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EDUCATION

- 2014 **University of California, Berkeley**
Master of Landscape Architecture
- Design thesis, *Suspended Urban Ecology: An Adaptive Approach to Sustain Wetland Ecology and Experience on San Francisco's Eastern Shore* [Faculty Advisors: Joe McBride, Prof. Kristina Hill & Renee Chow]
 - Selected to assist creating and teaching Worldbuilder Course
 - Graduate Student Instructor for GIS & Computer Applications for Environmental Design Course
- 2003 **Emory University, Atlanta GA**
Bachelor of Business Administration (Management & Pre-Medical Concentration)
- Studied business in bilingual program at the ESADE Academy, Barcelona, Spain in 2002
 - Completed full pre-medical curriculum in physics, chemistry, and biology
 - Served on Ethics & Servant Leadership Forum, hosting Undergraduate Bioethics Conference

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – 2021 Associate & Landscape Architect, **SWA Group**, San Francisco, CA
- Developed designs and managed delivery process for commercial campus sites, parks, regional infrastructure and a masterplanned adaptive reuse project.
 - Assisted with research initiatives including sustainable material specifications and project-based thermal comfort modeling
- 2021 – 2016 Associate & Landscape Architect, **The Guzzardo Partnership**, San Francisco, CA
- Crafted and implemented site designs and branded landscapes from concept to CA for projects including Sunnyvale Cityline, Pear Avenue, 221 Main Street & Franklin-Templeton Headquarters
- 2016 – 2014 Landscape Designer & Job Captain, **PLAT Studio**, Berkeley, CA
- Managed large-scale workplace/retail projects including IOT Innovation Campus near Shanghai
- 2014 Designer (contract-basis), **VITA Planning & Landscape Architecture**, San Rafael, CA
- Worked on planning and landscape projects in Europe and North America
- 2014 Design Intern, **Gensler**, San Francisco, CA
- Aided interdisciplinary project team with modeling, rendering and design research
- 2013 Design Intern, **Trust for Public Land Parks for People Division**, San Francisco, CA
- Supported construction supervision for Boeddeker Park and Tenderloin Parklet Program
 - Facilitated community outreach for Tenderloin Community and Rocky Graham Park
- 2011 – 2008 Consulting Director, **Hua Qi International 华启信息咨询有限公司**, Shenzhen, China
- Negotiated and oversaw all Chinese and foreign client business consulting contracts
- 2010 – 2006 Foreign Expert, **Shenzhen Municipal Government**, Shenzhen, China
- Assisted with winning bid to host 2011 Universiade (World University Games) in Shenzhen
 - Taught Business English courses at Shenzhen Open University, Judged Regional Competitions
- 2006 – 2003 Science Teacher (Teach for America), **West Contra Costa Unified School District**, Richmond, CA
- Taught Introduction to Chemistry at John F. Kennedy High School
 - Appointed Science Department Co-Chair after first year
 - Coordinated Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program implementation

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2025 Studio Lecturer, **University of Michigan SEAS**, Ann Arbor, MI
- Instructor for 2nd-year Master of Landscape Architecture Studio with focus on landscape systems and urban design
- 2016 - 2014 Guest Studio Lecturer, **Academy of Art University**, San Francisco, CA
- Assisted my mentor GV Chang teaching his Landscape Analysis and Design Studio as substitute lecturer and as student thesis coach
 - Presented on landscape hydrology and innovative stormwater management
 - Served as a reviewer for student design thesis mid-term and final presentations
- 2013 Graduate Student Instructor, **UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design**, Berkeley, CA
- Co-taught labs in computer applications for Environmental Design (GIS, AutoCAD, Rhino)
 - Helped students learn theory of suitability analysis, contributions of Ian McHarg and other
 - Coached and evaluated students on applying remote sensing and analysis techniques to support their own speculative planning or design proposals and presentations for flood-prone Sherman Island, CA
- 2012 Graduate Student Researcher, **UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design**, Berkeley, CA
- Selected to assist developing and teaching Worldbuilder course for Professor John Radke
 - Explored immersive visual environment production as a design/analysis tool
 - Led presentation of course and final projects to alumni and greater UC Berkeley community

SELECTED AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2022 **IFLA ASIA-PAC Awards of Excellence in Built Projects: Residential**
Vanke Pengbu Hangzhou Mixed Use Development Designed 2015-2016 (PLAT Studio Team)
- 2021 **Golden Nugget Award of Merit** for Built Rehabilitation Projects
Mission Technology Center (Project Manager, Guzzardo Partnership)
Collaborators: Sobrato Organization, STUDIOS Architects, Sobrato Construction, Kyle Jeffers
- 2021 **World Landscape Architecture Merit Award** for Built Residential Projects
Vanke Pengbu Hangzhou Mixed Use Development Designed 2015-2016 (PLAT Studio Team)
- 2021 **Silicon Valley Business Journal Structures Award** Renovation Project Category
Mission Technology Center (Project Manager, Guzzardo Partnership)
Collaborators: Sobrato Organization, STUDIOS Architects, Sobrato Construction
- 2017 **ICSC Gold Award for Design and Development Excellence** New Developments in China
Bicester Shanghai Village Shopping Destination (PLAT Studio Team, designed 2014-2013)
Collaborators: Value Retail Ltd., JRDV Urban International, ARUP, Stantec VIBE
- 2014 **Leland H. Vaughan Memorial Award** University of California, Berkeley
Student award to recognize academic excellence and leadership within the department
- 2013 **ASLA National Student Communications Award: GROUND UP Journal**
Collaborators: Cacena Campbell, Miriam Eason, Jenika Florence, Anne Hansel, Erik Jensen, Robin Kim, Lauren Knight, Steven Lee, Kevin Lenhart, Erica Nagy, Justin Richardson, Rebecca Sunter, Tricia Tsuzuki, Junice Uy, Monica Way, and Karl Kullman (Advisor)
- 2013 **Vertical Cities International Competition: Honorable Mention**
Farmways Hanoi, Vietnam
Collaborators: Niknaz Aftahi, Minjae Ahn, Max Edwards, Luis Jaggy, Gabriel Kaprielian, Rebecca Sunter and Prof. Renee Chow (Faculty Advisor)

SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

- 2024 Member-at-Large, **American Society of Landscape Architects, Michigan Chapter**
- Newly elected in fall 2024, supporting the chapter's initiatives
- 2024 Public Realm and Landscape Architecture Lead, **ACE Mentor Program of America** Detroit, MI Southeast Michigan Chapter (Coordinator: Jasmine Sisson, PE)
- Introduced students to landscape architecture theory and practice
 - Guided students in exploring and applying site analysis techniques to inform their group design proposals for Bedrock's Gratiot Site in downtown Detroit
- 2024 – 2021 Portfolio Reviewer, **UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design** Berkeley, CA & Remote
- Annually attend the Student ASLA-organized session as an invited reviewer for MLA students' portfolios
 - Served as an alumnus panelist to discuss how students can prepare for a career in landscape architecture and environmental design
- 2023 Committee on Architecture for Education, **American Institute of Architects** San Francisco, CA
- Organized and facilitated Learning+NATURE panel event exploring innovative use of biophilia and landscape architecture in the design of places for education
 - Lead collaboration with AIASF's Urban Design + Infrastructure knowledge community
- 2022 Subject Matter Expert, **Department of Consumer Affairs** Sacramento, CA
- Authored and reviewed items for the California Supplemental Examination of the LARE for the State of California Landscape Architects Technical Committee
- 2021 Mentorship Exchange, **American Institute of Architects** San Francisco, CA
- Panelist for 2021 Summer Series, along with Veronica Hinkley and John G. Ellis, FAIA
- 2014 Subject Matter Resource, **SPUR / Port of San Francisco** San Francisco, CA
- Discussed and shared resources with 2014 Piero N. Patri Fellow, Andrea Haynes for her research on Floating Wetlands in the San Francisco Bay, sponsored by SPUR and the Port of San Francisco
- 2014 – 2013 Professional Committee, **American Society of Landscape Architects UC Berkeley Student Chapter**
- Expanded coordination between the department with the Bay Area professional design community
- 2013 Student Researcher, **UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design** Singapore
- Awarded a grant to conduct masters thesis research at Sengkang Floating Wetlands in partnership with the Singapore Public Utilities Board
- 2013 – 2012 President, **American Society of Landscape Architects UC Berkeley Student Chapter**
- Doubled student participation in chapter events and forged closer ties with the local ASLA Chapter
- 2013 – 2011 Creative Staff, **GROUNDUP Journal**, Berkeley, CA
- Collaborated in the founding and production of UC Berkeley's Award-winning student-led landscape architect journal in its initial year, curated submissions themed along "Landscapes of Uncertainty"
 - Served as the Marketing and Outreach Director for the publication's second year
- 2012 Interviewer, **Landscape Architecture Frontiers 景观设计学**, Beijing, China (Remote)
- Article: *Degraded Sites Made Rich and Productive Again*, featuring Prof. Judith Stilgenbauer
- 2011 Assistant to Chief Editor, **Landscape Architecture Frontiers 景观设计学**, Beijing, China (Remote)
- Aided in transcribing interview with Robert Greenwood (Snøhetta) and media translation
- 2011 Organizer, **Green Drinks International**, Shenzhen, China
- Launched Shenzhen Chapter with monthly presenter series focused on environmental stewardship

PUBLICATIONS

Prostak, D. (2014). Suspended Urban Ecology: An Adaptive Approach to Sustain Wetland Ecology and Experience on San Francisco's Eastern Shore. University of California, Berkeley.

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

Chai, S. and Prostak, D (2013). Watching the Human/Wildlife Interface: Heron's Head [Unpublished report]. University of California, Berkeley.

SKILLS

- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, AcroX), ArcGIS (ESRI), AutoCAD, Bluebeam Revu, Enscape, Google Earth Pro, Lumion3D, Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook), ProCore, Rhino (McNeel), SketchUp
- Intermediate in 3D Studio Max, CrazyBump, Egnyte, Photofly, Revit, RhinoTerrain, Speedtree, Project Vasari (Autodesk Legacy), TerreSculptor and Unreal Development Kit (UDK)
- Experienced in 3D Scanning/ Photogrammetry, Thermal Detection, Rapid Prototyping with ILS Laser Cutter, Physical Modeling, Wood Fabrication, CNC Router using RhinoCAD

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

English: Native fluency; Mandarin Chinese: Proficient (HSK Level 4); Spanish: Conversational Beginner

LICENSE AND AFFILIATIONS

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| Since 2022 | Allied Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA) |
| Since 2020 | California Registered Landscape Architect #LA 6587 |
| Since 2012 | Member, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) |

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