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Director of Architecture

Curriculum Vitae

Award-winning international architectural career reflecting over twenty-five years of experience in elevating the standards of design for public space, learning and experience-based environments through the construction of new paradigms in pedagogy, play and participatory experience.

Dedicated teaching and mentoring contributions and committee participation of 20 years within the School of the Art Institute of Chicago community, promoted to Adjunct Professor in 2013.

Stewardship and advocacy leader, including service to the American Institute of Architects.

Education: Master of Architecture University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours in Architecture,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Executive Education, Harvard University
The Institute for Child Care Design
Boston MA

Executive Education, Harvard University
Effective Education and Innovative Learning Environments,
Boston, MA.

Professional Experience: Co-Founder and Director of Architecture
Architecture Is Fun, Inc.
Chicago, IL 1994 - present

As the firm's co-founder with 25 years of experience managing over \$200 million of construction projects, Peter manages the design effort from initial concept through project realization. As director, Peter is responsible for the day-to-day management of the design team. As the direct point of contact for project design, management, and implementation, he assures clients that projects meet pragmatic and qualitative criteria. Using both criteria as design informants sets the studio's work apart, creating projects in which users are inspired to live, visit, engage, and play. Peter's studio is published internationally and is the recipient of multiple design, accessibility, service, and educational awards.

Academic Experience: Adjunct Professor, School of the Art Institute of Chicago,
Chicago, IL 1993 – Present

Faculty Director Career Development Outreach,
School of the Art Institute of Chicago,
Chicago, IL 2014

At SAIC, Peter coordinates and teaches a wide range of classes in cross departments and acts as co-op advisor and career advisor. As liaison with faculty for the assessment of the Career + Co-Op Center, Peter developed initiatives to foster student employer relationships, with a research-based prototype guide and checklist on professional development for SAIC students and alumni.

Professional
Registrations & Designation:

- Elected to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows, 2004.
- Architectural licensing in multiple states: Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.
- Royal Institute of British Architects, 2015.
- NCARB, 1990 – present.
- LEED Accredited Professional.
- Certified Project Management Associate, IPMA Level D®:
International Project Management Association,
American Society for the Advancement of Project Management

Service
& Education Awards:

- **Service Award – 25 Years Membership**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 2013.
- **Presidential Citation for PechaKucha**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 2008.
- **Service Award**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 2008.
- **Nathan Clifford Ricker Award for Teaching Excellence and Practice**, American Institute of Architects Illinois, 2003.
- **Contributions to Art Education Award**, Illinois Alliance for Arts Education, 2002.
- **Distinguished Service Award**, Illinois Art Education Association, 2000.
- **Young Architect Award**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 1996.
- **Service Award**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 1996.
- **Service Award**, American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter, 1993.

Professional
& Community Affiliations:

- **President**, American Institute of Architects Chicago, 2013.
- **Chair**, American Institute of Architects National Communications Committee (Board Advocacy Committee), 2014.
- **National Strategic Council**, American Institute of Architects, Washington DC, 2014-17
- **Board Member**, American Institute of Architects Foundation Board, 2013.
- **Education Advisory Board**, Chicago Architecture Foundation.
- **Vice-President Membership**, University of Pennsylvania, Penn Club of Chicago (President 2015).
- **Advisory Board Member**, Board of Directors, PechaKucha Foundation, Tokyo.
- **Producer & Co-Host**, PechaKucha Night Chicago.