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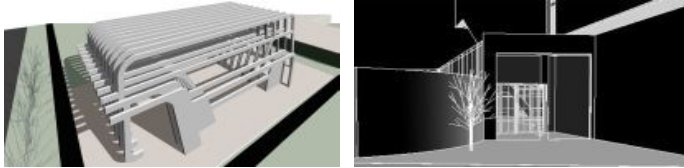
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## Profile

An energetic, highly-motivated, process-oriented post-graduate seeks a position as an **Architectural Professional** in a firm committed to integrated sustainable design where I can use my strong conceptual, design, and technical drawing skills to enhance design and productivity



## Honors/Awards

- **2010 AIA Colorado Honors Award in Planning** (team award)
- **2006 Babi Yar Memorial Park Competition** (solo project) semi-finalist
- **Curated Group Show** (photography) Gallery Cuvee, Denver
- **Hearst National Intercollegiate Photojournalism Competition**, second place

## Highlights of Qualifications

- **Explore conceptual designs, develop schematics** using 3D sketches in foam, wood, REVIT, CAD, Photoshop and hand drawing resulting in awards as noted above
- **Excellent eye-hand coordination.** Experienced in WORD, EXCEL, PowerPoint, and In-Design.
- **Professional REVIT training** to produce concept and schematic designs; design options include space planning and area analysis; plans, sections, elevations, and perspective renderings for final presentation
- Measure/draw existing structures for use in planned renovations
- Build conceptual through display wood models
- Research and analyze pre-design data, meeting stringent deadlines while attending to details

## Experience

### **Greensburg Green Neighborhoods Project (2010)**

Mixed-use commercial-residential Greensburg (KS) Greentown Project explores Patterns of Sustainable Urbanism. Team awarded the 2010 AIA Colorado Honors Award in Planning. Initiated in-depth research and analysis of environmental forces, community vision/goals, precedent studies, programming plans, and building codes which were instrumental in formulating overall design concept. Concept of a Sustainable Neighborhood Infill Development directed options for organizing space. Explored conceptual designs in foam, CAD, REVIT drawings. Generated schematic iterations presented to Greensburg City Council.

### **Babi Yar Memorial Park Architectural Competition (2006)**

Sponsored by Mizel Museum, Denver, Colorado  
Challenge: To End Terrorism in Our Time for All People  
Remembrance | Healing | Empowerment.

Design  
Concept Solution:

Floating structures evoke a sense of timelessness. Sunken garden and reflecting pool provides a place for reflection and regeneration: a place to witness and to be witnessed. Rough-hewn travertine references stones at Babi Bar, Ukraine, and celebrates permanence, solidity, simplicity and warmth.

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## **Architectural Intern**

**Hyperform Co-op**, Denver, Colorado (2009-August 2010)

- Collaborate with architects, landscape architects and interior designers in both client and pro bono work
- Research and analyze pre-design research data culling relevant information for informed decision-making
- Perform numeric and graphic area analysis by department and/or function of spaces using REVIT architectural software
- Detail interior elevations and search online for relevant manufacturer drawings; research codes, specs, cost estimates; create and maintain REVIT schedules

**Sebring Lawler Architects**, Boulder, Colorado (contract, summer 2008)

- Train architects in REVIT fundamentals, easing staff transition from CAD to REVIT

**Specialty Sports Venture**, Denver, Colorado (summer 2008)

- Under direct supervision of principal architect, complete extensive fieldwork at mountain storefronts
- Work independently on 3D modeling of existing retail stores via detailed measurements. Deliverables: plan, section, elevation and perspective drawings

## **Customer Service Supervisor**

**MaggiesCottage.com**, Denver, Colorado (2003-2006)

- Support customer reps in resolving customer inquiries/complaints, meeting diverse needs and engendering repeat customers
- Collaborate with management and sales to create seasonal promotional activities
- Entrusted to design presentation material, draft agenda for meetings with Denver University's MBA Capstone team in reviewing firm's online strategies
- Initiate and develop response templates for commonly asked questions, eliminating repetition and ensuring a unified voice in presenting the company's earth-friendly and sustainable policies

## **Paraprofessional Accountant**

**Jean Hsu, CPA**, Cupertino, California (2002-2003)

- Reconcile financial statements, monthly budgets, reports, bank statements, etc.
- Edit client letters as regards corporate tax issues
- Streamline reports and procedures as necessary
- Meet stringent fiscal deadlines incurring zero industry fees/penalties

## **Education**

**Architecture and Planning**, M.A., CU-Denver, Denver, Colorado

**Journalism**, M.A., Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri