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## Education

- 2022 Rice University, School of Architecture. Houston, Texas  
Master of Science in Architecture
- 2008 Auburn University, School of Architecture. Auburn, Alabama  
Bachelor of Architecture and Interior Architecture Dual Degree,  
cum laude

## Academic Experience

- 2023 Auburn University, School of Architecture, Planning and  
Landscape Architecture  
Auburn, Alabama

Auburn University's Rural Studio  
Assistant Research Professor / Current

Auburn University's Rural Studio  
Front Porch Initiative - Research Architect II / 2024

- 2021 Rice University, School of Architecture  
Houston, Texas

Rice Architecture Affordable Housing Lab  
Research Assistant / Summer, Fall 2022

Rice Architecture Construct  
Graduate Assistant Fall 2021 / Spring 2022

Technology II: Processes: Form, Material, Force  
Teaching Assistant / Spring 2022

Technology I: Elements: Space, Material, Structure  
Teaching Assistant / Fall 2021

## Academic Contracts and Grants

- 2023 "Small High Efficiency Home Pipeline Partnership Development"  
Fannie Mae Sponsorship, \$868,071 Contract  
Role: Researcher; with Mackenzie Stagg (PI), Rusty Smith (Co-PI) and Elizabeth Farrell Garcia (Co-PI)

"Selma Demonstrates: Building Capacity for Affordable Home  
Construction and Ownership in a Persistently Impoverished  
Black Belt County"  
USDA Rural Capacity Development Initiative,  
Grant \$500,000 (Match 500k over two years)  
Role: Researcher; with Mackenzie Stagg (PI), Rusty Smith (Co-PI) and Elizabeth Farrell Garcia (Co-PI)

"Exploring the Potential of Mass Timber in Single-Family  
Housing: Phase 1," 2023 CADC SEED Grant  
Auburn University College of Architecture, Design, and  
Construction, Grant \$8,000  
Role: Researcher; with Jake Elbrecht (PI) and Mackenzie Stagg  
(Co-PI)

## Professional Experience

- 2014 Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects

Atlanta, GA  
Senior Designer / Project Architect / July 2014 - September 2021

- 2009 TEN Arquitectos  
Mexico City, MX / New York City, NY  
Designer / Project Manager / July 2009 - June 2014

- 2009 Sebastian Mariscal Studio  
San Diego, CA  
Designer / Builder / February 2009 - June 2009

- 2008 2WR Architecture  
Columbus, GA  
Intern Architect / August 2008 - January 2009

## Professional Registration

- 2017 NCARB Certified
- 2017 Georgia Registered Architect

## Selected Projects

### *Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects*

- 2020 111 JWD Student Housing  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Project Architect / January 2020 - September 2021  
Concept Design - Construction

- 2018 United States Federal Courthouse  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Senior Designer / October 2018 - December 2019  
Concept Design - Design Development

- 2017 House on Weymouth Pond  
Stoneham, Maine  
Project Manager / March 2017 - September 2018  
Concept Design - Design Development

- 2016 Venice Biennale Exhibition  
Venice, Italy  
Project Designer / February 2016 - June 2016

- 2014 Jackson Park Residential Development  
Long Island City, Queens, New York  
Project Manager / July 2014 - November 2018  
Schematic Design - Construction  
Architect of Record : Hill and West Architects

### *TEN Arquitectos*

- 2013 East River Plaza Residential High Rise  
New York, New York  
Senior Designer / February 2014 - June 2014  
Concept Design

- 2012 BAM South Mixed-Use Residential High Rise  
Brooklyn, New York  
Senior Designer / April 2012 - November 2013  
Design Development - Construction Documents  
Architect of Record : Ismael Leyva Architects .

- 2011 **West End Square 37**  
Residential, Branch Library and Retail  
Washington, D.C.  
Project Manager / February 2011 - May 2013  
Concept Design - Construction Documents  
Architect of Record : WDG Architecture
- 2011 **West End Square 50**  
Affordable Residential, Squash Club, and Fire station,  
Washington, D.C.  
Project Manager / February 2011 - May 2013  
Architect of Record : WDG Architecture  
Concept Design - Construction Documents
- 2010 **Rutgers Business School  
Livingston, New Jersey**  
Project Designer / August 2010 - December 2010  
Schematic Design - Design Development
- 2009 **CIEAX (Water Research & Educational Center  
Xochimilco)**  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Project Designer / May 2009 - July 2010  
Design Development - Construction Documents

*Request for Proposals / Competitions*

- 2013 **Seward Park**  
New York City, New York  
Lead Designer / June 2013 - September 2013
- 2012 **Lincoln Lane**  
Miami, Florida  
Lead Designer / January 2012 - April 2012
- 2010 **Hunter's Point South**  
Queens, New York  
Project Designer / August 2010 - February 2011

**Exhibitions**

- 2022 "Building Ecologies: Collective Urban Infrastructure in Houston"  
hosted by POST, Houston, Texas, November - April 2023.  
Rice University School of Architecture.
- 2018 "Mexicantown: A Liminal Blur: A Re-Presentation of the 2016  
Venice Biennale" hosted by Georgia Tech Gallery, Atlanta, GA,  
April -November. Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects
- 2016 "The Architectural Imagination," The United States Pavilion  
hosted by Venice Architecture Biennale at the 15th International  
Architecture Exhibition, Venice, Italy, May-November.  
Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects
- 2009 "Mix," Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego,  
California, May-September. Sebastian Mariscal Studio

**Publications**

- 2023 "Cite 104: Houston Talks, In Conversation with Drexel Turner"  
published by Rice Design Alliance, Editor Reto Geiser, Rice  
University School of Architecture. Contributor
- 2019 Design Equilibrium, "Design for Growth & Social Impact: 48HRS

- Design Competition" published by AIA Atlanta
- 2017 Architectural Record, "West End Square 50" October Issue  
West End Square 50— Washington, D.C
- 2008 "Designed for Habitat: Collaborations with Habitat for  
Humanity," David Hinson, Justin Miller. Routledge

**Media**

- 2023 Biz New Orleans: "Habitat Partners to Build Concrete Housing"  
  
Biz New Orleans: "Habitat for Humanity Awarded \$218K for  
Jean Lafitte Efforts"  
  
BuildBlock: "New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity ICF  
Project"

**Honors and Awards**

- 2018 TEN Arquitectos, AIA Washington DC Merit Award,  
West End Square 50
- 2015 TEN Arquitectos AIA New Jersey Design Award,  
New Rutgers Business School
- 2018 First Place, Young Architects Forum Atlanta, 48 Hours Comp
- 2022 Rice University, John T. Mitchell Traveling Fellowship Award
- 2022 Rice University, Fossi Prize, Arch 602 Studio Project
- 2007 Auburn University, Finalist in fourth-year Alagasco Design  
Competition
- 2007 Auburn University, Gaines Blackwell Prize in Drawing & Painting

**Academic Service and Development**

- 2024 Oregon State University, Tallwood Design Institute Mass Timber  
Design Build Workshop, Participant
- 2023 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mass Timber Architecture  
Faculty Development Workshop, Participant

*Studio Reviews*

- 2019 Kennesaw State University, Instructor Rezhin Qader
- 2013 University of Utah, Design Build Bluff, Instructor Samuel Bassett

*Auburn University*

- 2023 Rural Studio Halloween Reviews, Instructor Andrew Freear  
Rural Studio "Soup Roast", Instructor Andrew Freear  
Fall Second Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Jennifer Pindyck  
Fall Fourth Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Jim Doefler  
Fall Second Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Matt Hall  
Fall Second Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Omar Degan  
Fall Third Year Studio Mid-Review, Instructor Sang Dae Lee

Fall Second Year Studio Mid-Review, Instructor Jennifer Pindyck

Fall Second Year Studio Mid-Review, Instructor Omar Degan

Rural Studio "29th Pig Roast", Instructor Andrew Freear

Spring Second Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Gohram Bird

Spring Second Year Studio Final Review, Instructor Matt Hall

Spring Second Year Studio Mid-Review, Instructor Gohram Bird

Spring Second Year Studio Mid-Review, Instructor Mark Blumberg

2022 Rural Studio "Soup Roast", Instructor Andrew Freear

2020 Spring Second Year Studio, Alabama Wood Forestry  
Competition Judge

## *Lectures*

2023 ARCH-3800-001 Lecture: "Framing." Instructor Jennifer Pindyck

ARCH-3800-001 Lecture: "House Core: Bathroom." Instructor  
Jennifer Pindyck

ARCH-3800-001 Lecture: "House Core: Kitchen." Instructor  
Jennifer Pindyck

Spring Second Year Studio "Multi-Family Housing" Lecture