



ALAINA BERNSTEIN

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CERTIFICATIONS

LEED Green Associate; 2021
AIA Foundation Leadership Institute for
Emerging Professionals; 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Young Architects Forum - Connection;
AIA Pittsburgh Facade Improvement
Program

LEADERSHIP

- Tree of Life Internal Governance Finance Committee (IGC), Design Committee and Architect Selection Work Group. 2020-Present
- The Pittsburgh Foundation for Architecture, Facade Improvement Program - 2019-Present
- Repair the World Pittsburgh, Advisory Committee, 2016-2021
- Repair the World Pittsburgh Fellow, creating community gardens for food security, 2013-2014

ORGANIZATIONS

- ICAA Ohio and Lake Eire Chapter Board Member, 2022
- AIA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Community, 2020-2021
- Women in Design, 2019-Present
- AIA Associate Member, 2018-2021

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Revit; BIM 360; AutoCAD; Rhino;
Grasshopper; Solidworks; Vray;
Enscape; Archivision; Sketchup;
InDesign; Photoshop; Illustrator; LIDAR

SPECIALTIES

Adaptive Reuse; Sustainability;
Photography; 3D Design; 2D Drafting;
Graphic Design; Rendering; Design
Research

AXP STATUS

Waiting for state approval to start testing

EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR | THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

2022-Present

- Teaching a class of 24 students, in architecture foundations studio (first year)
- Creating lectures and lesson plans

ARCHITECT I/DESIGN ASSOCIATE I | WADE WEISSMANN ARCHITECTURE

2021-Present

- Worked as the Lead Architect to coordinate general contractor and staff architects to renovate a 2700sqft office space; including a call room, conference room, open office and full kitchen
- Created new marketing tools for everyday use; anything from a postcard with a QR code to 8x8 booklets for client presentations
- Sketched, designed, and created 3D conceptual models for client meetings
- Worked on-site with contractors to coordinate project time lines for residential renovations
- Participated in ICAA Ohio and Lake Eire Chapter events and board meetings

SENIOR DESIGN ASSOCIATE II | MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL (MBI)

2018 - 2021

- Worked as the Lead Architect to achieve a 60% completion of five, 430,000 square foot military hangars in Kuwait City, Kuwait. Al Mubarak Air Force Base was a joint Design-Bid-Build contract with SOM, Gulf Consult, and Michael Baker.
- Designed and initiated a Design-Bid RFP for a dormitory at Fort Hunter Liggett, California
- Created construction drawings for multiple historic restroom renovations at the West Virginia Capital Building.
- Initiated a design proposal as the Lead Architect for Astrobotics, North Side
- Organized a five day design charette, creating a proposal for Penn Liberty Plaza and The Buncher Company, Strip District.
- Participated in Build Pittsburgh and Design Pittsburgh 2018 and 2019
- Early Career Professionals (ECP) committee member, organized events for young professionals at MBI
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion creator in 2021

ARCHITECTURAL SYSTEMS DESIGNER | FORMS + SURFACES

2016 - 2017

- Designed and developed key system configurations for glass products
- Worked with R+D team in a collaborative effort to develop new concepts
- Created new and innovative system connections for architectural products
- Developed a complete acoustic wall system including specifications, 3D models, and constructing full scale mock-ups

DESIGN INTERN | PITTSBURGH HISTORY & LANDMARKS FOUNDATION

WINTER 2016

- Redesigned the internal office at PHLF
- Facilitated and lead tours at local National Historic Landmark locations
- Worked with local business owners to start preliminary designs for new facades

EDUCATION

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

MASTER OF DESIGN | INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE & ADAPTIVE REUSE

2014 - 2016

- THESIS 2016
 - Researched the impact of the steel industry had on the city of Pittsburgh.
 - Conceptually created The Carrie Furnace, A Catalyst for Change; a Pittsburgh specific Steel Museum with the use of the blast furnaces re-imagined.
- SPRING 2015
 - Adaptively redesigned Silo No. 5, located in Montreal, Canada
 - Converted the structures into a hotel with view points to historical structures throughout the city
- FALL 2015
 - Reused the existing two mile building, Seun-Sangga, located in Seoul, South Korea
 - Promoted technology driven travel, creating a more efficient work flow through the space
- ORGANIZATIONS
 - Teaching Assistant (TA) CAD/BIM Introduction Course, 3D Printing/Laser Printing Lab Tech., Wood Shop Lab Tech.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF ART | ARCHITECTURE

2009 - 2013

- FALL 2012
 - Study Abroad, Florence, Italy
- ORGANIZATIONS
 - Delta Zeta (DZ) Sorority, Hillel at Kent State Engagement Intern