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July 24th, 2023

AIA Nebraska
335 N. 8th Street, Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: AIA Nebraska Young Architect Award

Dear AIA Nebraska Jury Members:

It is my pleasure to offer my sincere recommendation of Beau Johnson for the distinguished AIA Nebraska Young Architect Award.

Beau is vital to DLR Group's design culture serving as Central Region's Design Leader. His design voice has elevated facilities across the United States. He has the natural ability to create an overall design concept and the technical knowledge to detail supporting the design vision. Beau is well known for his contributions to our firm, but even more so for his ability to mentor young designers.

Beyond his role in our firm, Beau is actively involved in the design community serving on the NE AIA Committee on Design, Omaha by Design Advisory Council, Joslyn Young Art Patron Executive Council Committee Co-Chair, and architectural Designer for UNSEEN by Charles Kay Jr exhibition at Kaneko Art Center. He is also heavily involved in mentorship programs in the community and at DLR Group. I have personally witnessed how he takes the time to explain and show young designers not just how things are done, but why, with grace and patience.

Beau is fully committed to the betterment of the architecture profession, is a champion of quality design, and cares deeply about his peers. He absolutely deserves this recognition.

Sincerely,
DLR Group

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Vanessa Schutte, AIA, ALEP
Principal | Architect

Beau Johnson, AIA, NCARB

Senior Associate | Region Design Leader



Growing up a Midwesterner, Beau was raised by competition on the athletic field and the golf course, inspiring an early ambition to artistically sculpt our fields of play that served as a gateway into the wider world of design. This pursuit led him from the fields of central Iowa, to the mountains of northern California, to the cobblestone streets of Rome. Somewhere along the way, he became disconcerted by the rigid distinction between landscape architecture and architecture, interested more specifically in their relationships and the space between, both professionally, conceptually, and technically.

While Beau is now back in the Midwest, his professional experience has been distinctively shaped his time away... by over a decade of living and working in London, Providence, and New York City. After studying landscape architecture at Iowa State University, Beau moved to London to work for Foster + Partners. He quickly found himself deeply entrenched within a dynamic team of designers working on architecture projects all over the world. His growth matured through the quality and rigor of the work, as well as the vibrant culture of living in one of Europe's most energetic cities. Following nearly 4 years in the UK, he returned state-side to continue his academic studies, this time in architecture, at the prestigious Rhode Island School of Design. The interdisciplinary ethos at RISD aligned perfectly with Beau's values for integrated design and creative expression. There he was able to expand on his interests in art and making, and their relation to design thinking and architectural representation. After three years in Providence, Rhode Island, Beau made his way to New York City and back to Foster + Partners, this time at their NYC office.

This, somewhat spontaneous, stop in NYC ended up being a very prosperous 6 years in Brooklyn in which both his children (Zoe and Niles) were born.

This diverse background of international experience, both professionally and personally, exposed him to a wide complex of design thinking, challenges, and opportunities. Prior to his return to Omaha, Beau lead projects in New York, Florida, South Carolina, Toronto, and Boston. And worked on projects throughout the US and in England, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, China, Spain, and Romania. Now, he's applying lessons learned around the world, to projects locally, overseeing design at DLR Group within a variety of sectors, including education, workplace, mixed-use, and higher-education.

Within just a few years of joining DLR Group, he was appointed the Regional Design Leader for the Central Region. In this role, he oversees design culture within our Omaha, Lincoln and Des Moines offices and champions innovation in our practice toward our mission statement... to "Elevate the human experience through design". Together with an interdisciplinary team of architects, designers, and engineers, they are designing projects toward these collective goals of bettering our spaces and the lives of the people that inhabit them.

Beau's role also locates him as the direct mentor to all our new hires, and young designers. It is an opportunity he relishes in helping to cultivate the talent of our design staff and provide for the future. Through this role, he has also built strong relationships with the University of Nebraska's Architecture department - first as a visiting critic and now teaching design studios for the past three years.

Since moving back to Omaha, Beau has also become very active in the arts community of Omaha. As a member, friend and frequent guest at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts and the Kaneko. Beau is always quick to encourage and include his colleagues in these creative and cultural events. He is also a member of the Joslyn's Young Art Patrons Executive Committee and serves on the Advisory Council for Omaha by Design.

You'll quickly come to understand, Beau is extremely passionate about architecture, design, teaching, drawing, and making. He has a tireless work-ethic and is always pushing the team around him to improve. All that said, he's always up for a bit of sport, a round of golf and some quality cuisine.

Statement of Contributions

Licensing, Registration, & Affiliations

Registered Architect, Nebraska No. A-5465

2022 - Present

As a Registered Architect in the state of Nebraska, Beau remains informed of state laws and requirements of the profession through the State of Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) - Certified National Member

2022 - Present

As a member of NCARB, Beau stays up-to-date on the national policies and trends affecting the profession of architecture, including changes in educational and training requirements.

American Institute of Architects - Nebraska Committee on Design

2019 - Present

As a member of this small group, Beau focuses on public outreach and collaborative efforts with a focus on good design.

American Institute of Architects (AIA) National, Nebraska and Omaha

2022 - Present

As an AIA member, Beau stays informed of national and local issues that affect the architecture profession.

Omaha by Design

Advisory Council

2021 - Present

Beau was asked to participate on the council, as a representative of DLR Group and a like-minded design voice in the community. The group's extended network and mission of bettering our City through collaborative, people-centric urban design continues to grow and bring about positive change within our community.

RISD Museum - Rhode Island School of Design

Drawing Ambience

2011 - 2013

Curatorial Assistant within the Prints, Drawings and Photographs department. Lead researcher for the exhibition - 'Drawing Ambience: Alvin Boyarsky and the Architectural Association'

Boston Architectural Collage

Summer Academy

2012 - 2013

Design Studio Lead + Studio Leader

Beau is motivated by his passion for design and collaborating with colleagues and students to enrich his community, craft and industry.

Community Involvement & Volunteering

Leadership Omaha | Omaha, NE

Class of 43, 2020 - 2021

Beau applied and was accepted into the Leadership Omaha program, where he actively participated in opportunities that helped grow his leadership experience and benefit the Greater Omaha community. Through the program, Beau not only strengthened his leadership skills, but also developed great relationships that will directly improve the community. His project team developed a resource connecting young minorities with internships, career educational opportunities.

Kaneko Art Center

Architectural Designer - UNSEEN by Charles Kay Jr.

2022 - 2023

Beau collaborated with Charles and the Kaneko team on the design and installation of the exhibition - 'UNSEEN - Emerging from the Currents of Assimilation'. Due to the huge success for the show, the exhibition was extended and the space served as a unique gathering spot for yoga, mediation and musical performances.

Joslyn Young Art Patrons

Executive Council / Committee Co-Chair

2022 - Present

Given his background in the arts, Beau was selected to serve on the executive council for the YAP's which curates a variety of events for the next generation of the art enthusiasts in the greater Omaha metro.

Visiting Design Critic

2008 - present

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rhode Island School of Design, Iowa State University - Rome Program, Parsons New School.

Over the years, Beau's been regularly invited to architecture schools around the country to participate in student design reviews, where a panel of outside practitioners critique student work within their studio courses. It's a rewarding opportunity to work with young people venturing into the profession and help progress their design thinking.

Montessori Co-op School

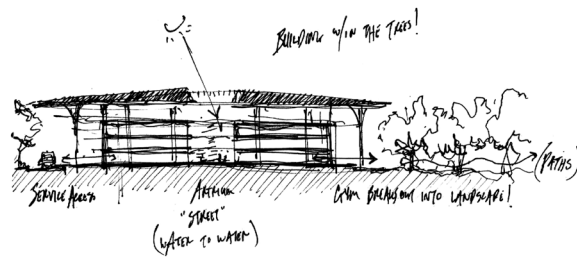
Parent, Outdoor Environment Committee member

2019 - present

Coming from a similar Montessori school in Brooklyn, the Co-op community was essential for Beau and his family in setting quick roots with like-minded families. They were able to quickly contribute to a wider good, especially during these unprecedented times on COVID-19.

Global Home of the PGA TOUR

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

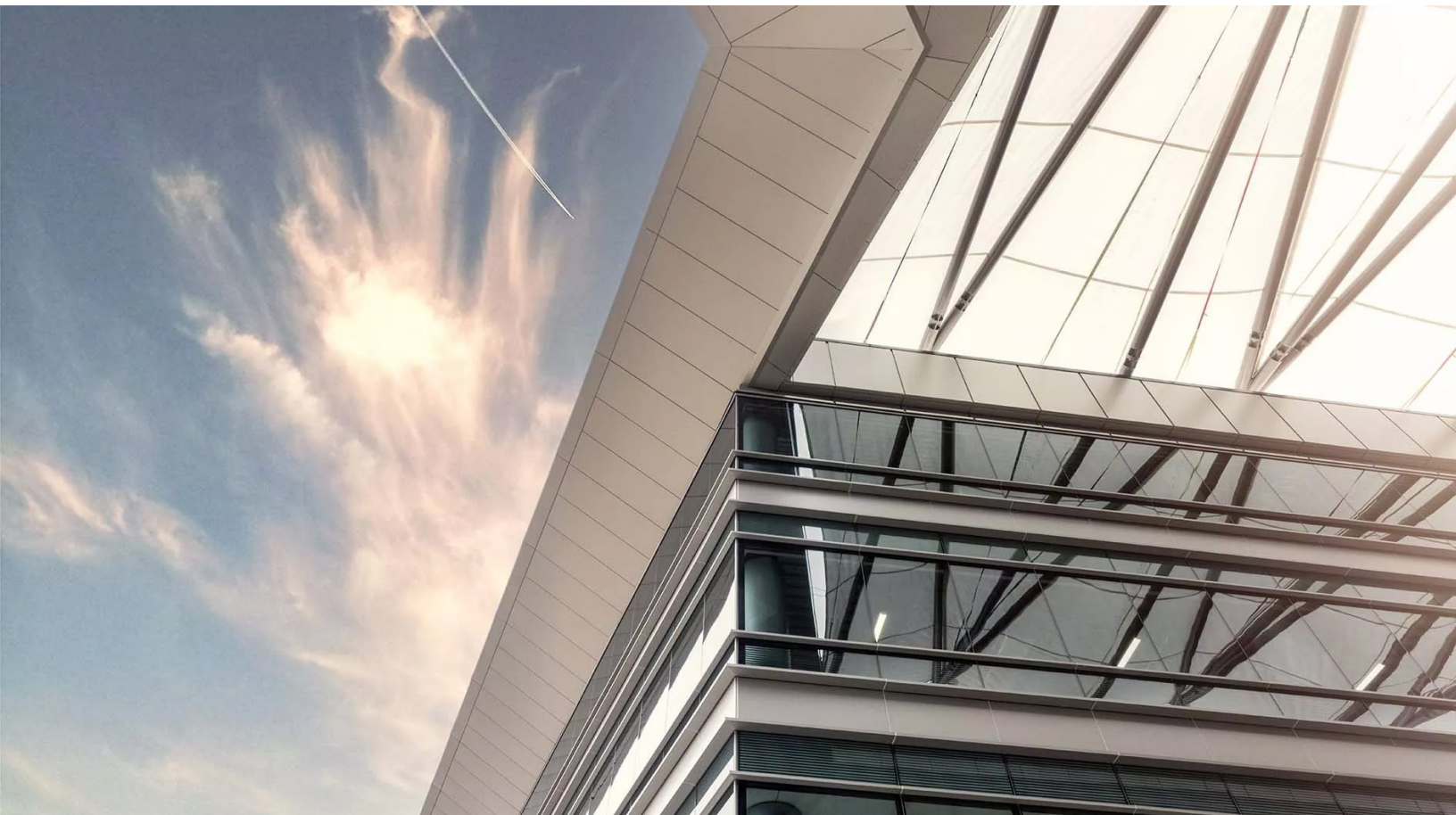
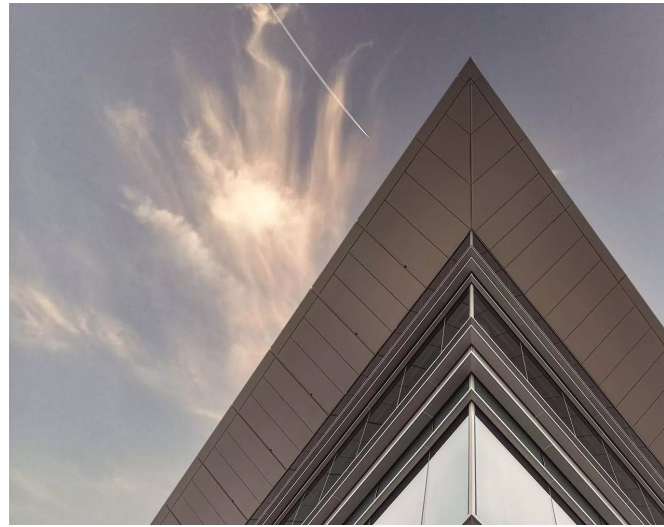


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Completion 2021

Greenville County Square

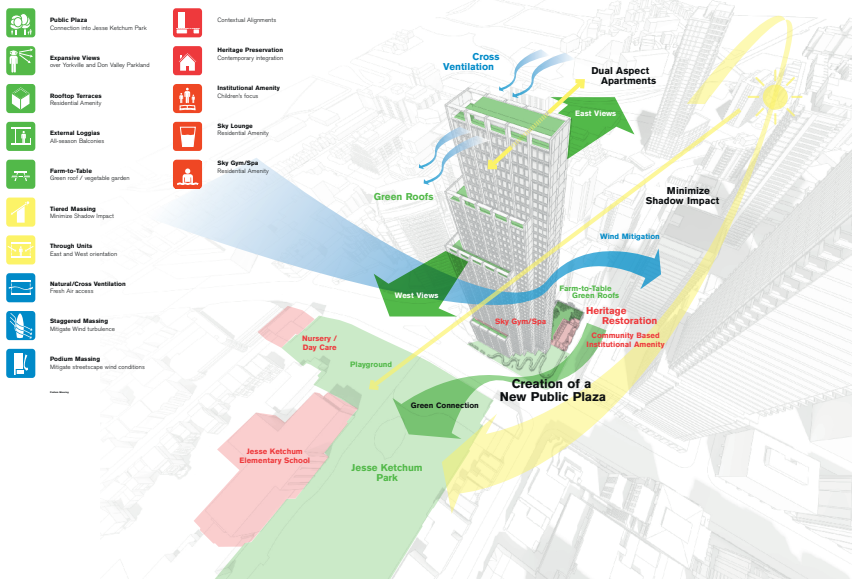
| Greenville, South Carolina

Architectural Design Leader, Coordinating Professional
Completion 2023

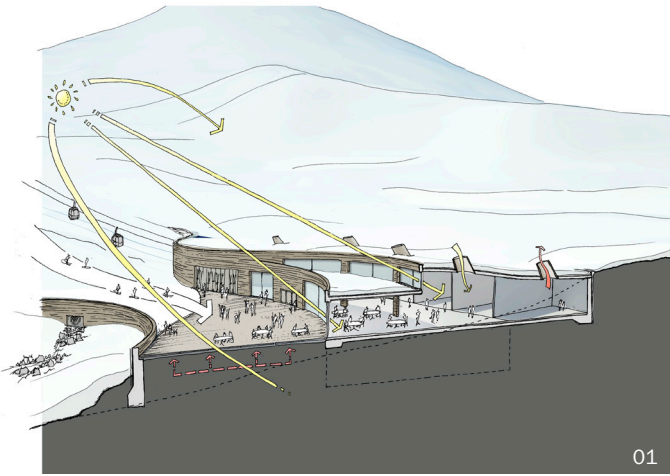


50 Scollard Street Yorkville

Toronto, Canada



Architectural Design Leader, Coordinating Professional
Anticipated Completion 2023



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Project List

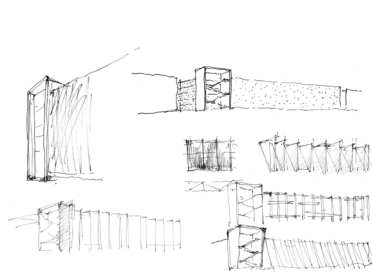
- 01. Aramon Ski Resort - Aramon, Spain
- Architectural Design Leader
- 02. Comcast Technology Center
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania -
Lead coordinating professional
on "Wintergarden" (podium) +
surrounding streetscape
- 03. King Abdullah Financial Center -
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia - Architectural
Design Leader
- 04. 50 Hudson Yards - New York City,
New York - Lead coordinating
professional with Related for
base building modifications for
tenant integration + surrounding
streetscapes.



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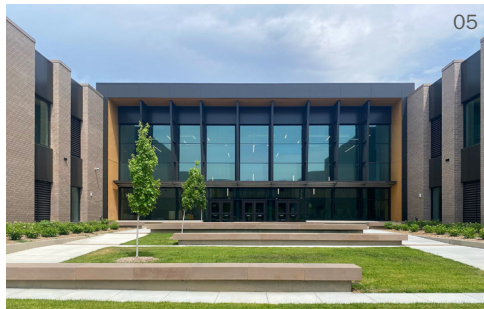
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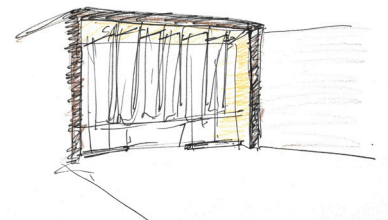
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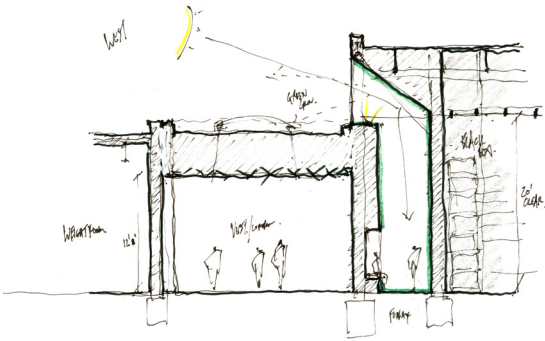
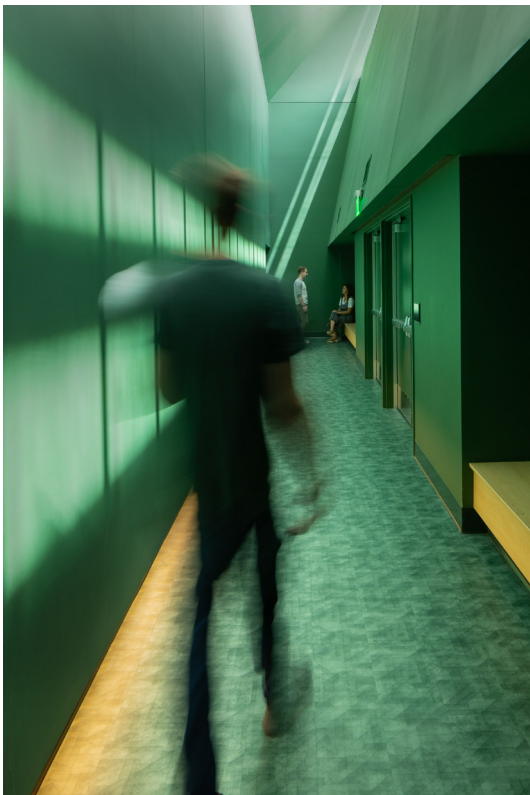
01. Confidential Technology Company - San Francisco, CA - Design Leader.
02. La Vista City Centre Parking Garage #2 - La Vista, NE - Design Leader
03. Gretna Middle School #3 - Gretna, NE - Architectural Design Leader
04. Ashland Greenwood Middle School - Ashland, NE - Architectural Design Leader
05. Gretna East High School - Gretna, NE - Architectural Design Leader
06. Confidential Technology Company - London, England - Design Leader and coordinating professional with local partners.



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Gretna High School Black Box Theater

Omaha, Nebraska



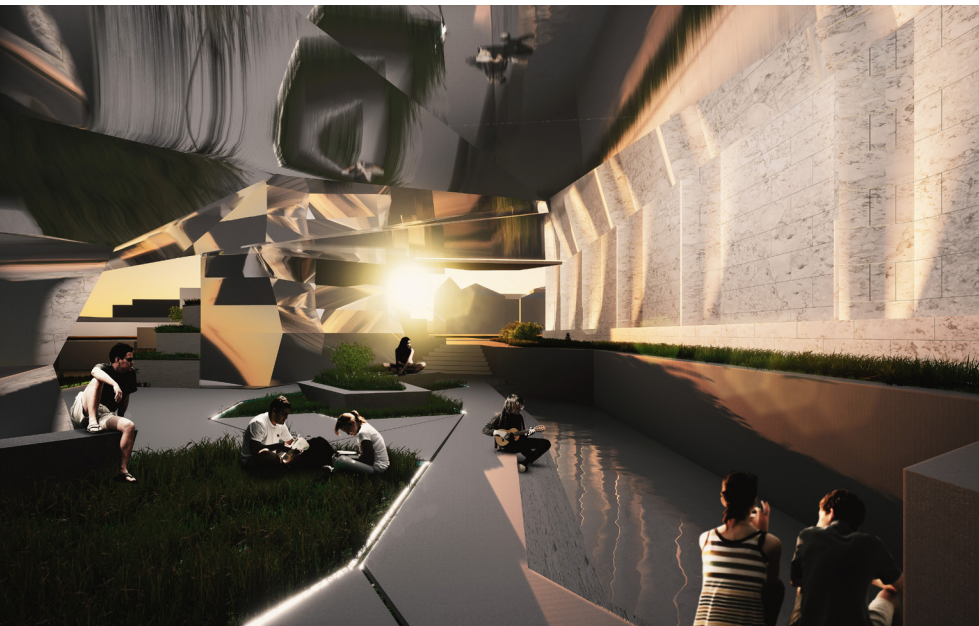
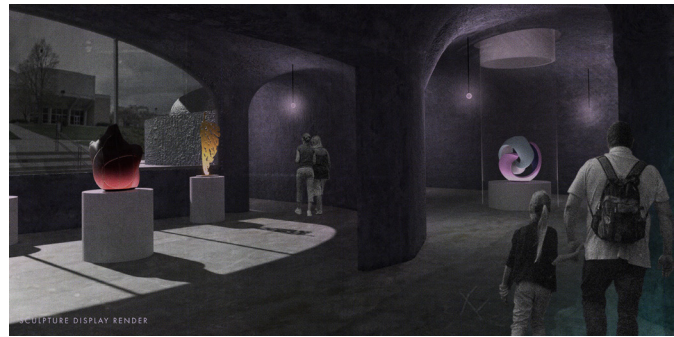
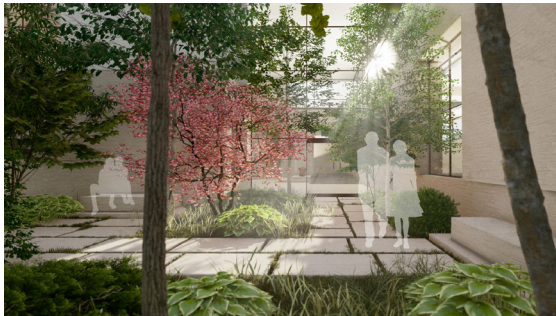
Architectural Design Leader
Completion 2021

Arch 411 'Integrate'

University of Nebraska - Lincoln
College of Architecture

Lecturer / Studio Instructor
2020-2023

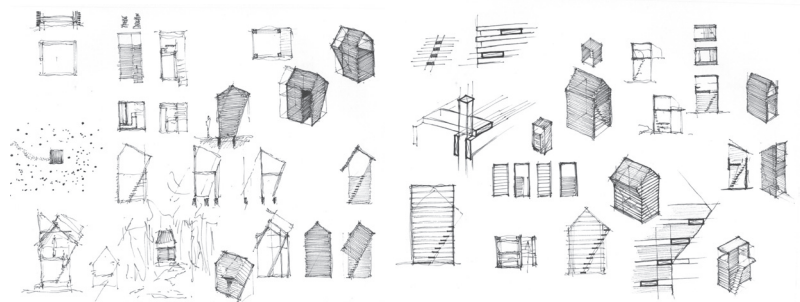
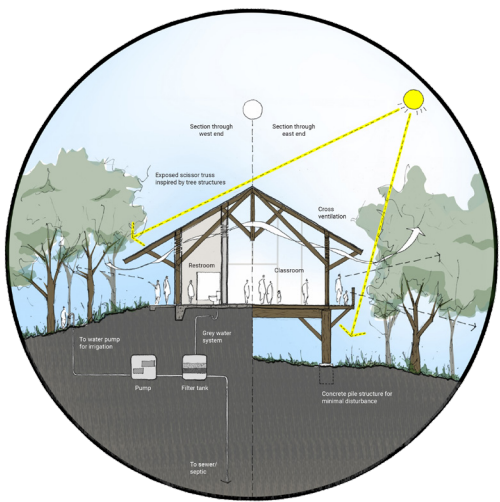
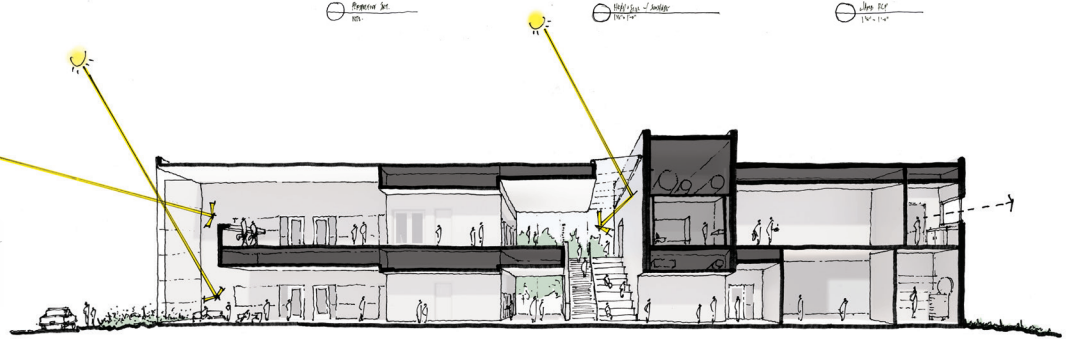
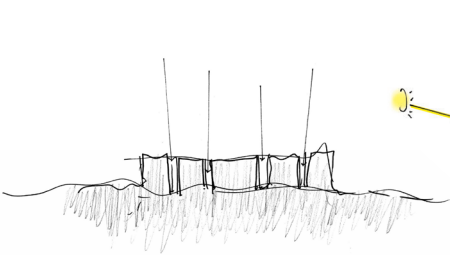
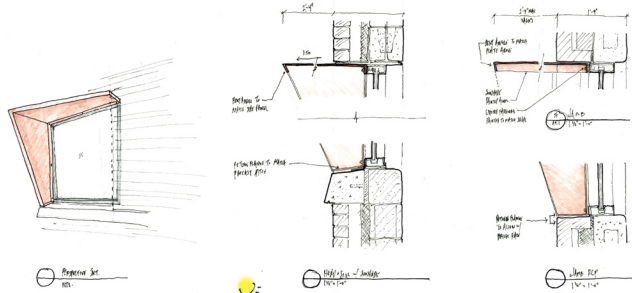
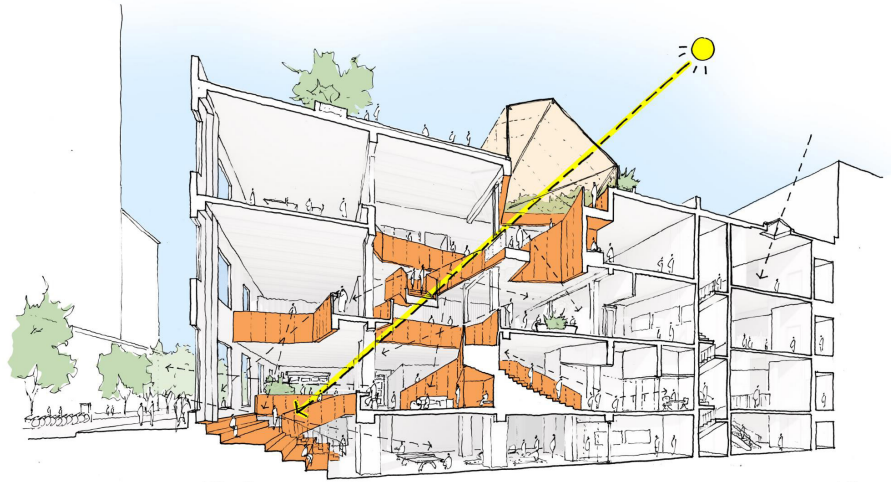
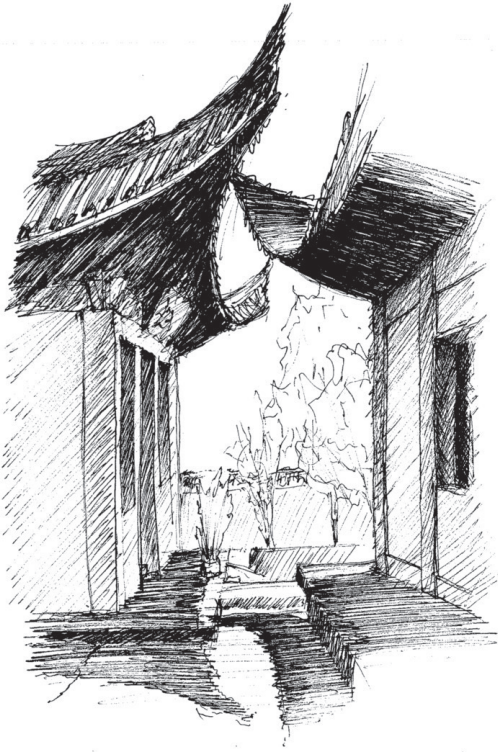
Collection of student work



Drawing

Beau is always telling everyone... *"he thinks with his hands, through drawing"*... and when you see his sketches, you'll understand why.

Collection of Beau's professional and personal work



Professional Experience

DLR Group

Senior Associate, Architect | Omaha, NE | 2019 - Present

Foster + Partners

Associate Partner | New York, NY | 2014 - 2019

Aurelie Paradiso Design

Project Coordinator | New York, NY | 2013 - 2014

CDR Studio Architects

Project Coordinator | New York, NY | 2011

Foster + Partners

Associate | London, England | 2007 - 2010

Genus Landscape Architects

Design Intern | Des Moines, IA | 2006 - 2007

Design Workshop

Design Intern | South Lake Tahoe, NV | 2006

Teaching

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Lincoln, NE

Studio Instructor - Arch 411 - Spring 2021-2023

Studio Instructor - Arch 310 - Fall 2021

Rhode Island School of Design

Providence, RI

Teaching Assistant - 2010-2013

Boston Architectural College

Boston, MA

Lead Studio Instructor - Summer Academy - 2013

Studio Instructor - Summer Academy - 2012

Education

Rhode Island School of Design

Providence, RI

Master of Architecture - 2013

Henry Adams Medal Award Recipient

Architectural Association

London, England

Fellowship - Visioning School - Visioning Architecture - 2012

Iowa State University, College of Design

Ames, IA

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture - 2007

ALSA Honor Award Recipient

Project List

Beau has experience working in jurisdictions across North America, Europe and Asia. The following is a list of some of the notable projects in which Beau served in a primary role, as a designer, lead Design Architect and/or overseen as Regional Design Leader.

Asia

Bodrum Resort | Bodrum, Turkey

Bodrum Villas | Bodrum, Turkey

Central Business District Masterplan | Beijing, China

Al Faisaliah Center Masterplan | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

King Abdullah Financial District | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Europe

Robert Gordon University Masterplan | Aberdeen, Scotland

Birmingham Library | Birmingham, England

Smart City Masterplan and Tower | Bucharest, Romania

Aramon Ski Resort | Aramon, Spain

Confidential Technology Company | London, England

North America

Biometropolis | Mexico City, Mexico

50 Scollard Street | Toronto, Canada

Toronto Waterfront | Toronto, Canada

Edmonton City Masterplan | Edmonton, Canada

425 Park Avenue | New York, NY

50 Hudson Yards | New York, NY

Sutton Place | New York, NY

Penn Plaza / Madison Square Garden | New York, NY

RGA Media | New York, NY

Red Hook | New York, NY

Global Home of the PGA TOUR | Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Greenville County Square | Greenville, SC

Confidential Technology Company | San Francisco, CA

Nebraska

Ashland-Greenwood Middle School

University of Nebraska - Neihardt Hall Renovation

La Vista City Centre Parking Structure No. 2

Gretna Elementary School #7

Gretna East High School

Gretna Elementary School #8

Gretna Middle School #3

Buena Vista High School (Omaha Public Schools)

Maple 180 Development

Madonna Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic

Plattsmouth High School Vo-Tech School Addition

24 July 2023

To Whom it may concern,

I'm writing in connection with Beau's nomination for the AIA Nebraska Young Architect Award.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Beau since the earliest days of his career, firstly in London and later in New York.

During his time with Foster + Partners Beau worked on a broad range of projects and from the outset showed a clear passion and dedication to the profession that rapidly set him apart from his peers.

Beau and I worked closely together in New York where he rose to the position of Associate Partner and quickly took on a leadership role that saw him make an invaluable contribution to the day-to-day running of the New York Studio. His positive attitude and genuine desire to support others within the team made him a natural leader that saw him mentoring and guiding new members of staff through the early stages of their career at Foster + Partners.

Aside from his leadership qualities Beau also has a fantastic eye for design. Of particular note during his time with us was the new Global Home of the PGA TOUR, a project which he led from its very inception, overseeing all aspects of the design, project management and client liaison.

Beau is a credit to his profession and as a colleague and a friend I couldn't think of anyone more fitting for such an award.

Yours Sincerely



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July 23, 2023

Subject: Recommendation for Beau Johnson - AIA Nebraska Young Architect Award

Dear Selection Committee:

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Beau Johnson, a talented and accomplished architect, who I wholeheartedly endorse for the AIA NE Young Architect Award. As the Region Design Leader of the Central Region, Beau has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication to design excellence, and a strong commitment to fostering collaborative and integrated solutions within our firm, DLR Group. Notably, Beau's leadership style is characterized by an ethos of integrated design, where he actively collaborates with engineering teams and champions the development of holistic design solutions. Beau's project work in the region stands as a testament to his talent and dedication. As a design leader, he currently has at least five projects under construction in and around eastern Nebraska, leaving an indelible mark on each one. His ability to deliver high-quality design across diverse sectors is truly commendable.

Notably, Beau has been instrumental in elevating the prestige of our firm in the architectural community through his dedication to design excellence. Under his leadership, DLR Group (Central Region) has garnered a remarkable seven AIA NE design excellence awards in the past two years alone. This recognition is a testament to his relentless pursuit of design innovation and his unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional results for our clients.

One of Beau's outstanding qualities is his passion for drawing and creating visual solutions by hand. His sketches have been instrumental in winning over clients during interviews and have proved invaluable during client charrettes and school board meetings. This ability to visually communicate design concepts effectively sets him apart as a skillful and persuasive communicator.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that Beau Johnson is an outstanding candidate for the AIA Nebraska Young Architect Award. I wholeheartedly recommend him for this award and have full confidence that he will continue to make significant contributions to the architectural community.

Sincerely,
DLR Group

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Peter Rutti, AIA
Chief Design Officer | Senior Principal