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EDUCATION

- 2006 - 2009 Master of Architecture, Columbia University GSAPP, New York City, NY.
2002-2006 Bachelor of Science in Architecture, The University of Michigan TCAUP, Ann Arbor, MI.

REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Current *Registered Architect*, New York license No. 037253
Additional licenses in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Georgia
Current *Certificate Holder*, NCARB

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-Current *Assistant Professor*, The University of Oklahoma College of Architecture
2016-2017 *Bruce Goff Chair of Creative Architecture*, The University of Oklahoma College of Architecture
2014-2016 *Adjunct Professor*, The University of Oklahoma College of Architecture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Current *Co-Founder and Chief Design Officer*, Open Design Collective (501c3), Oklahoma City
<https://www.opendesignco.org/>
2018-Current *Founder and Principal*, Script Architecture PLLC, New York City & Oklahoma City
<https://scriptarchitecture.com/>
2019-2021 *Active Board Member*, BlackSpace Oklahoma (501c3), Oklahoma City. At the time there were three active board members and no staff running the organization and working on projects.
<https://www.blackspaceok.org/>
2015-2018 *Founder and Co-Principal*, Inter-Projects Architecture, PLLC, New York City & Oklahoma City
2012-2015 *Project Manager & Architect*, Fitzsimmons Architects, Oklahoma City
2011-2012 *Designer*, WORKac, New York City
2010-2011 *Designer*, URBANUS Architecture and Design, Beijing
2009 *Designer*, The Living & X Clinic, New York City

2007-2008 Summer Intern, Leeser Architecture, New York City

SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE WORK

DESIGN AWARDS

- 2022 Script. "Mosaic Home." **Design Excellence Interior Architecture, Honor Award, AIA Central Oklahoma.**
- 2021 PIVOT (owner), Richard McKown (developer), Script and other local architects. PIVOT Tiny Homes. *Outstanding Community Building Effort for Pivot Tiny Homes, Impact Award, Urban Land Institute Oklahoma.*
- 2019 Script. "Planned Parenthood Health Center, Oklahoma City." **Design Excellence Interior Architecture, Citation Award, AIA Oklahoma.**
- 2016 Richards, Deborah. **Young Professional Achievement, Honor Award, AIA Oklahoma.**

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, RECOGNITION

- 2019-2021 Richards, Deborah. *Gibbs Research Fellowship in Architecture Reward, University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, Norman, OK. Faculty with track records of excellence in research, \$5,000 per year for three years.*
- 2016-2017 Richards, Deborah. *Outstanding Adjunct Award, University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, Norman, OK.*
- 2009 Richards, Deborah. Work published in Abstract, GSAPP. Faculty-selected student work.
- 2009 Richards, Deborah and Emily Johnson. "The Future of the Medina: Negotiating Modernization and Gentrification through comparative studies in North Africa." *William Kinne Fellows Memorial Traveling Prize, Columbia University GSAPP, New York, NY. Travel and research in Morocco, Tunisia, (Libya), Egypt, Jordan.*
- 2006 Richards, Deborah. *AIA student show Award, Academic Scholarship, student shows invitation, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.*

RESEARCH & GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2022-Current Richards, Deborah (PI) and Chris Weaver, Vanessa Morrison, John Harris, Denyvetta Davis, Sandino Thompson, Quintin Hughes, Cassi Poor, and Kenton Tsoodle. "Legacy Building Toolset." *CIVIC Innovation Challenge, Stage 1, National Science Foundation, \$50,000.* <https://nscivinnovation.org/awardees/>
- 2022-Current Open Design. Jewel Theater Stabilization and Renovation. **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$1,000,000.**
- 2020 BlackSpace Oklahoma. "NE Oklahoma City Community Impact Plan." **Oklahoma City Black Justice Fund, \$18,000.**

- 2020 Richards, Deborah and Andrea Benjamin and Vanessa Morrison. "Community Led Policy and Design: A Multidisciplinary Think Tank." ***Inequities in the Academic Research and Creative Activity Enterprise Rapid Response Seed Grant Opportunity***, University of Oklahoma, \$17,500.
- 2020 BlackSpace Oklahoma. "Deep Deuce Drive In." *Oklahoma Community Action Micro-Grant*, Urban Land Institute Oklahoma, \$3,000. *Small Grant Support*, Oklahoma Arts Council, \$2,500.
- 2020 Richards, Deborah and Alexander Walter. "Greenwood Ceramics Storytelling Project." **Greenwood Art Project**, \$15,000. *Program for Research Enhancement*, University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, \$3,807.
- 2018 Richards, Deborah (PI) and BlackSpace Oklahoma and University of Oklahoma. "NE OKC Storytelling Project." *Major Challenge Grant - The Human Experience: These projects explore culture and history through time and place*, Funded in part by **Oklahoma Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities**, \$5,000. Additional 3rd party gifts and cash totaling \$23,679.
- 2018-2019 Richards, Deborah (PI) and Ken Marold. "Surface Flux." *Humanities Forum Grant*, University of Oklahoma, \$4,500.
- 2016 Richards, Deborah (PI) and Chris Weaver, Hans Butzer, Classen Ten Penn Neighborhood Association, Ana Castellanos, OKC Strong Neighborhood Initiative, Inclusion in Art, Oklahoma Contemporary. "Placemaking Toolset." *National Creative Placemaking Fund*, ArtPlace America. "Placemaking Toolset" was a finalist, representing 6% of applications. The project was not awarded funding but the research and partnerships continued.

BLIND PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Richards, Deborah and Angela M. Person (2022). Equity & Dignity by Design: Co-creating Guidelines with Planned Parenthood Affiliate Health Centers, ***Journal of Architectural Education***, 76:1, 99-106, DOI: 10.1080/10464883.2022.2017708

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- 2021-Current Richards, D., and Alexander Tahman and Stephanie Pilat (2021). Fabricating a New Black Wall Street: Ceramic Storytelling in Tulsa's Greenwood District. Working Manuscript
- 2009 Meisterlin, Leah (Ed.) and Reinhold Martin (Director), Anna Kenoff (Coordinator), Diana Martinez (Coordinator), Deborah Richards (Production Team), Any Vann (Production Team), Glen Cummings (Graphic Design). *Public Housing: A New Conversation*. The Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, 2009. Richards participated in research, charrette, discussions, and graphic design.

PUBLICATION OF WORK & MEDIA, WRITTEN & PRODUCED BY OTHERS

- 2022 Howard, Annie, "Open Design Collective Gets Communities Involved in Planning Their Own

- Neighborhoods," *Architect Magazine*, The Game Changers Issue, October 2022, pp 38.
- 2021 Cathey, Dave. "Tiny homes boost big dreams for Oklahoma's homeless youth" *Oklahoman*, 22nd June 2021. URL
- 2021 Brown, Jeffrey and Anne Azzi Davenport. "How art is retelling powerful stories of Tulsa Massacre, Capturing Community's Hopes." *PBS NewsHour*, May 2021.
- 2019 "Series aims at educating citizens in black community on city planning, design and architecture". *Oklahoma's News 4*. KFOR, Oklahoma. 8 March. 2019. Television.
- 2019 "BlackSpace Oklahoma Project Will Highlight Historic Landmarks for Future Generations". *News 9*. March 13th. 2019. Television.
- 2018 Brillon, James, "Deborah Richards creates retreat for her family beside Massachusetts lake." *Dezeen*, January 6, 2018, <https://www.dezeen.com/2018/01/06/deborah-richards-inter-projects-family-retreat-shingle-clad-house-long-pond-massachusetts/>
- 2014 Ravgiala, Gail, "Gathering Place," *Design New England*, January 2014, pp 100-103.

EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

- 2019 Richards, Deborah (PI) and Ken Marold. "Surface Flux." *Factory Obscura*, Oklahoma City. Exhibition.
- 2018-Current BlackSpace Oklahoma (2018-Present). "Northeast Storytelling Project/BlackSpaceOK." *Special Collection*, Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County.

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- 2022 Open Design Collective. "So8th: a Community Vision (Masterplan)." Lecture. *Urban Land Institute Oklahoma*, November 2022, Oklahoma City, OK.
- 2020 Benjamin, Andrea and Deborah Richards and Vanessa Morrison, "NE OKC Think Tank." Lecture. *Understanding Inequity, Advancing Equity*, University of Oklahoma, Fall 2020, Norman, OK.
- 2020 Richards, Deborah and Cory Henry. "Rethinking Education for a More Equitable World." Session Moderator and Organizer. *Schools of Thought*, University of Oklahoma College of Architecture, Summer 2020, online. Panelists: Karen Abrams, Karlos Hill, Bryan Lee, Marc Miller, Ann Yoachim.
- 2018 Richards, Deborah. "Architecture, Space, and Time: How Ontology has Inspired Innovation in Architectural Surfaces." Lecture. *Humanities Forum Grant*, University of Oklahoma, Fall 2018, Norman, OK.
- 2018 Richards, Deborah. Tour and lecture of Planned Parenthood Health Center OKC. *Woman in Architecture*, AIA Central Oklahoma, May 2018, Oklahoma City, OK.
- 2016 Richards, Deborah. "Placemaking and Computation through Practice, Work by Deborah Richards." *Bruce Goff Chair of Creative Architecture Lecture*, University of Oklahoma College

of Architecture, Spring 2016, Norman, OK.

SELECTED DESIGN PROJECTS

As Co-Founder and Chief Design Officer of Open Design Collective 501c3

- Current Jewel Theater Stabilization and Renovation, **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** & Arthur Hurst. Oklahoma City, OK. Planning and renovating a significant historic Black owned building in NE Oklahoma City.
- Current So8th: A Community Vision, Oklahoma City Redevelopment Authority. Oklahoma City, OK. 85% Final Report.
NE Oklahoma City Co-Designed Masterplan for 4th Street and the Surrounding Area. The area is the home of a historic Black community that was displaced by Urban Renewal and other social and political factors. **(see media by others)**.
- Current Planning for the Future of the Brockway Center and Lyons/Luster Mansion Reuse Feasibility Study, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Oklahoma City Redevelopment Authority. Oklahoma City, OK. 95% Final Report.
Co-Ideated feasibility and business plan for the reuse of two historic buildings in NE OKC that are culturally significant to the local Black community.
- Current NE Oklahoma City Pre-Masterplan, Community Impact Development. Oklahoma City, OK. 5% progress.

As Founder and Co-Director of Script Architecture
(Inter-Projects became Script in 2018)

- Current Health Center, Planned Parenthood Southeast. Lawrenceville, GA. 95% CD.
5,000sf renovation
- Current Affordable Housing, Progress OKC. Oklahoma City, OK. 15% SD.
Research into building wealth through housing and architectural drawings for three single family houses and one duplex
- 2022 Clere Tiny Home, PIVOT a turning point for youth. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
One house part of the Pivot Tiny Homes campus, 280 sf tiny house for at risk young adults.
(see publications).
- 2022 Health Center, Planned Parenthood Great Plains. Rogers, AR. Complete.
5,000sf renovation
- 2021 Health Center Tulsa, Planned Parenthood Great Plains. Tulsa, OK. Complete.
11,000sf new construction health center and offices
- 2020 Health Center Staten Island, Planned Parenthood Greater New York. New York, NY. Design Concept Complete.
1,600sf renovation

- 2020 Building Book Health Center Design Guidelines, Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Guidelines for Planned Parenthood Affiliates across the United States. Complete.
- 2019 Health Center Oklahoma City, Planned Parenthood Great Plains. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
11,000sf gut renovation. **AIA Award (see design awards).**
- 2018 Mosaic Home. New York, NY. Complete.
4,000sf gut renovation. **AIA Award (see design awards).**
- 2017 Scottie's Deli, Eric Fossett. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
2,000sf tenant build out
- 2015 Moire Memorial. *World War I Memorial Design Competition*, World War I Centennial Commission. Washington, DC. Design Ideas Complete.
- 2012 325 Pond Lane. Lakeville, MA. Complete.
1,700sf new construction house. **(see publications).**

With Fitzsimmons Architects, Oklahoma City
(Richards as project manager and architect)

- 2015 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. The Frank. Oklahoma City, OK.
40,000sf apartment complex. **2017 AIA Oklahoma Design Excellence Commercial Architecture Citation Award.**
- 2014 Richards, Deborah. Project Manger. Broadway 10 Chophouse and Bar. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
8,000sf restaurant, historic renovation building. **2015 AIA Oklahoma Design Excellence Interior Architecture Citation Award.**
- 2014 Richards, Deborah. Fassler Hall / Dust Bowl. Team Member & Digital Design/Fabrication Manager. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
40,000sf retail space. **2015 AIA Oklahoma Design Excellence Commercial Architecture Merit Award. 2017 AIA Central States Region Design Excellence Architecture Merit Award.**
- 2014 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. Monterey. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
2014 AIA Central States Region Design Excellence Interior Architecture Merit Award.
- 2013 Richards, Deborah. Project Manger. Dry Shop. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
9,000sf retail and salon. **2013 AIA Oklahoma Design Excellence Interior Architecture Honor Award. 2015 AIA Urban Land Institute Impact Award Distinguished Merit Award.**
- 2013 Richards, Deborah. Project Manager. Oklahoma University Hillel. Norman, OK. Concept Design.
- 2013 Richards, Deborah. Project Manager. Midtown Vets. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
8,000sf historic building adaptive reuse gut renovation.
- 2013 Richards, Deborah. Project Manager. 1100 Core. Oklahoma City, OK. Complete.
20,000sf historic building adaptive reuse for offices and retail.

With WORKac, New York City
(Richards as Designer)

- 2014 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. Wieden + Kennedy. New York City, NY.
2014 AIA New York Design Excellence Interior Architecture Merit Award.
- 2012 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. "Nature-City". *Foreclosed: Re-Housing the American Dream*, Museum of Modern Art, NYC. Exhibition.

With Urbanus Architecture and Design, Beijing, China
(Richards as Designer)

- 2011 Richards, Deborah. Design Leader. Open Gate. Wuxi, China.
- 2011 Richards, Deborah. Design Leader. National Education Center (国家远程教育大厦). Beijing, China.
- 2010 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. Caofeidian International Eco-City (唐山曹妃甸国际生态城), Caofeidian, China.
- 2010 Richards, Deborah. Team Member. Sinology Center (中国国学中心), Beijing, China.

The Living & X Clinic, New York City
(Richards as Designer)

- 2009 Richards, Deborah. Designer. Amphibious Architecture, New York, NY.
Lead designer of coding light behavior.
Exhibition: "Towards a Sentient City," The Architectural League, NYC

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

- Spring 2022 Arch-1263. Methods II - Pattern of Architecture
- Fall 2021 Arch-4956. Undergraduate Design IX. **Urban Design** & Architecture in NE OKC.
- Spring 2021 Arch-4956. Undergraduate Design X. **Architecture from Urban Design** in NE OKC.
- Spring 2021 Arch-1263. Methods II - Pattern of Architecture
- Fall 2020 Arch-4956. Undergraduate Design IX. **Urban Design** in NE OKC.
- Spring 2020 Arch-4056 / 6056. Grad & Undergrad Design X. **Architecture from Urban Design** in NE OKC.
- Fall 2019 Arch-4056. Undergraduate Design IX. **Urban Design** in NE OKC.
- Spring 2019 Arch-4056. Undergraduate Design X. African & African American Studies Department.

Blog Published: OU Library Stories. <https://libraries.ou.edu/content/engaging-history>

Spring 2019	Arch-4056/5543. Research and Critical Writing: Architectural Theory and Criticism
Fall 2018	Arch-3556. Undergraduate Design Studio V. Tea Center.
Spring 2018	Arch-4970-900 & Arch-5970-900. Computational Design & Fabrication
Spring 2018	Arch-5055-001. Undergraduate Design Studio X. Urban Mesh
Fall 2017	Arch-3556. Undergraduate Design Studio V. Field Conditions. Food Hub.
Spring 2017	Arch-4855 & Arch-5546. Undergraduate Design Studio VIII & Graduate Design Studio IV. Urban Link
Fall 2016	Arch-4970-902 & Arch 5970-902. Computational Design & Fabrication
Spring 2016	Arch 4855-001 & Arch 5546-001. Undergraduate Design Studio VIII & Graduate Design Studio IV. Urban Neighborhood Community Center
Fall 2015	Arch 4970 & 5970. Fabrication & the Digital City
Spring 2015	Arch 2424. Studio IV, 4th semester undergraduate studio. Street Theater. Urban Nature Center.
Spring 2017	Arch 5516. 2nd Semester Graduate Studio. Intermix, University Building.

INVITED JURIES

Fall 2020	M.Arch Review. University of Michigan: Ann Lui Faculty of Architecture.
Fall 2020	Undergrad Review. Oklahoma State University: Adam Lanman Faculty of Architecture.
Spring 2020	Undergrad Review. Iowa State University: Nick Senske Faculty of Architecture.

SERVICE

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Fall 2020	Paper Reviewer, <i>Journal of Planning Education and Research</i>
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COMMUNITY

2019 - 2020	Blackspace Oklahoma Board Member
2018 - 2020	Downtown Design Review Committee member, Oklahoma City
2013 & 2012	Oklahoma City Better Block - a community revitalization program

PROGRAM/DIVISION

2018-Current Committee Member, Division of Architecture Curriculum Committee.