

# MINGJIA CHEN

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## Education:

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Architecture

Cambridge, MA

June 2022 - September, 2022

**Awards:** Department of Architecture Graduate Fellowship (Full-merit with Stipend)

**Activities:** Researcher with MIT Department of Architecture's Queer Space Lab, co-led by Okki Berendschot and Aidan Flynn.

### The University of British Columbia

Bachelor of Environmental Design (Honours with Distinction)

Vancouver, BC, Canada

September 2015 - May 2019

**Activities:** AMS UBC Graphical and Architectural Design Club  
*Appointed as the VP Administration for a 30 people design club on campus; conducted weekly design challenge events; managed administration tasks related to the AMS.*

**Awards:** Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students (Top 5%)

## Work:

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### MIT School of Architecture and Planning

Editor-In-Chief (Teaching Assistant)

Cambridge, MA

July 2022 - May 2023

*2022-2023 Editor-In-Chief for MIT Department of Architecture's online student blog, Out of Frame. Work with contributors for submissions. Design, set up and maintain new contents on the website.*

[www.outofframe.mit.edu](http://www.outofframe.mit.edu)

### Hapa Collaborative Landscape & Urban Design

Landscape Designer

Vancouver, BC, Canada

July 2019 - June 2021

*Assist with a variety of Landscape Architecture projects at different scales and provide support in graphics and drafting. Produce evocative renders and diagrams, help with preparing drawing packages at different stages, and provide support for project coordination. Assist with office administration and communication with consultants and clients.*

**Projects:**

Elmwood Development- Coquitlam, BC (project management)  
Zhong Residence- Vancouver, BC (client coordination, design support)  
UBC SALA Annex Renovation- Vancouver, BC (project management)  
Bentall Center Plaza- Vancouver, BC (graphics support/research)

### UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Student Studio Monitor

Vancouver, BC, Canada

September 2018 - June 2019

*Work under the direction of facilities manager Nick Scott to maintain a clean and safe studio space and answer students' concerns about studio safety.*

## Volunteer:

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### Or Gallery

Gallery Volunteer

Vancouver, BC, Canada

July 2022 - August 2022

*Work with Or gallery coordinators to maintain daily operations during the summer. Tasks include migrating web contents, indexing invoices for consignments and updating book inventory.*

### VPD Kitsilano Community Centre

Community Volunteer

Vancouver, BC, Canada

June 2019 - November 2019

*Assist the on foot patrol, office work, and speed watches. Communicate with local and visiting residents and follow up on lost item, small vandalism and other non-emergency police reports.*

## Exhibitions & Publications:

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### Canadian Centre for Architecture

How To: Not Become a Developer? (Co-authored during residency)

Publication link: <https://www.cca.qc.ca/en/articles/83443/how-to-not-become-a-developer>

Montreal, QC, Canada

January 2022

### MIT Keller Art Gallery

Desktop: A Material History of MIT Architecture a year apart (Group)

September - December 2021

Cambridge, MA

### Ground-Up Journal: Issue 10

Floating Between Borders (Co-authored)

San Francisco, CA

July 2021

### Harvard Urban Review: Spring 2021

Floating Between Borders (Co-authored)

Cambridge, MA

May 2021

### On-Site Review: Issue 38

Floating Between Borders...Or Perhaps an Earth Without Borders? (Co-authored)

Calgary, AB, Canada

January 2021

*Article entry reflecting and elaborating on the themes being explored in the exhibition.*

### GSD 40 Kirkland Gallery

Floating Between Borders...Or Perhaps an Earth Without Borders? (Duo)

Cambridge, MA

December 2020

*Online exhibition exploring the issues of airport border closures being re-surfaced and magnified by COVID-19.  
<https://www.gsdkirklandgallery.com/exhibitions/>*

### UBC Hatch Art Gallery

Environmental Design Graduation Exhibition (Group)

Vancouver, BC, Canada

May 2019

## Other Activities:

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### **BC TSD Rally Championship - Totem Rally**

Rally Co-Driver (Navigator)

Cache Creek, BC, Canada

*November 2019*

*Navigated across 900km of Interior BC's forest service roads under extreme snow and mud conditions. Provided route guidance, and calculated average speeds for each stage to advise the driver and match required speed with different time sections.*

### **FM96.1 Fairchild Radio**

Radio Presenter Trainee

Vancouver, BC, Canada

*July - October 2019*

*Received basic training as a mandarin radio host and program operator. Practiced the process of preparing a radio show and learned to operate audio equipments such as a mixer, microphone and on-air computer at the radio station.*