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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include:

- Human-environment relations, especially human adaptation and learning in environments of constraint and change
- Socio-environmental inequality
- Social science research methods, specifically ethnography as a research method and end product; narrative enquiry in academic research

I am currently completing a PhD entitled 'Coping in environments of constraint and change: Responses to water scarcity in an informal settlement in Lima, Peru' for which I received a three-year full fee and maintenance award from Oxford Brookes University.

EDUCATION

PhD in Architecture

Oxford Brookes University

September 2016 – present Expected submission 06/2020 Maternity leave 04-09/2018

Key features of research:

- Development of a model to assess successful coping in environments of severe constraint and rapid change, employing concepts of perception, control, flexibility as proxy measures for 'successful' coping
- Extensive ethnographic fieldwork to test model in informal settlement in Lima, Peru, using water scarcity as constraint
- Production of 'toolkit' for assessing successful responses in environments of constraint and change
- Contribution to knowledge in fields of water scarcity, perception, control, flexibility

MA International Architectural Regeneration and Development

2014 - 2016 (part-time)

Oxford Brookes University

Merit

Interdisciplinary programme consisting of courses in the anthropology of architecture, urban conservation, rural development, global development and cultural sustainability.

MA Dissertation entitled 'Improving the environmental outcomes of participatory development processes through lessons from the indigenous knowledge literature'

Certificate of Professional Practice and Management in Architecture (RIBA Part III) Bartlett School of Architecture University College London Distinction 2012

Diploma in Architecture (RIBA Part II)

2008 - 2010

Bartlett School of Architecture University College London

Pass

BSc Architecture (RIBA Part I)

2004 - 2007

Bartlett School of Architecture University College London First Class Honours

German Abitur, French Baccalaureate

2003

Ziehengymnasium (grammar school) Frankfurt, Germany

Average 2.4

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

Postgraduate Certificate 09/2017

in Teaching in Higher Education

Oxford Brookes University

PhD writing workshop 10/2016

Oxford Brookes University (not assessed)

RESEARCH SKILLS

Literature review

 Identification and formulation of research questions from a broad range of interdisciplinary literature

Data collection

 Proficient in the use of a wide range of qualitative research methods, including interviewing, collecting of narratives, mapping techniques, audio-visual documentation. Use of quantitative measure to assess extent of environmental constraints.

Data analysis

- Inscription, description, transcription
- Inductive and deductive text analysis
- Narrative analysis
- Quantitative analysis of constraint measures

Research outputs

Production of ethnographic accounts; PhD chapters; conference and journal paper

Associated skills

- Stakeholder engagement
- Community liaison
- Participant sampling

FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES

Final year PhD fee award Allan and Nesta Ferguson Foundation 2019

PhD 'Urban Futures' scholarship 2016-2018

Full maintenance and fee award Oxford Brookes University

Part-fee scholarship 2014-2016

Oxford Brookes University

Fee contribution from employer

Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

For MA International Architectural Regeneration and Development

LEA award for European nationals 2008-2010

For Diploma in Architecture

LEA award for European nationals 2004-2007

For BSc in Architecture

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION & PUBLICATION

Presenter 09/2019

PhD conference, Westminster University

'Within the Limits of Scarcity: Rethinking Space, City and Practices'

PLANUM Journal 2,39 2019

Martin, L. 'The Costs of Flexibility: Responses to Water Scarcity in an Informal Settlement in Lima, Peru'

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

My principal interest for studying architecture arose from the belief that it provides the opportunity to contribute to social and environmental change. I have been fortunate to gain experience with practices that are recognized for their commitment to environmental approaches and sensitivity for socio-cultural issues.

Architect 2012 - 2016

Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

Responsibilities:

- Job architect, community centre. BREEAM excellent target.
- Responsible for £3.5m cladding package on new-build St Mary Magdalene City Academy.
 RIBA National Award 2012, British Council for School Environments' Inspiring Design Award 2012
- Design team member, 'zero carbon' housing development

Part II Architectural Assistant 2011 – 2012

Allford Hall Monaghan Morris Architects
Package architect for housing development

Part II Architectural Assistant 2009 – 2011

Ian Ritchie Architects

Responsible for development of Bus Station, Whitecity development

Part I Architectural Assistant 2008 – 2009

Hudson Featherstone Architects

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Michael Squire and Partners Architects Lewis & Hickey Architects

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND UNPAID ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE

I have a strong belief that architecture should address socio-economic inequalities, and over the years have sought to employ my skills on a range of projects to contribute towards this. Projects include:

For Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios:

Yemen Youth Centre: from 2014 – 2016, I initiated, and was responsible for a project to develop a Youth Centre in the Republic of Yemen. Responsibilities included liaison with local, national and international stakeholders, leading the UK design team, community liaison/ consultation with local partners.

Architectural Development Symposium: In 2016, I initiated and organised a one-day symposium to interrogate FCBS' development projects with practitioners and academics from the field of international development.

Others:

In 2014, I worked for the homeless charity CRISIS as a design and construction member for the conversion of an empty office building space into a Christmas shelter for the homeless.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: TEACHING

I am convinced that the challenges of the built environment are best addressed from as wide a variety of angles as possible. As a result, I have sought to share and examine the understanding I gained from architectural practice and academic research as a teacher within the university curriculum.

I thoroughly enjoy exploring the questions and challenges that arise at the intersection of practice, research and teaching with a new student cohort every year.

Oxford Brookes University

2016 - date

Associate Lecturer

Responsibilities include:

- Masters dissertation supervision for MA International Architectural Regeneration and Development students, 3 students supervised per summer
- Delivering lectures for groups of up to 40 students on human-environment relations and social science research methods
- Design studio teaching for final year Diploma in Architecture and MA students. One-to-one tutorials to discuss design development, group critique sessions
- Module administration and organisation

Sheffield & Sheffield Hallam Universities

2016 -2017

Visiting lecturer, design critic and tutor

For Diploma in Architecture and Environmental Studies and 3rd year design studio

Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

2016

Visiting design critic, Diploma in Architecture

OTHER SKILLS

Languages

Native German; Fluent English, Spanish and French; Basic Russian

IT skills

Qualitative text analysis (NVivo 10), Adobe Master Collection CS6, Microsoft Office, Internet proficient

REFERENCES

Full academic and professional references supplied on request