

# Bernardo Gonzalez

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## Education

### Massachusetts of Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

*Master of Architecture*

*Third-Year M. Arch Candidate & Graduate Fellow at MIT SA+P*

### University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign

Urbana, IL

*Bachelor of Science, Architectural Studies*

*Dean's List: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019*

## Experience

### KVA / MIT Department of Architecture

Cambridge, MA

*Model Assistant*

Feb 2025

- Collaborated with a small team to complete a physical model for the Venice Biennale that represents research on the use of wild wood associated with the Odds & Mods + KVA initiative within MIT School of Architecture + Planning

### OFFCUT/ CUTOFF Exhibition

Muharraq, Bahrain

*IAP: MIT Architecture*

Jan 2025

- Participated in group exhibition, with MIT/ local Professionals guided by Latifa Alkhayat, Maryam Aljomairi, and Keith J. Lee showcasing assemblages of objects/furniture that uses scavenged, processed, and offcut materials of metal within the industrial production of refrigeration and air conditioning
- Collaborated with a total of three small groups, each consisting of 1-2 local professionals to create a functional object that was exhibited in the Fakhro House in Muharraq

### MIT, Department of Architecture

Cambridge, MA

*Teaching Assistant: Intro to Photography + Related Media Fall 2024*

Sep 2024 – Dec 2024

- Assisted students in learning digital and analog camera techniques, supported critiques by offering constructive feedback and guided students in further developing their photography projects
- Managed the course's canvas site and handled logistical tasks to streamline class operations and ensure an organized learning experience

### MKA Architecture

Brookline, MA

*Architectural Intern*

June 2024 – Aug 2024

- Co-lead the design development phase for a residential project, collaborating closely with the senior architect to refine project concepts and ensure alignment with client needs and architectural standards.
- Developed interior and exterior design studies utilizing digital modeling and architectural documentation through AutoCAD and SketchUp. Further developed drawings of plans, sections, and elevations, transitioning from design development phase to construction documentation

### MIT Introduction to Technology, Engineering, and Science

Cambridge, MA

*Teaching Assistant*

Feb 2023 – April 2024

- Guided incoming undergraduates in architecture and mechanical engineering, promoting academic growth and preparedness through blend of pedagogical strategies and personalized mentoring
- Conducted engaging workshops and tutorials throughout the semester, fostering practical learning environment where students developed prototypes based on guided learning and research

### Gensler

Los Angeles, CA

*Architectural Professional Intern*

May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Worked closely with a small interior and architecture design team on the design development phase of a co-working space and café for a confidential client. Personally, co-led the design development of a sculptural café ceiling, contributing to the development of interior visuals of design options through iterative digital methods in Rhino and Grasshopper
- Contributed to the team's success by efficiently meeting deadlines and assisting the technical team in Revit to manage door schedules, room tags, and plan development

### HOK

Chicago, IL

- Worked closely with a small architectural team for the design development of a science research center; created and presented physical massing study models, and assisted in the design development of the project in Revit
- Embarked on the development of a North America: Welcome Center, contributing to the productions of physical massing study models, animations, and form studies

**Exchange Program: University of Puerto Rico + University of Illinois School of Architecture** *San Juan, PR*

Architectural Exchange Student

Sept 2020 – Nov 2020

- Collaborated with 12 colleagues from University of Puerto Rico and University of Illinois to discuss design strategies and exchange ideas to produce collaborative infographics for Health and Well-being Studio
- Produced and presented illustrations of research and architectural proposals to jury consisting of client and faculty at UPR

**Honors + Achievements**

MIT School of Architecture & Planning Graduate Fellowship

2021- present

1<sup>st</sup> Place Edward C. Earl Prize for Architectural Design & Making at University of Illinois

2021

Project “Envisioning a Resilient Island” nominated for AIA Chicago Student Design Competition for University of Illinois

2021

Nominated for Edward C. Earl Prize for Arch Design & Performance at University of Illinois

2020

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Edward C. Earl Prize for Health and Well Being Studio at University of Illinois

2020

Awarded scholarship placement for participation in the UIUC + UPR Exchange Program

2020

**Skills + Interests**

**Technical:** Rhino 3D, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign), AutoCAD, Lumion, Enscape, Grasshopper, ArchGIS, Climate Studio, Revit

**Interests:** Design, Fabrication + Detail, Resilient Design addressing Climate Change, Material exploration, Reuse, Material circularity, Community-Driven Design, Urbanism