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Education

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| 2020 | Current |
| Yale University | UVA |
| BA Architecture | M.Arch |

Expertise

- Revit, AutoCAD, Rhino, Grasshopper, SketchUp/LayOut, Solidworks, V-Ray, Lumion, ArcGIS
- Microsoft Word, Excel, & Powerpoint
- Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, & Illustrator
- Significant organization experience
- Research & writing skills
- Communication & collaboration abilities

Interests

3D Modeling
Exhibit Design
Urban Planning
Art History



Elena "Cole" Fandrich

Architectural Designer

Self-motivated Yale University graduate and current UVA M.Arch student with 3 years of experience in the field of architecture, in addition to volunteer involvement in construction projects and a Bachelor degree in architecture. Dedicated to the improvement of the world through sustainability efforts and having earned the LEED Green Associate credential, with experience coordinating with other disciplines and taking the needs of all involved parties into account to complete the design process thoughtfully.

Experience

2024 - Present

University of Virginia | Charlottesville, VA

Exhibitions Assistant

Careful aligning of elements and designing of layouts
Developing visual design expertise and analytical skills of juxtapositions
Physical installation of exhibits in delicate and thoughtful manner

2023 - Present

Candace M.P. Smith, Architect | Charlottesville, VA

Architectural Intern

Completing administrative & organizational tasks to help manage firm
Developing skills in residential architectural design & renovating historic homes
Following multifaceted instructions in completing red lines
Communicating with current & potential clients to help assess design needs
Further evolving field measuring skills and abilities to draft measured drawings based on dimensions

2021 - 2023

Balzer & Associates | Staunton, VA

Project Designer I

Performing building code analyses & occupancy calculations
Selecting & specifying materials, finishes, & systems based on project needs
Presenting design ideas to clients & discussing possible alternatives with those involved
Coordinating with other disciplines & consultants to reach solutions for all parties
Preparing construction documents for permit submittal
Communicating design intent through use of two- and three-dimensional design software
Rendering designs & matching materiality through various software for client approval
Hand sketching design ideas to quickly communicate new or alternative concepts
Selecting furniture, fixtures, & equipment for client needs & aesthetic goals
Site visits for documenting & measuring, & modeling as-built conditions
Completing bank inspections as third-party via site visits for payapp approval
Developing site-specific designs for hotel projects based on prototypical designs & details
Design of new construction projects as well as renovations & tenant upfits
Communicating needs with civil, structural, & MEP engineers, interior designers, etc.
Managing time independently while working on multiple projects
Focusing intently on goals & networking within & without the firm
Researching a variety of possible solutions to design questions
Studying state building codes & commentary, in addition to local ordinances
Completing site visits throughout project as construction occurs
Managing communication with general contractor & subs throughout construction process
Problem solving & foreseeing questions & potential issues early in the project timeline

2016 - 2020

Yale University Library | New Haven, CT

Stacks Work Leader Level IV

Task-oriented managing of workflow & employees
Recalling complex order of operations & training others in processes
Cultivating leadership & interpersonal communication skills

Exhibits Assistant

Careful composing & constructing of materials for exhibits
Designing & fabricating mounts, boxes, reproductions, facsimiles, & labels
Independent self-managing of time & conduct
Organizing, cleaning, & regulating files, paperwork, reusable supplies, etc.
Careful handling of rare & delicate objects & books