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Strategic designer collaborating across disciplines and cultures to translate complex problems into opportunities for intervention.

Experience

Freelance Design Strategist | ORGE Innovation

New York, NY (Nov 2013- Present)

Contributing to the design and facilitation of workshops for organizations working to increase innovation. This work has been complemented by analyzing materials produced during these workshops to provide recommendations for clients and prepare design briefs for potential distribution.

Research Assistant | Carlos Teixeira PhD, Parsons The New School

New York, NY (Sept 2013-Present)

Researching the creation and development of ideas addressing open-ended problems through the use of design methodologies. Led the generation of quantitative and qualitative metrics to analyze and document data to be used as an input for the design of educational materials for public dissemination.

Project Manager | Post-Rural

Guatemala, Guatemala (June-Nov 2011)(Nov 2012-May2013)

Worked on concept development and execution of residential and commercial projects. Key responsibilities were client engagement, site supervision, budget management, and construction administration. Additionally, I was in charge of overseeing the office management.

Intern Architect and Designer| Stapati

Kerala, India (June-October 2012)

Involved in the development of concepts which combined traditional and contemporary architecture. Worked on visual communications strategies, portfolio and concept development.

Intern Architect | Karan Grover and Associates

Gujarat, India (Nov 2011-May 2012)

Assisted in developing ideas to create places of identity by the use of contextual design. Heavily involved in the concept development, design process, field work and client presentations.

Intern Architect and Designer | Lab For Planning and Architecture

Gran Canaria, Spain (Feb-May 2011)

Collaborated in the development of architectural and urban design strategies. Key tasks oriented towards research, overall design, and development of graphic materials.

Education

MFA Transdisciplinary Design | Parsons The New School for Design

Expected Graduation May 2015 | New York, NY

B. Architecture | Universidad Francisco Marroquín

November 2011 | Guatemala, Guatemala.

Bi Lingual Education | Fluent in English and Spanish

Accomplishments

Dean's Merit Scholarship

Parsons The New School for Design
New York, NY (2013-2015)

Body Commodity Project

How Things Don't Work Exhibition
New York, NY (Fall 2014)

Pop-Up Roubaix Project

Mad in Situ and Art.M Design Residence
Belgium and France (Sept-Oct 2014)

By | For Project

La Braderie de l'Art Exhibition
Roubaix, France (Dec 2014)

Project of the Year Award

Universidad Francisco Marroquín
Guatemala, Guatemala
Centro Claro (2009)
Urban Complex La Reforma (2010)

Vice President Student Council

Universidad Francisco Marroquín
School of Architecture
Guatemala, Guatemala (2009-2010)

Skills

Design & Systems Thinking

User Centered Design

User Experience Design / UX

Design-Led Research

Creative Problem Solving

Critical Re-framing

Software

Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom)

3D Software (Rhinoceros 3d & Sketchup)

CAD Software (VectorWorks & Autocad)