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LIVES IN:



Pensacola, Florida

FAVORITE HOBBY:

Trash Reality TV

FUN FACT:



I was voted Most Talented in high school, so I'm very humble.

MOST INTERESTING JOB YOU HAVE EVER HAD:

Video producer for a Memphis-based marketing firm.

1 WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURE?

Architecture is all-encompassing, multifaceted, and sometimes chameleon-like.

2 WHO WAS OR IS AN IMPORTANT MENTOR AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES?

A previous colleague from back home, Mark Hammer, guided me into the field of architecture while not sugar-coating the responsibilities that come with the title. He also has a wonderfully iconic name.

3 WHAT WOULD BE THE ONE ADVICE YOU WILL GIVE TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS?

Remember that 12-year-old you thinks that present-day you is super cool and accomplished.

ALMA MATER:



Mississippi State University

FAVORITE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS:



Speaking with peers and working together to solve a design conundrum.

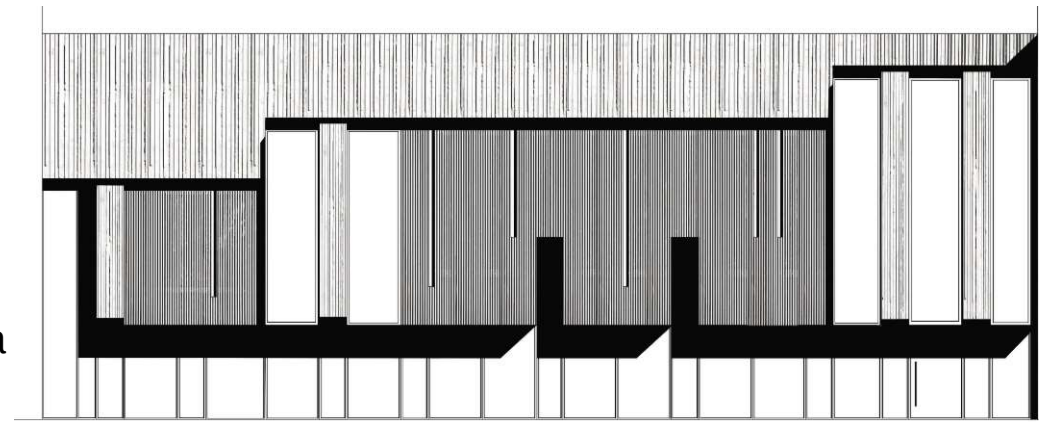


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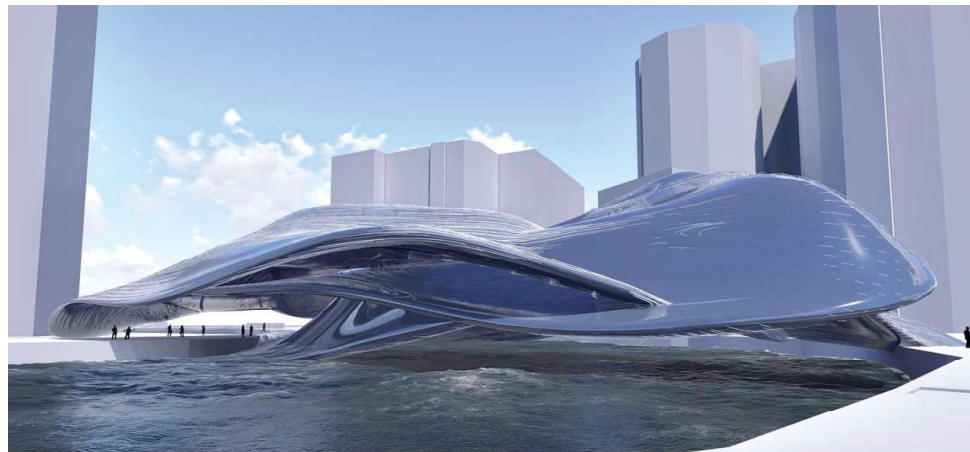


I enjoy doing custom graphic design work for friends and family.

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Florida

FAVORITE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS:



My favorite part of the architectural process is where you begin to focus on the synergic relationship between space making, materiality, and structure to create a cohesive language.

FUN FACT:

I graduated the youngest in my class at 21 years old with a 5-year Bachelor of Architecture degree.

MOST INTERESTING JOB YOU HAVE EVER HAD:

My most rewarding and interesting job has been working as a YMCA swim instructor, specializing in group and private lessons for those with special needs.

1 WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURE?

Architecture is functional art or an artful science. But perhaps it goes beyond that and is a representation of a continuous narrative in an ephemeral world.

2 WHO WAS OR IS AN IMPORTANT MENTOR AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES?

After interning for SMP Architecture twice and now working as a designer, I can undoubtedly say the small team I work with always goes above and beyond in helping me learn about both project and practice management. With an open studio, someone is always there to answer one of my many questions!

3 WHAT WOULD BE THE ONE ADVICE YOU WILL GIVE TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS?

Setting aside time to replenish your mental, physical, and spiritual health will ultimately reflect positively on your work ethic and drive.

ALMA MATER:



Florida Atlantic University, School of Architecture