

Education

- 2023- Creating Climate Ventures Class
Harvard Innovation Labs
- 2015-2021 Doctor of Design
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2012-2014 Master of Architecture in Urban Design
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
- 2013 Cross-registration Course: City Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT Media Lab)
- 2011 Continuing Education Program in Design of Sustainable Communities
Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico
- 2006-2007 Study Abroad Program
Universidad San Pablo CEU Escuela Politécnica Superior, Spain
- 2003-2008 Bachelor of Architecture
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico

Research Experience

- 2022 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Research Associate
Project: Future of the American City
- 2014-2021 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Research Assistant, Dean's Office
Mohsen Mostafavi
Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design and
the Alexander and Victoria Wiley Professor of Design
- 2015 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative
Project: "Spams of Modernity: Berlin Expanding 1900–1945"
With Igor Ekštajn, Michael Keller, Annie White, and Namik Mačkić
Project: "Otto Wagner's Echoes in Ludwig Hilberseimer"
- 2014-2015 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Research Assistant
Project: A Sustainable Future for Exuma: Environmental Management, Design, and Planning
- 2014 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Master's Thesis "Morphologic"
Mexican Cities Initiatives
- 2013-2014 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Research Assistant
Project: Topaz Urban Project in Monterrey, Mexico
Project: Surplus Housing in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Teaching Experience

- 2021 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Teaching Fellow, Department of Architecture
Architecture: Histories of the Present (Professor Mohsen Mostafavi)
- 2017 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Teaching Fellow, Department of Architecture
Between Origins and Modernity: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Architecture (Professors Erika Naginski and Antoine Picon)

- 2016 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Teaching Fellow, Department of Landscape Architecture
Theories of Landscape as Urbanism (Professor Pierre Belanger)
- 2010-2012 Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico
Professor (Profesor de cátedra) Department of Architecture

Professional Experience

- 2008-2009 TEN Arquitectos of Enrique Norten, Mexico City
Junior Architect
- 2007-2008 FR-EE / Fernando Romero
Intern

Awards, Grants and Scholarships

- 2018-2019 Harvard Doctor of Design Research Grant
DDes Fund by GSD DDes alumnae, alumni, and support from Dean Mohsen Mostafavi
Archival Research:
Canadian Centre for Architecture (Montreal)
Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI (Rome)
Deutsches Architekturmuseum (Frankfurt)
- 2017 Award from The College of Architects of the City of Guanajuato, Mexico
- 2012-2018 Fundación México en Harvard, A.C. – Grant
- 2012-2014 Harvard University Graduate School of Design – Grant
- 2012-2014 Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes - Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología
Federal Government of Mexico
- 2008 3rd International Forum COMEX 5 MIRADAS, Mexico City
Special Invitation
- 2006 Finalist INGENIA Competition
Project "Santa Maria Market"
First Prize: "Summer Internship in Richard Rogers Partnership" London, England
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey
- 2004 Best Designer - Design Fundamentals II
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

Publications

- 2019 "The Modern Nostalgia: Architecture, Autonomy, Philosophy," *The journal of studies in History and Theory of Architecture (sITA)*, "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urbanism, Bucharest, Romania (2019) peer-reviewed
- 2016 "Perfect Horror: A Poetic Reflection on Ludwig Hilberseimer's Hochhausstadt (1924)," *Platform 9: Still Life*, Harvard University Graduate School of Design and Actar (2016): 242-243.
- 2015 "Morphologic: The spatial quality of population density," *Constelaciones*, vol. 3, Architecture Magazine of the CEU San Pablo University, Madrid (2015): 141-152. peer-reviewed
- 2014 "Morphologic," *Platform 7*, Harvard University Graduate School of Design and Actar (2014): 276.
- 2014 "Tokyo and Mexico City," in Joan Busquets, *Cities and Urban Plans in the 21st Century: understanding the new dynamic and urban planning instruments*, Quaderns 07, PDU metropolitan (Barcelona: Pagès, 2014)
- 2013 "Abstract Territories," *Platform 6*, Harvard University Graduate School of Design and Actar (2013): 23.
- 2013 and Michael O'Neill, "3D Quad" in *Elements of Urban Design 2012: The Lincoln Tunnel*, edited by Mitch Crowder and Christina Geros, Harvard University Graduate School of Design (2013): 81-87.

2011 Miguel Lopez Melendez, *Estación de Regeneración Urbana Ciudad de México* (Urban Regeneration Station Mexico City) (Mexico City: Offset Santiago, 2011)

Editorship (as Research Assistant)

2016 Mohsen Mostafavi and Gareth Doherty, *Ecological Urbanism*, revisited edition (Zurich and Germany: Lars Müller Publishers, 2016)

2015 Mohsen Mostafavi and Hélène Binet, *Nicholas Hawksmoor: London Churches* (Zurich: Lars Müller Publishers, 2015)

Conferences

2022 "Whatever Happened to Aesthetics within Urbanism? Oblivion or Prejudice?" Seminario Internacional de Investigación en Urbanismo
Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña, España
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, España
Universidad Federal del Paraná, Brasil

2019 "Everyone Designs: Identity and Determinism in the Digital Age"
Cumulus Conference 2019
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá

2017 "Architectural Autonomy and Urbanism"
Celebrating 30 Years of the Doctor of Design Program
Harvard University Graduate School of Design

2016 "Ludwig Hilberseimer's Organic Principle as a Reconciliation of Urban Form with Itself
Heliomorphism"
The inaugural conference of the Harvard GSD Office for Urbanization

2014 Harvard GSD Thesis Proposal: Morphologic
Tongji University, Shanghai
World Bank, Beijing

Exhibitions

2015 Urban Space Art Season and West Bund Biennale
Project: Wind Catcher, Madrid
Shanghai China

2014 Grounded Visionaries Exhibition: Surplus Housing in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Symposium Organization

2013 Roots of a XXI Century Urbanism: Manuel de Solá-Morales organized by Joan Busquets
Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Presentations: Rafael Moneo, Joan Busquets, and Marcel Smets

Guest Design Critic

2022 Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA
Design Studio - Integrated Architectural Design, Professor Ignacio Cardona

2022 National Endowment for Democracy
Petare LATAM Foundation and Consulting
Programa de Innovación para Gestiones Locales en América Latina
Sonora Group

2022 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Landscape Architecture, Core Studio II
Instructor Francesca Benedetto

2021 Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey
History and Theory of Architecture and Urban Development
Master of Architecture and Urban Design, Professor Ignacio Cardona

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- 2017-2018 Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Architecture - Career Discovery
- 2017-2018 Wentworth Institute of Technology
Department of Architecture, Instructor Nelson Byun
- 2016 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Pop Lab, Instructors Anton García Abril and Lorena Bello (mid-term)
- 2010-2012 Design Studios - Architecture
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

Languages

Spanish – native language
English – native level proficiency
Italian – listening and reading comprehension