

SAFAA ALNABELSEYA

Master of Architecture, Designer, and Published Researcher

Designing, teaching, and learning with empathy

EMPLOYMENT

Freelance / Landscape Designer

SEPTEMBER 2020 - PRESENT, TORONTO ON

- Independently led and oversaw all phases of a landscape design project for a single family home in Ottawa, conducting site analysis, considering grading, soil, and shading
- Fostered transparent client communication throughout the design, ensuring a personalized and tailored design
- Collaborated and coordinated with contractors on-site, innovatively addressing design and construction challenges for project success

UWSA / Teaching Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2022 - DECEMBER 2022, CAMBRIDGE ON

- Supported teaching of second-year core design studio, "*Architecture Against Housing Alienation*," with Professor Adrian Blackwell and team
- Managed bi-weekly class schedules and contributed to course materials
- Participated in reviews, aided in project grading, and offered student office hours, earning nomination for the Excellence in TA award by students

CSV Architects / Intern Architect

MARCH 2021 - JANUARY 2022, OTTAWA ON

- Contributed to daycare renovations in Ottawa, ON, managing documentation of existing conditions and leading the concept design phase
- Supported multi-unit affordable housing projects in Kingston and Kemptville, Ontario, gaining expertise in large-scale design and construction documentation
- Led the design and project development of a single-family home addition in Ottawa, 3D modeling the existing house and the addition

Colizza Bruni Architecture / Intern Architect

JANUARY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2020, OTTAWA ON

- Managed the 24hr daycare addition for City View Centre in Ottawa, overseeing schematic design to contract administration and coordinated with consultants and contractors
- Supported design development for the Laroche Park Community Centre in Ottawa, overseeing schematic design and 66% design development under architects' guidance
- Conducted site visits with engineers and contractors and coordinated documents
- Improved project presentations and proposals by creating InDesign templates
- Gained expertise in Ontario Building Code compliance, handling minor variance applications, and planning rationale presentations

EDUCATION

Waterloo University / M.Arch

SEPTEMBER 2021 - APRIL 2023, CAMBRIDGE ON

The Bartlett UCL / M.Arch Bio-Integrated Design

SEPTEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021, LONDON UK

Waterloo University / B.A. in Architecture, Co-op

SEPTEMBER 2013 - OCTOBER 2018, CAMBRIDGE ON

- Conducted M.Arch research at Waterloo exploring the ecological significance and sustainable fibre potential of the common milkweed plant. Conducted fieldwork to study growth conditions, seasonal changes, and interspecies interactions. Ethically harvested fibers and utilized them to craft a garment, symbolizing an Earth-conscious approach. Thesis initiated discussions on ecological restoration and sustainable natural resource utilization in design.
- During my M.Arch, I contributed to *Advocacy___Architecture*, a collaborative research project investigating power imbalances in architecture. This research resulted in a syllabus focused on the role of advocacy in architecture within pedagogy and the profession. In November 2022, we delivered a lecture titled "*Architecture as Political Action*" to first-year students.
- At the Bartlett, I studied maple leaves' chlorophyll breakdown in the fall through extensive documentation for five consecutive days. The research was carried out at multiple scales comparing elevation, sun direction and location of leaves, resulting in a [video documentation](#).

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SKILLS

Design

Collaborative Design
Client Meeting
Physical Modelling
3D modelling
Proposal Development
Storyboarding
Concept Sketching
Presentations
Photography
Graphic Design
Rapid Visual Representations
Site Documentation
Permit Application
Tender Documents
Construction Documents

Tools

Revit / Rhino / AutoCAD / Sketchup / V-ray / LandFX / Grasshopper / ArchiCAD / ArcGIS / Adobe Creative Suite / 3D Printing / Laser Cutting / HTML & CSS Coding

EXTRA

Publications

2023 - "Transient Skin(s)" in UCLA's [POOL Residue edition](#)

CURRENT - "Ephemeral Embraces" in UWSA's *g.alt seeds* edition

Recognition

2023 - Masonry Council of Ontario: The Longevity of Masonry (2nd prize) valued at \$2000

2023 - [Excellence in Architecture TA](#) Award valued at \$500

2023 - Student Engagement Award: [Environmental Action](#) valued at \$250

2022 - 3D printed clay project, [Nestling](#), selected for exhibition at Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery

2017 - International Experience Award valued at \$2500 for studying abroad in Rome

2015 - International Experience Award valued at \$1000 for working abroad in Rotterdam

COOP Employment

2017 - Architectural Designer, *Rice+Lipka / New York City*

2016 - Architectural Intern, *Stantec / Vancouver*

2015 - Architectural Intern, *Kraaijvanger / Rotterdam*

2015 - Urban Designer Intern, *Urban Strategies / Toronto*