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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Campus Planning for an Inclusive Future, C.A.S.H. 2023

Learning Outdoors Re-seeing Pedagogy in Design Mind + Body + Spirit, A4LE 2022

Planning, Designing and Building for an Inclusive Future, ACSA Lead with Pride Summit, 2022

VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT: When it works and how to get more out of Remote Sessions with Stakeholders, A4LE LearningSCAPES: School as Center of Community 2021

Future-Ready Facilities Master Planning & Ed Specs: An Interactive Web-Based Format, A4LE LearningSCAPES: Co-Creation 2019

Designing Safer Schools: Expanding the Architect's Tools & Advocacy, (with NAC), EDspaces 2019

A Holistic Approach to Makerspaces, CSBA 2019

The Power of the Process in Reinventing the School Experience, C.A.S.H. 2019

21st Century Learning Facilities and How You Include this in your LCAP, CASBO 2019

Re-imagining Spaces for STEM and STEAM, An Architectural Design Workshop for High School Educators, AIA Session: NSTA STEM Forum 2019

Designing Safer Schools: Expanding the Architect's Tools & Advocacy, AIA National Conference 2019

School Safety- Emphasizing School Community, AIA LA and A4LE So Cal local chapters 2019

EDsession classroom (design of 50'x50' High School Commons for sessions), EDspaces 2016

Make Play Learn, A4LE LearningSCAPES 2016

Encouraging Stakeholder Involvement for Engaged Learning Environments, CCSA 2016

Pilot Projects: Cost-Effective Means for Transforming Spaces, C.A.S.H. 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

LPA Design Studios, California, CA Director of School Planning 4/22 – 8/24

Direction of long range strategic planning (master planning) and pre-design for California public school districts state-wide, and business development in the Sacramento area and Bay Area. I led the creation of an improved website deliverable as a more community-friendly public relations tool, interfaced with the in-house research team, developed new processes and methods for pre-design scope to align with fees, empowered young teams to be a part of the planning & design process and grow to become client-facing. I mentored marketing staff to help them grow their critical thinking, organizational, writing and graphic skills.

DLR Group, San Francisco, CA K-12 Education Leader 8/21 – 3/22

Design and planning management with 50% of my time focused on the growth of the K-12 practice in the Northern California region, focusing on the Bay Area, and same responsibilities as listed below.

DLR Group, Los Angeles, CA K-12 Thought Leader and Education Planner 7/18 – 7/21

Design oversight, change management for design process in the California region, collaboration on design projects nationally using a 'one team' mentality, programming, planning, managing pre-design projects, collaboration with in-house research team, K12 'Innovation Team' member responsible for disseminating research from a national level to California, 50% business development by presenting at conferences, leading award submittals, collaborating with the marketing team and Business Development directors on proposals and strategizing to pre-position and win pursuits (RFP, RFQ, Design Build).

Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED), Los Angeles, CA Pre K-12 Studio Leader 5/13 – 6/18

Design oversight, programming, planning, project management and 50% business development (presenting at conferences, cultivating relationships, collaborating with the marketing team and Director of Business Development on proposals and strategizing to pre-position and win pursuits.

Fielding Nair International (FNI), NY & LA, Senior Designer / Project Manager: 1/09 – 4/13

Leading design, planning and community engagement workshops, leading Programming through 50% Design Development, 100% FF&E & interior packages, and liaising between local architect of record and client. For business development, led proposals and attended interviews.

Hillstone Restaurant Group, Beverly Hills, CA Project Designer / Manager 7/06 – 12/07

In-house Design through Construction Administration, liaising with consultants and corporate leadership, interior architecture, FF&E specs and planning for live construction.

BAM Construction & Design, Santa Monica, CA Project Designer / Manager 4/03 – 6/06

Design and oversight SD through CA activities by juggling projects with a small young team for high end single family residential projects.

Fields Devereaux Architects & Engineers, Los Angeles, CA Designer 10/00 – 3/03

Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects, Culver City, CA Project Designer and Manager 6/99 - 9/00

Boto Design Architects & Acoustics, Venice, CA Designer and Job Captain, 11/97 - 7/98

Sintesi Design Build, Santa Monica, CA Owner and Partner, 6/96 – 3/03

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

LPA Design Studios

[San Ramon Valley USD Long Range Facilities Plan and Design Guidelines](#) 36 sites

[Alum Rock USD Long Range Facilities Plan and Design Guidelines](#) 21 sites

[Yuba City USD Long Range Facilities Plan and Design Guidelines](#) 17 sites

[Morgan Hill USD Long Range Facilities Plan and Design Guidelines](#) 14 sites

Lodi USD, Long Range Facilities Plan and Educational Specifications 46 sites

Lodi USD, Feasibility Studies for new campuses partially funded by developer fees 2 sites

Cajon Valley USD, Bostonia Global Resource Center Programming

How Do We Get There from Here? Master Planning Best Practices in Existing Schools, C.A.S.H. 2015

Pilot Projects: Cost-Effective Means for Transforming Spaces Incrementally to Support 21st Century Learning, A4LE 2015

Best Practices in Education- Creating Spaces to Promote Project Based Learning, C.A.S.H. 2014

AWARDS

Award of Excellence Master Planning CASH/AIA CA Leroy F. Greene Design & Planning Awards Program 2022: Sacramento City USD Equity Based Facility Master Plan, DLR Group
[CASH award ceremony video](#)

Classroom design jury: selection of six engaging designs for housing sessions, EDspaces, 2017 and 2018

SXSWedu. Learn By Design Conceptual Design Winner: Citti Academy High School, San Bernardino, CA, 2017
[Citti Academy, BCPS and University of Utah Win Learn by Design](#), March 7, 2017

American School & University Educational Interiors Showcase: [Citti Academy High School](#), Outstanding Design Award, Interior Work in Progress, 2017

XQ: The Super School Project's 50 Finalists 2016, Citti Academy High School, San Bernardino, 1800 entries, 250 short listed

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Parsons New School Architecture Interiors Design and Lighting Department, Summer 2008, Design Workshop Adjunct Faculty for BronXscape (design build rooftop garden, greenhouse, kitchen and social space for young people who recently aged out of the foster care system).

Woodbury University Department of Architecture, Spring 2008, Site Design Studio, Adjunct Faculty

DLR Group

San Francisco USD, Mission Bay School: New school for PreK-5, Linked Learning Hub HS program, and District-wide Professional Learning Program for UDL, Design Build win with McCarthy based on bridging documents by Gould Evans 82,000 s.f. 4-story building on 2.45 acre dense urban site

[Center of Harmony](#): (4) schools for Early Intervention to Adult Career Tech Ed for students with special needs and mainstream on 72-acre campus in Sharjah UAE funded by HRH of Sharjah

[Sacramento City USD](#): Equity-based District-wide Master Plan and Ed Specs, 73 sites

[Yuba Watershed Experience Center](#): Master Plan for an Education Center for Yuba County schools and public visitors, 16 structures, 1,742,400 s.f. on 30.5 acres

Girls Middle School, Palo Alto, Feasibility study for tenant improvement of office space for new campus, with Victoria Bergsagel of Architects of Achievement, 32,700 s.f.

[Oceanside Unified School District District-wide Ed Specs](#)

EI Monte UHSD, Rosemead Adult Transition Center: 11,300 s.f. Tenant improvement and 25,400 s.f. new construction + landscape

EI Monte UHSD, South EI Monte HS: Modernization, 85,830 s.f. + site improvements

William S Hart UHSD, Hart HS: Feasibility study for modernization scope of (5) buildings, 42,000 s.f. + site improvements

Santa Monica Malibu USD, Michelle and Barack Obama Center for Inquiry-Based Learning at Santa Monica Alternative High School House (SMASH): feasibility study for modernization, 50,000 s.f. + outdoor learning

[Culver City USD, District-wide Master Plan, Ed Specs, Integrated Energy Master Plan](#), 9 sites + pilot project for outdoor learning for early childhood using a donation from Amazon

Compton USD, Compton High School: New Replacement High School, 250,000 s.f.

HED - Harley Ellis Devereaux

Santa Monica Malibu USD, Santa Monica HS: Academic building, Café and Aquatic Center: First project in the district to use commons and open building concept 265,000 s.f.

Oak Park USD, District-wide Master Plan: to replace portables with modular construction on five campuses

Saint Mark's School: Master Plan, 80,000 s.f. & Innovation Lab renovation pilot project 1200 s.f.

Chadwick School: Library Transformation, 7500 s.f.

Inglewood USD: Pre-K- Gr 12, District-wide Educational Specs and Inglewood H.S., 175,500 s.f. modernizations and new construction, Payne Elementary School modernizations & modulars, 43,000 s.f.

Orange USD, EI Modena HS: Master Plan and interior pilot projects at four high schools, 260,000 s.f.

William S. Hart UHSD: Needs Assessments at 4 campuses and pilot project workshop 900,000 s.f.

Los Angeles USD (LAUSD), EI Camino Real Charter High School: STEAM Master Plan

LAUSD, Cahuenga Elementary School: Gr K to 5, sustainable design prototype, 64,300 s.f.

Alliance College Ready Public Schools: Gr 6-8, Feasibility Study for a new middle school in office bldg., 20,000 s.f.

Flintridge Preparatory School: Gr 7-12, Master Plan and new Leadership Center, 95,000 s.f.

PUBLICATIONS

Christian School Products, Mariana Lavezzo, May 25 2022, [Libraries that Empower New Learners](#)

Architectural Record, Sarah Amelar, January 2022, [Discovery Building at Santa Monica High School by Moore Ruble Yudell and HED](#)

BD+C online, John Caulfield, December 2016, [Expanding possibilities for America's K-12 schools](#) (interview quotes)

Architectural Record online, Tim McKeough, February 2009, [Parsons Students Transform a Rooftop in the Bronx](#)

New York Times, Design Notebook, Joseph Giovannini, February 2000, [Little by Little, a California Dream Materializes](#)

Metropolitan Home, Lisa Higgins, January/February 1998, 10 Winners Annual Contest, "Pacific Shelf Life", p.12 & pp.108-109

Daily Bruin, September 1996, "TRANS-sitio exhibits the magical realism of Los Angeles Latino Communities"

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

A4LE, Northern California Board, 2022-2024

A4LE, Southern California Board, 2017-2020

CREDENTIALS

Accredited Learning Environment Planner, A4LE

LEED Accredited Professional, U.S. Green Building Council

NCARB Record is current. Working on licensing exams to complete them in early 2025.

FNI - Fielding Nair International

Abu Dhabi Educational Design Standards: Pre-K to Gr 12, Abu Dhabi Educational Council

Regina Public Schools (RPS), Arcola Community School: Pre-K to Gr 8, new construction Regina, Canada, 44,000 s.f.

RPS, Seven Stones Community School: Pre-K to Gr 8, new construction Regina, Canada, 42,000 s.f.

RPS, Douglas Park Community School: Pre-K to Gr 8, new construction Regina, Canada, 44,000 s.f.

International School of Brussels: Pre-K to Gr 12, Master Plan, renovation for Temporary High School, new construction for new high school, Brussels, Belgium, 219,000 s.f.

F.H. Collins Secondary School: Gr 8-12, renovation and new construction Whitehorse, Canada, 95,500 s.f.

American School of Bombay: New Satellite Elementary School, Pre-K to Gr 5, T.I. Mumbai, India, 80,000 s.f.

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School at University of Florida: Gr K-12, renovation and new construction Gainesville, Florida, 150,000 s.f.

International School of Vietnam: Pre-K to Gr 12, new construction Hanoi, Vietnam, 200,000 s.f.

Al Sahwa Schools Feasibility Study: K-12 & workforce housing, Muscat, Oman, 44 acres

Al Batinah International School: Pre-K to Gr 12, new construction, Sohar, Oman, 132,000 s.f.

Strathcona Tweedsmuir School: Gr 1-12, Master Plan, Calgary, Canada, 190,000 s.f.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture, University of California, Los Angeles 1996

Bachelor of Psychology & Minor in Psychological, Social & Cultural Factors in Architecture, University of California, Berkeley 1990

SKILLS

- High level management of teams for design projects
- Highly organized, good at juggling, keeping the momentum going with clients and teams on projects and initiatives
- Strategic planning for the K12 sector
- Business development (presenting at conferences, cultivating relationships, business planning, marketing strategy, assisting on proposals as client relationship leader, coaching teams for interviews, tracking touchpoints for new relationships)
- Disseminating research and how it applies to design for studio-wide teams
- Mentoring using processes
- Collaborating in design charettes
- Facilitating and tailoring community engagement and visioning workshops
- Community-based and equity-based planning and design
- Writing (award submittals, proposals, content for project deliverables)
- Hand sketching (conceptual design, overlays on 3D and 2D prints)
- Adobe Suite
- BIM modeling (AutoCAD, SketchUp, Revit)
- Deltek Vision CRM
- Newforma Project Center
- MS Project, Office Suite, Dynamics, PowerBi
- Fluent in Spanish (able to facilitate workshops directly in Spanish)