

UW Department of Architecture MS History/Theory Student Profiles

Current Students and alumni – updated October 2025

[Kelly Daviduke](#)

Master of Library and Information Science, University of Washington

Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Oberlin College

Proposed topic: Recent design competition drawings and how the disparate nature of these records affects the historian's ability to understand and contextualize the proposals.

Priyanshi Shukla

BArch, Ansai University

Proposed topic: Indian Architecture

Valerie Stewart

Architectural Studies, University of Washington, 2023

Aashvi Trivedi

BArch, Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) University

Proposed Topic: Global South

Alumni

[Deepthi Bathala](#), 2019

Ph.D., University of Michigan, 2024

B.Arch, Department of Architecture, College of Architecture Trivandrum, Kerala University

Research Assistant Department of Architecture, College of Architecture Trivandrum

Thesis: [Cultural Translations: A Global History of the Chili Pepper in Architecture](#)

Currently: Academic Program Specialist, Center for South Asian Studies, U. Michigan

Judy Bowes, 2020

BA, Arabic Language and Humanities, University of Pittsburgh.

Thesis: [Birds and the Built Environment](#)

Currently: Ph.D. candidate, Built Environments, University of Washington

Nicholas de Vry, 2023

BA Anthropology: Archaeological Science, University of Washington

Thesis: [Who Cares? Community Value in the Preservation of Seattle's Historic Public Schools](#)

Currently: Ph.D. candidate Built Environments, University of Washington

Will Edgar, 2024

BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley

Thesis: [Mies and Malevich: Form as a Historical Process](#)

Currently: Ph.D. Student, Northwestern University

[Saba Fatima](#), 2022

M Arch, Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University

Thesis: [Meydan as sahne : productions of space and expressions of Turkish politics at Taksim Square \(1950-1980\)](#)

Currently: Ph.D. student, UW CBE Ph.D. program

[Ellen Dement Hurd](#), 2019

BA, American History and Art History, Vanderbilt University

Architectural Historian/Preservationist, Jacobs Engineering, Atlanta, 2020-21.

Thesis: [Rebuilding a Nation: Cherokee Tribal Architecture, 1839-1907](#)

Currently: Certified Local Government Coordinator, Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, TN

Meghna Jain, 2025

B Arch, Buddha Group of Institutes

Thesis: [Experiencing the Sacred A Phenomenological Exploration of Architecture as Sentient Space](#)

[Babita Joy](#), 2018

B Arch, Ramaiah Institute of Technology, V.T.U., 2006.

M Arch, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2009

Thesis: ['Structure' as Conceptual Rigor: The Collaboration of Cecil Balmond and Rem Koolhaas](#)

Currently Ph.D. candidate, UW B.E. PhD program

[Katie Kemezis](#), 2012

CBE Urban Preservation Certificate, University of Washington

BA, Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College

Community Planner, City of McMinnville Planning Department, 2019-. Main Street Program

Director in McMinnville TN since 2017-2019.

Thesis: [Not What Meets the Eye: Re-examining reconstruction in postwar Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

Jordan Legan, 2022

Environmental design, University of Colorado, Boulder

Thesis: [Memory, Place, and Firefighting — Using a Typology of Floor Plans as a Wayfinding Tool in Smoke](#)

Currently: Fire Fighter, City of Seattle

[Samar Makhoulf](#), 2019

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Damascus, Syria

Historic preservation and cultural heritage in the contemporary Middle East

Currently: Plans Manager, Murray Franklyn

[Jennifer Mortensen](#), 2015

Thesis: [Reclaiming the daylight factory : the significance of versatility in the preservation of early twentieth century concrete frame industrial buildings in Dayton, Ohio](#)

Currently: Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma

[Megan Meulemans](#), 2010

Ph.D. UCLA, 2014

Bachelor of Science, Art History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thesis: [Oh woman, who art thou? and your house? : an exploration of Robert Mallet-Stevens, the women, and the formation of the modern house in interwar France](#)

Archivist, Gehry Partners, LLP; Teaching Fellow, SCI-Arc

[Jeff Murdock](#), 2019

Master of Architecture, University of Washington, 2001

Bachelor of Science in Business, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 1990

Thesis: [Robert Reichert and Regional Architecture in the Pacific Northwest](#)

Currently: Advocacy & Education Manager at Historic Seattle

Michael Olney, 2024

M Arch University of Washington

BA, Environmental Studies, Western Washington University

Thesis: [Metaphor in the making : comparative methods of representation in physical architectural models](#)

Currently: Ph.D. Student, College of Built Environments, UW

[Karli Pickett](#), 2014

Master of Arts in Art History, St. Andrews University, UK

Thesis: [Corporate Architecture in America from the Postwar to the Present](#)

Currently: Jyst, co-founder, CEO.

Saloni Rege, 2023

B Arch, Asmita College of Architecture, Mumbai University

Thesis: [Textiles and Architecture | Woven into Dimensions of Temporality, Craft, Drapery, and Technology](#)

Lori Smithey, 2011

BArch, Cooper Union

Ph.D. University of Michigan, 2019

Thesis: Fiction as theory in Ralph Adams Cram's The Decadent

Assistant Professor, University of Idaho

Amrita Vinod, 2023

B Arch – Architecture, Tkm College of Engineering, Kerala

Thesis: Architect-ing as World Building: Knowing the World Through Kaḷiyāṭṭam of Malabar Coast, India

Currently: Ph.D., candidate, University of Pittsburgh

Supasai Vongkulbhisal, 2016

B.Arch (First-Class Honors) Silpakorn University, Thailand 2008

M. Arch II University of Texas at Austin, 2012

Ph.D. in History, Theory, and Representation, University of Washington's College of the Built Environment, 2022

Thesis: Primitivism, Regionalism, and the Vernacular in Le Corbusier's Middle Years, 1929-1945

Currently: Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska

Sim Hinman Wan

BArch, California Polytechnic State University LEED AP

MArch, University of Washington

PhD, University of Illinois Chicago

Currently: Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University

Gregory T. Woolston, 2020

Master of Architecture, University of Washington

BA in Geography, Minor in Arabic, Middlebury College, Vermont

Thesis: Reading the White Spatial Imaginary in the Redevelopment of Yesler Terrace

Currently: Ph.D. candidate, University of California, Santa Cruz