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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Architecture, 2011

School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA

Dissertation: *Sanctuaries from the Streets: The contested storefront churches of Sherman Park, Milwaukee*

M'Arch, 2000

School of Architecture, Minimum Cost Housing Program, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Thesis: *Culture and the Built Environment: An Empirical Evaluation of Housing Issues at Kahnawake, Quebec*

B'Arch, 1999

Architecture Department, Visweswaraya Regional College of Engineering. University of Nagpur, India

Thesis: *Design of a Christian Seminary in Kerala, India*

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, 2018-Present

Department of Interior Architecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Courses:

- Design Studio 3
- Social and Behavioral Aspects of Interior Architecture
- History 1& II
- Research Methods (Graduate level)

Adjunct Instructor, 2016-2018

Department of Architecture, Department of Interior Architecture, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Courses:

- History 2, Renaissance to the XIX Century (*secondary instructor*)
- History 3, XIX Century to the Present (*secondary instructor*)
- Interior Design Graduate Studio 1
- History of Modern and Contemporary Interiors (Online)

Adjunct Instructor, 2017-2018

Department of Architecture, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL

Courses:

- Architectural Theory

Assistant Teaching Professor/Adjunct Instructor, 2011-2016

Department of Architectural Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Courses:

- Understanding Architecture and the American City (180 students/semester) Approved as Humanities General Education
- Precedents in Architecture: 1750 to Present.
- Precedents in Architecture: Pre-History to 1750
- Undergraduate Thesis
- Online graduate level course on Place –Making and Community Design, through Center of Distance and Independent Education
- Online graduate level course on Qualitative Methods, (grader) through Center of Distance and Independent Education
- Design Studio 4 (Interior Design + Architecture Track)
- Design Studio 2 (Interior Design + Architecture Track)
- Design Studio 1 (Interior Design + Architecture Track)

Design Studio Critic and Guest Lecturer, 2008-2016

Department of Architectural Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Critique design work for studio 1,2,3,4, and thesis (Interior Design and Architectural Studies majors)
- Guest lecturer for graduate level course on Environment and Behavior- ‘Urban Environments and Community Design’

Guest Lecturer, 2002-2004

School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

- Guest lecturer for ARCH 564 Acoustics and Lighting (3 semesters) ‘Day Lighting as a Form Giver of Indian Architecture’

Teaching Assistant, 2002-2004

School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Advising and grading for:

- ARCH 302 Architecture and Human Behavior
- ARCH 564 Acoustics and Lighting
- ARCH 301 Structures/Construction
- ARCH 310 Auto CAD

**TEACHING:
Grants**

**Recipient, Teaching with Technologies Course
Redevelopment Award, University of Missouri,
\$5000, January 2016**

**TEACHING:
Awards**

**Department Nominee, Human Environmental
Sciences College Distinguished Teacher Award,
University of Missouri, 2016**

**RESEARCH:
Funded Projects**

**Co-Principal Investigator, New Faculty Research
Award, University of North Carolina, Greensboro,
\$10,000, Jan 2020-Dec 2021, *The African American Porch,
Exploring Experience, Meaning and Agency in Wilson,
North Carolina.***

**Co-Principal Investigator, ASID Foundation Award,
\$10,000, Jan 2020-Dec 2020, *Investigating Art + Design
Incubators as Places of Co-creation***

**Faculty Mentor, Undergraduate Research and
Creativity Award, University of North Carolina,
Greensboro, \$2230, May 2019-August 2019
*Examining the Designed Environment and Crime, Using
Innovative Technologies: A Case Study of the UNCG
Campus***

**Principal Investigator, Seeding Interdisciplinary
Research Collaboration (SIRC), HES College,
University of Missouri, \$1500, January 2015-January
2016**

*Nature, Race and Park Going Behaviors: A Case Study of
Douglas Park, Columbia, MO*

Co-investigator: Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, Dept. Parks and
Recreation

Co-investigator: Dr. Stephen Sayers: School of Health Professionals

Principal Investigator, Mizzou Advantage Faculty Interdisciplinary Development Award Funds, \$2000, January 2015-January 106

Public Places, Public Health: A Case Study of Douglas Park, Columbia, MO

Co-investigator: Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, Dept. Parks and Recreation

Co-investigator: Dr. Stephen Sayers: School of Health Professionals

Principal Investigator, University of Missouri, Office of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, \$5,000, October 2013 to June 2014

In Search of the 21st Century Campus: Positing the Relationship between Informal Learning Environments and 21st Century Learning Skills

Co-investigator: Dr. Newton D'Souza, Architectural Studies Department

Faculty Mentor, Program for Undergraduate Research Experience PURE

October 2014-October 2015

Testing the Implications of Spatial Configuration on Crime in the University of Missouri Campus

**RESEARCH:
Peer Reviewed
Presentations and
Publications**

- “Sanctuaries Along Streets: Security, Social Intimacy and Identity in the Space of the Storefront Church” *Journal of Interior Design, Published*
- “Embodied Space: Carrying the South in Milwaukee’s African American Storefront Churches” *Environment and Behavior, Under Review*
- “The Church and the Street: Spatial Typologies of Storefront Churches in Milwaukee’s Central City” *Journal of Planning Education and Research, Manuscript in Progress*
- Co-Author “Positing Relationships Between Informal Learning Spaces and 21st Century Learning Skills at the University of Missouri” *Design Principles and Practice*

Journal, Architectural Spatial and Environmental Design, Manuscript in Progress

- “African American Churches” *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee, Online, Published*
- Co-author “Place-Making Practices for Park Improvements in a Low-Income African American Neighborhood” *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, Published*
- “Marginalization and the Interior Environment: A Case Study of Interior Environments in Storefront Churches” *IDEC, Tulsa, 2020*
- “Does this Building Make the World a Better Place?” Holding Student Debates in the Architectural History Class.” *Design Principles and Practice, New York City, 2020*
- Co-Presenter “Investigating Art + Design Incubators as Places of Co-creation.” *IAPS, Quebec City, 2020*
- “A Sense of Place in Douglas Park: Exploring Relationships between Public Life, Place Relations, and the Politics of Place in an Urban Park” *Environmental Design Research Association, Brooklyn, 2019*
- New Learning in the Old Campus: How Should University Spaces Address 21st Century Skills? *Environmental Design Research Association, Brooklyn, 2019*
- In Search of the 21st Century Campus: Positing relationships between Informal Learning Spaces and 21st Century Learning Skills at the University of Missouri, *IDEC South, 2018*
- “Sanctuaries from the Streets: Spatial Expressions that reflect Church/Street Relations, *Environmental Design Research Association, New Orleans Louisiana, 2014*
- Co-presenter “Use of Neuroscience Concepts and Measurements in Environment Behavior Research: Challenges and Opportunities”, *Environmental Design Research Association, Los Angeles, California, 2015*

- “Sanctuaries along Streets: The Spatial Appropriations of Storefront Churches in a Central City Neighborhood” *Urban Affairs Association Conference, Miami, FL, 2015*
- “Balancing Preservation and Economic Development: The Case of the Main Street Program and Storefront Churches in Sherman Park, Milwaukee”, *Environmental Design Research Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 2008*

**RESEARCH:
University &
Community
Presentations**

Co-Presenter, Key Note Speech, Celebration of Teaching Conference, University of Missouri, Columbia, “In Search of the 21st Century Campus”, 2015

Co-Moderator, University-Wide Design Charette, University of Missouri, Columbia, “Re-Visioning Student Success Center”, 2015

Presenter, Community Presentation of Research and Outreach, Sherman Park Community Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, “Sanctuaries to the Streets” 2007

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Architect/Project Overseer, 2006-2008
*Department of Neighborhood and Business Development
City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI*

- Design and logistical assistance for applicants of The Façade Grant Program of the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development
- Coordinating project phases between contractors and the Neighborhood Business Development Manager; Estimation and costing of materials
- Coordinating Charrettes and visioning sessions with members of Milwaukee’s historic Bronze Ville community

Community Outreach Facilitator 2006-2007
Sherman Park Community Association, Milwaukee, WI
Grant recipient of the *Sanctuary to the Streets Program*.
Program Focus: To assist storefront churches in run-down neighborhoods to collaborate with local development

organizations and businesses and work towards achieving neighborhood revitalization and stability

Community Design Assistant 2005-2006

Community Design Solutions, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Design assistance for various neighborhoods. Projects include:

- Milwaukee Idea Home: a universally accessible, low cost housing prototype, developed between City of Milwaukee and Community Design Solutions
- Street-scaping for neighborhoods that were awarded a Main Street grant from the National Trust of Historic Preservation

Assistant Architect, 2000–2002

Good Earth, Bangalore, India

Preliminary design layouts; Detailing of various architectural features such as door and window framing and paneling; Estimation and costing of materials.

Projects worked on:

- Single family residences
- Apartments
- *Fire Flies*, a meditative retreat
- Hospice for AIDS patients

Assistant Architectural Librarian, 2000

Blackader Lauterman Library (Art & Architecture)

McGill University, Montreal Canada

Archive historic and contemporary construction drawings of various architectural firms in Canada for the library use.

Architectural Intern , 1998

Solomon and Associates, Chennai, India

SERVICES

Student Advisor, Committee Member, 2010-2016

Department of Architectural Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Undergraduate student advisor for 25 students. Counseling on course schedule, transfers, graduation.
- HES Graduate and Undergraduate Awards & Fellowships Committee
- HES Academic Status and Appeals Committee

- Environment & Behavior/ Human Factors/Program coursework Committee

Student Representative, 2005-2006

Doctoral Program, School of Architecture, UWM, Wisconsin

Participating in Doctoral program's bi-weekly meetings.
Presenting student needs/concerns at meetings.

**AWARDS
AND
HONORS**

Department Nomination, HES College Distinguished Teacher Award, 2016 *Architectural Studies, University of Columbia Missouri*

Community Development Grant recipient of *Sanctuary to the Streets* Project \$5000, 2006-2007
Sherman Park Community Association, Milwaukee

Department Nomination, Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007
School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Project Assistantship, 2004-2005
Community Design Solutions, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Teaching Assistantship, 2002 – 2004
School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
WORK**

El Centro Latino, Columbia, MO, 2009
Architectural services for the design of 'Comador Popular' or People's Diner to be located at 609 Garth Ave.

Columbia Parks and Recreation, Columbia MO, 2008-2009
Work Included: organizing various local communities events such as Art in Park,

English as a Second Language Institute, Columbia, MO, 2008-2009
Work included: Providing English tutoring services to recent refugees and immigrants

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

1999-Present Registered Architect in India