

# Williston Kepler

is an architectural designer living in Northern California

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## *education*

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Bachelor's of Architecture, Class of 2023.

## *experience*

### Manual Labor

*Designer II (August 2023 - Present)*

Architecture and furniture design in a small office. Working on various projects from multi-family housing to custom fish displays. Construction drawing production, design development, rendering, project management, and support in fabrication shop.

### WEDGE Gallery "Central Valley Accessories" Installation

*Designer + Fabricator (November 2022)*

Worked on small team as a fabricator and designer to assist Cal Poly Faculty Member Dylan Kreuger with presenting his research. Design and fabrication of "accessory" in the Wedge Gallery at Woodbury University. Plywood, chicken wire, and stucco.

### CO\_ARCHITECTS Innovation Fellowship

*Fellow (June 2022 - September 2022)*

Selected for an innovation fellowship focusing on digital storytelling with my proposal for digital audio media as a means to represent space and stories of contemporary musical performance venues. Project: 3 Venues, was completed and presented to Faculty and CO Architects office.

### Eric Owen Moss Architects

*Design Intern (January 2022 - June 2022)*

Design development of folly/seating project. Physical model making. Produced a set of shop drawings requiring structural and CNC fabrication coordination for the (W)rapper.

### Ken Linsteadt Architects

*Design Intern (June 2021 - September 2021)*

Work in residential design. Producing 3D models in SketchUp as well as construction drawings in AutoCAD. Often creating presentation drawings to share at client meetings. Some experience in construction administration.

### CAED FRMLY ADDPub (Publication)

*Writer (June 2020 - September 2020)*

Authored a manifesto and commentary on animation as architectural representation in response to virtual architectural education and digital tools exploding in popularity. Largely informed work in CO Architects Fellowship.

### Salem Cabinetry

*Laborer + Draftsman (June 2020 - September 2020)*

Gaining experience in both producing shop drawings and fabrication. Design development on unique backyard ADU constructed primarily of casework. Lifted many boxes.

### Herman Coliver Locus Architecture

*Design Intern (June 2019 - September 2019)*

Learned Revit picking up red lines. Worked on Congregation Rodef Sholom in San Rafael California. Focus on detail development and construction drawings. Exposure to affordable housing and mixed-use programming.

## *recognition*

### Henry Adams Medal // AIA Medal for Academic Excellence

*2023 Recipient Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*

This award is given to the top-ranking student in the graduating class.

### Thesis Award

*2023 Recipient Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*

Awarded to the most accomplished thesis projects. Project: Malibu Ocean Front Overlay Zone

### Hifumi Odo Scholarship Nomination

*2021/22 Nominee*

Faculty Nomination for a award in design excellence at Cal Poly both years eligible

### Best in Show

*2021 Recipient*

Studio project under Jeff Ponitz, produced in close partnership with Aidan Mahony. Selected for “Super Review” and awarded best in show. Project: Audioteca.

## *skills*

### Software Experience

*fluent in*

Rhino, Revit, Bluebeam Revu, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom, SketchUp, Enscape, Cura, BambuStudio

*familiar with*

AutoCAD, Grasshopper, V-Ray, Premier Pro, Ableton Live, After Effects

### Fabrication Experience

Model making - many materials, milling lumber, finish woodwork, MIG welding, CNC milling, 3D printing, laser cutting, corian fabrication, cabinetry, powder coating, various wood finishing techniques.

## *references*

upon request

## *portfolio*

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