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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2006→ *United Arab Emirates University (Al Ain)*
Professor in Architectural Design
- 1998-06 *Rice University (Houston)*
Associate Professor in Architecture
- 1995-98 *American University of Beirut (Beirut)*
Associate Professor in Architecture
- 1991-95 *Arizona State University (Phoenix)*
Assistant Professor in Architecture
- 1990-91 *Harvard University (Cambridge)*
Teaching Fellow in Architecture
- 1990-91 *Boston Architectural Center (Boston)*
Design Critic in Architecture

EDUCATION

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| 1991 | <i>Doctor of Design</i> | Harvard University |
| 1989 | <i>Master in Design Studies</i> | Harvard University |
| 1987 | <i>Bachelor of Architecture</i> | University of Idaho |

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2000-06 *Rice University*
Director, Doctor of Architecture Program: administration of the School's only academic research program at the doctoral level. Administration of program standards and procedures, evaluation of applicants, preparation of examination standards, and dissertation supervision.
- 1999-06 *Rice University*
Director, Arkhe Visual Environment Project: administration of an applied research initiative developing an archive system for organizing and providing on-line access to collections of digital material. Project initiation, core research, implementation, funding, personnel management, partnership agreements and project dissemination.
- 1997-98 *American University of Beirut*
Chairman, Department of Architecture and Design: administration of Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Graphic Design, and Master of Urban Planning and Master of Urban Design programs; overall faculty coordination and review, budget management, fundraising, and general administration.
- 1993-95 *Arizona State University*
Assistant Director, School of Architecture: coordination of architectural research activities and administration of the research-based Master of Science program; co-author of the College's Interdisciplinary PhD Program; graduate liaison with the University's Interdisciplinary Humanities Program; architecture liaison to the publishing and research activities of the College's Herberger Center for Design Excellence.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1987-88 *James Cheng Architects (Vancouver, B. C., Canada)*
Architectural Design: residential towers, condominiums, townhouses; interiors, garden design, elevation and massing studies, sun/shadow analyses, urban site and structure geometry, code and regulatory studies and reports.
- 1981-86 *N. D. Lea Associates (Vancouver, B. C., Canada)*
Urban Design, Transportation Design: airports, rapid transit, and urban projects; urban infrastructure and district design, site design, traffic and transportation studies, quantity surveys and cost estimates, architectural, civil and structural detailing, resident (full-time) site inspection.

- 1980-81 *Mecman Consulting* (Castlegar, B. C., Canada)
Land Development: industrial, commercial and residential projects; land development and planning studies, building design, infrastructure and urban services evaluation/design, civil design, land surveying, site inspection.
- 1977-80 *Government of British Columbia* (Nelson, B. C., Canada)
Land Planning, Site Design: forest service remote sites, forestry stations and air-tanker/fire-suppression bases; site evaluation and selection, route planning, architectural and civil drafting, land surveying and photogrammetry, land title and encumbrances research and reports.
- 1974-76 *Cooper Tanner Associates* (Vancouver, B. C., Canada)
Architectural Design: commercial and residential projects; architectural design, office core and plate layouts, facade studies, site evaluation, traffic pattern analyses, zoning and code analyses, presentation drawings.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

current research

John Biln, "Khan Murjan: Cultural Memory in Neo-traditional Spaces".

John Biln, "Le Corbusier's *Ravissement*: Between Freud and de Certeau on the Acropolis".

recent publications

- 2014 John Biln, "Dubai's Heritage House Museums: A Semiosis of Melancholy", *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*: 25:2, 23-38.
- 2014 John Biln and Mohamed El-Amrousi, "Dubai's Museum Types: A Structural Analytic"; *Museum Worlds: Advances in Research*, 2.
- 2013 Mohamed El-Amrousi and John Biln, "Abu Dhabi: Global Changes and Competing Visions of Modernity", *International Journal of Engineering Technology*, 2:2, 84-92.
- 2013 Mohamed El-Amrousi and John Biln, "Abu Dhabi Forms and Fragments", *International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, 2:2, 349-367.
- 2013 Mohamed El-Amrousi and John Biln, "Abu Dhabi: Competing Visions of tradition and modernity in rapidly developing regions", *Proceedings of the First Annual International Conference on Architecture Civil Engineering (ACE 2013)*, Global Science and Technology Forum, Singapore, 2013, 1-8.

- 2011 Mohamed El-Amrousi and John Biln, "Sharjah's Islamic Urban Identity and the Living City", *Journal of Islamic Architecture*, 1:4, 190-198.
- 2010 John Biln, "Architecture Theory in Graphic Narrative", *Architectural Theory Review*, 15:3, 350-376
- 2010 Mohamed El-Amrousi and John Biln, "Muscat Emerging: Tourism and Cultural Space", *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 8:4, 254-266.
- 2010 John Biln, "Reconsidering Agency in Architecture", *Architectural Theory Review*, 15:1, 1-8.