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education

HARVARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN
Cambridge, MA

Masters of Architecture in Urban Design, June 2005

Selected coursework: Strategic Development and Planning (Mona Serageldin); Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China (Peter Rowe); Urban Design Studios in Beirut, Lebanon, Houston and New Orleans, Harvard Project on the City Moscow with Rem Koolhaas; Contemporary Asian Landscapes (John Beardsley); State and Local Financing at the Kennedy School of Government; Public and Private Development (Jerold Kayden)

CARLETON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Bachelors of Architecture with Distinction -June 1998
(Professional Degree)

Thesis: The Tension between Virtual and Sacred Space in the Adalaj Stepwell Temple, **Ahmedabad, India**

Mapping the manifestations of gender and ritual in the public and urban spaces of the traditional Indian village, computer modelling documentation.

professional accreditation

- Candidate, Massachusetts Board of Architectural Examiners, expected Spring 2006 for Professional Architectural License (AIA) (I have successfully completed 5 exams and am in the process of writing the 4 remaining).
- LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation, US Green Building Council, expected Winter 2006
- NCARB Intern Development Program (IDP) completed in August 2003
- Member Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)
- Certified by Canadian Architectural Certification Board, 1998

professional work

2005-present Architectural and Urban Designer on a number of local projects.

- 2005** **Harvard Planning-Faculty of Arts and Sciences Physical Planning, Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, *Urban Designer*
for programming and feasibility studies for series of public spaces and building proposals for district of Harvard Campus
- 2002-2003** **John Moriarty and Associates, General Contractor and Construction Management**, Boston and Cambridge, MA, *Project Engineer*
Novartis Biotech Research Headquarters, NECCO Candy Factory Rehab, Coordinated Core Shell construction coordination
Children's Hospital Research Building, Harvard Medical School,
 - Coordinated interior fit-out and casework layout
 - Coordinated job between sub trades, contractor, project architect and owner's rep; on site- construction supervision
- 1999-2002** **Moshe Safdie and Associates**, Somerville, MA, *Junior Architect and Designer*
 - Construction administration for expansion to Peabody Essex Museum; Salem, MA
full-time on-site in project field office, coordinating the review of submittals and shop drawings, attending weekly coordination meetings with the contractor, owner's rep and Museum
 - Coordinated preliminary proposal for new NATO headquarters competition
 - Involved in the preparation of schematic design documents, DD's, SD's and CD's and detailing for Skirball Jewish Cultural Center, LA; Eleanor Roosevelt College Campus Design (UCSD) San Diego; Springfield Courthouse Competition winning scheme; Proposed Housing study/proposal adjacent to Habitat (Expo '67), Montreal
- 1998** **Jane Thompson, Architect**, Ottawa, Canada, *Junior Architect*
 - Intern Architect for residential and community center design as well as renovation/restoration, SD's, DD's & CD's, writing fee proposals and job bids
- 1997** **National Capital Commission, Official Residences Section, Government of Canada**, Ottawa, Canada, *Assistant to Project Manager*
 - Worked on the architectural restoration and reconstruction of Canada's Governor General's Residence and Property
 - Assisted with design construction management of the Restoration of the Perimeter Fence-historical preservation/heritage research, site surveying and documentation
- 1994** **Brady Stanley O'Connell Architects**, Dublin Ireland, *Junior Architect*
 - Worked in small architectural firm specializing in health care and historical preservation, worked on schemes for the architectural preservation of the Registry of Deeds and design development for Kilkenny Hospital

1993 **Carleton Design Clinic**, Ottawa, Canada, *Architectural Designer*
Contracted for four months to design and draft construction drawings for a number of house renovations and additions, involving practical design

1992 **National Capital Commission, Long Range Urban Planning Division, Government of Canada**, Ottawa, Canada, *Junior Urban Planner*

- Directed public consultation on four urban projects in the capital of Canada

teaching experience

2005 **Teaching Assistant, Harvard Graduate School of Design Urban Planning Department** for Strategic Planning and Local Development and Social Inclusion courses instructed by Prof. Mona Serageldin and Prof. Francois Vigier (former Chair of Urban Planning and Design Department)

- Coordinating the distribution of background material to groups for three case study exercises (*in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Russia*)
- Coordinated class presentations for *Strategic Planning* and provided advising to students enrolled in Strategic Planning and Local Development Course
- Managed and implemented the course website
- Provided Visual Documentation for class material (New Orleans)
- Coordinated the distribution of background material to groups for three case study exercises in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Russia

2005 **Teaching Assistant, Harvard Graduate School of Design Architecture Department** for Science and Technology First year core Architectural (MARCH1 1) Construction technology course for a studio section (12 students)

- Conducted desk crits and final review: guided 12 students through a design project in wood construction (Module3)
- Marked and evaluated weekly assignments, providing evaluation matrix of student's work and progress to Professor
- Conducted and coordinated final design review for my section with invited critics

2000-2003 **Adjunct Professor of Architecture Wentworth Institute of Technology, Accredited Bachelor of Architecture Program**, Boston, MA

2002spring **Visiting Professor (replacing Full Time Professor on leave)**

- Taught **Design Principals One and Two Studios** (2001-2003);
-Guided 18 first year students through three design exercises, two architectural and one urban planning/design; coordinated site field trips, final review with guest reviewers, mounted an exhibit of student's work in the School Gallery, taught model making, photography (of models) and portfolio workshops

- Design projects included an urban design for Boston City Hall Plaza which involved the coordination of a group construction of a model which was later used by a local architectural firm for a proposal for the plaza with one of original architects of Boston City Hall.
- Taught two sections of **Building Construction Documents Two** (2002); Taught Introduction to **Art and Architectural History** (2000)
- Participated in Portfolio Evaluation panel selecting applicants to Bachelor of Architecture Program; requested by Dept. Head to review NAAB requirements in preparation of school's accreditation evaluation by NAAB.
- Attended department meeting with other professors and Architecture Department Head
- Founded Women in Design Committee at Wentworth-coordinated traveling exhibit of women's design projects with student volunteers to Boston Public Library, South Station, Boston Society of Architects Headquarters and Wentworth Library.

1998

Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Computer Craft, First Year Core Course,) Carleton University School of Architecture

- Provided tutorials during class workshops for introduction to FormZ and Photoshop
- Graded weekly assignments

invited guest juror for final reviews/thesis reviews

2005

**Rhode Island School of Design
Department of Architecture-Masters and Sophomores final review**

2003

**Wentworth Institute of Technology
Department of Architecture-Fifth Year Thesis Reviews**

academic and academic research experience

2005-2006

Canadian Architect-currently researching article on post-industrial landscapes and plans for an abandoned pulp and paper factory in the Nation's Capital

2005-2006

Webdesigner for Interactive Digital Webpage for Students for Islamic Art and Architecture Course and Colonial Art and Architecture in Spanish-America, Harvard Extension School.

<http://my.extension.harvard.edu/course/ext12582>

2004-2005

Research Assistant Institute for Institute of Urban Development Studies (IIUDS), formerly Center for Urban Development Studies (CUDS) with Harvard Graduate School of Design.

http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/research/research_centers/cuds/staff

Researched for several case study projects for the United Nations and Inter-American Development Bank. Contributed to a series of reports and papers delivered by the IIUDS and CUDS.

Assisting the Institute in researching and writing technical reports for the implementation of strategic development and planning for municipalities and local governments.

•Publications Include:

-Financing Urban Shelter: UN-Habitat Global Report on Human Settlements 2005, Chapter on Municipal Financing with Mona Serageldin, presented to the UN General Assembly, Fall 2005, publication forthcoming in October 2005.

2004-2005 **Researching Prefabricated Russian Housing and Visionary Communist Urban Design during 1970's and 80's prior to the fall of Communism, in Utopia? Group Exhibit with Rem Koolhaas and group publication in Metropolis, forthcoming**

2004fall **Conference Research Assistant to Mesopotamian Marshes & Modern Development Practical Approaches for Sustaining Restored Ecological and Cultural Landscapes**, Prof. Robert France, Landscape Dept., Harvard GSD

publications and exhibits

- **New Orleans: Strategies for a City in Soft Land**, *Urban Design Analysis of Topography and Land use and Waterfront Redevelopment Strategy for New Orleans GSD Studio Publication with Prof. Joan Busquets, 2005*
- **Commencement Exhibition, June 2005**
-Work shown in Exhibit of Graduating Student Work at Graduate School of Design, Harvard University
- **Harvard Project on the City Moscow Utopia?** Curating and mounting group exhibit Moscow Museum of Art with Rem Koolhaas, anticipated Winter 2006
- **Design for Martyrs Square Beirut Lebanon International Competition**, GSD Studio Publication, 2004
- **Journal of Architectural Education Feb. 2002-**
article on a design build for artist's studio in Merrickville, Ontario- my initial design was chosen to be constructed as part of a student design-build (Summer 1995)
- **Fifth Year Thesis Exhibition, December 1997 and April 1998**
-Research and Design Theses were exhibited as part of the Fifth Year Thesis Exhibition for public review and jury
- **Carleton School of Architecture Folio, 1997**
-Two design projects published in this publication of selected student works
- **Compilation of Fourth Year Studio, 1997**
Both designs for a mosque in Miami and Saskatchewan published in a compilation of selected projects from this design studio

competitions

Urban Land Institute Competition submission, Team Leader, mixed development outside Salt Lake City Utah, February 2005

architectural conferences

- **2001 International Conference ACSA-American Colleges of Schools of Architecture**, Istanbul, Turkey-“Orientalism-Occidentalism”, representing Wentworth Institute of Technology

grants

- 1996** **Focus on Responsible Technologies in Architecture (FORTA)**
- Travel Grant awarded by Carleton University Student’s Association (CUSA) for participating in elementary school project in Himalayas, Ladakh, Northern India

community service

- 1997** **Habitat for Humanity**, National Capital Region, Materials Acquisitions Manager

activities, clubs and associations

- 2004-2005** **Student Forum Academic Representative for Urban Design Class Second Years**, Harvard GSD
- 2005** **Women in Design (WID)**, Harvard GSD
- 2004** **Peer Advisor to first year Urban Design students**, Harvard GSD
- 1999-2003** **Boston Athletic Association Marathon running**: Boston Marathon, New York City, Prague; Rhode Island and Chicago

languages

Fully bilingual (English and French), Mandarin first level course 2004

travel

- 2005 New Orleans (Harvard GSD sponsored Studio)
- 2004 Houston and Beirut (Harvard GSD sponsored Studios)
- 2001 Turkey-Istanbul and Cappadochia (ACSA conference representing Wentworth Institute)
- 2001 Brussels Belgium (for MSA)
- 2000 France, Switzerland, Prague, Czech Republic,
- 1999 Italy-Florence, Venice, Roma, Sienna and Tuscany
- 1997 Israel and Egypt, India (architecture research and thesis)
- 1996 Northern India, 1997 and 1996
- 1994 Dublin, Ireland (worked in architecture firm)
- 1992 Ireland and England