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Education

- **Texas A&M University**
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture, December 2018
Dissertation: *'Influences of African American Religious Practices on the Architecture of Early African American Church Building 1842 – 1917'*.
Committee: Valerian Miranda, Chair
Kevin Glowacki
Violet Johnson
Amy Earhart
 - Certificate: Recipient of the Certificate of Historic Preservation in Architecture, December 2018
- **Texas A&M University**
 - Master of Science in Architecture, August 2015
Thesis: *'The First African Baptist Church: A Study of the Architectural Design and Construction of a 19th Century Church House'*.
- **University of Cincinnati**
 - Bachelor of Architecture 1986

Teaching

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

- Development of a proposal for the creation of a Historic Preservation Certificate program to be offered in the School of Architecture. Proposal is currently pending action with target date for the program to be offered beginning Fall 2020.
- Assistant Professor Fall Semester 2019 – ARC 1536 Architectural Design I – A First Year Studio. Introduction to creative process, design principles and methods. Design projects emphasize verbal and visual communication; observing, analyzing, representing, and making of form, space, and materials.
- Assistant Professor Spring Semester 2019 - ARC 3546 Architectural Design III – B Third Year Collaborative Studio. The development of building design as a synthesis of environmental concerns, behavioral responses, functional requirements, and technical systems. Studies using small and intermediate scale projects.
- Assistant Professor Spring Semester 2019 – ARC 3323 History of Architecture III. Survey of major developments in American architecture and survey of major developments in European architecture during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.
- Assistant Professor Fall Semester 2018 – ARC 1536 Architectural Design I – A First Year Studio. Introduction to creative process, design principles and methods. Design projects emphasize verbal and visual communication; observing, analyzing, representing, and making of form, space, and materials.

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

- Assistant Lecturer Summer Semester 2018 – ARCH 406 Fourth year design studio focused on topical approaches to design, emphasizing theory and practice of architecture or related disciplines, such as urban design, interior design, health care design, etc.
- Assistant Lecturer Spring Semester 2018 – ARCH 206 Second year design studio focused on innovative design processes and exploration of the use of past, present, and future materials tools and technologies; with an emphasis upon the research of materials, methods, scale, craft and technique as instruments of design, fabrication, and production.
- Assistant Lecturer Fall Semester 2017 – ARCH 205 Second year design studio focused on issues and methods in designing environments for human habitation and well-being; projects addressing site, functional planning, spatial ordering, form generation through a recognition of the synthesis of space, structure, use and context; reinforcement of appropriate graphic and model building techniques.
- Assistant Lecturer Fall Semester 2017- ARCH 605 Materials and Methods Seminar for 1st Year Master of Architecture candidates.
 - Prepared and presented lectures
 - Prepared and graded quizzes, midterms, and work assignments
 - Conducted help sessions for students
- Assistant Lecturer Summer Semester 2017 – ARCH 406 Fourth year design studio focused on the collaboration of design and building systems within the integration of an urban context.
- Assistant Lecturer Spring Semester 2017 – ARCH 206 Second year design studio focused on innovative design processes and exploration of the use of past, present, and future materials tools and technologies; with an emphasis upon the research of materials, methods, scale, craft and technique as instruments of design, fabrication, and production
- Graduate Assistant 2014-2015 and 2016-2016 - ARCH 605 and 606 Materials and Methods Seminar for 1st Year Master of Architecture candidates, Professor Michael O'Brien
 - Prepared and presented lectures
 - Prepared and graded quizzes, midterms, and work assignments
 - Conducted help sessions for students
- Graduate Assistant 2013-2014 ARCH 605 and 606 Materials and Methods for Master of Architecture candidates, Professor Michael O'Brien
 - Prepared and graded quizzes, midterms, and work assignments
 - Conducted help sessions for students
- Co-Instructor 2014 Spring Semester for 4th year Undergraduate design studio, Professor Kirk Hamilton
 - Conducted desk critiques for students
 - Participant in juries for semester projects

Academic Honors and Awards

- Recipient of the King Student Metal of the Architectural Research Center Consortium for Excellence in Architectural and Environmental Design Research representing Texas A&M University's Department of Architecture. Award presented July 2019.
- Recipient of the Excellence in Diversity Award by the College of Architecture Diversity Council at Texas A&M University, in recognition for work on the project, *'Influences of African American Religious Practices on the Design and Construction of Early African American Church Buildings 1800-1920'*, presented April 27, 2018.
- Recipient of the William W. Caudill Endowed Graduate Student Research Fellowship in Architecture 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 at Texas A&M University

- Member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Inducted Spring 2015.
- Member Tau Sigma Delta National Academic Honor Society in Architecture and Allied Fields. Inducted Spring 2014.
- Master's thesis research of the First African Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia led to state historic designation for the church by the Georgia Historical Society. The construction of the church building was completed in 1859. The State of Georgia historic marker was installed at the church on June 14, 2017.

Academic Activities

- Chair, School of Architecture Gallery and Exhibitions Committee, 2019 – 2020.
- Director of the Design Discovery Camp, School of Architecture Mississippi State University, 2019.
- Mississippi State University Academic Advisor for the MSU student chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS), 2018 – Present.
- Mississippi State University School of Architecture Faculty Search Committee Member 2018 – Present.
- Mississippi State University School of Architecture Lecture Series Committee Member 2018 – Present.
- Jury Member 2018 – 2019 Mississippi State University School of Architecture Second through Fifth Year Studios.
- Guest Jury Member 2017 Spring Semester Prairie View A&M University School of Architecture Fifth Year Studio.
- Jury Member 2016 Fall Semester Prairie View A&M University School of Architecture Fifth Year Studio.
- Jury Member 2017 Spring Semester Texas A&M University School of Architecture Fourth Year Studio.
- Jury Member 2015 Fall Semester Texas A&M University School of Architecture Master of Architecture Design Studio.
- Jury Member 2015 Fall Semester Second Year Texas A&M University Fourth Year Design Studio.
- Guest Jury Member 2014 Fall Semester University of Kentucky School of Architecture.
- Volunteer presenter of architecture as a career to high school students at the Career and Technical Education (CATE) Center of the Frisco Independent School District, Frisco, Texas, 2015 to present.
- Volunteer presenter of architecture as a career to middle school students at the Young Men's Leadership Academy at Fred Florence Middle School, Dallas, Texas 23 September 2016.
- Volunteer presenter of architecture as a career to elementary school students at Polser Elementary School, Carrollton, Texas 22 May 2013
- Participant in HDR Academic Alliances Collegiate Outreach Program, 2006-2012.
- Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas – 2001 talent recruitment.
- Southern University at Baton Rouge, LA - visiting professional 1994-1995.
- Commissioner of Community Services Dallas AIA 1992-1993.
- Volunteer presenter on architecture as a profession at Texas Women's University Summer Youth Program 1992-1994.
- Volunteer presenter on architecture as a career at Dallas 'Can' Academy 1990.
- Florida A&M University - visiting professional Fall 1988.

Scholarly Presentations and Lectures

- *'An Introduction to Early African American Church Buildings from 1800 – 1920.'* A presentation to visiting students from Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, 5 March 2019.
- *'Influence of Worship Service Attendants in the Development of the Early African American Church'.* A presentation to Saint John Church 'Unleashed' in Southlake, Texas, 23 March 2019.
- *'Introduction of the Architecture of Early African American Church Buildings 1800 – 1920'.* A presentation as part of the Fall 2017 Lecture Series at Mississippi State University School of Architecture, 6 November 2017.
- *'The Architecture of Kyle Field'*, presentation at Prairie View A&M University Construction Science Program 6 April 2017.
- *'Introduction of the Architecture of the early African American Church Building 1800-1920'.* A presentation at the 2017 Architecture Symposium sponsored by the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University 23 October 2017.
- *'The Brick Church' of Savannah, Georgia. The First African Baptist Church: A Study of the Design and Construction of a 19th Century Church House'*, lecture at Mississippi State University School of Architecture 25-26 April 2016.
- *'The Architecture of Kyle Field'*, presentation at Mississippi State University Building Construction Science Program 25-26 April 2016.
- *'Early African American Church Buildings of Georgia and South Carolina from 1880-1920'.* Participant in the Texas A&M University 2016 Student Research Week.
- *'The Brick Church' of Savannah, Georgia. The First African Baptist Church: A Study of the Design and Construction of a 19th Century Church House'*, lecture at the Savannah College of Art and Design School of Architecture and Historic Preservation, 9 October 2015.
- *'The Brick Church' of Savannah, Georgia. The First African Baptist Church: A Study of the Design and Construction of a 19th Century Church House'*, lecture at the University of Kentucky Department of Historic Preservation 20 November 2014.
- *'The Architecture of Kyle Field'*, presentation at the University of Kentucky Department of Historic Preservation and Architecture 20 November 2014.

Invited Presentations of Papers

- Hunter, Christopher S., *'Slavery's Influence upon the Creation of Afrocentric Sacred Space in Antebellum Charleston, South Carolina'*. Accepted paper to be presented at the following symposium, 'Architectures of Slavery: Ruins and Reconstructions', sponsored by the Art and Architectural History Department and the Center for the Study of Slavery at the College of Charleston, October 24 – 26, 2019 in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Hunter, Christopher S., *'The Architecture of Slavery Resistance: Emanuel American Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston South Carolina'*. Accepted paper to be presented at the annual conference of the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), co-hosted by Clemson University, October 10 – 12, 2019.
- Hunter, Christopher S. *'The Lost Negro Churches'*. Accepted Paper presented at the annual conference of the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, October 3rd – 6th, 2018.
- Hunter, Christopher S. *'Introduction to Early African American Church Buildings 1880 – 1920'*, presentation at Bethel Bible Fellowship, Black History Month Presentation, 11, February 2018.
- Hunter, Christopher S. *'Early African American Church Buildings on Historically Black College and University Campuses'*. Accepted Paper presented at the annual conference of the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), Lynchburg, Virginia, October 11th – 14th, 2017.

- Hunter, Christopher S. *'Introduction of the Architecture of the Early Southern African American Church Buildings 1880 – 1920'*. Paper presented at the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), New Orleans, Louisiana, September 29th – October 1st, 2016.

Practice

Populous Architects

Field Office College Station, Texas
May 2014 to August 2015

- **Field Representative** - Kyle Field Redevelopment Project

HDR Architecture Inc.

Dallas Texas
September 2005 to October 2012

- **Project Technical Designer** - Baylor Grapevine Addition, Grapevine Texas
- **Assistant Project Manager** - Denton County Municipal Complex Phase Two, Denton Texas
- **Project Architect** - Denton County Municipal Complex Phase One, Denton Texas
- **Project Architect** - Science and Allied Health Facility at Brookhaven College, Dallas Texas

Jonathan Bailey Associates

Dallas Texas
March 2004 to September 2005

- **Project Architect** - Colorado Springs North Medical Center Expansion and Cancer Center Renovation Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **Project Manager** - Hillcrest Healthcare Orthopedic and Spine Center, Tulsa Oklahoma

AGUIRRE Corporation (now AGUIRRE RODEN)

Dallas Texas
May 1998 to January 2000 and September 2000 to March 2004

- **Planner, Project Designer and Project Architect** - City of Murphy Municipal Center
- **Master Planner and Project Architect** - St. Joseph Village Retirement Community, Coppell Texas
- **Project Architect** - Texas A&M International University Fine Arts Center, Laredo Texas
- **Project Architect** - Texas A&M International University Student Development Center, Laredo Texas
- **Project Architect** - Westin Stonebriar Hotel and Conference Center, Frisco Texas

The Tenth Street Historic Community Development Corporation

Dallas Texas
May 1992 to May 1998

- **Executive Director** - Responsible for the day to day activities of the organization. Responsible for executing the policies as set by the organization's board of directors. Led the revitalization efforts of historic preservation, economic development, new housing construction, as well as coordinating with the City of Dallas on channeling infrastructural resources to the three target communities and maintaining communication with neighborhood stakeholders supportive of the redevelopment project. Administrator of fundraising, marketing strategies, and the establishment of business and civic partnerships.

City of Dallas Housing Department - Target Neighborhood Planning

Dallas Texas

December 1994 to July 1995

- **Urban Planner** - Coordinated community meetings and acted as a liaison between City of Dallas programs and services and the local residential neighborhood associations within designated Walker Consent Decree areas as well and Neighborhood Renaissance Partnership (NRP) targeted communities. Coordinated and co-authored the City of Dallas NRP Report for presentation to the Dallas City Council in May 1995. The report documents the need for City of Dallas resources to be coordinated throughout the city to needed and targeted distressed communities. Revised and authored the Brackins Village Target Neighborhood development plan in May 1996.

RTKL Associates

Dallas Texas

July 1986 to May 1992

- **Architectural Intern** - Production of construction documents, design of retail and mixed-use projects; construction administration; college recruitment

Registration, Certifications, and Professional Associations

- Member of the Mississippi Heritage Trust
- Member Southeast Chapter Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH)
- Associate Member American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- Member AIA | Mississippi
- Professional Member Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
- Certified Construction Documents Technologist (CDT)

Community Activities and Awards

- Inducted in the University of Cincinnati Alumni TrailBlazers Recognition Wall 2015.
- Former Member Future Former Students of Texas A&M University 2014-2015.
- Life Member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Southwestern Province, 2013.
- Vice Chairman Guide Right Foundation of Dallas 2011-2013.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Southwestern Province Guide Right Achievement Award 2010.
- University of Cincinnati Alumni Network Leader Dallas Chapter 2009-2013.
- Executive Board Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Dallas Alumni Chapter 2007-2008.
- Polemarch (president) Award Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Dallas Alumni Chapter 2007-2008, 2004.
- Member Board of Directors, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Dallas Alumni Chapter 2005-2006.
- Vice Chairman Frisco City Council appointed Housing Trust Fund Board Member 2003-2004.
- Frisco City Council appointed Housing Trust Fund Board Member 2002-2008.
- Frisco City Council appointed Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Member 2004-2006.
- Co-Chair Kappa League Mentoring Program Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Dallas Alumni Chapter 2003-2009.
- Board of Director Chairman, Tenth Street Historic Community Development Corporation Inc. 2002-2003.
- Award of Excellence, University of Cincinnati Division of Student Affairs and Human Resources Department of Student Life, African American Cultural and Research Center March 2001.
- Guest Speaker Jack and Jill of Dallas, Texas 2001, 2000.

- University of Cincinnati Office of Ethnic Programs and Services Award of Umoja for service to the African American Student Community 1991.
- Dallas Urban League Guild Volunteer Appreciation Award 1990.
- Volunteer Big Brother / Sisters of Metropolitan Dallas 1987-1993.

Professional Activities and Awards

- Participant in HDR 2012 Strategic Plan – Diversity Committee 2008-2009.
- HDR Architecture, Inc. Dallas office representative to the Pathfinders Employee Recognition Program 2008-2012.
- Recipient of HDR Architecture, Inc. Dallas Pathfinders Leadership Award 2007, by office peer vote, for work performed on the Brookhaven Science and Allied Health Facility – Dallas County Community College District Bond Program Project.
- Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas – 2006-2012. Talent recruitment for HDR Architecture, Inc. Dallas Office.
- Recipient 1996 Dallas Urban Design award for the Tenth Street Comprehensive Design Study.
- At Large Member, Urban Design Advisory Committee, City of Dallas 1995, 1997 terms
- Received Commendation from the Dallas Chapter/AIA for serving as Commissioner of Community Services 1992.
- Member Dallas Landmark Commission City of Dallas 1991-1993 term.
- Received Commendations from the Dallas Chapter/AIA for serving as United Way Committee Chair for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession 1991, 1990.