

Jiayi Li

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EDUCATION

Rice University , Houston, TX Bachelor of Architecture	08.2024 -05.2026
Rice School of Architecture Paris , Paris, France Study Abroad Program	08.2025 -12.2025
Rice University , Houston, TX Bachelor of Arts in Architecture <i>summa cum laude</i> GPA 3.98	08.2020 -05.2024

HONORS & AWARDS

William Ward Watkin Award Awarded to the best undergraduate thesis project	2024
M.N. Davidson Fellowship Awarded to a worthy student in furthering their education at Rice Architecture	2024
Berda and Charles Soon Chan Memorial Scholarship Awarded to a senior who had the highest cumulative GPA in their junior year	2023
Rosemary Watkin Barrick Traveling Fellowship Undergraduate travel and research fellowship	2023
Erin Mackenzie Peck Award Awarded to the top rising sophomore student	2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Turenscape , Beijing, China Design Intern Developed concept layouts for Vietnamese water market project. Designed on-water structures and surrounding landscape. Produced concept renderings.	06.2025 -08.2025
Thomas Phifer and Partners , New York, NY Architectural Designer Produced publication drawings for Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, featured in <i>Architectural Record</i> and other design journals. Contributed to schematic design and design development of a residential project, producing design studies, drawing sets, and schedules. Developed concept studies for the Nelson-Atkins Museum competition and the Ohio State University Innovation Building.	09.2024 -06.2025
Dept , Houston, TX Design Intern Produced drawings, renderings, and models for landscape, and urban projects in Houston and Miami. Composed a digital catalogue of indigenous plants for design and research use.	01.2024 -05.2024 10.2023 -12.2023 05.2023 -08.2023 06.2022 -08.2022
China Architecture Design & Research Group , Beijing, China Architectural Intern Produced drawings, renderings and digital models, for multiple sustainable, institutional projects in Tianjin and Jiaxing, China.	06.2021 -08.2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hyperlocal Work , New York, NY Lead Researcher Conducted research on repurposing banana plantation byproducts as fiber for architectural applications. Produced research catalogues, illustrative representations, and spatial mappings. Work was exhibited at the Venice Architecture Biennale (2025).	01.2025 -04.2025
Rice University , Houston, TX Research Assistant (Prof. Reto Geiser) Contributed to a critical monograph on Miami-Based firm Arquitectonica's 1980s Houston projects through site studies and drawings, analyzing their social and cultural implications on the urban fabric.	06.2024 -09.2024

EXHIBITIONS

Venice Architecture Biennale 2025, Arsenale, Venice, Italy Exhibited Group Project - <i>Weaving Ecologies in the Plantationocene</i> Advisors: Zhicheng Xu & Kevin Mastro; Collaborators: Joshua Chiang	2025
Porto Design Biennale , Porto and Matosinhos, Portugal Exhibited Group Project - <i>Weaving Ecologies in the Plantationocene</i> Advisors: Zhicheng Xu & Kevin Mastro; Collaborator: Joshua Chiang	2025
(dis)assemblies, Houston, TX Exhibited Group Project - <i>Liveliness of Rocks</i> Collaborator: Tammy Feng	2025
Archi-Arts, Houston, TX Exhibited Group Project - <i>Binding Light (Soft Exchange)</i> Collaborators: Harper Bo, Wendy Yao, Liufei Zhu	2023

PUBLICATIONS

Sphere 0, Rice School of Architecture Published Contribution - <i>Future Forward</i> Collaborator: Tammy Feng	2024
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ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Tsinghua University School of Architecture, Beijing, China Invited Speaker Delivered a public talk on thesis research and architectural education in the United States to students and faculty.	06.2024
Southeast University School of Architecture, Beijing, China Invited Speaker Delivered a public talk on thesis research and architectural education in the United States to students.	06.2024

COMPETITIONS

Architecture MasterPrize Student Winner - Architectural Design / Agricultural Buildings Designer	2025
Architecture MasterPrize Student Honorable Mention - Architectural Design / Green architecture Designer	2025
Kinderspace International Competition Shortlisted Lead Designer	2025
AIA Gulf Coast Green Student Competition Finalisted Lead Designer	2024
Archi-Arts Charrette Winner Lead Designer & Fabricator	2023
AIA Health SES Student Charrette Category Recognition: Best Context-Responsive Project Lead Designer	2022
Little Libraries Big Ideas Winner Lead Designer & Fabricator	2022

SKILLS

Software Rhino, CAD, Sketchup, Grasshopper, GIS, Blender, Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, V-ray, Enscape, D5.
Model Making Woodshop, Hand Crafting, Laser Cutting, Foam Cutting, 3D Printing, Plaster Casting, Spray Painting, Sewing.