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Education

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI 2017)

Master of Urban Planning.

Universidad de las Américas (Puebla, Mexico 2013)

Bachelor in Architecture.

Organizations

Michigan Planners Network Founder and Organizer for Cultural Competency Collective.

Urban Planning Student Association International Chair.

Planning for Inclusion Initiative Coordinator for outreach program at Howard University and Morehouse College.

Experience

Graduate Student Instructor | Taubman College (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2016–2017)

- Leading and facilitating class discussion section for Bachelor’s level course: "Architecture, Sustainability and the City".
- Assisting professor with class curriculum, instruction and evaluation for Master’s level course: "Quantitative Planning Methods".

Intern | Southwest Detroit Business Association (Detroit, MI 2016)

- Coordinated re-activation of the Main Street program in Mexicantown, including bilingual survey intake and community assessment report. Developed graphic design for printed brochure and designed web site.

Intern | Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (Ypsilanti, MI 2016)

- Developed research on affordable housing strategies, and created graphic design material, including charts and infographics for social media presence. Edited audio/video material, and updated web design.

Urban Planning Workshop Coordinator | Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA 2015–2016)

- Developed and implemented skill-building outreach workshops, introducing undergraduate students to the field of urban planning at a Historically Black College (HBCU).

Project Manager | Chromático (Tabasco, Mexico 2015)

- Designed commercial and residential architectural project, providing urban infrastructure and landscaping design strategies for a high density, mixed-use development.

Design Coordinator | BUMBAK (Puebla/ Mexico City, Mexico 2013–2015)

- “Vía Recreative Puebla–Cholula,” public infrastructure renewal project. Coordinated the collaboration of three local architecture firms to present this initiative to government officials, analyzed the urban context and developed architectural design for the highway repurposing.
- Bus Rapid Transit: Developed building manual with graphic design layout for the construction process of transit stations for approximately 14 miles of two transit lines.
- Developed architectural design for multiple commercial, residential and remodeling projects. Generated graphic and editorial design for construction manuals and project presentations.

Freelance Graphic Information Design | Taubman College (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2016–2017)

- International Planning Guide: Developing and designing web-based tool to promote work abroad for urban planning Master and PhD students.
- Data Visualization Workshop: Creating curriculum to teach community organizations how to present survey data in compelling and attractive infographics and other design media.
- Developing data visualization based on the Local Food Access Survey as part of a collaborative project between the cities of Pontiac, Battle Creek and Ypsilanti and the Center for Regional Food Systems.

Freelance Architectural Design | Independent projects (Puebla, Mexico 2014–2015)

- Contracted the remodeling of “Casa Mirador,” a mid-century single-family house; and designed the expansion for “Casa Infonavit,” a low-income housing unit. Collaborated with both clients to develop a comprehensive budget and design that met with their financial restraints.

Independent Research | LACS Field Grant - University of Michigan (Puebla, Mexico 2016)

- Developed and conducted surveys based on spatial mismatch theory for employees in residential and commercial complex in the state of Puebla, Mexico.

Community Work

Citizen Interaction Design | School of Information (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2017)

- Collaborated in a multidisciplinary team to develop information tool to encourage citizen engagement in local parking deck development led by the City of Ferndale government.

Co-Executive Director | Cholula en Bici (Puebla, Mexico 2013–2014)

- “Pueblo Mágico Sin Tráfico”: Directed the campaign to promote pedestrian and biking infrastructure development, collaborating with a group of specialists in environmental studies, social sciences and urbanism; designed the proposal for Mexico’s first turbo roundabout.
- “Cholula Zona 30”: Directed campaign for street pacification project. Developed urban strategies to promote street accessibility, and elaborated bike and pedestrian infrastructure design in collaboration with local government and the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy.
- Spokesperson for campaigns by BICIRED (National Mexican Biking Network). Coordinated projects in collaboration with Guadalajara, Mexico City, Toluca and Xalapa, among others.

Community Organizer | San Luis Tehuiloyocan (Puebla, Mexico 2014–2015)

- Organized cultural and social events to promote remodeling of community cultural center. Developed architectural design for the remodeling of a 17th century historic landmark.

Community Engagement Coordinator | Movimiento Momoxpan (Puebla, Mexico. 2011)

- Designed and implemented community programs to promote citizen engagement with the built environment through art and cultural activities.

Scholarships, Awards and Affiliations

Dow Distinguished Award (2017) Awarded by the Graham Sustainability Institute for slum upgrading research and design project in São Paulo, Brazil.

2017 Ford College Community Challenge (2017) Top 20 finalist in Make Lives Better competition for Ocupação Anchieta proposal, Ford Motor Company Fund.

Service to the Urban and Regional Planning Program Award (2017) Awarded by Taubman College, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

Service to the Community Award (2017) Awarded by Taubman College, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

Martin Luther King Spirit Award (2017) Awarded by the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

Margaret Dow Towsley Scholarship (2016–2017) Awarded by the Center for Education of Women, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

LACS Field Grant (2016) Awarded grant for personal research abroad, University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

Rackham Merit Scholarship (2015–2017) University of Michigan–Ann Arbor.

Consejo de Ciencias y Tecnología del Estado de Puebla (2015–2017)

National scholarship awarded by the Mexican government for master’s studies abroad.

Youth Leadership Program Jóvenes Líderes (2013) Government of the State of Puebla.

Youth Leadership Program for Indigenous People (2012) U.S. Embassy in Mexico.

Student Representative for the Department of Architecture and Interior Architecture (2011–2012) Universidad de las Americas–Puebla.

Jenkins Foundation (2006–2008) Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

Projects and Publications

APA National Planning Conference (New York City, NY 2017)

Presenting poster “Accessibility to Counter Spaces in Latino Communities in Madison, Wisconsin” based on research developed in collaboration with University of Wisconsin-Madison counseling psychology PhD candidate, Ivan E. Cabrera.

AMERICAS Architectural Design Contest (Muncie, IN 2011)

Awarded honorable mention by Ball State University.

INFORMA (Ann Arbor, MI 2017)

Designed and edited book publication as part of a joint capstone-studio project at Taubman College of Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning, on environmental revitalization model for informal settlements in São Paulo, Brazil.

The Own-able City: Urban Strategies that Promote Identity in San Andrés Cholula (Puebla, Mexico 2012–2013)

B. Arch dissertation paper.