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Architectural designer embodying the principles of climate justice through work on affordable housing and sustainable technologies. Seeking a role on the Sound Transit Community Oversight Panel.

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

**references on request*

SMR Architects | Seattle, WA

Designer 1 | Jan 2026 - present

- Retained responsibilities of Designer role while increasing coordination and production decisions.

Designer | Jun 2024 - Jan 2026

- Led design studies and documentation production for affordable housing projects across WA State.
- Co-chaired the firm's Sustainability Committee to establish firm-wide action towards decarbonization.

HDIP Intern | Sep 2023 - Jun 2024

- Assisted with design and production of documents from feasibility through construction documents.

Summer Intern | Jun 2023 - Sep 2023

- Studied courtyard design and established an office-wide standard of 62 key items for future projects.

Carbon Leadership Forum | Seattle, WA

Administrative Assistant | Jan 2022 - Jun 2024

- Managed customer relations databases (CRM), assisted with community site administration, worked on key Search Engine Optimization (SEO), and collaborated on primary website design.

Undergraduate Research Fellow | Sep 2022 - Jun 2023

- Connected with building industry practitioners while learning about embodied carbon.
- Developed a case study on sustainability practices employed by AEC firms in Seattle.

Aspire Intern | Windermere Real Estate | Seattle, WA | Jun 2022 - Aug 2022

- Researched the connection between historical homeownership trends and current socioeconomic disparities, including homelessness, home purchase mechanics, and urban density and zoning.
- Collaborated on organization improvement projects centered around justice, equity, and diversity.

Head of Research Project | Calder Center, Fordham University | Armonk, NY | Jun 2018 - Jun 2021

- Led research projects on aquatic pollution and wrote 2 unpublished award-winning research papers.
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EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Architecture | University of Washington | Seattle, WA | Graduated Jun 2024

- Degree focus of Sustainable Technologies, GPA of 3.91 (magna cum laude).
- Capstone: "Looking Beyond Carbon: A Holistic Approach to Seattle Sustainability"

Certified LEED Green Associate | Dec 2022

Eagle Scout | Jun 2021

SKILLS

Competencies

- Planning and design
- Office Suite, Google Workspace
- PM Tools: MS Project, JIRA, Asana

Architectural Programs

- Autodesk: Revit, Autocad
- Visuals: Enscape, Bluebeam
- Sustainability: EC3 Tool, TallyCAT