

# EMMA SILVERBLATT

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## EDUCATION

2012 - 2017, **Harvard Graduate School of Design**  
Master of Architecture I | Letter of Commendation

2008 - 2012, **The Ohio State University**  
B.S. in Architecture | *magna cum laude*

## AWARDS

2018 - 2019 **Urban Design Forum Forefront Fellow**

2016 - 2017, **Walter Beale Scholarship (GSD)**

2012 - 2017, **Dean's Merit Scholarship (GSD)**

2010, **Architecture Research Travel Award (OSU)**

2018 - 2012, **Presidential Scholarship (OSU)**

## PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA

2021, **PAX Monographs : Palladio in L.A.**  
"Il Redentore"

2018, **WNYC News**  
"Lots of Potential: Call for More Housing for Homeless on East Harlem's Vacant Properties."

2016, **Platform 9 : Still Life**  
GSD annual student work publication  
"In Memoriam" (Article), "Church" (Project)

2016, **Open Letters #38**  
GSD Publication

2011, **CRIT Journal, Issue 70**  
"MASSIVE PRODUCTION"  
Feature length article on adaptive reuse of Plattenbau building types

## SKILLS

Archival Techniques  
Animation  
Adobe Suite  
Autocad  
Enscape (VR)  
CNC  
Grasshopper  
Photogrammetry  
Physical Modeling  
Office Suite  
Revit  
Rhino  
Sketchup  
VRAY

## LANGUAGES

English  
German

## REFERENCE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, & Planning**, Ithaca, NY | Visiting Critic  
January 2022 - Present (8 mos)

**SO - IL**, Brooklyn, NY | Associate  
January 2020 - Present (2.5 years)

- Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, NY - SD, Project Manager  
NYC Economic Development Corp revitalization project on a formerly industrial coastline.
- The Cleveland Public Library MLK Branch, Cleveland, Ohio - DD, CD, CA, Project Manager  
Library in Cleveland Ohio with social justice focus and collections.
- Neighborhoods Now, Jackson Heights Working Group, NY - Coordinating Firm Project Manager  
Pro-bono effort of 12 firms providing free design tools and assistance for post-pandemic recovery.
- Artist Studio & Residence, Brooklyn, NY - CA, Project Manager
- Tina Kim Gallery, Manhattan, NY - CD, CA, Designer

**R EX**, Brooklyn, NY | Designer  
2017 - 2020 (3 years)

- The Perelman Performing Arts Center at the World Trade Center, NY - Competition, DD, CD  
Design lead on theater interiors & facade design/procurement.
- Elizabeth Quay Mixed-Use Towers, Perth, Australia - SD
- The Necklace Residence, Long Island - SD, DD

**Olafur Eliasson / Studio Other Spaces**, Berlin, Germany | Architectural Designer  
2016 (4 months)

- Confidential project in Copenhagen - SD
- Ice Watch, NYC - SD

**Special Collections, Loeb Library, Harvard GSD**, Cambridge, MA | Special Projects Lead  
(3 years)

- Archive and exhibition center for visual materials including original photographs, maps, plans, VHS, and slides and 600 physical samples of architectural materials.

## RESEARCH

**The Urban Design Forum**, New York, NY | Forefront Fellowship, Steering Committee  
April 2018 - Present

- The Forefront Fellowship is an annual program dedicated to investigating critical issues facing New York City by developing design projects for government partners to effect political change.
- Contributed policy to the New York Department of Homeless Services Shelter Guidelines.
- Produced an exhibition on housing precarity presented at the New Museum.
- Invited to serve on the fellowship steering committee as juror and to guide subsequent programming.

**Picture the Homeless, "Undeveloped"** New York, NY | M. Arch I Thesis  
September 2016 - August 2017 (*with Florian Idenburg, advisor*)

- Created a modular housing system and participatory design process for grassroots activist organization, Picture the Homeless (composed of homeless or formerly homeless individuals).
- Presented to NYC HPD as a provocation to catalyze policy change in the way very low income housing is developed and implemented. Project profiled on WNYC.

**The Archeological Exploration of Sardis (Harvard Art Museums)**, Manisa, Turkey | Site Architect  
June 2015 - August 2015

- Site Documentation & Visitor Center Design - SD  
Surveying, mapping, hand drawing, photogrammetry, drone/point cloud reconstruction

**ARTA Grant (OSU)** Berlin, Germany | Research  
June 2011 - August 2011

- Conducted research on 'Ruckbau' techniques of un-building and adapting the East German building typology of Plattenbau. Report presented to the Ohio State University and published.

## INVITED LECTURES/JURIES

**THE CITY COLLEGE OF NY** (Juror) Eliana Dotan Studio  
**CORNELL AAP** (Guest Lecture) "The Facade of the Perelman Center"  
**COLUMBIA CENTER FOR RESILIENT CITIES & LANDSCAPES** (Panelist) Future Streets  
**COLUMBIA GSAPP** (Juror) Jing Liu, The Streets (Adv VI) ; (Juror) Eric Bunge & Mimi Hoang, REMIX (AAD)  
**MCGILL UNIVERSITY** (Lecture & Guest Critic) "The Edge at the Center"  
**URBAN DESIGN FORUM & MOMA** (Panelist) Proving Ground : A Conversation on Reconstructions  
**VAN ALLEN INSTITUTE** (Lecture) Neighborhoods Now Summit : Strategies for Reopening & Recovery