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Education

- Bachelor of Architecture (5 Year) 1984, University of Oklahoma
- BS Environmental Design, 1983, University of Oklahoma

Work History

- **Desmone Architects:** Senior Architect
 - Pittsburgh, November 2021 to Present
- **RTA Architects:** Principal and Vice President (Associate Principal, Project Manager)
 - Colorado Springs, June 2004 to September 2021
 - Recently led projects up to \$65M across multiple project types, directed firm's business development efforts, co-managed firm's technology direction.
- **HB&A Architects and Planners:** Director of Architecture (Project Manager, Project Architect, Intern)
 - Colorado Springs, February 1986 to June 2004
 - Professional internship before 1987 licensure; worked as project architect and master planner on projects of multiple sizes for primarily institutional and government clients. Led firm's architecture department for over a decade with responsibility for all architectural projects within the firm.
- **Remy/McKinney Associates:** Intern (Student Intern prior to graduation)
 - Norman, OK, September 1981-December 1985

Professional Qualifications

- Licensed Architect: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, Colorado
- NCARB Certificate Holder
- LEED Accredited Professional

Educational Engagement

- **Atlas Preparatory School:** Board Member (2011-2021), Chair (2018-2021)
Mission: "Atlas prepares and empowers all students for their post-graduate path through rigorous academics, character development, and community engagement."
- **Architectural Experience Program (AXP) Supervisor**, multiple emerging professionals, 2015-2020
- **Member, Board of Visitors, Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture**, University of Oklahoma, 2013-present:
The purpose of The College of Architecture Board of Visitors is (1) to advise the Dean of the College of Architecture on matters pertaining to the College so as to improve the academic quality and stature of The College of Architecture ; (2) to raise the discretionary funds on behalf of; and (3) to communicate with the Dean, President, Divisional Board of Visitors, University of Oklahoma Foundation, and any other appropriate person or organization on matters regarding The College of Architecture.
- **Firm Sponsor for RTA Architects "Introduction to Architecture" High School Class**, 2013-2018:
"This is the fourth year RTA Architects has offered the after-school program for free to area high school students curious about the field. 'We see at as a professional

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responsibility,' said Stuart Coppedge, a principal with the firm. 'There's something in your heart that says this is really cool, this combination of technical skills and people skills that creates spaces, so getting to share it is important for us.' " (from the Colorado Springs Gazette, 4/14/2017).

- **Guest Lecturer:** University of Colorado - Denver, Kansas State University, Pikes Peak Community College, Community College of Denver, 2015-2020:
Lecture topics have included sustainability (typically featuring a specific project) and business development.
- **Chair, AIA National K-12 Initiative Task Force,** January – December, 2016:
Mission Statement: In an effort to identify meaningful issues to pursue in 2017, and recognizing the strong ties between education, diversity, and architecture, the 2016 K-12 Task Force was formed. Task force members were chosen for their knowledge of past and current AIA (and other) programs, curriculum development, school management, 21st century educational facility design, public outreach, and (critically) their passion and commitment to the idea that Architecture can provide an appropriate and effective framework for the interdisciplinary, collaborative, problem-based K-12 education needed for current and future generations.
- **Co-presenter, Edspaces Conference,** Kansas City, October 2017:
EDspaces is the only international tradeshow and conference bringing together all the professionals who plan, design, build, equip and manage all types of learning environments and educational campuses, with the manufacturers, service providers and dealers who offer the essential products and solutions for these areas.
- **NAAB Accreditation Team Member, School of Architecture,** University of Texas at Austin, April 2018:
Vision: The NAAB advances educational quality assurance standards and processes that anticipate the needs of academic programs, the profession, and society, to promote a better built environment.
Mission: The NAAB develops and maintains an accreditation system in professional degree education that enhances the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the profession of architecture.
- **Co-led STEM Classroom Design Workshop** at National Science Teachers Association STEM Forum & Expo, San Francisco, July 2019
This architect-led, interactive session invited administrators and educators to collaborate in defining spaces that best support STEM / STEAM / STREAM learning outcomes. Explore best practices in the design of learning spaces that are inspiring, accommodating and flexible. Analyze the ingredients of a successful setting for an integrative STEM program through the review of exemplary case studies.
- **NAAB Accreditation Team Member, School of Architecture Carnegie Mellon University,** September 2019
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Advocacy and Influence

- **Unconscious Bias Training,** AIA Grassroots, Detroit, February, 2016:

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Attendees of recent major AIA events, such as Grassroots, have also been offered training on unconscious bias and sexual harassment, including sessions led by Dr. Shirley Davis, an expert on diversity, inclusion, and workplace strategies.

- **Participant, Equity by Design (EqxD) Symposium: Metrics, Meaning & Matrices**, San Francisco, October 2016:
Attended at personal expense in an effort to better understand issues and potential solutions.
- **Architect Participant, “Civic I/O”, South by Southwest** (teamed with the Fort Worth mayor Betsy Price), Austin, TX, March 2018:
The Civic I/O partnership is a powerful opportunity for architects to connect directly with mayors, participate in solving some of the most pressing issues that cities are facing today, and help mayors create a vision for the future of their city.
- **Federal Commission on School Safety, US Department of Education**, Testified on behalf of architects, August 2018:
“For years, architects have been convening the critical stakeholders whose voices need to be heard—teachers, administrators, community leaders, parents, students, first responders and more—in the planning of school designs. This has resulted in developing comprehensive strategies that address stakeholder concerns and help deter a variety of threats that our nation’s schools face, whether it be overcrowded classrooms, bullying, abduction or violence. As a result, architects have a unique leadership role in this process” (from my comments).
- **General Session Short Topic Speaker, AIA Grassroots**, Washington DC, March 2019
“My real AIA Story, however, is an experience that I believe has proved not only effective, especially at the local level, but also highly rewarding. I have been able to use the innate skills and experience I have as an architect to both serve my community and connect me to those who make policy and those who implement it...” (from my comments)

Community Leadership and Service

- **Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership: Board Member (2017-2021), Chair (2019-2021)**
Downtown Partnership is the leading catalytic champion for Downtown Colorado Springs, accomplished through a wide variety of programs and services. Our mission: To ensure that Downtown serves as the economic, civic and cultural heart of Colorado Springs.
- **Colorado Springs Downtown Review Board: Member (2013-2020), Chair (2017-2020)**
The Downtown Review Board reviews downtown development applications using the Downtown Colorado Springs Form-Based Code. The DRB is composed of nine City Council-appointed members. I also served on the stakeholder committee that originally developed the Form-Based Code prior to its adoption. I served on the task force that originally developed the FBC before being appointed to the DRB.
- **Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program: Class of 2016**
Founded in 1979, the Signature Program is our flagship Community Leadership Program for established professionals. This 10 month program, from August to June, educates participants facing important issues in the Pikes Peak region, and participants meet and learn from the community’s most dynamic leaders.

Professional Leadership and Engagement

- **AIA Local, State, and Regional Component Leadership, 2004-2011:**

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Included serving as 2005 AIA Colorado South President, 2009 AIA Colorado President and 2010-2011 Western Mountain Region Secretary

- **Co-developer and Presenter, Colorado AIA/AGC/ACEC Liaison Committee** interdisciplinary “Roles and Relationships” course for emerging professionals, 2009-2012:
Mission: As leaders of the building community, the AIA-AGC-ACEC Colorado Liaison Committee (A3LC) promotes trust through collaboration and shared knowledge to create value for all.
- **Member, AIA National Board of Directors, 2012-2014:**
Represented the Western Mountain Region (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming), Served on the Finance and Audit Committee.
- **Facilitator, AIA National “Culture Collective”, 2014-2015:**
In the words of Culture Collective facilitator, Stuart Coppedge, AIA: “In every effective movement toward significant positive change, one individual or group must step forward and work to make the change real. 2014 President Helene Combs Dreiling charged the Culture Collective to be such a force; we trust our efforts will be a catalyst for the AIA.”
- **AIA National Treasurer, 2016-2017:**
The Treasurer shall exercise general oversight of the Institute's financial affairs and shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and other duties properly assigned by the Board or the President (from AIA Bylaws). “We, as the AIA, must embrace our critical role in the future of our profession, balancing bold vision with fiscal responsibility,” Coppedge said to AIA convention delegates.

Other Relevant Information

- **American Institute of Architect College of Fellows:**
Elevated 2018 in recognition by peers for contributions to the profession and the built environment.
- **Participated in joint US Department of Commerce/AIA Trade Mission** to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Doha, Qatar, October, 2014:
U.S. Department of Commerce trade missions are overseas programs for U.S. firms that wish to explore and pursue export opportunities by meeting directly with potential clients in their markets
- **International Travel for Work or Pleasure 2006-2019:**
Germany, England, The Seychelles, Canada, France, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Mexico, Italy

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