

EDUCATION

Masters of Architecture, 1996

University of Illinois at Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science, with Distinction, 1989

School of Hotel Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

ACADEMIC

CORNELL NOLAN SCHOOL OF HOTEL ADMINISTRATION

Ithaca, NY

Assistant Teaching Professor - Property Development and Management, July 2020 to Present

TEACHING

HADM 2560 Hotel Development & Management: A required course that introduces and provides a management overview of the opportunities and challenges in the development, planning, construction, and property operations and management of hospitality facilities.

HADM 2550 Hotel Development & Planning: A required course that introduces and provides a management overview of the opportunities and challenges in the development, planning and construction of hospitality facilities.

HADM 3510/6510 Hospitality Facilities Design: A facilities design studio that introduces 3-dimensional drawing principles using SketchUp software and hospitality planning and design concepts for guestrooms, public space, food and beverage, and back-of-house areas.

HADM 4515/6515 Hospitality Visioning & Concept Design: An upper level, interdisciplinary course where one can apply what they have learned in hospitality development & design, marketing, real estate, and operations, to envision a hotel concept, or brand story, and develop it with a team to understand how this concept informs site selection, program, design, and operational touchpoints.

HADM 7510 Properties Development & Planning: A graduate level course that introduces and provides a management overview of the opportunities and challenges in the development, planning, and construction of hospitality and commercial real estate.

Lecturer- Center for Professional Development- Hotel Renovation, 1992

Teaching Assistant- Hotel Facilities Management, 1989

Teaching Assistant- Hotel Development & Planning, 1988-1989

PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable Panelist: A Knotty Opportunity: Mass Timber Construction in Travel & Tourism. Cornell at Climate Week: Sustainability in Travel, Tourism, & Hospitality, September 2025

Roundtable Panelist: Turning the Tide: Hospitality & Tourism for Sustainable Development in Small Islands. Cornell at Climate Week: Sustainability in Travel, Tourism, & Hospitality, September 2025

Roundtable Panelist: Holistic Design: Tactics for Creating Healthy, Sustainable Spaces. Hospitality Design Expo, May 2025

Fireside Chat Host: Alex Levy with Alaska Airlines Discusses Loyalty Programs and Partnerships. Cornell Nolan Hotel School Land & Sea Club, March 2025

Roundtable Participant: Women & Hospitality Entrepreneurship. Cornell Pillsbury Institute, March 2025

Roundtable Participant: Cornell Institute for Healthy Futures (CIHF) Transdisciplinary Design Roundtable, October 2024

Featured Guest: Hotelie Podcast, "Hospitality Development Trends & Challenges", March 2024

Invited Panelist: Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International (HSMAI) Intercollegiate Conference - Hotel Development, Design & Architecture Panel, February 2024

Invited Panelist: Design Critic for DEA 4230 Design without Reservation, Restaurant Design Charette, January 2024

Presentation: Cornell Institute for Healthy Futures (CIHF) Fall Advisory Board and Community Convocation, "Regenerative Hospitality", October 2023

Roundtable Participant: Cornell Center For Hospitality Research 14th Annual Sustainability Roundtable, October 2023

Invited Panelist: HADM1198 Hotelie Launchpad, Hospitality Career Paths, September 2023

Presentation: OTIM Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Regenerative Development", April 2023

Cornell Center for Hospitality Research Webinar Moderator: "A Green Slate: Building Smarter, Sustainable Hotels", July 2021

Hotel Ezra Cornell Panel: "Hospitality as the New Public Square: A Vision for a More Connected Future", April 2021

Presentation to "The Grid" Hotel School Design Club, October 2020

FEATURES & PUBLICATIONS

Featured: "Backed by (Many!) Big Red Investors, a Famed Ithaca Inn is Reborn", Cornellians, October 7, 2025

Featured: "Slew of Cornell Alums Led by Hotel Execs Purchase South Hill Hotel & Spa", Ithaca Voice, Judy Lucas, August 30, 2024

Featured: "Cornellians Chart New Future for Local Hotel & Spa", Cornell SC Johnson College of Business Newsletter, Alison Fromme, August 2, 2024

Publication: "Re-Imagined Gathering Spaces That Build Community", Hotel Executive, November 2022

Publication: "Hotel School Students Learn from Industry Leaders as They Envision a Boutique Hotel Brand", Cornell Real Estate Council Quarterly Newsletter, June 25, 2021

RECOGNITION

Cornell University Merrill Scholar Mentor: Recognition as an outstanding educator for having influenced and mentored Merrill Scholar, Bernadette Gunther, May 2022

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Graduate Committee, September 2025 to Present

Masters of Management in Hospitality (MMH) Admissions Committee, November 2024 to Present

AHLA Student Chapter, Faculty Advisor, September 2023 to Present

Statler Food Lab Renovation Committee, October 2022 to October 2023

The Grid, Faculty Advisor, September 2022 to June 2025

Faculty Fellow, Cornell Institute for Healthy Futures, August 2022 to Present

Academic Integrity Hearing Board, May 2022

Finance, Accounting, & Real Estate (FARE) Faculty Advisor, January 2021 to Present

Undergraduate Admissions Committee, August 2021 to Present

Oak Park Education Foundation, William Hatch Elementary School, Oak Park, IL
Instructor- Architecture Adventure, 2011, 2012

PROFESSIONAL

FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL- COLLECTIVE VISION DESIGN, LTD, June 2018 to Present

Lead a collaborative team of multi-talented design professionals, who are passionate about creating unforgettable environments. Provide the design direction and leadership for various hospitality projects, maintain client relationships, and manage the overall operations of the firm.

Brewerton Mixed-Use Development, Brewerton, NY: \$7-million mixed-use development fronting the main street and riverfront including 8 townhomes, 8 apartments, retail and a rooftop restaurant, 2025

La Tourelle Inn & Spa, Ithaca, NY: Interior renovation of a 52 key boutique hotel including Lobby, Bar/Restaurant, Meeting Areas and Guestrooms, 2024

Tacos CDMX, Ithaca, NY: Tenant improvement for fast casual taco restaurant including kitchen and Front of House, 2023

Residence Inn Magnificent Mile, Chicago, IL: Renovation of 290 key extended-stay hotel including Lobby and Guestrooms, 2023

The Carleton of Oak Park, Oak Park, IL: Interior renovation of a vintage boutique hotel including Lobby, Library, Meeting Areas and Guestrooms, 2019

Hyatt Regency Chicago-Schaumburg, Schaumburg, IL: Master plan for a pedestrian friendly plaza to develop an activated mixed-use campus including the hotel and various dining and entertainment facilities, 2018

Woodworking Lofts, Chicago, IL: Adaptive reuse of a former furniture factory creating a vibrant living environment in the Pilsen neighborhood, 2018

SENIOR HOSPITALITY DESIGNER- STANTEC (formerly VOA Associates)

Head of Hospitality Interiors, October 2016 to June 2018

Directed the Hospitality Interiors Studio to complete numerous hotel renovation and new construction projects including staffing, establishing design direction, communicating with clients, and mentoring designers through the design, documentation, and construction phases.

Hotel Zachary, Chicago, IL- Interior design of 150 guestrooms & suites of a new hotel constructed adjacent to Wrigley Field.

Virgin Hotel, New York City- Interior design documentation and MEP coordination of a 39-story, 465 room high-rise hotel in the NoMad district featuring outdoor terraces, several F&B lounges, and meeting space.

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, Schaumburg, IL- Interior renovation of a modern atrium hotel including Lobby, Bar, Restaurant and Meeting Space.

VICE PRESIDENT- VOA ASSOCIATES

Senior Hospitality Designer & Project Manager, July 2014 to October 2016

Managed the design and documentation of hospitality interiors projects including developing design concepts, overseeing production of drawings & specifications, coordinating structural, MEP and F&B consultants' work, and managing the construction administration process.

Marriott San Antonio Northwest- San Antonio, TX- Interior renovation of a 300-room atrium hotel including a new Lobby & Lounge, relocated restaurant, creation of M-Lounge, and upgraded meeting areas.

Marriott Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia- New construction of a 175-room hotel featuring outdoor pool & terraces, lounge and specialty restaurant.

Head of Interiors for China Hospitality Projects, July 2013- July 2014

Provided leadership for the interiors team in the Beijing and Shanghai offices including establishing design direction, mentoring designers in hospitality planning, and managing production of documentation.

Hello Kitty Theme Park, Anji, Huzhou, China- Directed the design development of the themed retail spaces and food & beverage outlets.

Xiamen Resort Hotel- Led the interior design & documentation of a beach resort hotel including guestrooms, public areas, conference space, and 4 food & beverage outlets.

PRINCIPAL- AREA 39 ARCHITECTS, June 1996 to January 2013

Owner/Principal in charge of Design for Hospitality Projects. Established the design direction, maintained client relationships, & managed firm operations.

Radisson Hotel Mayfair, Milwaukee, WI

Gold Key Grand Prize Winner for Best Hotel Lobby

Total renovation and rebranding from a Sheraton to Radisson including Lobby, Bar, Lounge, Restaurant, Meeting Space and 200 Guestrooms.

The Hotel Baker, St. Charles, IL- Creation of a new restaurant in an under-utilized storefront space within the turn of the century hotel.

Harvest Restaurant, St. Charles, IL- Creation of a farm to table restaurant concept in an historic barn structure.

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL- Renovation of 2000 guestrooms in an urban convention hotel.

DESIGNER- URBAN WEST, LTD, June 1989 to August 1992

Developed design concepts and documentation for various hospitality projects including space planning, color and material selection, construction drawings and specifications.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Architects
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
Network of Executive Women in Hospitality
Cornell Hotel Society
Cornell Club of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT & RECOGNITION

Grant Recipient: "Governor Hochul Announces 20 Transformational Projects in Central New York as Part of Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward Programs", Albany, NY, May 15, 2025

Presentation to the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Hotel Zachary Presentation and Tour, September 2018

Presentation to the Network of Executive Women in Hospitality (NEWH) Hotel Zachary Design Inspiration Presentation and Tour, September 2018

Publication- Metropolis Magazine, "Sonneman's Revival of a Classic Line Gives Lighting Designers More Versatility", Hotel Zachary, October 2018

Live Video Tour- Hospitality Design Magazine, Hotel Zachary, August 2018

Publication- Boutique Design Magazine, "Good Innings", Hotel Zachary, June 2018

Publication- Chicago Magazine, "*First Look: Wrigleyville's New Hotel Zachary*"
Hotel Zachary, March 2018

Speaker- Hospitality Design Cityscene Roundtable, Chicago, August 2017

Network of Executive Women in Hospitality (NEWH) Leadership Conference, Denver,
CO, February 2017

HD NextGen Forum, Chicago, IL- Invite only conference blending education &
inspiration for creative hospitality professionals, June 2015

Publication- Hospitality Design Magazine, "*Online Exclusive- Sheraton Cleveland!*"
Sheraton Cleveland, June 2011

Publication- Properties Magazine, Sheraton Cleveland, August 2010

Nicholas Award, Oak Park Development Corporation, 2009, Building Façade- 1029
Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois

Cavalcade of Pride Award, Village of Oak Park, 2009, Building Façade- 1029 Lake
Street, Oak Park, Illinois

Publication- Hospitality Design Magazine, Radisson Hotel Mayfair, November 1998

Gold Key Award for Hospitality Design, 1998 Grand Prize Winner, Radisson Hotel
Mayfair