

hi, i'm sam.
Architecture + Urbanism

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Education

MIT SA+P
SMArchS Urbanism Candidate
2024-2026
Cambridge, MA

University of Arizona
Bachelor of Architecture
Honors College + Magna Cum Laude
2017-2022
Tucson, AZ

Language

English (native proficiency)
Spanish (advanced proficiency)

Academic Experience

MIT Applicant Mentorship Program
Academic Mentor
Cambridge, MA 2024-present

Research Assistant
Univ. Arizona, Grant-Funded Installations + Exhibition
Summer 2021 - Summer 2023

CAPLA Study Abroad Program
Univ. Arizona + Institute for American Universities
Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant
Univ. Arizona, ARC341 Advanced Digital Fabrication
Spring - Fall 2021

Shop Monitor
Univ. Arizona, Wood + Metal Shops
Fall 2021

Awards + Honors

MIT Architecture Departmental Fellowship
2024-present

The Capstone Award
Faculty nomination for top thesis project 2022

Faculty Commendation
Honor for top students of graduating class 2022

Stream Award
Category: Professional Practice 2022

National AIAS In-Studio Model Competition
1st place in national competition 2020

Employment

Sam Owen Design
Founder
2022-present
Phoenix, AZ

desertWORKS Studio
Architect-in-Training
2022-2024
Phoenix, AZ

University of Arizona
Research Assistant
2019-2022
Tucson, AZ

KBH Architects
Internship
2021
Tucson, AZ

Selected Exhibitions

A Phoenix Reborn
AIA Metro PHX Excellence Exhibition
Phoenix, AZ 2023

Altra Volta
AIA Arizona State Conference
Phoenix, AZ 2022

"Hyper-Density is What Makes New York, New York"
Screening of Self-Produced Documentary
Tucson, AZ 2022

Designing Tucson's Food Future
Coordinator of Public Exhibition
Tucson, AZ 2021

Design Excellence Exhibitions
5-time Univ. Arizona Student Exhibitor
Tucson, AZ 2019-2022

Selected Publications

Optimized Design and Fabrication of Economical Curved Metal Facades
Davila, C., Dickinson, S., Hyatt, J. and Owen, S. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, ACSA 110th Annual Meeting EMPOWER 2022, Conference Proceedings. 25% co-author (2022)

Forensics and Fora: Reconstructing and Re-membering the Centre d'Identification de Vincennes
Weinstein, Beth, Owen, S (key contributor). The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, ACSA 110th Annual Meeting EMPOWER 2022, Conference Proceedings. Key contributor (2022)