



# HANA MEIHAN DAVIS

HANAMEI@MIT.EDU

## RELEVANT SKILLS

GIS, Adobe Creative Cloud (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, PremierPro, After Effects, Lightroom), Climate Studio, AutoCAD, Google Sketchup, Rhinoceros, Microsoft Office, Data Visualization, Research (including assistance on multiple architecture and history/politics books); hand drawing + physical model making.

## LANGUAGES

Fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin + English: Speaking, Reading, Writing. Reading proficiency in French.

## BYLINES

[The Washington Post](#), [South China Morning Post](#), [Yale Daily News](#)

## FELLOWSHIPS + AWARDS

Schlossman Research Award, MIT, Summer 2025  
Summer thesis research travel grant from the Department of Architecture + MISTI.

Richard U. Light Fellowship, Yale, 2020-2021  
Advanced Chinese language study at National Taiwan University.

Kirby Simon Summer Fellowship + Richter Fellowship, Yale, 2019  
Awarded by Yale Law School to support human rights advocacy by covering Hong Kong's democracy movement.

## EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2022-2026

### Master of Architecture

Teaching Assistant: M.Arch Design Studio Core II (Segal), SMArchS Colloquium (Tibbits)  
Research Assistant: Rania Ghosn / DESIGN EARTH (2024); Cristina Parreño (Venice 2025); Norman B. Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism (2022-2023)  
Architecture Student Council Co-Chair (2023); NOMAS Executive Board (2022-2025)  
M.Arch Admissions Committee (2023-2025)

Yale University

2016-2020

### B.A. Architecture with Distinction

Yale Law School Multidisciplinary Academic Program in Human Rights  
Yale Journalism Scholar

## ARCHITECTURE

Interboro Partners, New York

Summer 2024

### Urban Design Intern

Urban design proposals for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in New Jersey, for the zoning of the I-375 highway removal in Detroit, and the new master plan for an arts college.

Lina Ghotmeh Architecture, Paris

Summer 2023

### Architectural Intern

Led curation and design for an October 2024 retrospective exhibit of Olga de Amaral at the Fondation Cartier; Publicity for 2023 Serpentine Pavilion.

Venice Biennale Installation, J. Yolande Daniels

January-May 2023

### "The BLACK City Astrolabe" Design Team, Video Lead

Under head curator Leslie Lokko. Led efforts to research, design, and create a looping narrative video about African diaspora women across history from archival data and research.

BCV Architecture + Interiors, New York

2020-2022

### Design & Marketing

Responsibilities split between design and marketing, including FF&E proposals, NYC historic renovation, cafe remodel for the San Francisco Ballet, Crocker Galleria (SF) renovation, Coordinating RFPs and RFQs; Market research/client outreach.

Design Brigade, New Haven

Summer 2020

### Intern & Project Manager

Co-sponsored by the Yale CCAM and Atelier Cho Thompson, designed 'Diary Disk' memorials for those impacted by COVID-19 for New Haven's Department of Cultural Affairs.

## WRITING

'Thresholds 54: RECORD'

2025-2026

### Co-editor with Bridget Peak, Published by MIT Press

Established in 1992, Thresholds is the annual peer-reviewed journal produced by the MIT Department of Architecture. Co-editors are selected after a rigorous application process and spend one calendar year editing, designing and producing the book. The theme of our issue is RECORD. TH54 will be published in April 2026. [View our open call here.](#)

'For the Love of Hong Kong: A Memoir from My City Under Siege'

2021

### Book Author, Published by Global Dispatches

Debut book: A memoir chronicling my family history with Hong Kong's democracy movement and rapid repression in 2019-2020. Reviewed by the Wilson Quarterly & Mekong Review. Interviewed by DW, Vox, NPR, BBC, The Millions, and the U.C. Irvine Humanities Center. Excerpted in China Heritage, Hong Kong Free Press & Slate. [Find my book here.](#)

The Washington Post

Summer 2019

### Editorial Intern

Worked with the editorial board under Fred Hiatt. Pitched ideas and published approximately three editorials each week, in addition to a series of Op-Eds under my own byline.

Yale Daily News

2016-2020

### WEEKEND Editor, Staff Reporter, Cultural Centers beat

As Weekend editor, I oversaw 20-30 writers to publish the 12-page weekly issue featuring investigative long-form pieces, personal essays and critiques of art, theatre and culture. Staff reporter for both the University and Weekend desks, with the Cultural Center beat in 2017.

South China Morning Post, Hong Kong

2017-2019

### Intern & Columnist

Interned for the City and City Weekend desks, reporting in Cantonese, Mandarin and English. Hired to write weekly "Explainer" columns covering Hong Kong's socio-cultural trends.