

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- > how practitioners and educational institutions engage design in the public interest;
- > how entrepreneurial action in the public realm by groups at the margins of formal structures creates citizenship and is evidenced in the built environment;
- > the history and current state of the Community Design Movement; and
- > the role of inquiry in design, particularly the development of tools and methods to increase the agency of public interest designers.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

M.Architecture, School of the Arts & Architecture, 2000
M.A. Urban Planning, School of Public Policy & Social Research, 2000

KUNSTGEWERBESCHULE Zurich, Switzerland

Landscape Architecture & Design studies, 1992-1993

TRINITY UNIVERSITY

B.A., San Antonio, Texas 1991
Fine Art & Communication (double major)

Architecture studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1990

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2005 – present	Assistant Professor (tenure-track), The Pennsylvania State University Department of Landscape Architecture & Department of Architecture (joint appointment).
2004 – 2005	Assistant Professor (fixed-term), The Pennsylvania State University Department of Architecture
2001-2004	Design Juror UCLA Department of Architecture, Southern California Institute of Architecture, University of Southern California, ArtCenter College of Design, Woodbury University
2002	Design Studio Sponsor & Facilitator Southern California Institute of Architecture
2001	Guest Lecturer University of Southern California School of Planning
1998-2000	Instructor UCLA Department of Urban Planning

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LOWER DIVISION

Art & Design Studio | first-year level
Includes architecture & college-wide interdisciplinary courses
Art & Design Theory | first-year lecture

UPPER DIVISION

Urban Design Studio | architecture
Neighborhood Scale Design Studio | landscape architecture
Graduate Design Studio

DESIGN/BUILD

Digital Design & Fabrication
American Indian Housing Initiative
Architecture first-year design/build

SPECIAL COURSES

Community Research, Theory and Fieldwork in Panama City, Panama, 2006
American Indian Housing Initiative Cultural Landscape Design Workshop;
Penn State Hamer Center with University of Wisconsin, 2005
'The Secret Life of Public Spaces'; one-week invited workshop, Department of
Landscape Architecture, California Polytechnic University, Pomona, 2006

GUEST LECTURES

'Good Inquiry Makes Good Design'
'Diagrams & Design'
'Diagrams: Between Idea & Form'
Effective Graphic Presentation Techniques

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

chair	Amy Williamson, Master of Architecture. 'Finding Structure in Everyday Architecture of El Chorillo' completed Spring 2007.
co-chair	Arundhati Sett, Master of Architecture. 'Development without Displacement: The Making of Community Identity; Avenue of Arts, Philadelphia' completed Summer 2006
committee	Christine Brill, Master of Landscape Architecture. "Opportunities for Advancing Community Design Through Dialogical Art Practice," in progress, expected completion Summer 2007.
advisor	'Community/University Partnerships & Design/Build' Master's Thesis; UCLA Department of Urban Planning 2003

DIRECTED STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

GRADUATE LEVEL

'Spatial Literacy & Cognitive Mapping' [Landscape Architecture]
'Formal & Informal Public Space Analysis' [Landscape Architecture]
'Waterfront Culture of El Chorillo: A Visual Analysis of Community Values' [Landscape Architecture]
'Visual Representations of Place on El Chorillo's Calle Ocho' [Geography]

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

'Informal Social Networks in El Chorillo' [Geography]
 'Claiming Space & Community Through Music' [Integrative Arts]
 'Zooming In on El Chorillo' [Visual Arts]
 Wastestream Diversion for Building Materials; team research project for American Indian Housing Initiative
 Development of Insulated Translucent Wall Panel System; team research project for American Indian Housing Initiative

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2006- Faculty Council, College of Arts & Architecture, Penn State
 2005- Hamer Center for Community Design Steering Committee, Penn State
 2005- Graduate Committee, Dept. of Architecture, Penn State
 2005- Graduate Committee, Dept. of Landscape Architecture, Penn State
 2005- Graphic Design Coordinator, Department of Architecture
 2006- Advisory Board for Laboratory for Public Scholarship and Democracy, Penn State
 2005-2006 Core Curriculum Program Development, College of Arts & Architecture, Penn State
 2005-2006 Digital Arts, Design & Fabrication Program Development Committee, College of Arts & Architecture, Penn State
 2005-2006 Coordinator of the Core Curriculum, College of Arts & Architecture, Penn State

2004-2005 Hamer Center for Community Design Visioning
 2004-2005 Harrisburg Urban Studio program development
 2005-2006 Summer Program in Panama Development
 2005-2006 University Fulbright Scholarship Reviewer
 2006 Undergraduate Research Exhibition Reviewer

Public Scholarship Associate at Penn State
 Member of the Graduate Faculty

CONFERENCE SERVICE

2007 Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference, Paper Reviewer
 2006 American Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting (National Conference)
 Paper Reviewer for Housing & Urban Design
 2005 Association for Community Design Conference Paper Reviewer (National Conference)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

2004-	Associate Director Hamer Center for Community Design Assistance, School of Architecture & Landscape Architecture, Penn State University
2001-2004	Community Organizer & Designer Union Avenue / Cesar Chavez Community Garden; Manzanita Street Community Garden; Watts Family Community Garden, Los Angeles, CA
1998-2004	Rose Architectural Fellow, Intern Architect Los Angeles Community Design Center, Los Angeles, CA Projects included: Las Brisas Community Housing Project Designer (Childcare Facility and Community Center) Washington Boulevard Facade Improvement Project Designer Community Design Assistance Program Founder ARTiculating SPACE Design/Build Project Organizer, Facilitator NewHome Design/Build Project Program Founder, Facilitator
1997, 1998	Intern Architect Mark Mack Architects, Venice, California
1997	Intern Architect Koning Eizenberg Architecture, Santa Monica, California
1995-1996	Production Manager, Researcher Office for Metropolitan and Industrial Research, Johannesburg, South Africa
1991-1995	Graphic Designer University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

HONORS, AWARDS & EXHIBITS

Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship, 2000-2003
City of Los Angeles Community Service Commendation, 2003
City of Los Angeles Public Service Commendation, 2005
Alpha Rho Chi medal UCLA Department of Architecture, 2000
Master Gardener Certification, University of California Cooperative Extension, 2002
Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship Traveling Exhibition, 2006
'Under Construction: Community Based Design/Build Projects in Los Angeles' Museum for Architecture & Design, Los Angeles, 2004
'Innovative Affordable Housing Prototypes' Southeastern Contemporary Arts Museum Traveling Exhibition, 2003
'Postcards from the Field' Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship Traveling Exhibition 2004

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2006	'Excellence in Design Initiative'; for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority (with the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh & Community Design Collaborative of Philadelphia)
2003-	Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship; service to Fellowship with vision and mission of Fellowship & current Fellows.
2000-2004	California State Parks Citizens Advisory Board, Cornfield State Park

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2006-present	Board Member, Association for Community Design
2003-present	Board Member, CityWorks Los Angeles; 2003-present

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- 2006 Rios, Michael & Aeschbacher, Peter (full co-author) 'Claiming Public Space: The Case for Proactive Democratic Design'. Lead chapter for publication in forthcoming book tentatively titled 'Good Deeds, Good Design II' from Princeton Architectural Press. (full co-author)
- 2006 Book Review of 'Landscape Urbanism' for Landscape Architecture Magazine
- 2006 Doble, Cheryl & Aeschbacher, Peter (full co-author) 'Engaging Communities, Enriching Design Education' Progressive Planner; no.166, Winter 2006
- 2005 Aeschbacher, Peter 'Under Construction: Community Based Design/Build Projects in Los Angeles' in cityworks Los Angeles: Handbook Elizabeth Martin, editor; Forum Press, Los Angeles
- 2003 Aeschbacher, Peter 'Community Building, by Design', article in Enterprise Quarterly

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2006 Aeschbacher, Peter 'in_visible cultures: An Evaluation of Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning in Panama'; Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting
- 2004 Aeschbacher, Peter 'How Success is Challenging Community Design' forthcoming Association for Community Design book

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 'in_visible cultures: An Evaluation of Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning in Panama'; Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA;
- 2006 'Noses to the Grindstone: The Curiously Entangled Story of Practice, Education and Community Design', Association for Community Design National Conference
- 2004 'How Success is Challenging Community Design', Association for Community Design National Conference

INVITED DISCUSSANT

- 2007 'Los Angeles 2057' Panel on the future of Los Angeles; represented Community Design; presented theme of 'Design and Democracy'; Department of Landscape Architecture, California Polytechnic University, Pomona
- 2006 Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship Annual Retreat; workshop on effectiveness of post-graduate professional fellowships; Garrison, NY
- 2006 Social, Economic and Environmental Design conference; post-Katrina reconstruction; Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
- 2002 'Making Design/Build Studios Happen in Los Angeles', Los Angeles, CA, 2002
- 2002 'Community Outreach and Design/Build', Art Center College of Design; Pasadena, CA
- 2002 'Architecture & Community Development', University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- 2002 'The Role of the Architect in Community Development', University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- 2006 'The Community Design Movement: 1960-2006', BuildBoston Conference, Boston, MA
- 2004 Department of Architecture Lecture Series, Penn State

- 2003 'Building Community Support for Difficult Projects',
Housing California Conference
- 2003 'Innovations in Childcare Facility Development & Design',
Enterprise Network Conference
- 2002 'History of the Cornfield and Los Angeles River', California State Parks
Advisory Board, Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 Portfolio workshop; Department of Architecture; Penn State
- 2002 'Best Possibilities: Architectural Innovations',
Enterprise Network Conference
- 2001 'Designing with Communities', Enterprise Network Conference

GRANTS & AWARDS

COMPLETED

- 2005 American Indian Housing Initiative
Childcare Furniture (\$1200)
- 2005-2006 "Invisible Cultures: Art, Design and Public Space"; Interdisciplinary Community
Research & Fieldwork in El Chorillo, Panama City, Panama. Collaborative project
with Professor Kim Powell, Dept. of Art Education, Penn State
Grants assembled included: Institute for the Arts & Humanities Team Teaching
Award, Penn State; Public Scholarship Undergraduate Support Grant Award;
College of Arts & Architecture Undergraduate Opportunity Fund; project-based grant
from the Oficina de Casco Antiguo, Panama City
- 2004-2005 American Indian Housing Initiative / Chief Dull Knife College Landscape Design
Implementation; collaborative project with Penn State Landscape Architecture,
Architecture & Architectural Engineering faculty
- 2004-2005 American Indian Housing Initiative / Chief Dull Knife College Childcare Center Design
Implementation; collaborative project with Penn State Architecture & Architectural
Engineering faculty

IN PROGRESS

- 2007- American Institute of Architects Knowledge Areas Research Grant. "Doing Good,
Doing Well?: The Impacts of Social Engagement and Design/Build Programs on Early
Professional Development"
- 2006- Hamer Center for Community Design Faculty Fund Grant. Supports research on
historic community-based urban open space program in Philadelphia, PA.