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EDUCATION

- 2013 Master of Architecture (M.Arch)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English with Honors and High Distinction
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

REGISTRATION

- 2016-Present Licensed Architect, State of Nebraska, License No. A-4669

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present Assistant Professor of Practice, UNL College of Architecture
University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Lincoln, NE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-Present Founder, Other Office Architects, LLC
- 2021-2022 Development Manager, NeighborWorks Lincoln.
Lincoln, NE
- 2020-2021,
2014-2019 Project Architect, BVH Architecture
Lincoln, NE
- 2019-2020 Development Coordinator, Lincoln Housing Authority
Lincoln, NE
- 2013-2014 Architectural Designer, Sinclair Hille Architects
Lincoln, NE
- 2012 Design Intern, Min I Day Architects
Omaha, NE

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture, Assistant Professor of Practice

- FA22 ARCH 210: Representation
FA22 DSGN 410: Collaborate Studio
SP23 ARCH 360: Site Context Issues
SP23 ARCH 411: Integrate Studio
FA23 ARCH 210: Representation
FA23 DSGN 410: Collaborate Studio
SP24 ARCH 360: Site Context Issues
SP24 ARCH 411: Integrate Studio

FUNDED GRANTS (\$10,000 to date)

- 2023-2024 UNL College of Architecture Sand Creek Post and Beam Design Research and Fabrication Fund (\$5,000), Title: *Aesthetics, Tectonics, Logistics: A Cross Laminated Timber Pavilion Prototype for the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission*. Role: PI (Co-PI: Karle, S.)
- 2022-2023 UNL College of Architecture Sand Creek Post and Beam Design Research and Fabrication Fund (\$5,000), Title: *Rural Possibilities for Mass Timber Design: A Collaborative Design Research Partnership*. Role: PI (Co-PI: Karle, S.)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2019 Interior Citation Award, AIA Nebraska Excellence in Design
Plywood House / design otherwise
- 2018 AIA Central States Design Excellence Citation Award
SMUMC Columbarium / BVH Architecture
- 2017 AIA NE People's Choice Award
IO.Desk / BVH Architecture
- IIDA Great Plains Region Interior Design Excellence Award
IO.Desk / BVH Architecture
- 2015 University of Nebraska Alumni Association Early Achiever Award
Nominated by the UNL College of Architecture
- 2014 AIA NE Excellence in Design Unbuilt Honor Award
2525 House / Sinclair Hille Architects
- 2013 UNL College of Architecture Henry Adams Medal Recipient
Awarded to the top-ranked student in the M.Arch program
- UNL College of Architecture Harry F. Cunningham Bronze Medal
Awarded to the top thesis project in the M.Arch program
- Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) King Student Medal
Acknowledging innovation, integrity, and scholarship in architectural and/or
environmental design research

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Harpster, M., "Two Islands: Case Studies in Tactical Community Zoning," Article to be published in
AMPS Special Issue Publication (SIP) through the University College London (UCL) Press.
Anticipated publication in May 2024.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2024 Harpster, M., "Common Tactics: An Approach to Attainable Infill Housing." Paper presented at
the *ACSA 112th Annual Meeting: Disruptors on the Edge*, Vancouver, BC, March 14-16, 2024.
Acceptance rate = 23%.
- 2024 Harpster, M. and Sarah Karle, "Teaching Timber Across the Curriculum: A Two-Studio
Sequence on Mass Timber." Paper presented at the *ACSA 112th Annual Meeting: Disruptors on
the Edge*, Vancouver, BC, March 14-16, 2024. Acceptance rate = 23%.
- 2012 Harpster, M. "The Ontological Performance of Sustainable Design" Paper presented at the *ACSA
100th Annual Meeting: Digital Aptitudes*, Boston, MA, March 1-4, 2012. Acceptance rate = 31%.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Harpster, M., "A Pedagogy of the Particular: CLT in the Undergraduate Design Studio."
Abstract accepted to the *AMPS Learning. Life. Work. Conference*, San Francisco, CA, June 10-12,
2024.
- 2023 Harpster, M., "Two Islands: Case Studies in Tactical Community Zoning." Paper presented at the
AMPS Livable Cities Conference, New York City, NY, June 14-16, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023 Lincoln Housing Advocates Zoning Code Presenter/Panelist
November 15th, 2023. Eiseley Branch Library, Lincoln, NE
- 2023 Abstract & Paper Referee, *ACSA 112th Annual Meeting*
Reviewed 9 Abstracts; Reviewed 2 Papers
- 2023 Abstract Referee, *AMPS Liveable Cities London Conference*
Reviewed 4 Abstracts

- 2023 Co-Coordinator, UNL CoA Project 2023 Symposium
"On-For-Through: From Speculation to Form in Architecture." November 30, 2023.
- 2023 Co-Coordinator, UNL CoA Project 2023 Exhibition
"On-For-Through: From Speculation to Form in Architecture." September 28 - November 30, 2023.
- 2022-23 Member, UNL CoA Student Affairs Committee (SAC)
- *FA23: Reviewed second-year applications to the Architecture Program*
- *SP23: Reviewed M.Arch graduate applications*
- 2023 Co-Coordinator, UNL CoA Project 2023 Symposium
"Alternative Architectures." February 9, 2023.
- 2022 Co-Coordinator, UNL CoA Project 2023 Exhibition