JAMES PIACENTINI

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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture (M.Arch)
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
New York City, NY
May 2020

Master of Science in Urban Planning (Ms.UP)
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
New York City, NY
May 2020

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA
May 2014

EXPERIENCE

Senior Map Designer
Mapbox
Jun 2024 - Present

- Working with the map design, product design, and product management teams to make beautiful, powerful maps

Adjunct Assistant Professor
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation (GSAPP)
Sep 2023 - Present

- Adjunct in the Urban Planning graduate program
- Courses: Geographic Information Systems; Prototyping in Urban Tech

Product Manager - Information Technology
NYC Department of City Planning
Jan 2022 - Jun 2024

- Direct the prioritization of product portfolio and application modernization
- Coordinate team of designers and engineers to maintain agency's digital portfolio of map applications
- Oversee full life-cycle product builds from user research and analysis through product design, development and launch
- Manage improvements on mapping tools for zoning and land use, capital projects, racial equity, and open data

Fellow: Civic Leadership Program
AIA New York | Center for Architecture
Jun 2022 - Dec 2022

- 2022 Fellow of the AIANY Civic Leadership Program (CLP), a six-month mentorship and skills development program that fosters a class of emerging architectural professionals into civic leaders by refining the critical skills that design professionals need to better represent the people that they serve
- Co-facilitated two professional panels on contemporary issues in the built environment and published two accompanying articles

Cartographer / Data Analyst
Apple
Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

- Curated and visualized customer-facing transit systems designs for existing and new markets
- Researched and managed global transit systems data for current and future product features
- Coordinated the curation of styles, iconography, colors, density, POI and other UI elements
- Oversaw the development of internal protocols, metrics and documentation for cartographic design

Design Manager
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Mar 2019 - Mar 2020

- Provided In-house design and analysis on $500M+ David Geffen Hall historic renovation
- Analyzes and reported on neighborhood- and city-wide opportunities for community engagement
- Coordinated with design / management teams on campus-wide developments and programming

University Senator
Columbia University
Sep 2017 - May 2019

- Representative of Columbia GSAPP to the University Senate
- Vice-Chair of Student Affairs Committee
- Member of Campus Planning & Development Committee and Public Relations Committee

Architecture Intern
Montroy DeMarco Architecture
Jun 2018 - Aug 2018

- Worked with senior architecture team on 1M+ SF of renovation and new construction
- Zoning analysis, ZRD-1, square foot analysis, site review, and schematic design
- Construction detail drawings, and construction documentation package preparation/review

Design, Visualization, and Planning Fellow
MKThink
Jun 2017 - Aug 2017

- Worked across MKThink's architecture and strategy teams
- Produced and edit film content for competition work
- Visualized performance and occupancy data in floor plans and other drawings
- Conducted GIS-based spatial analytics research on global innovation planning/design strategies

Research Assistant to Professor Leah Meisterlin
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation (GSAPP)
Mar 2017 - Aug 2017

- Assisted Urban Planning GIS/Data Analytics Professor Leah Meisterlin's on-going research projects
- GeoCoding, GeoReferencing, Spatialization, Data Collection and Analysis

Fulbright Researcher / Academic Contributor
University of Rome "La Sapienza"University of Rome "La Sapienza"
Oct 2015 - Jun 2016

- Project Title: "Rome: Eternal City or Evolving Metropolis?"
- Constructed dozens of maps documenting planning strategies and urban growth in the Fori-EUR district in Rome from 1870 to present
- Synthesized archival research, historical maps, and digital assets into project report

- Conducted primary archival research and on-site documentation of historic and contemporary planning projects throughout the city

- Course title: "Corso di Laurea Specialistica UE: Laboratorio di Progettazione Urbanistica AA 2015-2016"
- Course leader: Professoressa Laura Ricci, Department of Planning, Design and Architectural Technology
- Affiliated Supervisors: Chiara Ravagnan and Irene Poli

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

Piacentini, J. (2014). "The Building Environment: A Brief Study of Architecture's Influences on Human Survival." Berkeley Undergraduate Journal, Vol. 27, Issue 1

Press Coverage

AIA NY "The ArchiTECH: Who Are The New Designers?" - Oct 11, 2023 - by Ivan Himanen, Tiana Howell

The Best New Architects "Criss-Cross City" - Dec 7, 2020

Columbia Climate School "13 Proposals to Boost Resilience in Vieques, Puerto Rico" - Dec 6, 2019 - by Sarah Fecht

Beyer Blinder Belle "2019 John Belle Travel Fellowship - Riace Reborn" - Nov 4, 2019

Columbia Climate School "Building Resilience in Vieques, Puerto Rico" - Sep 9, 2019

Radio Vieques - "Robert Rabin Seigel Interviews GSAPP Designers on Rebuilding Vieques Post-Maria" - Mar 12, 2019

Blog Posts and Articles

Majekodunmi, I., Nalavade, A., Provine, H., Piacentini, J., Sherburne, B. (2022) "Biking in NYC Now: CLP Explores the Future of Biking Infrastructure in NYC." AIA NY

Piacentini, J., Savvides, N. (2022). "Inside Out: CLP Explores Models for Community Engagement." AIA NY

Piacentini, J. (2016). "Somewhere under Somewhere, Somewhere in the City." URBAN Magazine

Exhibitions and Published Design Work

Piacentini, J. (2021). Selected Architecture drawings. In Columbia University GSAPP Abstract 2020. Columbia GSAPP, New York

Piacentini, J. (2020). Selected Architecture drawings. In Columbia University GSAPP Abstract 2019. Columbia GSAPP, New York

Piacentini, J. (2019). "Hacer Vieques." In New Paradigms for a Resilient Vieques. Urban Design Lab, Earth Institute, New York

Piacentini, J. (2019). Selected Architecture drawings. In Columbia University GSAPP Abstract 2018. Columbia GSAPP, New York

Piacentini, J. (2018). Selected Urban Planning drawings. In Columbia University GSAPP Abstract 2017. Columbia GSAPP, New York

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Piacentini, J., Indrakesuma, F. (2017). "Praça Pedregulho." In Design Thinking for Healthy Urban Environments: A Case Study of the Social Housing Project: Pedregulho. Columbia GSAPP, New York

Lectures and Presentations

Piacentini, J. "The ArchiTECH: The Equitable Development Data Explorer." AIA NY Civic Leadership Program Development Session, Sep 15, 2023, New York City

Piacentini, J., Matteo, T., Shen, W., "The Equitable Development Data Explorer." NYC School of Data (Open Data Week), Mar 18, 2023, New York City

Majekodunmi, I., Nalavade, A., Provine, H., Piacentini, J., Sherburne, B., "Biking in NYC Now: CLP Explores the Future of Biking Infrastructure in NYC." AIA NY Civic Leadership Program Public Session, Nov 14, 2022, New York City

Piacentini, J., Pietraszkiewicz, E., "TREE.3." GSAPP Incubator Prize: Climate, Health, & Cities, May 20, 2021, New York City

Piacentini, J. "Riace Rinasce." John Belle Travel Fellowship Lecture, Oct 15, 2019, Beyer Blinder Belle, New York City

Piacentini, J. "Hacer Vieques." Public Design Presentation, Isabel Segundo City Hall; Mar 15, 2019, Vieques, Puerto Rico

Conference Papers and Presentations

Piacentini, J. "The Equitable Development Data Explorer." Abstract presented at: Spatial Justice in Practice Symposium; Dec 1, 2023; TU Delft, Netherlands

Piacentini, J. "Rome: Past, Present, Future." Poster presented at: The Fulbright National Conference; Nov 4-7, 2017; Washington, DC

Piacentini, J. "Blogging as a Tool for Advocacy Planning." Paper presented at: 18th N-AERUS Conference; Sep 14, 2017; Milan, Italy

Piacentini, J. "Rome: Eternal City or Evolving Metropolis?" Poster presented at: The American Planning Association 2017 National Planning Conference; May 7, 2017; New York City

HONORS

Civic Leadership Fellowship
AIA New York | Center for Architecture
May 2022

Incubator Prize ($10,000)
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
Oct 2020

Visualization Prize ($1,000)
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
May 2020

William Kinne Fellows Traveling Prize ($2,500)
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
May 2020

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Finalist - Hahnemühle Student Photo Contest
Hahnemühle FineArt
Jul 2019

John Belle Travel Fellowship ($10,000)
Beyer Blinder Belle
Mar 2019

2nd Place - National Planning Conference Poster Competition
American Planning Association
May 2017

Fulbright Scholarship ($18,000)
J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (U.S. Department of State)
May 2015

Honorable Mention - Matthew M. Lyon Prize in Photography
University of California, Berkeley
Mar 2014

Berkeley Circus Design Showcase
UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design
May 2013

Finalist - The Foundry
CITRIS (Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society) at UC Berkeley
May 2013