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Her practice involves organizing in the design fields, participatory textile research and fabrication, theorizing on contemporary design practice, and teaching. Sophie builds spatial and social relationships to ensure people can shape their own spaces. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and the MIT Museum.

Education

Harvard Graduate School of Design	Master in Landscape Architecture Master in Urban Planning
Rhode Island School of Design	Bachelor of Architecture Bachelor of Fine Arts European Honors Program

Current Position

University of Colorado, Boulder
Environmental Design Program
Boulder, CO

2026-

Assistant Professor
Offer instruction in environmental design, conduct innovative design research that enhances disciplinary knowledge and expands the boundaries of architecture, landscape architecture, and planning, and serve students.

Publications

** indicates peer-reviewed*

2027 Chien, Sophie (moderator), Bz Zhang, Joie Ha, Jenn Low, Yin Kong, "Block Party" in Leyuan Li, Tairan An eds., B***ecoming Chinatown: An Anthology of Interiors, Berlin, DE: JOVIS Publishers, forthcoming***

2026 Chien, Sophie, "Drawing the Thick Injustice of Cop City," in Milton S. F. Curry eds., ***Critical Perspective Journal Volume 4: Aesthetics Of Urban Infrastructure / Natural Environment*.***

Chien, Sophie, Victor Zagabe, Nupur Chaudhury, and Shalini Agrawal, "Nurturing the Margins," in Matthew Jones, Rashida Ng, Rachel Sara, Hannah Vowles eds., ***Unknowing Architecture: Lessons from the Edges of Architecture Education*, New York: Routledge, forthcoming.***

Chien, Sophie, "Interview with Sruti Suryanarayanan" in Tonia Sing Chi eds. ***Storytelling Spaces of Solidarity in the Asian Diaspora* (online, self published)**

Chien, Sophie, Tonia Sing Chi, G Laster, Kiki Cooper, Simone Delaney eds., "Voice and Vision" ***Design As Protest Chapbook* (print, self published, distributed through Printed Matter)**

Delaney, Simone, christin hu, Sophie Chien, “Bias Towards Action: Design As Protest Collective Works” in Gabriel Kaprielian and Julie Ulrich eds., ***Urban Innovation for the Climate Crisis: Design, Policy and Practice,*** **New York: Routledge, under contract.***

Wettstein, Emily, Sophie Chien, MK Smaby, “From Competition to Mutualism: Model Migration in Design Pedagogy,” in Alicia Imperiale and Emily Martin eds., ***Building Ground for Climate Collectivism,*** **New York: Routledge, under contract.***

2025 Chien, Sophie “Practicing Spatial Justice” in ***A–Z: Harvard University Graduate School of Design,*** **Cambridge: Harvard Design Press**

Chien, Sophie “Bridging Monterrey” in Lorena Bello Gómez eds., ***Aqua Incognita III, IV: Designing for Extreme Climate Resilience in Monterrey, Mexico,*** **Cambridge: Harvard Design Press**

Chien, Sophie, “Annotations” in Bz Zhang, Lisa C Henry, Shalini Agrawal, Shawhin Roudbari, and Tonia Sing Chi eds., ***Challenging Patterns of Supremacy,*** **Chicago, MAS Context**

2024 Sing Chi, Tonia, “Interview with Sophie Chien” in Tonia Sing Chi eds., ***Storytelling Spaces of Solidarity in the Asian Diaspora*** **(online, self published)**

Chien, Sophie “Interview with Taylor Holloway and Tya Winn” in Emily Hsee Isabel Lewis, Julia Spackman, and Tyler White eds., ***PAIRS Journal 05,*** **Cambridge: Harvard Design Press**

2023 Chien, Sophie, “Design-Organizing Abolitionist Futures” in Alberto Martinez Garcia, Samarth Vachhrajani, Emily Christine Velez Nelms, Austin Ehrhardt eds., ***Paprika! Volume 9, Issue 3 (print)***

Sing Chi, Tonia, Lisa C. Henry, christin hu, shawhin roudbari, Shalini Agrawal, Sophie Weston Chien, Deena Darby, Andrew D. Chin, Pedro Cruz Cruz, Andrew Hart, Joyce Hwang and BZ Zhang, “Context: A Subversive Act of Communing” in Dark Matter U eds., ***Architect Magazine*** **(print)**

McGehee, Paul, Sophie Chien, Victor Zagabe, Jerome Haferd, Curry Hackett, Camille Sherrod, and Maria A. Villalobos H., “Reimagining the Ground to Recognize the Periphery” in ***PLOT Journal 12: Edge***

Chien, Sophie, “Complicit Construction: The Role Of Architects In The Prison Industrial Complex (A Ten-Year Overview, 2012-2022)” in ***Harvard Urban Review***

Chien, Sophie “Interview with Emily Wettstein” in Isabel Lewis, Adrea Piazza, and Andrea Sandell eds., ***PAIRS Journal 04,*** **Cambridge: Harvard Design Press *(print)***

2022 Chien, Sophie, Amanda Ugorji, “Soft City” in Ian Erickson eds., ***Disc Journal 02: Intimacy (print)***

de Bonnières, Amélie, Lev Bratishenko, Sophie Weston Chien, Marianna Janowicz, Swati Janu, Charlotte Malterre-Barthes, Mariana Meneguetti, Bailey Morgan Brown Mitchell, Loránd Mittay, Samarth Vachhrajani "How To: Do no Harm" in ***Canadian Centre for Architecture (online)***

Dark Matter U co-authored "The Other Day We Started A Shared Doc..." Ana Miljački and Ann Lui eds., ***Log 54: Coauthoring (print)***

Chien, Sophie "Apocalypse Now J-Term" ***Harvard GSD Field Guide (self published)***

2021 Chien, Sophie "Practice" in *Amy Catania Kulper, Kevin Crouse, Jennifer Liese eds.,* ***Portals: Pedagogy, Practice, and Architecture's Future Imaginary,*** Barcelona, Actar Publishers

Design As Protest Collective coauthored **Anti-Racist Design Justice Newspaper *(print, self published)***

2019 Chien, Sophie "Index of Agency" Mays Albaik, Tiger Dingsun, Irina V. Wang, Wen Zhuang eds., ***v1 RISD Journal (print)***

2017 Chien, Sophie "Spatialized Protest" in ***Visions (print)***

Residencies

2026 **Art Farm**
Marquette, Nebraska
Artist Residency

2025 **Art Omi**
Ghent, New York
Architecture Residency

2023 **I-Park Foundation**
East Haddam, Connecticut
Landscape + Ecology Residency

2022 **Canadian Centre for Architecture**
Montreal, Canada
How To: Do No Harm Research Residency

Solo Exhibitions

** indicates curator*

2027 **Dark Matter U: Justice, Pedagogy, Design***
New York, NY
Center for Architecture

2026 **Objects of Abolition**
Washington, DC
District Architecture Center, Suman Sorg Gallery

Making Homelands
Boulder, Colorado
San Lazaro Mobile Home Park Gallery

2025 **Making Homelands**
Boulder, Colorado
Boulder Public Library, Arapahoe Gallery

Making Homelands
Boulder, Colorado
CU Boulder Sustainability, Energy and Environment Complex Gallery

2024 **Soft City**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
MIT Museum

2023 **Planning at 100 Years***
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Harvard GSD, Frances Loeb Library

DAP Collective Projects
New Orleans, Louisiana
Contemporary Arts Center Gallery

DMU Constellation
Starkville, Mississippi
Mississippi State University, Architecture Gallery

2022 **Soft City**
Boston, Massachusetts
Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library

You are a (Anti)Racist: DAP Collective Projects
Chicago, Illinois
Columbia College, Glass Curtain Gallery

Soft City
Cambridge, Massachusetts
MIT, Rotch Library Gallery

Group Exhibitions

** indicates curator and participant*

2027 **Data + Art + Science for Youth and Communities**
Denver, Colorado
Colorado State Capitol Rotunda Gallery

The Shape of Arrival
Boulder, Colorado
Dairy Arts Center

2026 **The Data at Hand: Data Physicalizations of Earth and Space**
Oakland, California
Mills College Art Museum

Nuestras Historias
Denver, Colorado
Museo de las Americas

The Data at Hand: Data Physicalizations of Earth and Space
Boston, Massachusetts
Northeastern University, Gallery 360

Learning With Trees: Artists and Climate Solutions
Boston, Massachusetts
Boston City Hall, Scollay Square Gallery

2025 **Time - Space - Existence (cancelled)**
Venice, Italy
Global Art Affairs Foundation during 19th Biennale di Architettura in Venice

Organizing in the Lobby - Design As Protest
Venice, Italy
19th Biennale di Architettura in Venice

The Threads that Tie Us
Medford, Massachusetts
Arts Collaborative

Becoming Chinatown
Denver, Colorado
CU Denver, Fishbowl Gallery

Global Dialogues in Planning Education: 100 Years of Tongji and Harvard*
Shanghai, China
Tongji University

2024 **Cover Me Softly**
Timișoara, Romania
Beta Architecture Biennial

Data Through Design: Aftermath
New York, New York
New York City's Open Data Week at Bric House Gallery

Harvard Arts First Festival
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Harvard University Yard

Faculty Exhibition
Boulder, Colorado
CU Boulder, Environmental Design Gallery

2023 **DAP Collective Projects**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Drexel University, Pearlstein Gallery

10 Years of DesignxRI
Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Machines with Magnets Gallery

100% Real Fakes
Brooklyn, New York
Roots Cafe + Gallery

Open Studios
East Haddam, Connecticut
I-Park Residency

The City Talks
Online
SLAB at the University of Southern California

3rd Space*
Boston, Massachusetts
Downtown Crossing Pop-up Gallery

2022 **Lisbon Architecture Triennale: DMU Constellation**
Lisbon, Portugal
National Museum Of Contemporary Art, Lisbon

Now What?! Advocacy, Activism, and Alliances in American Architecture Since 1968
Boston, Massachusetts
Boston Society Of Architects Gallery

No White Walls
New Haven, Connecticut
Yale E.I.K. Gallery

GSD End of Year Show
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Harvard Druker Design Gallery

2020 **RISD Undergraduate Senior Show**
Online
RISD Class of 2020

Architecture(ish) Senior Show*
Providence, Rhode Island
RISD Architecture Gallery

{re}position
Providence, Rhode Island
RISD Gelman Gallery

2019 **_____scapes**
Providence, Rhode Island
RISD Gelman Gallery

2018 **Allora**
Rome, Italy
Palazzo Cenci

Eruption
Rome, Italy
Bibliothe Galleria

Polar Opposites
Providence, Rhode Island
Granoff Center Brown University

2016 **Alaska Centennial Science and Stewardship Symposium**
Fairbanks, Alaska
National Park Service

Experimental + Foundation Studies Triennial
Providence, Rhode Island
RISD Woods-Gerry Gallery

Honors + Awards

2026 **Cameron Visiting Architect**
Middlebury College

2026 **McKeown Lecture**
University of Oregon

2026 **Printed Matter Selection**
DAP Chapbook: Voice + Vision

2025 **Architecture Residency Award**
Art Omi

2021-24 **Dean's Merit Scholarship (full funding)**
Harvard Graduate School of Design

2024 **Artist Residency Finalist**
Wassaic Project

2023 **The City Talks Digital Gallery Award**
SLAB at the University of Southern California

2023 **Radcliffe Institute Public Art Competition Finalist**
Harvard University

2023 **Landscape Residency Award**
I-Park Foundation

2022 **Research Residency Award**
Canadian Centre for Architecture

2022 **ASLA Student Award Nomination**
Harvard Graduate School of Design

2020 **Leadership Legacy Award**
RISD Center for Student Involvement

2020 **Warren Family Social Engagement Award**
RISD Graduation Class of 2020

2015-20 **Diversity Advancement Scholarship**
American Institute of Architects

2018 **Steven Lerner Scholarship**
RISD Architecture Department

2017 **Peter Guimond Memorial Scholarship**
RISD Architecture Department

2016 **Outstanding New Leader Award**
RISD Center for Student Involvement

Funding

2026 **CU Boulder Creative Futures Fellowship (with co-PIs Liz Corrado, David Ciplet, Shawhin Roudbari)**
Extreme Temperatures in Prisons: Embodied Testimonials for Transformation $15,000

2026 **CU Boulder CMDI de Castro Research and Creative Work Award**
Design As Protest Chapbooks $5,000

2026 **Association for Community Design**
Community Design Gathering Grant $400

2026 **CU Boulder Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship**
Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship Grants: Tier 1 $2,000

2025 **CU Boulder Center for Humanities & the Arts**
Center for Humanities & the Arts Small Grant $1,200

2025 **CU Boulder Arts & Humanities Grant (with co-PI Shawhin Roudbari)**
Research + Innovation Office $7,250

2025 **Professional Development Fund**
CU Boulder Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Diversity $5,000

2025 **CU Boulder Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Team Grant**
Office of Undergraduate Education $4,000

2025 **BIPOC Educator Research Grant**
National Organization of Minority Landscape Architects $2,500

2025 **Scott Opler Emerging Scholar Fellowship**
Society for Architectural Historians Annual Conference $1,000

2024 **CU Boulder Center for Humanities & the Arts**
Center for Humanities & the Arts Small Grant $1,200

2024 **CU Boulder Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship**
Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship Grants: Tier 1 $2,000

2024 **Professional Development Fund**
CU Boulder Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Diversity $5,000

2023 **Design Justice Summit Fellowship**
Design Justice Summit $1,000

2023 **GSD Racial Equity + Anti-Racist Fund**
Planning Abolitionist Futures Workshop with UCLA + GSD Planning $1,500

2022 **GSD Conference Attendance Fund**
Harvard GSD $500

2021 **GSD Racial Equity + Anti-Racist Fund**
Complicit Construction: Ten Years of the Prison Industrial Complex $1,200

2021 **Council for the Arts at MIT Award**
Soft City: Texture Mapping Black Boston with Amanda Ugorji $6,800

2019 **RISD Architecture Travel Studies Award**
Design Research in Mexico $1,000

2018 **Textron Design Fellowship**
Internship with La Más $2,500

2018 **RISD Global Travel Grant**
European Honors Program $5,000

2017 **Maharam Design Fellowship**
Research in the Providence Mayor's Office $5,000

Teaching

University of Colorado, Boulder
Environmental Design Program
Boulder, CO

2026 **Assistant Professor**
Ecological Systems of Design Lecture (170 students)
This is a sophomore-level course in the core curriculum. I revised the class to address contemporary debates in material practices, environmental justice and systems design.

2024-26 **Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity**
Postdoc research with community members in San Lazaro to create Colorado-specific ecological communication devices, using tufted textiles to record narratives of climate and migration, is awarded to two scholars across the university annually.

Lecturer
2025 Fundamentals of Design Studio (23 students)
Ecological Systems of Design Lecture (170 students)
Intro to Landscape Architecture Studio (24 students)
2024 Intro to Environmental Product Design Studio (24 students)

Advisor
2025-26 Honors Advisor and Chair of Honors Committee for Z. Steiner (awarded summa cum laude)
2025 Mentor for Z. Steiner Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Grant
2024-25 Honors Advisor and Chair of Honors Committee for A. Randolph (awarded summa cum laude)

External Advising	2026	Reader for E. Castaneda, Master in Urban Planning Candidate at Columbia University, Thesis title: Quilted Urbanism
	2026	Global Environmental Justice Conference 2026 Advised S. Langdon-Dimidjian as she presented our collaborative work at the Global Environmental Justice Conference
Dark Matter U	2021-Present	**Core Organizer** Dark Matter U is an anti-racist design justice network collectively seeking the radical transformation of education & practice toward a just future.
		Summer Institute Faculty Co-led a leadership development and cohort-building five-day program, bringing together interdisciplinary students and educators from across the country to learn from the history of collective action and community-driven efforts, and examine how movements have shaped and impacted the design and use of the built environment in Buffalo, NY.
Harvard Graduate School of Design Cambridge, MA	2022	**Instructor** Apocalypse Now, a seminar rethinking necessary "survival methods" for traumatic times, 2-week course
		Teaching Assistant
	2023	Near-Future City Landscape Architecture Core 4 Studio, Danielle Choi
	2022	Littoral Landscapes Landscape Architecture Core 3 Studio, Danielle Choi
	2022	Typologies of Liberation Seminar, Oana Stanescu and Bryan Lee Jr.
RISD Architecture Department Providence, RI	2021	**Teaching Fellow** Assisted studios taught by Cara Liberatore and Zachary Schumacher through workshops and lectures to deliver curriculum to students. Focus on design principles and drawing through the consideration and creation of form, experience, and culture.
		Teaching Assistant
	2018, 19	RISD Urban Ecologies Architecture Studio Core 3, Cara Liberatore and Manuel Cordero Alvarado
	2017	RISD World Architecture History Seminar, Peter Tagiuri and Emanuel Admassu
Invited Reviews	2026	CU Boulder Undergrad Product Design Mid Review CU Boulder Undergrad Landscape Mid Review
	2025	RISD Undergrad Industrial Design Final Review CU Boulder Undergrad Architecture Final Review

		CU Boulder Undergrad Landscape Mid Review
	2024	RISD Undergrad Industrial Design Final Review CU Boulder Undergrad Architecture Final Review CU Denver Undergrad Architecture Final Review CU Denver Graduate Architecture Final Review Syracuse Undergrad Architecture Mid Review Pratt Undergrad Architecture Final Review MIT Graduate Landscape of Urbanism Seminar Final Review Pratt Undergrad Architecture Representation Final Review
	2023	Morgan State Graduate Landscape Architecture Final Review MIT Graduate Architecture Thesis Mid Review CUNY Staten Island Undergraduate Public Interest Technology Final Review
	2022	NY City College of Technology Undergraduate Architecture Final Review Wentworth Undergraduate Architecture Final Review Cornell Graduate Landscape Architecture Final Review Pratt Undergraduate Architecture Final Review University of Buffalo Undergraduate Architecture Review
	2021	Cal Poly Pomona Undergraduate Architecture Final Review UC Berkeley [IN]ARCH Mid Review Carleton Undergraduate Architecture Final Review RISD Undergraduate Architecture Final Review
	2018	RISD in Richelieu Printmaking Final Review
Coauthored Syllabi	2022	Race + Place in the Built Environment taught at University of Buffalo by Garnette Cadogan, Victor Zagabe, and Samendy Brice (Dark Matter U)
	2022	Speculative Futures: Designing Pedagogies + Practices taught at UVA by Emily Wettstein (Seeding Pedagogies)
Spalter Teaching Fellow RISD Museum	2018-20	Teach weekly art and design workshops to high schoolers focused on contextualizing the museum's collection through theory and technique.
Leadership + Community Engagement Fellow	2016-17 2015-16	**Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island** **Mount Hope Learning Center** Responsible for teaching weekly art and literacy class (K-12 and all ages), managing work-study students, volunteers, and planning community events.

Conferences + Workshops

** indicates peer-reviewed*

2026 **Unpacking Material Vernaculars of Environmental Design Across Disciplines (conference co-organizer)**
University of Colorado Boulder Environmental Design

“Why We Come Together": Media, Religion, and Community Conference*
University of Colorado Boulder Environmental Design

2025 **Soft Sites: Textiles as Feminist Praxis***
Information+ Conference

Making Homelands: Tufting San Lazaro Lifeways*
Urban Humanities Conference

DMUxNOMA: Challenging Patterns of Supremacy - Resisting Institutionalized Power in Design Education*
National Organization of Minority Architects Conference

Analyzing Cop City through the Complicit Construction Model*
Society for Architectural Historians Annual Conference

Soft Sites: Textiles as Feminist Praxis*
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference

Mapping the Slow Violence of the Cop City*
Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference

A Roundtable for Chinatowns Symposium
University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning Lecture Series

2024 **Place and Space: Soft Grounds**
Architecture and Urbanism MITES Program MIT

Fuzzy Futures: Developing Ecological Communication Devices
Landscape Technology Colloquium Harvard GSD

2023 **Speculative Pedagogies**
Setting the Course: Future Core Studio Pedagogies in Landscape Architecture Symposium Harvard GSD

Centering Community Leadership in Design
Design Justice Summit

2022 **Designer-Organizer: Practicing Just Futures in Landscape Architecture***
Architectural Humanities Research Association Annual Conference

Reframe: Organizing by Design
Brown/RISD Better World By Design Conference

DAP National Call - Call to Organize
Design As Protest Collective

DAP Care + Coordination Annual Retreat
Design as Protest Collective

2021 **Showing Up: Activism Across Life Domains**
Black in Design Conference Harvard GSD

Anti-Racist Design Justice Workshop
Womxn In Design Week Harvard GSD

Bias Towards Action: Applying the Design As Protest Anti-Racist Design Justice Index to Your Design Practice
ASLA Conference (declined due to COVID-19)

DAP Care + Coordination Annual Retreat
Design As Protest Collective

2020 **Day of Action - Election 2020**
Design As Protest Collective

2019 **Merrow Visioning Workshop**
Fall River Community

Mapping Context Workshop
RISD/Brown Nth Degree Conference

2018 **RISD Strategic Plan Workshop**
RISD Community

2017 **Wayfinding as Equity Workshop**
City of Providence

RISD x National Park Service Workshop
Delaware Water Gap National Park + Recreation Area

Lectures + Speeches

2026 **Just Practice**
Lecture
Mills College Art Museum, Jane Green Lecture in Visual Culture

Just Practice
Lecture
University of California Davis, Maria Manetti Shrem Institute for Sustainable Design, Fashion and Textiles

Just Practice
Lecture
Middlebury College, Cameron Visiting Architect Program

Just Practice
Lecture
University of Oregon, McKeown Lecture

Soft Sites
Lecture
WXY Architecture + Urban Design Office

2025 **Making Homelands**
Lecture
Community Engagement, Design and Research Center, University of Colorado Boulder

Soft City
Lecture
Smith Group, Boston Office

2024 **Soft Sites: Textiles as Feminist Design Praxis**
Lecture
ATLAS Institute, University of Colorado Boulder

2023 **"Practicing Architects"**
Lecture
Mississippi State University Harrison Lecture Series

2022 **Praxes of Care**
Lecture/Workshop
University of Waterloo Architecture Arriscraft Speaker Series

2021 **Organizing in Design**
Lecture
DesignxRI Clambake Series

On Contradiction and Care
Speech
RISD Commencement Class of 2020 Undergraduate Speaker

2020 **Just Patterns**
Lecture
RISD Civic Engagement Series

Waterbodies
Lecture
RISD Remote Student Lecture Series

2018 **New Student Welcome Address**
Speech
RISD First-Year Orientation

Panels + Podcasts + Class Talks

2026 **Unpacking Material Vernaculars of Environmental Design Across Disciplines**
Moderator
University of Colorado Boulder Environmental Design

Processing Data
Panelist
Northeastern University Design Research Week 2026

Radical Practice: Social Impact at Every Scale
Guest Speaker
Architecture Seminar, University of New Mexico

Soft Sites
Guest Speaker
Cartography Seminar, University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa Landscape Architecture

Models
Guest Speaker
Landscape Research Group Member Session

Tactile Ecologies
Guest Speaker
Architecture Seminar, Washington University at St. Louis

The Architect as Producer: Theory as Liberatory Practice
Guest Speaker
Architecture Seminar, Harvard GSD

2025 **Soft Sites: Ecological Communication Devices**
Guest Speaker
Information Science Seminar, University of Colorado Boulder

Life after GSD
Guest Speaker
Harvard GSD Career Services

Cultural Cartographies: Visualizing Cultural Narratives in the Built Environment
Guest Speaker
Harvard GSD Seminar

Navigating Identity
Panelist
University of Colorado Boulder Environmental Design

Making Homelands: Tufting San Lazaro Lifeways
Organizer + Speaker
Boulder Public Library

Beyond Conventional Practice: Aligning Values and Process
Guest Speaker
Pratt Institute Graduate Architecture Seminar

Professional Practice: Alumni
Guest Speaker
RISD Architecture Department

2024 **Storytelling + Space**
Moderator + Panelist
MIT Museum

Housing Ecologies
Guest Speaker
Syracuse University Graduate Architecture Studio

Ecology in Speculative Design
Guest Speaker
CU Boulder Undergraduate Seminar

Professional Practice: Advocacy
Guest Speaker
RISD Architecture Department

Landscape of Teaching
Guest Speaker
Harvard GSD Career Services

2023 **Planning at 100 Years**
Panelist
Harvard GSD Loeb Library

Thesis Retrospective
Guest Speaker
RISD Architecture Department

3rd Space Closing: Head, Heart, Hand
Panelist
3rd Space Gallery

Participatory Mapping
Guest Speaker
Northeastern University Graduate Seminar

3rd Space Opening: Architectural Imaginaries
Panelist
3rd Space Gallery

2022 **Race and Space**
Guest Speaker
University of Buffalo Graduate Architecture Seminar

Practice
Guest Speaker
Tecnológico De Monterrey - Querétaro Graduate Architecture Studio

Equity x Design
Panel Moderator
DesignxRI Design Week

2021 **Architecture + Advocacy**
Panelist
University of Buffalo AIAS

Practice
Guest Speaker
University Of Tennessee Graduate Thesis Seminar

Grounds
Podcast
MIT Architecture WAWD? Radio Station

Architecture Across the Ecological Continuum
Guest Speaker
University Of Waterloo Graduate Seminar

2020 **Design & Covid-19: What Now?**
Panelist
Design Week Rhode Island

2019 **Creativity is Core Episode #107**
Podcast
Clever Podcast

Student Health + Wellness
Panelist
RISD Board Of Trustees

2018 **Thought Diversity**
Panelist
RISD Career Center

Press

2026 **NewTV (local TV station)**
Museum Open House - Boston City Hall Learning with Trees Exhibition

2026 **Boston Art Review (online)**
Ten Boston-Area Gallery Shows to Catch This Summer

2026 **The Middlebury Campus (online university press)**
Feeling Things

2026 **Datartefact Magazine (print)**
Stitching the World

2026 **Northeastern Global News (online university press)**
The Data at Hand Exhibition

2025 **Boulder Reporting Lab (online local press)**
Making Homelands Exhibition

2025 **CU Boulder (online university press)**
Making Homelands Exhibition

2025 **CU Boulder (online university press)**
RIO Grant

2025 **Design Makes Sense (online design industry blog)**
Profile

2025 **Fine Gardening Magazine (print)**
National Association of Minority Landscape Architects

2025 **Tufts Daily Press (online student newspaper)**
The Threads that Tie Us

2024 **CU Boulder (online university press)**
Profile

2024 **Madame Architect (online design industry blog, national significance)**
Days With Feature

2024 **Ouvert Magazine (online design publication)**
Soil on the Move in Data Through Design Exhibition

2024 **The Harvard Gazette (online university press)**
Leaf Litter in Arts First Festival

2024 **ENSPIRE Magazine (online culture publication)**
Soft City at Downtown Crossing

2023 **Architect's Newspaper (print industry press, national significance)**
DMU at Lisbon Architecture Triennale

2022 **Madame Architect (online design industry blog, national significance)**
Next Gen Feature

2022 **Boston University (online student newspaper)**
Soft City at MIT Rotch Gallery

2022 **RISD Media (online university press)**
Class of 2020 Commencement Speaker

2021 **Hyperallergic (online art industry press, national significance)**
RISD Senior Show Coverage

2020 **RISD Media (online university press)**
Warren Family Social Engagement Award

2020 **Architect's Foundation (online design industry press)**
Grad Series

2020 **RISD Media (online university press)**
Architecture Senior Show

2020 **Campus Compact (online blog)**
Newman Civic Fellowship Announcement

2019 **RISD Media (online university press)**
Design Week Keynote Panel

Leadership + Service

CU Boulder	2026 2025 2024, 25	SPIKE Faculty Sustainability Across the Curriculum Training Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Triad Participant Inclusive Pedagogy Program Participant
Design As Protest Collective	2020-Present	**Core Organizer** Design As Protest is a collective of BIPOC designers and planners organizing to dismantle the structures that use design as a tool of oppression.
Built Environment Deans Advancing Change	2025-26	**Fellow** Member of a cohort of early career fellows from schools dedicated to the built environment professions and practices, selected based on interest in engaging in an academic career, while also contributing to the pursuit of equity and inclusion in the built environment.
Design x Rhode Island	2021-25	**Board of Directors** DesignxRI is a non-profit creating an opportunity-driven environment for Rhode Island designers, design businesses, and the design sector to thrive. *Projects: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair, Executive Director Search Committee Co-Chair, DesignxRedefine Advisory Committee, Strategic Plan Committee, 10-Year Anniversary Committee*
Association for Community Design	2024-25	**Circles of Practice Fellow** ACD envisions a practice of design that dismantles systemic injustice and creates an equitable built environment. Fellowship is for practitioners to increase their knowledge and skills in community-engaged design.
Juries / Selection Committee Member	2023 2021-26 2023	RISD Craft Selection Committee RISD Maharam Fellowship Selection Committee RISD Museum Artist Residency Selection Committee
Harvard GSD	2022-23 2021-22 2021-22	Urban Planning Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee Landscape Architecture Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee Landscape Architecture Class Representative
Newman Civic Fellowship	2019-20	National fellowship recognizes community-committed students who are changemakers, one per university—mentored by RISD President Rosanne Somerson.

RISD	2019-20	Community Engagement Working Group
	2018-19	Student Body President
	2019	Honorary Degree Committee

Work Experience

just practice Cambridge, MA	2021- Present	**Founder** just practice is a collaborative design research practice dreaming and designing social-spatial liberation. Co-founded with Amanda Ugorji.
Harvard Graduate School of Design Cambridge, MA	2021-24	**Career Liaison** Collaborate with Alistair McIntosh in shaping Landscape Architecture career programming, including panels and workshops, and create career resources.
	2022-23	**Project Associate** Collaborate with Jill Desimini on creating the Climate Justice Design Fellowship supported by Google+Harvard Data+Climate.
Agency Landscape + Planning Cambridge, MA	2020-21	**Urban Designer** Contribute design ideas, analytic skills, public engagement strategies and execution, representation, research, and writing for projects at many scales. *Projects: Albina Vision Trust Community Investment Plan Portland, OR, Perkins Pier Siting Study Burlington, VT*
Biden for President/ Democratic Coordinated Campaign Charlotte, NC	2020	**Field Organizer** Organize community initiatives, including voting education, outreach, registration, Get Out the Vote, and manage and recruit fellows and volunteers.
LA Más (Office of: Office) Los Angeles, CA	2019	**Design + Engagement Fellow** Responsible for schematic design parts, field research, assembling design proposals, graphic documents, and model making.
Oualalou + Choi Paris, France	2018	**Architectural Design Intern** Responsible for drawing, drafting, models (physical and CAD models), and urban strategies.
op.AL / American Academy Rome Rome, Italy	2018	**Architectural Design Intern** Assisted with installation in Cinque Mostre and research on optics and trump l'oeil with Jonathan Scelsa and Jennifer Birkeland.

Providence Mayor's Office Providence, RI	2017	**Maharam Design Fellow** Designed constituent advocacy and systemic analysis of interdepartmental municipal functions.
DESINE Lab Central Falls, RI	2014	**Design Build Participant** Constructed a public plaza, transforming a parking lot into a revitalized community space with reclaimed materials and neighborhood-crafted art lab directed by Dr. Elizabeth Dean Hermann.

Collections

Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, MIT Museum, and Private Collections across the United States.

Affiliations

2024-	Member, **Society for Architectural Historians**
2024-	Member, **Association for Community Design**
2024-	Scholar in residence, **Community Engagement, Design, and Research Center at CU Boulder**
2021-	Core organizer, **Dark Matter U**
2021-25	Board Member, **Design x Rhode Island**
2020-	Core organizer, **Design As Protest Collective**