

# Joe Colistra, Associate Professor - Curriculum Vitae

## EDUCATION

- 1995 Master of Architecture, University of Colorado at Denver  
1992 Bachelor of Environmental Design, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2013 - Present Associate Professor, University of Kansas  
2011 - 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates  
2006 - 2011 Senior Instructor, University of Colorado at Denver  
1999 - 2005 Honorary Instructor, University of Colorado at Denver

## COURSEWORK TAUGHT

*(University of Kansas)*

ARCH 609 Comprehensive Design Studio: A culmination of all previous design study with emphasis given to the individual student's demonstration of synthesis of all previously learned design skills. These include program analysis, site design, structure, formal composition, materials and methods of construction, technical development of building fabric, environmental systems, code and zoning compliance, and principles of sustainability. Students should also demonstrate an appropriate awareness of history, theory, and culture. The level of project development should be demonstrated by technically precise drawings and will researched written documentation in addition to other means of representation. Prerequisite: ARCH 608 and successful completion of all other required professional courses through the semester with ARCH 608. LAB (KU Catalogue)

*(American University of Sharjah)*

ARC 401 Design Studio V: Requires design of open site projects of moderate scale with emphasis on building form derived from the analysis of site context and site planning strategies.

ARC 463 Professional Practice: Introduces the professional practice of architecture and interior design. Covers the fundamental knowledge of project management, client and consultant relationships, construction administration and the operations of a design business. Introduces the implications of time, budget and economic parameters in relation to the design process, professional ethics, social and political culture, and business management.

*(University of Colorado)*

ARCH 5110 Design Studio I: This first of four core design studios introduces students to the basic strategies and techniques of architectural design. It focuses on the languages of design as well as on traditional and digital methods of visualizing architectural ideas and forms.

ARCH 5111 Design Seminar I: This seminar supports fuller discussion of the key themes and concepts in Design Studio I.

ARCH 5120 Design Studio II: The second of four core design studios focuses on concepts of continuity, context/site, sense of place, and program. Through a series of incremental and additive design exercises, students learn how these factors shape buildings.

ARCH 5121 Design Seminar II: This seminar supports fuller discussion of the key themes and concepts in Design Studio II.

ARCH 5130 Design Studio III: The third of the four core studios focuses on concepts of program, architectural meaning and human behavior in buildings. Through a number of design exercises, students learn how these factors help shape buildings.

ARCH 5131 Design Seminar III: This seminar supports fuller discussion of the key themes and concepts in ARCH 5130 Design Studio III.

ARCH 5140 Design Studio IV: The last of four core design studios focusing on concepts of building technology. Through a number of design exercises, students learn how technology helps shape buildings

**COURSEWORK TAUGHT (CONTINUED)**

ARCH 5141 Design Seminar IV: This seminar supports fuller discussion of the key themes and concepts in Design Studio IV.

ARCH 5320 Building Construction and Methods: This seminar introduces students to the structure, systems, assemblies, and processes that make a building. It provides a broad view of building technology and an understanding of the interrelationship of all the parts upon which subsequent technology courses are based.

ARCH 6150 Comprehensive Design Studio: This studio challenges the student to produce an architecture informed by a comprehensive program, from schematic design through the detailed development of programmatic spaces, structural and environmental systems, life-safety provisions, wall sections, and building assemblies, as may be appropriate; and to assess the completed project with respect to the program's design criteria.

ARCH 6151 Comprehensive Design Seminar: This seminar supports fuller discussion of the key themes and concepts in Comprehensive Design Studio.

ARCH 6412 Construction Documents: This seminar course introduces students to the concepts and techniques of construction documents while focusing on the following National Architectural Accrediting Board Criteria: Life Safety, Building Envelope, Legal Responsibilities, Building Code Compliance, Materials and Assemblies, Building Economics and Cost Control, Design Development, and Technical Documentation.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2002 - Present Founding Principal, *in situ* DESIGN
- 1995 - 2002 Associate, Christopher Carvell Architects
- 1994 - 1995 Graduate Architect, David Owen Tryba Architects

**ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION**

- 2000 Licensed Architect, State of Colorado

**AWARDS FOR CREATIVE WORK**

- 2013 Public Interest Design Award, United States Green Building Council Colorado Chapter
- 2010 Best Single Family House Design, Slow Home Award, Wash Park Green
- 2009 Mayor's Design Award, 2942 Welton Street Redevelopment
- 2008 Honor Award, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Merchants Row
- 2008 Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Young Architect of the Year (Joe Colistra)
- 2008 Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Young Firm of the Year (Citation)
- 2006 Mayor's Design Award, Merchants Row
- 2006 Merit Award, Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Merchants Row
- 2006 Top Architecture/Design Firm, 1st Finalist, The Denver Business Journal
- 2006 Wirth Chair Award for Sustainable Communities, Best Practices Finalist (with Curtis Park Investors Group), The Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Denver

**AWARDS FOR CREATIVE WORK (CONTINUED)**

- 2005 Teaching Award, University of Colorado at Denver, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Instructor of the Year
- 2005 Mayor's Design Award, Box City Event for Children (with American Institute of Architects Urban Design Committee)
- 2005 Outstanding Service Award, Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 2005 James S. Sudler Award for Contribution to the Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Box City (with Urban Design Committee)
- 2004 Governor's Award for Best Design, Champa Terrace
- 2004 Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects President's Award for Contribution to the Chapter (Urban Design Committee)
- 2004 Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects President's Award of Special Recognition (Box City)

**GRANT AWARDS**

- 2009 Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Practice Symposium Grant Recipient, The Denver Architectural Foundation
- 2009 Course Development Grant, Global Professional Practice, The Center for International Business Education and Research, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, Amount of Award: \$1,500
- 2008 Enterprise Foundation Green Communities Grant Award: with The Aurora Housing Authority
- 2007 Colorado State Historical Fund Grant Award, Description: Historic Walsenburg Middle School Conversion (with Spanish Peaks Library District). Amount of Award: \$298,000 (design and construction)
- 2006 Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Energy and Mineral Impact Grant  
Description: Historic Walsenburg Middle School Conversion (with Spanish Peaks Library District). Amount of Award: \$248,000 (design and construction)
- 2006 American Institute of Architects, Research Grant (with AIA Urban Design Committee)  
Description: The Transit Oriented Design Film Project. This film documentary is intended to educate developers, municipalities, and citizens to the critical role of design in Transit Oriented Design. Amount of Award: \$20,000
- 2006 Curt Dale Community Grant (with AIA Urban Design Committee)  
Description: Homelessness Initiative, Single Room Occupancy typology analysis and prototype development. Amount of Award: \$5,000
- 2005 American Institute of Architects Research Grant (with AIA Urban Design Committee)  
Description: Fastracks/Transit Oriented Design Traveling Educational Roadshow, Amount of Award: \$5,000
- 2005 Veterans Administration Grant Award, Denver CARES Homeless Shelter, Amount of Award: \$380,000 (design and construction)
- 2002 Fisher Traveling Fellowship, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, Amount of Award: \$2,300

**PUBLIC LECTURES/EXHIBITS OF CREATIVE WORK**

- 2013 Lecture Learning from Environmental Energies and Building Form in the Gulf Region, University of Oklahoma
- 2013 Lecture: Current Work, Wichita Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

**PUBLIC LECTURES/EXHIBITS OF CREATIVE WORK (CONTINUED)**

- 2013 Lecture: Current Work, Multicultural Architectural Scholars Program, University of Kansas
- 2012 Lecture: Current Work, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- 2012 Lecture: Current Work, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2011 Lecture: Sustainability, Now, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Shift Event, Crossroads Theater, Denver, Colorado
- 2011 Lecture: Manifestos on Modernism, Design Council Event, Denver Art Museum
- 2011 Lecture: Current Work, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, California
- 2011 Lecture: Current Work, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Lecture: Current Work, Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2009 Lecture: Confluence, Creating an Inclusive Community, AIA Denver
- 2008 Invited Exhibit, "The Crossroads: Colorado Architecture Then, Now and Beyond," Denver International Airport, Denver, Colorado
- 2008 Lecture: Komorebi and Current Work, Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver
- 2008 Pecha Kucha Night Lecture, Bunkport Theater, Denver
- 2007 Guest Speaker, El Centro Humanitario Fundraising Event
- 2007 Architectural Showcase, Architectural Record Website, April 27.
- 2007 Invited Gallery Exhibit, Outside the Box, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Mile High Center, Denver, Colorado
- 2006 Gallery Exhibit, Building New Ideas: The Art of Progressive Urban Design, Sprocket Gallery, Denver, Colorado
- 2003 Exhibit, International Livable Cities Conference, Sante Fe, New Mexico
- 2001 Exhibitor, Society of College and University Planning

**SERVICE TO ACADEMIA**

- 2013 Internship Development Program Coordinator, University of Kansas
- 2013 Curriculum Committee, University of Kansas
- 2012 National Architectural Accrediting Board Visit Committee, American University of Sharjah
- 2012 Ministry of Education Self Study and Accreditation Committee, American University of Sharjah
- 2010 Academic Affairs Committee, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2010 Curriculum Development Team, College of Architecture, Dar Al-Hekma, Saudi Arabia
- 2008 Rubrics Committee Workshop, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2007 Coordinator, Visiting Lecturer Program, University of Colorado at Denver
- 2004 Participant/Discussion Leader, Colorado Tomorrow Conference, University of Colorado at Denver

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2013 Sustainable Real Estate Development Workshop Participant, Academy for Sustainable Communities, Kansas City, Missouri
- 2009 - 2011 Board Member, Five Points Business District
- 2009 Invited Juror, Awards Program, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 2008 Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Design Conference
- 2007 NeoCon Conference
- 2003 - 2006 Box City Event for Children Co-Chair, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 1999 - 2007 Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Urban Design Committee
- 2006 Participant, Housing Colorado NOW Conference, Vail, Colorado
- 2006 Invited Juror, Awards Program, Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 2002 - 2005 Board of Directors, Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 2005 Participant, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Design Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 2005 Advisor, West Colfax Zoning Charrette (with City of Denver Planning)
- 2005 Advisor, Main Street Zoning Regulations (with AIA Denver Urban Design Committee)
- 2005 Advisor, Workshop Coordinator, Design Criteria for Transit Oriented Design (with AIA Denver Urban Design Committee)
- 2004 - 2005 Advisor/Lecturer, Mayor's Commission to End Homelessness
- 2005 Participant, Civic Center Master Plan Charrette (with Denver Planning)
- 2005 NetZero Home Sustainability Seminar, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- 2005 AIA Representative, Colorado Legislative Day at the Capital
- 2004 Advisor, City of Castle Rock Charrette (with AIA Denver Urban Design Committee/City of Castle Rock Planning)
- 2003 Advisor, Town of Golden Downtown Area Charrette (with AIA Denver Urban Design Committee)
- 2003 Co-Chair, Denver Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Urban Design Committee Current Works Forum
- 2002 Chair, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Breakfast Seminar Series: Front Range Planning
- 1999 Participant, American Institute of Architects National Convention, Denver, Colorado

**CREATIVE WORK IN PUBLICATIONS, PRINT, AND ONLINE MEDIA**

- 2013 Chandler, M. Voelz, Guide to Denver Architecture with Regional Highlights, Westcliffe Publishers, 2013. (Forthcoming)
- 2013 Burness, A., "Boulder Housing Partners to open city's first new affordable senior complex in 30 years," The Boulder Daily Camera, February 13.
- 2010 Colorado Urbanizing: Life, Sustainability, Place and Community Growth in the West, The Colorado Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism.

CREATIVE WORK IN PUBLICATIONS, PRINT, AND ONLINE MEDIA (CONTINUED)

- 2009 Miraval, F., "Familias artificiales' beneficiarian a huerfanos hispanos de Mexico," *Viva Colorado*, Año 2 No. 154, September 24.
- 2009 Sallinger, R. interview, "Denver Art Museum Roof," Channel 4 News, December 22.
- 2009 Castor, J. interview, "UC Denver Students Design Mexican Orphanage," 7 News, December 9.
- 2009 Pantiel, M., "High Style Meets Energy Efficiency in Denver Duplex," *EcoHome Magazine*, Summer.
- 2009 Toto, C., "Denver's Revitalized East Village includes renewed sense of community," *The Denver Post*, June 7.
- 2009 Pantiel, M., "Greened to Perfection," *Colorado Expression Magazine*, June/July.
- 2009 Regional News, *Journal of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture*, Volume 38, Number 8, April.
- 2009 "Design and Honor Awards," *Architect Colorado*, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects/McGraw Hill, Construction, Winter.
- 2009 Samuelson, M., "Edgy Brownstones Will Take Your Breath Away," *The Denver Post*, January 18.
- 2008 L. Marshall, "Outlook: Bright," *The Rocky Mountain News*, December 27.
- 2008 Nitkin, K., "AIA Colorado Young Architect of the Year: Joe Colistra Empowers People through Architecture," *Architect Colorado*, Fall.
- 2008 Annual Industry Awards Issue, *Colorado Construction*, December.
- 2008 Seeber, R., "4th Quarter Project," *Neighborhood Life*, Volume 9, Number Three, December.
- 2008 Davis, G., "Broken hearts still full of love: Tarlton Intermediate School Master Plan," *The Denver Daily News*, December 3.
- 2008 Transit Oriented Development Awards (Fulton Street Transformational Housing), *Colorado Construction*, November.
- 2008 MacMillan, K., "The Best of Colorado's Architecture," *The Denver Post*, October 12.
- 2008 Raterman, E., "Architecture students create change in S. Africa," *University of Colorado Advocate*, September 17.
- 2008 "Awards Showcase," *Architecture & Design of the West*, Fall.
- 2008 "2008 Young Architects Awards," *Architect Colorado*, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects/McGraw Hill Construction, Summer.
- 2008 Barnes-Gelt, S., "A Look at Denver Buildings," *The Denver Post*, April 17.
- 2007 Colistra, J., "Community Sustained," *Terrain: A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments*, Issue No. 20, Summer/Fall.
- 2007 MacMillan, K., "Hiding in Plain Sight," *The Denver Post*, May 6.
- 2006 Rebchook, J., "Eye-catching Creativity," *The Rocky Mountain News*, November 15.
- 2006 Saywell, J., ed., "Design in Focus," *Hinge Magazine*, Hong Kong, Vol. 136, November.
- 2006 Bordenaro, M., "Modern Floor Planning: A Contemporary Revival," *Insight, A Dialogue of Trends, Technologies, and Ideas*, Issue 13, October.
- 2006 O'Hara, C., "Structural Glazing Systems," *Builder News Magazine*, September.

CREATIVE WORK IN PUBLICATIONS, PRINT, AND ONLINE MEDIA (CONTINUED)

- 2006 "Community Empowerment," Architect Colorado, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects/McGraw Hill Construction, Fall.
- 2006 Featured Project (Merchants Row Brownstones), Archiwum, Projekty Zagraniczne, Internetowy Serwis Architektoniczny, [www.ronet.pl/archiwum\\_g68jv3dk9/index.htm](http://www.ronet.pl/archiwum_g68jv3dk9/index.htm).
- 2006 Jefferson, E., "Row houses? In Denver?", The Denver Post, August 17.
- 2006 Featured Project (Merchants Row Brownstones), Archidose: A Weekly Dose of Architecture, [www.archidose.com](http://www.archidose.com), June 5-11.
- 2006 "Top Architecture/Design Firm," 1st Runner Up, The Denver Business Journal, May 19.
- 2006 Lineham, J., "Exposed Structural Detailing: How Structure Becomes the Architecture," Builder News Magazine, May.
- 2006 Bolton, A., Feature Story, "If you want something done the right way, do it yourself." Channel 9 News, March 29.
- 2006 Lind, K., "Curtis Park Offerings: Merchants Row," The Denver Post, February 26.
- 2006 Jackson, M., "Real estate briefs: Historic Renovations," The Denver Post, January 29.
- 2006 Hild, H., "Back to the Renaissance: The Evolution of Design," Architect Colorado, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects/McGraw Hill Construction, Spring.
- 2005 Colistra, J., "Denver's Do-it-Yourself Developers," The Next American City, Vol. 9, Fall/Winter.
- 2005 "James S. Sudler Award for Contribution to the Denver Chapter," (Box City), Architect Colorado, Colorado Chapter of the American Institute of Architects/McGraw Hill Construction, Winter.
- 2005 Featured Project (Merchants Row Brownstones), Denver Infill, [www.denverinfill.com/neighborhood\\_pages/curtis\\_park\\_five\\_points.htm](http://www.denverinfill.com/neighborhood_pages/curtis_park_five_points.htm)
- 2005 "Projects valued at \$142 million under way at Lowry," The Colorado Real Estate Journal, November 15.
- 2005 Potter, B., "An investment, from the ground up: Building a sense of Community," The Denver Post, September 11.
- 2005 Clark, N., "Merchants Row Brownstones top off," Denver Daily News, October 14.
- 2004 Special Achievement in Design, Featured Project (Champa Terrace), Colorado Community Revitalization Association, [www.ccronline.org/CCRA-Winning-Projects.htm#2004Designs](http://www.ccronline.org/CCRA-Winning-Projects.htm#2004Designs)
- 2004 Schlosser, E., Featured Project (Merchants Row), Colorado Preservation Newsletter, Summer.
- 2004 "Downtown Projects Honored with Governor's Awards," Colorado Construction, McGraw Hill, November 1.
- 2004 "Jack be NIMBY, Jack be quick," Denver Westword, September 23.
- 2004 Drayer, D. interview, "Curtis Park Neighbors Rally," Colorado Matters Radio Program, Colorado Public Radio, February 11.
- 2004 Samuelson, M., "Keeping the Lid on Curtis Park," The Denver Post, January 18.
- 2004 Baca, R., "On the Rocks: Skylark Lounge," The Denver Post, January 2.
- 2002 Areliano, K., "Fighting Housing with Housing," Chicago Tribune, October 20.
- 2002 Rebchook, J., "Neighbors Build," The Rocky Mountain News, February 26.

**CREATIVE WORK IN PUBLICATIONS, PRINT, AND ONLINE MEDIA (CONTINUED)**

- 2001 Narvaes, E., "Next Lowry Housing a more affordable mix," The Denver Post, May 30.
- 2001 Reynolds, G., "UNC Finalizes Housing Deal," The Greeley Tribune, October 25.
- 2001 Teal, Derrick. Featured Project (Officers' Row Lofthomes), Colorado Construction Review, Construction Communications.

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