

derek wendt

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professional summary

Derek is a passionate architect and sensorial designer with a strong belief in collaborative and integrated design process. He brings a deep commitment to creating deliberate projects for the people to engage with the environments and impact the way they feel, hear, think, and behave.

Derek has 6+ years of experience with a diverse architectural background in aviation, civic, interiors, multi-family residential, hospitality, sustainable design, signage and wayfinding, and facilities operations. Derek plays a role in empowering architecture professionals of underrepresented backgrounds and enriching their companies' culture. He also occasionally freelance his illustration and graphic design skills.

Account / Client Services management
Branding and Marketing Design Support
Construction Administration
Critical Thinking and Design Conscious
Design Development and Documentation
Detail-oriented and highly-organized

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Specialist
Maintaining interpersonal relationships
Structural design and coordination
Team collaboration and management
Universal and Accessibility Design Advocate
Values stability and conscientiousness

education

University of Detroit Mercy | Detroit, Michigan | Master's of Architecture | 2011

- Five-year accelerated Master's of Architecture program
- Published a thesis, "*SOUND : a phenomenology of aural architecture*", and curated two coherence exhibitions on sensorial design and research
- Awarded *Student of the Year* for character development and integrity
- Awarded the *Ford Motors Company Award for Innovation Challenge*
- Studied abroad in Volterra of Tuscany region
- Design charrette with Oxford-Brookes University students for the Heidelberg Project in Detroit
- Graduate student teaching assistant for the School of Architecture's Structural Physics | 2010-2011
- Treasurer for the School of Architecture's AIAS Chapter | 2010-2011

professional experience

VIA Architecture | Seattle, Washington | Project Architect | Mar 2020 - Present

- Firm served transit infrastructure and facilities, multi-family residential, mixed-use development, social/affordable housing, community design, and urban planning
- Held roles of project architect on transit design and mixed-use development projects
- Scope included monorail station, underground transit station, and high-rise condominiums
- Served as founding member of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Task Force, working with firm leadership to formalize the office's commitment to embedding EDI into VIA's work with clients and communities, and to assess structural and resource gaps to implementing EDI internally

Clark | Barnes | Seattle, Washington | Architect | Oct 2019 - Feb 2020

- Firm served commercial, hospitality, interior design, CLT design, and mixed-use developments
- Held roles of project designer on hospitality projects

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Alliance | Minneapolis, Minnesota | Architectural Designer | Jan 2016 - Sept 2019

- Firm served aviation, office, academic, science, interior design, and lifestyle
- Held roles of team designer for the MSP Operational Improvements and Revit Responder
- Scope included baggage claim, ticketing lobby, south exit and security checkpoint, information desks, wayfinding signage, and construction administration
- Served as founding member and co-chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, working with firm leadership to formalize the office's commitment to embedding EDI internally
- Awarded *Remick Professional Development Award*, an office scholarship, to visit and research on sensorial design in Western Europe including Elbphilharmonie and Pierre Boulez Saal

DJR Architecture | Minneapolis, Minnesota | Architectural Designer | Oct 2014 - Dec 2015

- Firm served commercial, hospitality, retail, interiors, and sustainable design
- Contributed support from schematic design to construction documents, and built physical models

Walt Disney World Resort | Orlando, Florida | Architectural Intern | May - Aug 2010

- Provided strategic and project support for the Architectural and Facility Engineering on feasibility studies and rehabilitation projects throughout the Walt Disney World Resort
- Provided studies on accessibility and architectural issues of existing conditions at Disney's Animal Kingdom, EPCOT, Magic Kingdom, Polynesian Resort, and Parkwide's watercraft docks and restroom facilities

other relevant works

- Provides *illustration and graphic design as freelance* since 2012, on infographics, book cover designs, branding, web design, and architectural renderings - manages account and client services with great rapport
- Produced a short informative animation video for the *Detroit Works Project* with utilizing Adobe software and curated an audio consultant for the voice-overs | 2012
- Contracted to build a physical model and create visualizations for *SHW Group* (now Stantec) | 2011

skills

Adobe Creative Suite | Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, UX/UI Design

Architectural | Revit, SketchUp, AutoCAD, 3DS Max, Rhino, Revu Bluebeam, Enscape, Lumion, V-Ray

Other Software | Mac OS X, Microsoft Access, Excel, OneNote, Outlook, PowerPoint, Teams, Word

professional affiliations

Architect License | State of Washington

AIA | Member

AIA Minnesota | Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (2016-2019)

AIA Seattle | Diversity Roundtable (2019-Present)

NCARB | Member