

# MILTON S. F. CURRY / CURRICULUM VITAE BRIEF

Professor of Architecture / Senior Associate Dean  
Cornell University College of Architecture, Art and Planning  
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Principal, Milton Curry ProjectStudio  
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## EDUCATION

- 1992** **Harvard University Graduate School of Design Department of Architecture**  
Master in Architecture II Post-Professional Degree, Distinction / 1st in Class
- 1988** **Cornell University Department of Architecture**  
Bachelor of Architecture, Alpha Rho Chi Medal Recipient

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023 - present** **Cornell University College of Architecture, Art and Planning**  
**Senior Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Engagement, 2023-2028**  
Senior Advisor to the Dean and College on cross-departmental, cross-college, and cross-institutional initiatives. Partner with Dean and Associate Deans on foundation relations, grant funding and entrepreneurship for faculty. Co-head of Rome and New York City program Steering Committee. Oversee Cornell Council for the Arts, Cornell Engaged Block Grants.
- 2023 - present** **Cornell University Department of Architecture**  
Professor of Architecture
- 2017 - present** **University of Southern California School of Architecture**  
Professor of Architecture, 2017 - Present; On Leave 2022-2023  
Faculty Affiliate, USC Race and Equity Center, 2018 - 2023
- 2017 - 2022** **University of Southern California School of Architecture**  
**Dean / Della & Harry MacDonald Dean's Chair in Architecture**  
Responsible for leading and managing the nation's second largest architecture program with undergraduate and graduate academic programs and research centers in architecture, landscape architecture, building science and performative technologies, city design + housing, and heritage conservation; with global programs in Europe and Asia.
- 2022** **Harvard University Graduate School of Design Department of Architecture**  
Visiting Scholar
- 2010 - 2017** **University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning**  
**Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, 2010-2017**  
Responsible for leading and managing undergraduate and graduate academic affairs and strategic initiatives in academic and research areas in architecture, urban planning, digital technologies and fabrication, urban design; interdisciplinary initiatives, diversity equity and inclusion initiatives, and strategic high school pathway programs.
- Associate Professor of Architecture, 2010-2017**  
Director, Michigan Architecture Prep High School Enrichment Program 2014-2017  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Romance Literatures and Languages 2013-2017  
Director, Master of Urban Design Degree 2011-2015  
Director, Master of Science Degree Concentrations 2011-2014

- 1995 - 2010**     **Cornell University Department of Architecture**  
 Associate Professor of Architecture and Theory 2002-2010  
 Assistant Professor of Architecture and Theory 1995-2002  
 Coordinator, Master of Architecture Program 2005  
 Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality 2002 - 2010  
 Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Program in Real Estate 2002 - 2010
- 2002 - 2008**     **Cornell University Council for the Arts**  
 Director  
 Responsible for leading and managing a consortium of arts-related academic units and presenting entities including visual arts, performing arts, architecture and design arts.
- 1999**             **Harvard University Graduate School of Design Department of Architecture**  
 Visiting Associate Professor of Architecture
- 1992 - 1995**     **Arizona State University School of Architecture**  
 Assistant Professor of Architecture
- 1991**             **Harvard University Graduate School of Design Department of Architecture**  
 Instructor, Summer Career Discovery Program

### **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 2008 - present**   **CriticalProductive Journal / CriticalProductive Corp.**  
 Founding Editor / CEO
- 1995 - present**   **Milton Curry ProjectStudio (OrbitMCA)**  
 CEO / Principal
- 1993-1997**       **Appendx Journal / Appendix Inc.**  
 Co-Founding Editor
- 1988 - 1991**     **Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates Architects, New York**  
 Project Designer
- 1985 /1986**      **Stephen Leigh and Associates Interior Architects, New York**  
 Junior Architect
- 1984**             **Lew and Patnaude Architects, Inc., Fresno, CA**  
 Senior Draftsman

### **MILTON CURRY PROJECTSTUDIO (ORBIT MCA)**

- 2004-2008**       **ORBIT COLISEUMCITY OAKLAND**  
 Client: Orbit Development Group, LLC  
 Urban Development Project, Oakland, CA: 2,000,000 gsf (Unbuilt)
- 2004-2005**       **CORNELL UNIVERSITY STORE 1865 CAFE**  
 Client: Cornell University  
 Ithaca, NY: 2,000 gsf (Unbuilt)
- 2004**             **HARLEMWORLD EXHIBITION: NEGROCITY HOUSING + HARLEM TARGET**  
 Studio Museum in Harlem Exhibition: Harlemworld as Metaphor  
 Curators: Thelma Golden, Director; Christine Kim, Curator

- 2003-2004      **OLIVIA RESTAURANT**  
 Client: Stella's East Corp.  
 Upscale Restaurant, Ithaca, NY: 2,700 gsf (Built)
- 1996-98        **DEF JAM CAFE AND STUDIOS**  
 Client: DefJam Records / Russell Simmons  
 Retail and Performance Venue Prototype: 70,000 gsf (Unbuilt)  
 with KPMB Architects Partner Bruce Kuwabara
- 1995-1996     **SOHO URBAN LOFT**  
 Client: Investment Banker  
 Urban Residential Loft, New York: 3,000 gsf (Built)
- 1996            **PRIVATE RESIDENCE**  
 Client: Clementi / Reed  
 Residence, Ithaca, New York: 3,000 gsf (Unbuilt)
- 1996-1997     **FURNITURE DESIGN: WENGE DESK / WENGE MAGAZINE TABLE**  
 Fabricated with Sculptor Roberto Bertoia (Built)
- 2013            **BRAND IDENTITY**  
 Client: Ann Arbor Michigan Democratic Party  
 Brand Consulting
- 2013            **BRAND IDENTITY**  
 Client: Vunder Brands, LLC  
 Brand Consulting

**KOHN PEDERSEN FOX ARCHITECTS NY**

MILTON S. F. CURRY / PROJECT DESIGNER

- 1989-1990     **MEYDENBAUER CONVENTION CENTER, BELLEVUE WA**  
 William Pedersen, Partner; John Koga, Senior Designer  
 Client: City of Bellevue, Washington  
 Convention Center Phase 1, Bellevue, WA: 300,000 gsf (built)
- 1989-1990     **MORRISON TOWER, PORTLAND**  
 William Pedersen, Partner; Richard Clarke, Senior Designer  
 Office Tower, 500,000 gsf (unbuilt)
- 1988-1990     **FIRST INTERSTATE PLAZA**  
 William Pedersen, Partner; Peter Schubert, Senior Designer  
 Client: Wright, Runstad & Company  
 Office Tower, Bellevue, WA: 500,000 gsf (unbuilt)
- 1989            **CORPORATE CENTER TWO**  
 William Pedersen, Partner; Peter Schubert, Senior Designer  
 Client: Boston Properties  
 Office Towers, 500,000 gsf (unbuilt)
- 1991            **NAGOYA STATION / JR CENTRAL TOWERS**  
 William Pedersen, Partner; John Koga, Senior Designer  
 Client: JR Tokai, Central Japan Railway Company  
 Office Towers / Mixed Use Transport Hub: 7,400,000 gsf (built)

## BOOKS + EDITED PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review Book: *Optic Black: Essays on Architecture Race Theory*
- Under Review Book: *Citizen Architect: Designing Diversity*
- In progress Book: *Critical Theory of the Boutique Hotel: From the SRO to the Mondrian*
- 2023 + Editor: *CriticalProductive Journal Issue 1: Sovereignty / Populism (Fall 2023)*  
Publisher: CriticalProductive, Corp. / Distributor: MIT Press  
Publication schedule: 3 Issues per year
- 2013 Editor in Chief: *CriticalProductive Journal Issue V2.1: Post-Capitalist City, Winter 2013*  
Publisher: CriticalProductive, Inc. / Distributor: Disticor
- 2011 Editor in Chief: *CriticalProductive Journal Issue V1.1: Theoretic Action, Autumn 2011*  
Publisher: CriticalProductive, Inc. / Distributor: Disticor
- 2006 Editor, *Exhibition Catalogue: Patrick Dougherty, Half a Dozen of the Other Sculpture*  
Publisher: Cornell Council for the Arts, Ithaca, NY, 2006
- 2006 Editor: *Cornell Council for the Arts XDesigngroup ICFF Furniture Exhibition Catalogue*  
Publisher: Cornell Council for the Arts, Ithaca, NY, 2006
- 2004 Editor: Cornell Council for the Arts Emerging Artists Exhibition Catalogue 2004  
Publisher: Cornell Council for the Arts, Ithaca, NY, 2004
- 1999 Founding Co-Editor: *Appendx Journal Issue 4: Dealing With History*  
Publisher / Distributor: Appendx, Inc.
- 1996 Founding Co-Editor: *Appendx Journal Issue 3: Deviance*  
Publisher / Distributor: Appendx, Inc.
- 1994 Founding Co-Editor: *Appendx Journal Issue 2: Deformation of the Persona*  
Publisher / Distributor: Appendx, Inc.
- 1993 Founding Co-Editor: *Appendx Journal Issue 1: Black Manifesto*  
Publisher: Appendx, Inc. / Distributor: Rizzoli
- 1987-88 Editorial Board Member / Editor: *The Cornell Journal of Architecture, Spring 1987-88*  
Publisher: Cornell Department of Architecture, Ithaca, NY; Distributor: Rizzoli

## BOOK CHAPTERS + PUBLISHED ESSAYS (SELECT)

- 2021 Book Chapter (peer-reviewed)  
"Toward an Architecture Race Theory"  
*Reconstructions: Architecture and Blackness in America MoMA Exhibition Catalogue*,  
Sean Anderson and Mabel Wilson, Editors (New York: The Museum of Modern Art, 2020)
- 2012 Book Chapter (peer-reviewed)  
"Urban Space: Production of Race," p. 46-53  
*Where are the Utopian Visionaries*, Hansy Better, Editor (Pittsburgh: Periscope Press, 2012).

- 2004 Book Chapter (reviewed; Invited Exhibition Catalogue)  
 “Black Futurism: Architecture as Signifier,” p. 71-75  
*Harlemworld : Metropolis as Metaphor*, Thelma Golden, Editor (New York: The Studio Museum in Harlem, 2004)
- 2003 Book Chapter (peer-reviewed)  
 “Racial Critique of Public Housing Redevelopment Strategies,” p. 119-131  
*Suburban Sprawl: Culture, Theory and Politics*, Hugh Bartling, Matthew Lindstrom, Editors (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003)
- 2020 “Observations on Draft White House Executive Order, “Making Federal Buildings Beautiful Again”  
 Architect, March 5, 2020
- 2019 Published Essay (online)  
 “What Were Getting Wrong About Gentrification and Cultural Heritage”  
*Architect’s Newspaper Magazine*, January, 2019
- 2017 Published Essay (online)  
 “Architecture and Public Education: Cultivating Creative Potential”  
*Architect’s Newspaper Magazine*, February 10, 2017
- 2017 Published Essay (online)  
 “How Can Race Inform Art and Architecture,” *CNN Style Online*, December, 2017

#### **INVITED LECTURES (SELECT)**

- 2022 Invited Lecture:  
 Architecture: The Legends Series  
 Christie’s Education Program
- 2022 Invited Lecture: Citizen Architect - Paradoxes of Race in Democratic Culture  
 Carl M. Sapers Ethics in Practice Lecture  
 Harvard Graduate School of Design
- 2022 Invited Lecture: Future of Architecture Education  
 Cornell Architecture Preston Thomas Memorial Series / 150th Anniversary  
 Breaking Grounds-Groundwork Session with Dean J. Meejin Yoon (Cornell), Dean Sarah Whiting (Harvard GSD)  
 Cornell University Architecture
- 2020 Invited Lecture: Paul R. Williams and the Legacy of Black Aesthetics  
 Rochester Institute of Technology College of Art and Design /  
 Vignelli Center for Design Studies
- 2020 Invited Keynote Lecture: Just Constructions  
 AIA Colorado Annual Conference
- 2019 Invited Lecture: Architecture and the Egalitarian Turn  
 The Architectural League of New York Annual Meeting Inaugural Lecture  
 Ford Foundation Headquarters, New York City

- 2012 Invited Lecture: Urban Thought in the films by Anri Sala  
Concurrent with Exhibition of Anri Sala Films  
Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit
- 2018 Invited Lecture  
Los Angeles American Institute of Architects (AIA) Breakfast Meeting  
Los Angeles AIA Chapter
- 2018 Invited Lecture: Architecture Race Theory  
Columbia GSAPP Buell Center PhD Colloquium on Works by Milton S. F. Curry:  
Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture
- 2017 Dean Installation Lecture  
University of Southern California / School of Architecture Dean Installation

### **CURATED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 Partnership with USC Architecture Office of Dean / California African American Museum  
LaToya Ruby Frazier: The Last Cruze  
California African American Museum
- 2010 Curator  
Cornell Case Studies in Urban Development Exhibition: Songdo IBD, South Korea  
Cornell University Hartell Gallery
- 2006-07 Curator (Co-Curator: Amaechi Okigbo)  
Cornell Council for the Arts Half a Dozen of The Other installation by Patrick Dougherty  
Cornell University Campus
- 2006 Curator  
Cornell Council for the Arts XDesigngroup Furniture Installation  
International Contemporary Furniture Fair, New York City (featured in The New York Times)
- 2004 Co-Curator (Co-Curator: Andrea Inselmann)  
Cornell Council for the Arts Emerging Artists Exhibition 2004  
Cornell University Herbert F. Johnson Museum

### **ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA (SELECT)**

- 2020 Zona Maco Art Fair Mexico City Salon / February, 2020: Mexico City  
Weighted Space: Constructed Installations in Social Context  
Milton Curry in Conversation with architect Frida Escobedo and artist Pedro Reyes  
Organizer: USC Architecture
- 2019 Architecture, The City and Democratic Capitalism / October, 2019: Los Angeles, CA  
Participants: Juliana Uhuru Bidadanure, Andreas Christopoulos, Arturo Ortiz, Faiza Moatasim, Andrea Chegut, Shawn Rickenbacker, Scott Kurashige, et al  
Organizer: USC Architecture
- 2018 USC School of Architecture Dean's CreativeTalks  
Milton Curry in Conversation with LACMA CEO / Director Michael Govan  
Organizer: USC Architecture

- 2018 USC School of Architecture Dean's CreativeTalks: Aesthetics, Politics and Fascism  
Milton Curry in Conversation with Yale University Professor Jason Stanley  
Organizer: USC Architecture
- 2018 Design Miami (Miami Art Basel) Talks Panel  
A Sense of Place: The African American Home - intersection of art, design, culture  
Milton Curry in Conversation  
Organizer: USC Architecture and PIN-UP Magazine
- 2017 Design Miami (Miami Art Basel) Talks Panel: Spatializing Blackness  
Milton Curry in Conversation with David Adjaye, Amanda Williams, Hank Willis  
Thomas, Torkwase Dyson, et al  
Organizer: USC Architecture and CriticalProductive Inc.
- 2016 Michigan / Mellon Symposium 2: Common(s) Sense City;  
Detroit / Rio de Janeiro / Mexico City, March, 2016  
Organizers: University of Michigan Taubman College / College of LS&A
- 2015 Michigan / Mellon Symposium 1: The Egalitarian Metropolis;  
Detroit / Ann Arbor  
Organizers: University of Michigan Taubman College / College of LS&A

#### **SYMPOSIA + CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)**

- 2022 Panelist  
AIRIE's (Artists in Residence in Everglades) Inaugural Art + Environment Summit  
Miami, Florida concurrent with Art Basel Miami
- 2021 Panelist  
Paul R. Williams - Building a Legacy  
Co-Sponsored: USC Architecture / Getty Research Institute Off-Center Series
- 2020 Invited Moderator  
American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York / Center for Architecture Dean's Panel
- 2020 Panelist  
Paul R. Williams Archives Discussion  
Urban Land Institute LA / American Institute of Architects (AIA) LA
- 2020 Panelist  
Panel on Urban Development in LA  
Southern California Development Forum
- 2019 Moderator  
USC Architecture / USC Architectural Guild Event:  
Democratizing Culture: Exposition Park Cultural and Sports Institutions
- 2018 Conversant  
USC School of Architecture Alumni Weekend  
Conversation with architect Thom Mayne, Morphosis

- 2018 Moderator / Presenter  
National Museum of African American History and Culture  
Conference: Shifting The Landscape - Black Architects and Planners 1968 to Now  
Washington, DC
- 2018 Presenter  
Association of Women in Architecture + Design, AWA+D Symposium: Intersectionality:  
Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 Conversant  
Conversation with Grant Kirkpatrick: California Contemporary Book  
Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Invited Panelist  
American Collegiate Schools of Architecture National Convention Panel Detroit, MI  
Architecture and K-12 Education
- 2017 Invited Panelist / Lecturer  
Yale University Philosophy and Mass Incarceration Conference  
Co-Sponsored by The Arthur Liman Public Interest Program at Yale Law School and  
The Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund at Yale University; and Yale  
Philosophy Department

**CORPORATE / ACADEMIC BOARDS / ADVISORY COMMITTEES / JURIES (SELECT)**

- 2021 - present **Museum of Modern Art New York**  
Member, Board of Trustees Acquisitions Committee on Architecture and Design
- 2021 - present **Abode Communities, Inc.**  
Member, Board of Directors; Finance and Development Committees
- 2022 - present **Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation**  
Member, Jury and Board of Nominators
- 2020 - present **University of Miami School of Architecture Academic Review Committee**  
Member
- 2013 - present **Vanderbilt University Issues in Critical Investigation Executive Board**  
Member
- 1998 - present **General Services Administration Design Excellence National Peer Reviewer**  
Member
- 2023 **Cornell University Department of Architecture External Review Committee**  
Member
- 2022 **Portland Maine Museum of Art Design Competition**  
Member, Jury



## **LINKS, PODCASTS, CITATIONS AND REVIEWS (SELECT)**

### **LINKS**

academia.Edu (Milton Curry)

<https://usc.academia.edu/MiltonCurry>

CriticalProductive Journal (Milton Curry, Co-Founder)

<https://direct.mit.edu/cpro>

Appendx Journal (Milton Curry, Co-Founder)

<http://www.appendx.org/>

USC Architecture A-Lab Program (Milton Curry, Founder)

<https://arch.usc.edu/a-lab>

University of Michigan Taubman College ArcPrep Program (Milton Curry, Founder)

<https://taubmancollege.umich.edu/academics/pre-college-programs/michigan-architecture-prep/>

Christie's Design Legends Profile - Milton S. F. Curry, Daniella Ohad, 2022

<https://shop.designmiami.com/blogs/news/milton-s-f-curry>

NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt Interviewer: Morgan Radford, 2022

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/usc-launches-high-school-program-to-diversifythe-architecture-field-137519686001>

### LECTURE

2022 Invited Lecture: Citizen Architect - Paradoxes of Race in Democratic Culture

Carl M. Sapers Ethics in Practice Lecture Harvard Graduate School of Design

<https://www.gsd.harvard.edu/event/milton-s-f-curry-citizen-architect-paradoxes-of-race-in-democratic-culture/>

### LECTURE

2019 Invited Lecture: Architecture and the Egalitarian Turn The Architectural League of New York

Annual Meeting Inaugural Lecture Ford Foundation Headquarters, New York City

<https://youtu.be/Gyceo3NyiDY>

### LECTURE

2017 Invited Lecture: Black Cities; Architecture, Race, Theory Princeton University / School of

Architecture Lecture Series Princeton School of Architecture

<https://soa.princeton.edu/node/1774>

### **PODCASTS**

Scratching the Surface Podcast: Episode 181, March 31, 2021

<https://scratchingthesurface.fm/181-milton-curry>

The Sweet Flypaper Podcast with Marquise Stillwell, September 13, 2021

Dean Milton S.F. Curry on Empathetic Architecture and Civic Duty

<https://the-sweet-flypaper.simplecast.com/episodes/dean-milton-sf-curry-on-empathetic-architecture-and>

Breaking the Silence of Design: Season 2, Episode 2 Co-Hosts: Karen Compton, Gabrielle Bullock, 2022

<https://youtu.be/2K78TDQi1DY>

## CITATIONS AND REVIEWS (SELECT)

- 2021 "Legendary Black architect, Paul Revere Williams, helped build modern Los Angeles,"  
<[hPps://abc7.com/paul-reverewilliams-architect-los-angeles-black-history-month-people/10371014/](https://abc7.com/paul-reverewilliams-architect-los-angeles-black-history-month-people/10371014/)>  
Los Angeles ABC News 7, February 25, 2021
- 2020 Interview with Milton S. F. Curry, Dean of USC Architecture  
Deem Journal Issue 1: Designing for Dignity, 2020
- 2020 "USC Dean Milton S.F. Curry: "Collectively, we too are the guardians of the democratic space  
and civic imaginations"  
Archinect, Antonio Pacheco Jun 3, 2020
- 2018 "The Education of Architecture with Milton S.F. Curry"  
Detroit Is It, CV Henriette, December, 2018
- 2018 "USC School of Architecture Launches Dean Curry's New CreativeTalks Series"  
Los Angeles Sentinel, Lauren A. Jones, November, 2018
- 2018 "Citizen Architect - Milton Curry Looks to Architecture for Answers to Societal  
Challenges,"  
Trojan Family Magazine, Lisa Butterworth, Spring, 2018.
- 2017 "New USC Dean Milton Curry shifts pedagogical focus toward theory,"  
Archinect, Julia Ingalis, April 27, 2017.
- 2017 "Milton Curry, USC's new architecture dean, on educating the citizen architect,"  
Los Angeles Times, Christopher Hawthorne, April 27, 2017.
- 2017 "Milton S. Curry Named Dean of USC School of Architecture, Alma Mater of Legendary  
African American Architect Paul R. Williams, Culture Type, Victoria L. Valentine, April 24,  
2017.
- 2016 "Detroit High School Students graduate from University program," The Michigan Daily,  
January 12, 2016.
- 2015 "Taubman College - Michigan Architecture Prep Program Opens doors to Detroit High  
Schoolers," Architect, January 12, 2015.
- 2015 "Extracurricular: University of Michigan pushes architectural education with Detroit Public  
Schools," The Architect's Newspaper, March 3, 2015.
- 2015 "Michigan Research Studio Attracts Minority High School students to Architecture,"  
School Planning & Design, December 9, 2015.