

# **NORA LOUISE SCHWALLER**

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- EDUCATION**
- Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning, Student | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**  
Chapel Hill, NC | Aug. 2017 - May 2023, Anticipated
- Focus: Disaster Recovery; Housing; Community Development
  - Area of Interest: The intersection of built environment indicators and socioeconomic conditions, and their impact on disaster recovery processes with considerations for resulting population shifts
- Master of Architecture | Bachelor of Architecture | Tulane University**  
New Orleans, LA | Aug. 2008 - May 2013
- Area of Interest: Design projects that considered community development and local non-profit partners
- CERTIFICATIONS**
- Licensed Architect | State of North Carolina**  
North Carolina | Sept. 2017 - Present
- License Number: 14016
- Natural Hazards Resilience Certificate, Candidate | Coastal Resilience Center for Excellence**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC | Fall 2017 - Spring 2019, Anticipated
- Certificate program in the implementation of resiliency strategies and climate change adaptation
- SCHOLARSHIP**
- Editorial Board Member, Carolina Planning Journal | Managing Editor, Carolina Angles Blog**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC | Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 | Spring 2018 - Present
- Managing Editor for the UNC Department of City and Regional Planning online blog, Carolina Angles
  - Author of multiple blog posts on Carolina Angles
  - Staff editor for the Carolina Planning Journal, the oldest student-run planning journal in the nation
  - Edited the article, "Planning to maintain the visibility of the Louisiana coastal zone" by Dr. Traci Birch
  - Edited the book review, "Latino City," by Jennifer Rangel
- Master's Thesis | The Architectonic Implications of Addressing Food Deserts in New Orleans**  
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA | Fall 2012 - Spring 2013
- Thesis document focused on community development and food systems, food deserts, and adaptive architecture in support of a final design project
  - Design of systematically dispersed groceries that utilized multi-formal adaptive design properties to fit substandard lots in food deserts, with additional, deployable features
- Reports**
- Authored "LaSalle Works," a report on a design project for URBANbuild 08's non-profit partners, Harmony Neighborhood Development, to use for fundraising | Professor Byron Mouton | Fall 2012
  - Authored "Architects' Week: Handbook" a Guidebook for Architects' Week Committees | Fall 2011
  - Assisted developing the "Turtle Cove Research Pavilion" design report for fundraising | Spring 2010
- Publications**
- "A Woman with a View: The House and Lands of Alice L. L. Ferguson," for Stanford in Washington Exhibit on Alice Ferguson | AKS Art Consultants | Summer 2013
- PEDAGOGICAL**
- PLAN 704 Planning Theory | Teaching Assistant**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC | Spring 2018
- Master's Level Planning Theory Course with two sections and over forty students
  - Graded multiple major assignments and weekly forum posts; and held office hours to assist students
- PLAN 714 Urban Spatial Structures | Teaching Assistant**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC | Fall 2017
- Master's Level Planning Theory Course with over thirty students
  - Led 'Recitation' lectures, which focused on special skills and topics
  - Graded multiple major assignment; and held office hours to assist students
- Freshman Mentorship Program | Tulane School of Architecture**  
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA | Fall 2009
- Assisted professors by mentoring incoming freshman on studio projects and assignments

**RESEARCH**

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Recipient Survey | Graduate Research Assistant**

Coastal Resilience Center for Excellence, NC | April 2018 - Present

- Impacts of the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP) on individual- and community-level resilience in North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew
- Working on the design, implementation, and analysis of a survey for the 800 HMGP recipients, with the intention of setting the stage for future, longitudinal follow-up studies

**North Carolina Recovery Plans | Graduate Student Assistant**

Coastal Resilience Center for Excellence, NC | Spring 2018

- Created visioning documents for five communities affected by Hurricane Matthew to depict the implementation of different hazard mitigation strategies in historical residential and commercial areas

**The Life and Work of Alice Ferguson | Curatorial and Research Assistant**

AKS Art Consultants, Accokeek MD | Stanford University in Washington, D.C. | Aug. 2013 - Oct. 2013

- Researched and catalogued primary sources on Alice Ferguson and the Alice Ferguson Foundation for an exhibit in the Stanford University in Washington Art Gallery
- Developed an architectural analysis of the historic farmhouse at the center of the foundation

**DISTINCTIONS**

**Awards and Honors**

- Summer Professional Development & Research Fellowship | University of North Carolina | Summer 2018
- Teaching Assistantship | University of North Carolina | Spring 2018
- Teaching Assistantship | University of North Carolina | Fall 2017
- Ogden 16 Thesis Recognition | Tulane University | May 2013
- Distinguished Scholar Award | Tulane University | Aug. 2008 - May 2013
- Dean's Grant | Tulane University | Spring 2011
- Selected for the Rome Study Abroad Program | Tulane University | Fall 2011

**Competitions**

- Design Week: Resiliency and Connectivity - Five Parks District | NC State | Honor Award | Spring 2018
- Second Year Placemaking Competition | Tulane University | Honorable Mention | Fall 2010
- Turtle Cove Collaborative Design Competition | Tulane University | Finalist | Fall 2009
- Architects' Week Collaborative Design-Build Project | Tulane University | First Place | Fall 2009
- Architects' Week Collaborative Design-Build Project | Tulane University | Finalist | Spring 2009

**Features**

- Academic project featured in "Tulane reVIEW" | Tulane University | 2011 - 2013
- Academic project featured in "the Charette" | Tulane University | March 2011
- Professional project featured in "Hospitality Style" | Gensler | Summer 2011
- Academic project featured in "eXplorations in Prototypical Furniture Design" | Summer 2009
- Photo credits in the "New Wave," "the Charrette," and on "ArchDaily" | Various

**EXPERIENCES**

**Bike & Build | Cyclist and Affordable Housing Advocate**

Providence to Seattle | Spring 2013 - Summer 2013

- Cycled cross-country to raise funds and awareness for Affordable Housing causes
- Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together in seven states

**Architects' Week | Committee Chair**

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA | Spring 2010 - Spring 2011

- Ran Architects' Week, an annual, week-long, design and build competition with over 100 students, a group of visiting professionals, and a budget of \$15,000.
- Designed the program and coordinated facilities for construction and installation

**Volunteer and Fundraising**

- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Century Ride | Asti Tour de Vine | October 2016
- Bike MS | Waves to Wine, California | September 2015
- Rebuilding Together | House Captain | Berkeley, CA | Spring 2015
- Architecture for Humanity | Sustaining Member; Designer | San Francisco, CA | Dec. 2013 - Jan. 2015

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### **PROFESSIONAL**

#### **BRW Architects | Project Coordinator | Project Manager | SF Marketing Coordinator**

San Francisco, CA | Apr. 2015 - April 2017

- Assisted with Construction Administration for the City of Alameda's Emergency Response Center
- Project Manager and Project Coordinator for a series of small municipal and K-12 projects
- San Francisco Office Marketing Coordinator: worked with Headquarters to identify upcoming proposals and create proposal submissions; and created presentations and narratives for project interviews

#### **WZ / Architecture | Project Designer | Project Coordinator | Project Manager**

San Francisco, CA | Oct. 2013 - April 2015

- Altered set of a 75,000sqft Skilled Nursing Facility to reduce the size by 15% for a new operator
- Worked on a small design team to convert a Speculative Office building to a Post-Secondary school
- Project Manager for a number of small tenant improvement projects

### **INTERNSHIPS**

#### **Smithsonian Project Management | Design Management Intern**

Washington, D.C. | June 2012 - Aug. 2012

- Assisted the Design Management team, part of the Office of Planning and Project Management, on the National Museum of African American History and Culture, a fast-tracked project
- Helped a team manage five design firms and three construction companies, and coordinated with various Smithsonian employees to solve design issues in anticipation of the 65% Submissions

#### **Concordia Architecture and Planning | Architectural Intern**

New Orleans, LA. | Feb. 2012 - May 2012

- Revised detail drawings for Construction Documents on Nunez Community College's Arts Center
- Updated plans and interior elevations for two public library renovations in New Orleans

#### **Gensler | Architectural Intern**

Washington, D.C. | May 2011 - Aug. 2011

- Worked on Design Development drawings for eleven prototype buildings for Comfort Inn and Suites
- Used Revit to create a full drawing set for one prototype by modifying an earlier building option

#### **National Air and Space Museum | Exhibit Design Intern**

Washington, D.C. | May 2010 - Aug. 2010

- Helped to design exhibit graphics, cases, and tactile elements for "Pioneers of Flight"
- Worked to organize various bodies of research into the overall scheme of the exhibit

#### **National Air and Space Museum | Exhibit Production Intern**

Washington, D.C. | May 2009 - Aug. 2009

- Participated in the full production and installation process for the temporary exhibit, "Alan Bean: First Artist on Another World"
- Repaired damage to a variety of exhibit features and information panels at both main museum locations

#### **Tulane Stone Center | Graphic Designer**

New Orleans, LA | Jan. 2013 - May 2013

- Designed promotional material for a study abroad program and assisted in developing displays for student work

### **SKILLS**

#### **Research**

- Principal: Architectural and spatial analysis; statistical analysis; code research and review; and survey development support
- Software: ESRI ArcGIS; Stata; Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

#### **Design and Production**

- Principal: Architectural design; master planning; exhibit design; graphic design; project coordination; and project management
- Software: Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop; AutoCad; Revit; Rhino 3D; Vray; and Google SketchUp
- Physical: Model building; exhibit construction; and experience with Nikon DSLR Cameras