, Online and IRL in various locations
2022 Founder, initiator
open source outdoor gear and tool network for access and inclusion in fulfilling free time. leisure.coop

COMMUNITY WORK

2019 - **The Greenhorns**, Maine, USA
2020 Carpenter and Biodynamic Farmer
Worked on a Bill Cooperthwaite wooden yurt construction, participated in Seaweed harvest, bio-material research, and preparation of value-added agricultural products, podcast episodes, and Earthlife videos production. greenhorns.org

2017 **Kurani**, New York, NY
Freelance designer
Participatory planning and observational research for a renovation of a non-profit co-working in Hell's Kitchen. kurani.us

2015 **Mt. Lykaion Excavation And Survey Project**, Tripolis, GR
Field archaeological drawings of ancient stone buildings.
archaeologicalmappinglab.org