# JOSH SAFDIE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA.

2003 - present

Director of Education Projects, Architecture

• Full-time faculty member, Academic Only (daytime) Program. Responsible for teaching 2 of the following courses each semester:

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A-1 Design Studio
A-2 Design Studio
Perspective Drawing
Masters A Design Studio
Beginning AutoCAD 2D
B-1 Design Studio
Advanced AutoCAD 2D

Director, B-1 and B-2 Studios in the Concurrent (evening) Program.

Recruit, hire, train, and supervise over 25 volunteer faculty each semester.

Provide academic advising to over 140 students enrolled in B-level studios each semester.

Completely overhauled existing 'prototype' syllabi for B-1 and B-2 design studios.

Develop and administer faculty budget for all B studios.

Director, Cuba Travel Studies Program.

Responsible for all aspects of OFAC travel license application, travel budget, and educational content.

Travel annually with 8-12 advanced M.Arch. students to Havana for 10 days of field research and academic exchange.

Design curriculum in conjunction with faculty and students the School of Architecture of the University of Havana.

Invited to present student work at international conference of schools of architecture hosted by University of Havana,

Next trip planned for February-March 2007.

Chair, Portfolio Review Task Force.

Lead a team of Education Directors in an effort to define institutional goals surrounding Portfolio Review process.

Developed and taught intensive, remedial studio for students who have failed the Portfolio Review.

Serve as the primary academic advisor to students who have failed the Portfolio Review.

Member, Transfer Placement Committee.

Work with Admissions and Education staff to evaluate student portfolios and award transfer credit for previously-completed courses.

Lead faculty member, NAAB accreditation visit, October 2005 (result: maximum 6-yr accreditation).

Worked directly with Head of the School of Architecture on drafting the Architecture Program Report.

Served as one of three faculty / staff responsible for curating & installing exhibit of student work.

# Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rl.

2004

Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of Architecture

Taught Math & Physics Review, a math and physics course designed to prepare architecture students for the program's Structures sequence.

# Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA.

2001 - 2003

Volunteer Faculty Member

Served as volunteer faculty in Concurrent (evening) Program while working full-time in architectural practice. Courses taught;

Masters Design Principles (history and theory seminar)

Masters Thesis Studio
Architecture Sketch Problem

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# Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.

1999 - 2001

Teaching Assistant

Hired as a Teaching Assistant for the following courses:

Design Principles (first-year studio) Materials & Methods of Construction Statics & Strength of Materials

# ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

## Open Studios Architects, Cambridge, MA.

2002 - present

Project Manager / Partner

 Founding partner in 2-person architectural firm engaged in traditional and non-traditional residential projects, commercial renovations, and community-based public & institutional work.

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Engaged in all phases of projects, from RFP's & contract negotiation to construction administration & project close-out.

Solely responsible for all the office's construction documents (AutoCAD) and specification writing.

Solely responsible for client billing, project budget supervision, and office accounting.

Work regularly and successfully with local Building Departments, Zoning Boards, and Historic District Commissions.

Selected project list:

Community Hall Renovation, Gurdjieff Society of Massachusetts, Cambridge, MA [2006].

Winslow Ave Artists' Lofts, live-work artists' residences, Somerville, MA [2004].

Addition and Renovations to 34 Congdon Street, Providence, RI [unbuilt, 2003].

Community Charrette and Master Plan, Hope High School, Providence, RI [2003].

# Payette Associates, Boston, MA.

Project Designer

Part of project team for a new environmental sciences building for Princeton University.

Served as designer and draftsperson for schematic design, design development, and construction document phases.

Coordinated architectural drawings with HVAC and structural engineers.

Produced large-scale presentation models for client meetings.

## Durkee & Brown Architects, Providence, RI.

Project Assistant / Intern Architect

• Employed the year before and summer after my first year of graduate school.

Worked on a variety of residential and commercial projects as a draftsman and model builder; assisted in project billing, archiving, etc.

#### RELATED **EXPERIENCE**

# Independent Historic Preservation Consultant, Providence, RI.

1995 - 1997

1997 - 1998, 1999

 Contracted by private individuals, non-profit groups, and city and state agencies to complete a variety of preservation planning and historic documentation projects, often in collaboration with architectural historians and / or photographers. Selected project list:

Completed HABS/HAER-equivalent documentation of historic Gorham Mills complex for the City of Providence (collaboration). Authored successful nomination to National Register of Historic Places for the Blackstone Park Historic District, Providence. Produced illustrations for a City of Providence HDC publication, Illustrated Guidelines for Historic Renovations (collaboration). Contributed historical research and writing to historic tax credit applications on behalf of the Providence Preservation Society.

# The Public Archaeology Lab, Inc., Pawtucket, RI. Project Assistant

1995 - 1997

Employed as a field surveyor, researcher, and writer for a variety of National Register nominations, federal licensing projects, city & state Historic Resource surveys, preservation planning initiatives, and historic preservation tax credit applications.

#### ADDITIONAL **EXPERIENCE**

# Assistant Varsity Coach, Brown University Men's Crew, Providence, RI.

1997 - 1998

Employed part-time as assistant coach while working full-time in an architectural office.

Coached several athletes who represented their countries of citizenship in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. Lead crews to gold medals at regional and national collegiate regattas.

## Head Coach, Narragansett Boat Club, Providence, Rl.

1995 - 1997

Employed part-time as Head Coach of the oldest Boat Club in America while working full-time as a preservation consultant. Coached beginning and experienced rowers ranging from high school to Masters age (40+).

#### **EDUCATION**

# Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.

1998 - 2001

Master of Architecture

Honor roll student; recipient of RI Builder's Association scholarship for academic excellence.

# Brown University, Providence, RI.

1991 - 1995

B.A., Architectural Studies

Recipient of Moniz Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis, department of History of Art & Architecture.

Member of three-time national champion Varsity Men's Crew.

#### **EXHIBITIONS** & TALKS

Invited speaker, XIII Convención Científica de Ingeniería y Arquitectura, University of Havana, Havana, Cuba. "Walking the City," work from the Cuba Travel Studies Program, Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA.

AOP Faculty Exhibitions, Boston Architectural College, Boston, MA.

2004, 2005

"Exploding the Vernacular Glance," exhibition of architectural drawings, Fundación Ludwig de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.

2002

"Que Guapo El Mar," solo exhibition of architectural drawings, Payette Associates, Boston, MA.

2002

"Waiting," solo exhibition of photographs, Carr House Gallery, Providence, RI.

2001

"42/23: Wintersession in Cuba," departmental exhibition, RISD Dept. of Architecture, BEB Gallery, Providence, RI,

2000

2006

2005

## SKILLS

Proficient in AutoCAD 2005, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, MS Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.

Extensive experience with hand drafting and model-making.

Significant experience in building trades: rough framing, finish carpentry, electrical, plumbing.

Significant experience in the fine arts: photography, welding, plaster casting, ceramics (hand-building), painting.

Accomplished upright bassist: classical, jazz, and rock.

Proficient in Spanish language.

#### REGISTRATION

Have completed required IDP hours.

#### REFERENCES & PORTFOLIO

Available upon request.

2001 - 2002