

education

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design

Master in Architecture	Mar 2014
Energy + The City: Travel Studio in Basel with Herzog & de Meuron	Spring 2013
Unfinished Work: Option Studio with Ben Van Berkel	Fall 2012

Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art & Planning

Bachelor of Architecture	Jan 1999
Cornell in Rome Program (Dean's List)	Spring 1998
Gallo Iberia: Summer Program to Spain, France and Portugal	Summer 1996

practical experience

sekou cooke STUDIO - Principal Jan 2008 - present

projects:

- LR House - Single-Family House, Syracuse, NY
- Roji Tea Lounge - Design/Build Tenant Improvement, Syracuse, NY
- Clarke-Woods Residence - House Addition and Renovation, Maplewood, NJ
- Eat-to-Live Food Co-op - New Construction Community Grocery Store, Syracuse, NY
- F Street Residences - 37 Unit Mixed-use Building, Fresno, CA
- Clegg Residence - Apartment Renovation, New York, NY
- Live Fit Gym - Design/Build Installation, San Francisco, CA
- Bishop Building at Mendell Plaza - Schematic Building Design, San Francisco, CA
- Sessions Fitness Center - Tenant Improvement, San Francisco, CA (with Kory Bieg)
- Bay Sun Tanning Salon - Tenant Improvement, San Francisco, CA (with Mark Donohue)
- Yilmeh Academy - Academic Campus, Monrovia, Liberia (with Olalekan Jeyifous)
- Sol-y-mar Day Spa - Tenant Improvement, Oakland, CA
- Clarke-Woods Deck - House Addition, San Francisco, CA
- Re:module - Competition Entry, Metropolis, Next Generation (with T. Jason Anderson, Noah Greer)

BLNKT | Blanket Collaborative - Member Jun 2009 - Dec 2009

projects:

- The 4th Bin - Competition Entry, New York, NY
- The Kiln: Athens Student Housing - Competition Entry, Athens, Greece
- Park{ing} Day - Interactive Parklet, San Francisco, CA

slap.ink Design Collective - Founding Partner Jul 2004 - Jan 2008

projects:

- Skin - Lingerie Retail Store, Piermont, NY (published in WWD)
- Harrington Residence - Apartment Renovation, New York, NY
- Boys' & Girls' Clubs of New York - Clubhouse Renovations, Brooklyn/Bronx, NY
- Filletted Landscape: Great Central Valley Greenstop - Competition Entry, Modesto, CA
- Ferdie Nieta Park - Sports Complex, St. Catherine Jamaica
- Fanny - Restaurant and Bar, Brooklyn, NY
- Potter Residence - Apartment Renovation, Brooklyn, NY
- Siyathemba - Competition Entry, Somkhele, South Africa (with Sami Martin Sarmiento)
- Wallace Residence - Two Family House, Kingston, Jamaica (with Nina Cooke John)
- Clarke-Woods Loft - Interior Renovation, Brooklyn, NY
- Art-In-General - Competition Entry, New York, NY

Seidel/Holzman - Project Manager Aug 2006 - Dec 2007

projects:

- Washington Street Residence - 3 Unit Townhouse Renovation, San Francisco, CA
- Los Altos Gardens - 46 Unit Mixed-use Building, Los Altos, CA
- Fruitdale Station, Buildings C1 + E - 100+ Unit Condominiums and Rentals, San Jose, CA

Horace Harris + Associates - Project Manager Sep 2005 - Feb 2006

projects:

- Bed-Stuy Family Health Center - Brooklyn, NY
- SUNY Downstate Medical College - Residence Hall Proposal, Brooklyn, NY

Lawless & Mangione, Architects & Engineers, LLP - Project Manager Jan 2005 - Sep 2005
projects:
Bayside Mews Condominium - Plaza Design, Bayside, NY
75 Henry Street - Plaza Redesign, Brooklyn, NY
Le Havre - Facade Repair & Window Replacement, Whitestone, NY

Michael R. Davis Architects, PC - Junior Architect, Design Associate Jan 1999 - Dec 2004
projects:
Stonewood - Mainhouse Design, Millbrook, NY
New York Cat Hospital - Office Design, New York, NY
Kim-Farges Studio - Apartment combination, New York, NY
Beauvais Carpets - Showroom Design, New York, NY (with Ron Nemeec)
Kelly Residence - House Addition, Woodside, CA (with Ron Nemeec)
Cox Residence - Interior Renovation, Bronxville, NY
Attoe Residence - Apartment Renovation, Brooklyn, NY
Ikat: Splendid Silks of Central Asia - Exhibition, Denver, CO
Symphony Veterinary Center - Office Design, New York, NY
Organic Zone - Juice and Sandwich Bar, New York, NY

teaching experience

Syracuse University, School of Architecture, Syracuse, NY - Assistant Professor Fall 2010 - present
courses:
ARC 108 - Architecture Studio II
ARC 207 - Architecture Studio III
ARC 208 - Architecture Studio IV
ARC 500 - Professional Elective Seminar: Representation to Realization
ARC 500 - Professional Elective Seminar: Furniture Design and Detailing
ARC 500 - Professional Elective Seminar: Revealing Details
ARC 500 - Professional Elective Seminar: Breaking Space

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA - Instructor Fall 2010
courses:
OL ARH 651 - Design Process and 2D Media

California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA - Lecturer Fall 2006 - Spring 2009
courses:
ARCH 201 - Architecture Studio 1 (Process Studio)
ARCH 211 - Visual & Digital Media 1 (Hand Tools)
ARCH 202 - Architecture Studio 2 (Urban Studio)
ARCH 212 - Visual & Digital Media 2 (Digital Tools)
ARCH 301 - Architecture Studio 3 (Site Studio)
ARCH 302 - Architecture Studio 4 (Housing Studio)
ARCH 560 - Radical Representation (Building Technology Elective)

New York City College of Technology, Brooklyn, NY - Adjunct Spring 2006
courses:
AR 100 - Architectural Drawing I (an introduction to hand drafting)
AR 290 - Architectural CADD (an introduction to AutoCAD 2006)
AR 401 - Architectural Drawing IV (AutoCAD construction drawings of curtain wall structures)

juries

Washington University, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts Dec 2013
Professor: Heather Woofter
Syracuse University, School of Architecture Dec 2013
Professor: Amber Bartosh
Rhode Island School of Design Nov 2013
Professor: Hansy Better
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design Jul 2013
Instructor: Melissa Alexander
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design May 2013
Professor: Eric Höweler
Syracuse University, School of Architecture Dec 2012
Professor: Larry Bowne

Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art and Planning Professor: Henry Richardson	Aug 2012
University at Buffalo, School of Architecture and Planning Professor: Christopher Romano	May 2012
Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art and Planning Professor: Caroline O'Donnell	April 2012
Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art and Planning Professor: Henry Richardson	Dec 2011
California College of the Arts Professor: Douglas Burnham	Dec 2009
Academy of Art University Professor: Monica Tiulescu	May 2009
UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design Professor: Rene Davids	May 2008
UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design Professors: Roddy Creedon and T. Jason Anderson	Mar 2007
California College of the Arts Professors: Amanda Williams, Mark Donohue and M.Arch Thesis	Apr 2006
New York City College of Technology Professors: Tim Maldonado and Phyllis Sperling	Dec 2005
Parson's School of Design, Department of Architecture Professor: Nina Cooke John	May 2005
The City College of New York, Department of Architecture Professor: Gordon Gebert	Dec 2003
Syracuse University, School of Architecture Professor: Nina Cooke John	Dec 2002
Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art and Planning Professors: Henry Richardson and Vincent Mulcahy	Aug 2002
Harvard University, Graduate School of Design - Career Discovery Instructor: Hansy Better	Jul 2001
New York Institute of Technology, School of Architecture and Design Professor: Nina Cooke John	Feb 2001

lectures and events

"AKA Floating Slugs" Lecture and Furniture Exhibition, Syracuse Center of Excellence Headquarters	Sep 2015
"Towards A Hip-Hop Architecture" (Event Organizer) Symposium, School of Architecture, Syracuse, NY	Mar 2015
"Southside Food Co-op: Community Building in Syracuse, NY" 2014 NOMA Conference, Philadelphia, PA	Oct 2014
"Getting My Hands Dirty" Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art and Planning	July 2012
"Irreconcilable Interiors" CCA NOMAS Symposium	Apr 2007

publications

"Q+A: Sekou Cooke and the Era of Hip-Hop Architecture" by Wanda Lau Architect Magazine	Mar 2015
"What Do Hip-Hop and Architecture Have in Common?" by Jennifer Nalewicki Interior Design Magazine	Mar 2015
"The Fifth Pillar: A Case for Hip-Hop Architecture" Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy, ArchDaily.com	Apr 2014
"Sekou Cooke writes to Eric Grant" Open Letters: Issue #03	Nov 2013
"Keep Talking Kanye: An Architect's Defense of Kanye West" ArchDaily.com	Oct 2013
Skin - Lingerie Retail Store, Piermont, NY	Feb 2007

exhibits

"AKA Floating Slugs" Furniture Exhibition and Lecture - SyracuseCoE, Syracuse, NY	Sep 2015
"5 x 5 Chimeras" Group exhibitions - Slocum Hall, Syracuse, NY	Mar 2015
"Carthuis" part of GSD African American Student Urban Design Exhibition Group exhibition and talk - Cambridge, MA	Oct 2013
"Furnished" Group furniture exhibition - Slocum Hall, Syracuse University	Sep 2011
"3 Reception Desks," part of "Motive Force" Group exhibition - Slocum Hall, Syracuse University	Dec 2010
"4d, 3d, 2d, struction," part of "Drawn In" Group exhibition - August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Pittsburgh, PA	Oct 2006

awards

SOA Research Grant Research and construction of Hip-Hop Dance and Architecture installation	Jul 2015
Syracuse Center of Excellence Headquarters Sponsored Research "Floating Slugs" Furniture Exhibition	Jun 2015
SOA Faculty Works Grant Development of Hip-Hop Architecture Exhibition	Jul 2014
SOA Faculty Works Grant Development of Re:module project	Jul 2011
"The 4th Bin" Competition Finalist - New York, NY	Sep 2009

other activities

Faculty Advisor, SU NOMAS, SMAD (Society of Multicultural Architects & Designers)	2014 - present
Contributing Editor, Open Letters	2013
GSDAASU (Graduate School of Design African American Student Union)	2012 - 13
California licensed architect	2009
New York State licensed architect	2003
President, MOAPP (Minority Organization of Architecture, Art and Planning)	1996 - 97
President, Cornell Chapter, NOMAS	1995 - 96