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Luminaut Architects — Architect

April 2023 - current
Indianapolis, IN

– Working with clients and consultants to create unique, human centric spaces within budget and on time.
– Production of comprehensive construction documents for public bidding on multiple library projects with team members of various disciplines and experience levels.
– Ongoing experience with construction administration; responding to submittals, RFIs, issuing ASIs and site observation reports for several public library projects.
– Leading role in the documentation of a high end residential conversion of a bygone industrial building.

Ball State University — Adjunct Instructor of Architecture

August 2020 - current
Indianapolis, IN

– Teaching graduate students the process of architectural design, documentation and visual representation; and how to present their work to community stakeholders, professionals and peers.
– Working closely with faculty to provide guidance and constructive feedback throughout the semester.
– Faculty adviser to the winning 2023 Solar Decathlon team; a Local Build Challenge of a net-zero duplex.

Kinlin Rutherfurd Architects — Intermediate Architect

April 2019 - October 2019
New York, NY

– Prepared bid and construction documents for the gut renovation of a multimillion-dollar Hamptons home.
– Assembled permit sets for architectural review board, building department officials, and solar feasibility.
– Numerous on-site meetings with contractor to discuss details, project goals, and scope modifications.
– Finalized the design of a new build home on Fishers Island for permit and construction.
– Analyzed contractor bids and worked with clients to adjust scope accordingly to realign with revised budget.

East Side Social — Operations Manager

December 2016 - May 2019
New York, NY

– Worked closely with founding partners of an ABA therapy practice to help expand their business 5 fold; handling day-to-day non-clinical office operations while foreseeing future logistical needs.
– Managed client on-boarding, invoicing, insurance authorizations, and implemented effective workflow SOPs.

Biber Architects — Senior Designer

October 2013 - November 2015
New York, NY

– Worked with clients from concept vision to finish details to reflect their identity and goals.
– Outlined project feasibility by researching implications of zoning code and exploring phasing options.

Clinton Street Baking Company - New York, NY

– Gained expertise in DOB documentation and application process for Alt 1 and Alt 2 submissions.
– Experience with construction administration, RFIs, bid review, contractor selection, and coordinating on site with general contractor to effectively resolve unforeseen issues and communicate progress with the client.
– Worked closely with mechanical and structural engineers to satisfy code requirements and examiner comments while maintaining architectural design goals.

USA Pavilion for the 2015 Milan EXPO - Milan, Italy

– Collaborated with Italian and American consultants to overcome logistical and coordination challenges (landscape design, security/crowd control, exhibit design, building operations) throughout schematic design submission, construction documentation, construction administration, and operations.
– Resolved construction details with Italian Architect of Record to preserve design integrity and continuity, while maintaining an incredibly tight construction schedule of 6 months.

U+B Architects — Junior Designer

January 2013 - September 2013
Minneapolis, MN

– Established close relationships with clients to deliver design solutions on time and on budget.
– Worked on several projects simultaneously from Schematic Design to Construction Documents.

Historic Residential Remodel and Additions - Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN

– Documented / field verified as-built conditions, created initial bid sets for use in permit applications, and coordinated construction and finish details between client, consultants, and contractors.
– Negotiated bids between client and contractors by providing alternates and reviewed project schedules.

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN — MASTER OF SCIENCE

University of Minnesota - 2012

Concurrent with my M. Arch program, I presented a thesis paper outlining the feasibility for off-grid energy production and water conservation for mobile applications using FEMA as a test subject. I gave a TEDxUMN talk about my M. Arch and M.S. thesis work after being nominated by the Dean of the College of Design.

ARCHITECTURE — MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

University of Minnesota - 2011

With an AIA Minneapolis Graduate Fellowship Award I began as a Teaching Assistant and mentor to first year graduate students and continued for all 3 years of my M. Arch program. In my second year I was a Student Representative for my class and the Editor-in-Chief of the award winning student design journal THERE. My M. Arch thesis, *Re-imagining Rail* was nominated as a finalist for the Richard Morrill Award.

ARCHITECTURE — BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

University of Minnesota - 2007

Minor in Environmental Design with class honors.