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EDUCATION	<p><b>Princeton University</b> School of Architecture Master of Architecture (Post-Professional) - January 2014</p> <p><b>University of Southern California</b> School of Architecture Bachelor of Architecture (Summa Cum Laude) - May 2008</p>
REGISTRATION	<p>New York, Wisconsin, Rhode Island + NCARB Certificate</p>
TEACHING	<p><b>Rhode Island School of Design</b> Department of Architecture</p> <p>Graduate Program Director, 2022 - Present Assistant Professor, Pre-Critical Review Faculty (Full-Time)</p> <p>ARCH-2350: Constructed Simulations: Rendering Architectural Atmosphere Through Environmental Tectonics Advanced Topics in Architectural Drawing Seminar, Spring 2025</p> <p>ARCH-2352: Reading the Climate: Evolving Theories and Simulations of Environmental Comfort Advanced Topics in Architectural Theory Seminar, Spring 2024</p> <p>ARCH-101G: Subjects. Tools. Processes. Graduate Core 1 Studio - Coordinator, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024</p> <p>ARCH-2197: Thesis Discursive Workshop Pre-Thesis Seminar - Coordinator, Wintersession 2023</p> <p><b>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</b> School of Architecture and Urban Planning</p> <p>Architectural Activism Fellow, 2021-2022</p> <p>ARCH 650-850: Draw-Down: 2040 Elective Design Studio - Fellowship Studio, Spring 2022</p> <p>ARCH 533: Assembling New Carbon Typologies Topics in Architectural Theory - Fellowship Seminar, Fall 2021</p> <p>ARCH 310: Fundamentals of Architectural Design Coordinated Studio Instructor, Fall 2021</p> <p><b>Syracuse University</b> School of Architecture</p> <p>ARC 108: First-Year Coordinated Design Studio Adjunct Faculty, Spring 2021</p> <p>ARC 107: First-Year Coordinated Design Studio Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2020</p>

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AWARDS & HONORS	<p>Art Omi: Architecture 2021 Resident</p> <p>Holcim Awards: Next Generation 1st Prize, North America 2014</p> <p>Princeton SOA: Design Studio High Honors, 2012/2014</p> <p>USC School of Architecture - AIA Medal Recipient, 2008</p> <p>USC School of Architecture - Tau Sigma Delta Medal, Spring 2008</p> <p>Raymond S. Kennedy Award for Creative Innovations, Spring 2008</p> <p>USC Discovery Scholar, Spring 2008</p> <p>AIA Los Angeles 2x8:Skin Exhibition Entry, March 2008</p>
RESEARCH & GRANTS	<p>Somerson Sustainability Innovation Fund (RISD Research)</p> <p>Research Project: <b>Intermediary Softness: Energy Transformations</b></p> <p>Funding: \$12,770 (Awarded Fall 2024)</p> <p>Design Research Seed Fund (RISD Architecture)</p> <p>Research Project: <b>Intermediary Softness: A Water Infrastructure</b> (2023-2024)</p> <p>Funding: \$20,000</p> <p>Primary Investigator: Debbie Chen</p> <p>Researchers: Alexandra Croft, Aleza Epstein, Pateton Gonzales, Isabelle Troutman</p> <p>SURF Grant (UWM Support for Undergraduate Research Fellows)</p> <p>Research Project: <b>Drawdown Architecture Typologies</b> (2021-2022)</p> <p>Funding: \$9,000</p> <p>Primary Investigator: Debbie Chen</p> <p>Researchers: Alana Dunne, Sarah Lunow, Nathan McGee, Hytham Jaraba, Drew Running</p> <p>Holcim Awards Next Generation 1st Prize</p> <p>Project: <b>Municipal Center for Harvesting Utility from Waste</b> (2014)</p> <p>Funding: \$25,000</p> <p>Primary Investigator: Debbie Chen</p>
FEATURED PROJECTS & EXHIBITIONS	<p><b>"Intermediary Softness: Building Kinship with Water"</b></p> <p>Drawing Entry to "The Sixth Sphere" Exhibition</p> <p>Curators: Brittany Utting and Albert Pope</p> <p>Rice University - Cannady Hall Inaugural Exhibition, Fall 2024</p> <p><b>Under the Table</b></p> <p>Climate Policy Simulation Platform</p> <p><a href="http://www.underthetable.info">www.underthetable.info</a></p> <p>Launched Fall 2023</p> <p><b>A Hybrid Dashboard for Drawing Down</b></p> <p>Drawing Entry to Experimental Landings Exhibition</p> <p>ACSA Summit for Climate Agency: Teaching the Design Experiment</p> <p>Pratt GAUD Outpost at Governors Island, NY, Summer 2022</p> <p><b>Drawdown: Play to Enter</b></p> <p>Collaborative Table-Board Game on Climate Agency</p> <p>Completed and Exhibited as UWM-SARUP Architectural Activism Fellow, 2021-2022</p> <p><b>Municipal C.H.U.W.</b> (Center for Harvesting Utility from Waste)</p> <p>Holcim Awards Next Generation First Prize 2014</p> <p>Graduate Thesis - Princeton University, 2014</p>

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PUBLICATIONS	<p><b>"Forces of Nature: Practicing Environmental Relations in a Digital World"</b> Chapter Submission for <i>Architecture as Environmental Media: Rendering the Planetary</i> Editor: Daniel Jacobs, Assistant Professor, University of Houston Publisher: Routledge   Anticipated Publication: Fall 2025</p> <p><b>"Under the Table: Playing Policy Seriously "</b> Chapter Submission for <i>Table Manners: Participatory Design amidst Planetary Crises</i> Editor: José Ibarra, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Denver Publisher: Routledge   Anticipated Publication: Fall 2025</p> <p><b>Response to "Mining Manhattan"</b> by Jongwan Kwon Pidgin, Issue 23, April 2018</p> <p><b>"Resist, Release, Retire, Repeat: Designing for Obsolescence in the Microcosm of Municipal Waste Management"</b> Volume, Issue 47, March 2016</p>
LECTURES & CONFERENCES	<p><b>Constructed Environments</b> - April 2025 RISD Architecture   Providence, Rhode Island Design Research Seed Fund Colloquium - Host and Presenter With: Liz Gálvez, Catty Dan Zhang, Brittany Utting, and Daniel Jacobs</p> <p><b>WASTE/WORKS</b> - April 2025 Columbia University GSAPP   New York, New York "Taking Infrastructure Into Account" - Guest Lecture Invited by Amelyn Ng</p> <p><b>Possible Worlds</b> - March 2025 University of Tennessee School of Architecture   Knoxville, Tennessee Environmental Imaginaries - Symposium Presentation Invited by Mark Stanley and Micah Rutenberg</p> <p><b>Visual Studies Panel</b> - October 2024 University of Pennsylvania Weitzman School of Design   Philadelphia, Pennsylvania "Reading the Climate" - Virtual Guest Lecture Invited by Nate Hume</p> <p><b>Architecture's Ecological Restructuring, Part II</b> - April 2024 Tulane School of Architecture   New Orleans, Louisiana "Intermediary Structures" - Symposium Presentation Invited by Zaid Kashef Alghata</p> <p><b>2024 ACSA Conference: Disrupters at the Edge</b> - March 2024 University of British Columbia   Vancouver, Canada "Geothermal Cultures in Para-Climate Change Iceland"</p> <p><b>Table Manners</b> - October 2023 University of Colorado Denver   College of Architecture and Planning "Under the Table" Interactive Workshop Invited by José Ibarra</p> <p><b>Master of Design &amp; New Environments Lecture</b> - September 2023 (virtual) Iceland University of the Arts   Reykjavik, Iceland "Playing Pragmatics" Presentation of Previous Work Invited by Thomas Pausz, Program Director</p>

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LECTURES  
& CONFERENCES

**2023 ACSA/EAAE Teachers Conference** - June 2023

Iceland University of the Arts | Reykjavik, Iceland  
"Critical Play and Architectural Education: Teaching Environmental Stewardship through Game Design"

**2023 ACSA Conference: In Commons** - March 2023

University of Washington St. Louis | St. Louis, Missouri  
"Drawdown: Play to Enter - Representing Climate Activism Through Gameplay"

**Fellow-sheep & Cattle-lysts: A Panel of Wayward Finding** - April 2022

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee | School of Architecture and Urban Planning  
SARUP Fellow Panel with Sarah Aziz and Lindsey Krug

**Disc\*2021 Guest Lecture - July 2021**

University of California - Berkeley | College of Environmental Design  
Invited by Gabriel Kaprielian / Design & Innovation for Sustainable Cities Program

**2021 ACSA/EAAE Teachers Conference - June 2021**

Curriculum for Climate Agency: Design (in)Action - Architects Declare Discussion  
Moderators: Xan Lillehei, Andrew Waugh  
Panelists: Debbie Chen, Joyce Hwang, Julia Barfield, Ben Pollock

**Land Ports of Entry Presentation - May 2022, May 2021**

Syracuse University School of Architecture  
Invited by Lori Brown / Borders Honors Seminar

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**chchch** / Milwaukee, WI + Providence, RI

Partner: Collaborative Practice with Filip Teichman since 2022

Office Design, UWM School of Architecture (Under Construction)

Design/Build: new floor plan, furniture, and storage for Architecture Department

Attic Renovation, Milwaukee (Under Construction)

Full-service design services for conversion of third-storey attic to guest suite

**Morphosis Architects** / New York, NY

Project Architect: April 2016 - May 2021 | Project Designer: March 2009 - June 2012

New Astronomy Building: University of Toronto (Schematic Design, 2020-2021)

Project Architect - new 14,500sm academic building for the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics

Alexandria Bay Land Port of Entry: NY (Construction Administration, 2017-2021)

Project Architect - phased border crossing (new construction)

Gates Hall: Cornell University, NY (Completed 2013 / AIA Los Angeles Award)

Project Designer - new Computer Information Sciences instruction building

Phare Tower: Paris, France (Field Office, 2011)

Project Designer - new office high-rise including interior fit-out

**Architecture + Information** / New York, NY

Project Designer: May 2015 - March 2016

Merchandise Mart: Chicago, Illinois (Completed 2017)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Lewis Tsurumaki Lewis</b> / New York, NY Project Lead: February 2014 - April 2015</p> <p>Upson Hall: Cornell University, NY (Completed 2017)</p> <p>NYC DDC Bronx Council on the Arts (Completed 2019)</p> <p>Gallaudet University MSSD, Washington, D.C. (Competition Runner-up 2014)</p>
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<p>US Architects Declare Steering Committee Member (2022-2024)</p> <p>US Architects Declare Carbon Working Group (Member)</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>English: Fluent</p> <p>Mandarin Chinese: Fluent</p> <p>French: Conversationally Fluent</p>
INVITED DESIGN CRITIC	<p>Harvard Graduate School of Design Core 1 Graduate Final Reviews, Fall 2024</p> <p>MIT Architecture Thesis Reviews, Fall 2024</p> <p>Yale School of Architecture Post-Professional Thesis Reviews, Fall 2024</p> <p>Syracuse University School of Architecture Britton Memorial Awards Jury (Directed Research Awards), Spring 2024</p> <p>MIT Architecture Graduate Core 2 Final Reviews, Spring 2024</p> <p>Northeastern University School of Architecture Ang Li, Master's Research Studio Final Reviews, Spring 2024</p> <p>Harvard Graduate School of Design Core 2 Graduate Final Reviews, Spring 2023, Spring 2024</p> <p>Wesleyan University Department of Art &amp; Art History Christian Nakarado / Ecological Design Final Reviews, Spring 2023, Spring 2024</p> <p>University of Tennessee Knoxville College of Architecture + Design Mark Stanley / Undergraduate Thesis Final Reviews, Spring 2023</p> <p>Rice University School of Architecture Brittany Utting, ARCH504 Final Reviews, Spring 2023</p> <p>Harvard Graduate School of Design Eric Howeler, Aaron Forrest / Core 3 Graduate Final Reviews, Fall 2022</p> <p>University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning El Hadi Jazairy / Istanbul Water Commons Urban Design Studio Final Review, Fall 2022</p> <p>The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture Georgina Baronian / Assembling Atmosphere Vertical Studio Final Review, Fall 2022</p>

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INVITED  
DESIGN CRITIC

Princeton University School of Architecture  
Paul Lewis + Guy Nordenson / Integrated Building Studio Mid-Review, Fall 2022

University of Pennsylvania Stuart Weitzman School of Design  
Viola Ago / Digital Imaginaries & Production Alternatives Studio Final Review,  
Summer 2022

Yale School of Architecture  
Nikole Bouchard / Architectural Foundations Midterm Review, Summer 2022

University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning  
Cyrus Peñarroyo / Graduate Thesis Final Review, Spring 2022

Syracuse University School of Architecture  
Ivi Diamantopoulou + Jaffer Kolb / Visiting Critic Design Studio Final Review  
Spring 2020