Jennifer Akerman, AIA

Assistant Professor
College of Architecture + Design | University of Tennessee

Summary Statement

Jennifer Akerman is an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee where she teaches courses in socially engaged design, design-build, and critical practice. Her work bridges architectural education and practice, emphasizing collaborative change in both fields.

Education

Princeton University, Master of Architecture 2002
Studios with Liz Diller, Peter Eisenman, and Ben van Berkel / Caroline Bos
Thesis advisors Guy Nordenson and Paul Lewis

University of Virginia, Bachelor of Science in Architecture 1998
with Commendation from the School of Architecture Faculty for Design Excellence

Professional Credentials

Registered Architect
State of Tennessee, license number 00103876 2008–present
State of New Jersey, license number 21AI01761000 2007–present

NCARB Certified certificate number 64647 2008–present

LEED Accredited Professional BD+C specialty from 2009–15 2005–present

Member of the American Institute of Architects 2005–present
member number 30162419; Associate member from 2005–08

Design Awards for Creative Work

Beardsley Community Farm Education Center, with UTK College of Architecture and Design, and Elizabeth Eason Architects

- **Award of Excellence**, AIA Tennessee, State Awards Program 2017
- **Gold Award**, Brick in Architecture National Awards Program, Brick Industry Association 2017
- **Collaborative Practice Award**, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), National Architectural Education Awards 2017
- **Honor Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2016
- **Online People's Choice Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2016
- **Membership Choice Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2016

Becton Dickinson (BD) Campus Center, with Hillier Architecture

- **Excellence Award**, AIA Pennsylvania, State Awards Program 2014
- **Merit Award**, AIA New Jersey, State Awards Program 2013
- **American Architecture Award**, Chicago Athenaeum, National Awards Program 2008
- **Grand Award**, American Concrete Institute New Jersey, State Awards Program 2008
- **Merit Award**, Unbuilt Category, AIA New Jersey, State Awards Program 2005

Algood Elementary School, with Cockrill Design & Planning

- **Honor Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2013

Morrison Elementary School, with Cockrill Design & Planning

- **Merit Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2012

Prescott Elementary and Middle School, with Cockrill Design & Planning

- **Merit Award**, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2011
- **Merit Award**, Unbuilt Category, AIA East Tennessee, Design Awards Program 2009

Design Awards

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Urban Insertion, Princeton Borough Duplex House, with Hillier Architecture

Honor Award, Unbuilt Category, AIA New Jersey, State Awards Program — 2008

Merit Award, Builder's Choice, National Design Awards Program — 2008

Complex Culturel et Administratif de Montréal Design Competition Entry, with Hillier Architecture

Honor Award, Unbuilt Category, AIA New Jersey, State Honor Awards Program — 2004

Honourable Mention, Société immobilière du Québec, International Design Competition — 2003

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications

"Crafting Production: Design-Build as Alternative Practice." *Journal of Architectural Education*, vol. 71:1, (2017): 73–81. — 2017

"Project GRAFT: Focus on the Future" peer-reviewed scholarly project in *Digital Aptitudes and Other Openings: Project Proceedings of the 2012 100th ACSA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA*, edited by Mark Goulthorpe and Amy Murphy, (Washington DC: ACSA Press, 2012): 17. — 2012

Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications (Abstract)

"Raising the Roots: Community Engagement through Design/Build Education." In *1:1: Proceedings of the 32nd National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*, edited by Jeff Ponitz, Clare Olsen and Carmen Trudell, (San Luis Obispo, California: NCBDS Press, 2016): 289–95. — 2016

"Strangers in a Strange Land: The First Hours of Design Education." In *Engaging Media: Proceedings of the 31st National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by the University of Houston*, edited by Meg Jackson, Gregory Marinic, and Lannis Kirkland, (Houston: NCBDS Press, 2015): 20–27. — 2015

"Model as Diagram: Precedent Analysis through Physical Abstractions, Connecting Essence to Substance." In *Materiality: Essence + Substance: Proceedings of the 30th National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology*, edited by Leslie Johnson, Catherine Wetzel, Kathleen Nagle, Paul Pettigrew, and Kevin Todd, (Chicago: NCBDS Press, 2014): 189–95. — 2014

"Context to Concept: Place, Phenomena, and Experience Made Tangible." Paper co-authored with Liz Teston and Valerie Friedmann in *Materiality: Essence + Substance: Proceedings of the 30th National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology*, edited by Leslie Johnson, Catherine Wetzel, Kathleen Nagle, Paul Pettigrew, and Kevin Todd, (Chicago: NCBDS Press, 2014): 177–83. — 2014

"Parallel Tracks: Digital | Analog Dialogue in Toy Development." In *Digital Aptitudes and Other Openings: Proceedings of the 2012 100th ACSA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA*, edited by Mark Goulthorpe and Amy Murphy, (Washington DC: ACSA Press, 2012): 210–217. — 2012

Exhibitions of Creative Work

College of Architecture and Design | 50th Anniversary, Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project featured, Downtown Window Gallery, 500 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, TN (March 1–May 2, 2016) — 2016

College of Architecture and Design | 50th Anniversary, Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project featured, Gallery 103, in the A+A Building, 1715 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, TN (March 1–May 2, 2016) — 2016

32: Faculty Exhibition, select Akerworks projects exhibited at the Ewing Gallery in the A+A Building, 1715 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, TN (August 1–26, 2013) — 2013

Summer Foundations Studio Exhibition, Student Work exhibited at Gallery 103, in the A+A Building, 1715 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, TN (July 1–31, 2013) — 2013

Exhibitions of Creative Work *(continued)*

Tennessee Woodworkers Guild Annual Showcase, select Akerworks projects exhibited at the Emporium Gallery, Gay Street, Knoxville, TN (November 1–30, 2011) — 2011

New American Architecture, BD Campus Center Design (with Hillier Architecture) exhibited as part of the Chicago Atheneaum American Architecture Award. Curated and organized by Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, Director/President, The Chicago Athenaeum and assisted by Lary L. Sommers, Director of Administration/Marketing, The Chicago Athenaeum, and Kieran Conlon, Director/COO, The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, Dublin. SESV Santa Verdiana (piazza Lorenzo Ghiberti 27), Florence, Italy. Organized by the Municipality of Florence and the Faculty of Architecture in Florence (November 2008) — 2008

New American Architecture, BD Campus Center Design (with Hillier Architecture) exhibited as part of the Chicago Atheneaum American Architecture Award. US National Tour. — 2008

New American Architecture, BD Campus Center Design (with Hillier Architecture) exhibited as part of the Chicago Atheneaum American Architecture Award. Curated and organized by Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, Director/President, The Chicago Athenaeum and assisted by Lary L. Sommers, Director of Administration/Marketing, The Chicago Athenaeum, and Kieran Conlon, Director/COO, The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, Dublin. SESV Santa Verdiana (piazza Lorenzo Ghiberti 27), Florence, Italy. Organized by the Municipality of Florence and the Faculty of Architecture in Florence (November 2008) — 2008

Le Centre de Montréal Competition, Design Entry (with Hillier Architecture) exhibited at des Archives Nationales du Québec, 535 Viger Avenue East, Montréal, Canada (August 2003) — 2003

Graduate Thesis, "On Synthetics" graduate thesis project exhibited at Princeton University (June 2002) — 2002

Select Publications about Creative Work

Beardsley Community Farm Education Center, with UTK College of Architecture and Design, and Elizabeth Eason Architects

PENDING: *Architectural Record*, Brick in Architecture Awards Feature — expected 2017

PENDING: *Arch Daily*, Project Feature — expected 2017

Architizer, Project Feature on the Beardsley Community Farm Education Center. September 2017. — 2017

"Beardsley Farm Project Honored by TN Architects." *Tennessee Today: News and Events for the UT Community*, University of Tennessee, August 18, 2017 — 2017

"National and State Awards Begin to Pour in as New Education Center Helps Beardsley Farm Grow." K. Gibli, City of Knoxville *City Blog*, August 9, 2017 — 2017

"Student, Faculty Design/Build Project Recognized with Statewide Award of Excellence." *University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design*, August 3, 2017. — 2017

"Design/Build Project Earns National Brick in Architecture Award." *University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design*, July 26, 2017 — 2017

"Community Growth" University of Tennessee, *Volunteer Stories*, (the main www.utk.edu website) home page feature story during graduation week, May 2017 — 2017

"Architecture Professors Receive National Design Award for Education Center." *Tennessee Today: News and Events for the UT Community*, University of Tennessee, January 27, 2017 — 2016

"Design-Build Program Named in Top 7." *University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design*, June 28, 2016 — 2016

Select Publications about Creative Work

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"Students Faculty Dedicate Center at Beardsley Farm." *University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design*, June 2, 2016 — 2016

"CAC Beardsley Farm Opens New Outdoor Classroom Space." *WBIR News*, May 9, 2016. — 2016

"Architecture Students and Faculty to Dedicate Education Center at Beardsley Community Farm on Monday." *IMPACT: Office of Community Engagement & Outreach Newsletter*, University of Tennessee, May 6, 2016 — 2016

"Architecture Students and Faculty to Dedicate Education Center at Beardsley Community Farm May 9." *Tennessee Today: News and Events for the UT Community*, University of Tennessee, May 5, 2016 — 2016

"Architecture Schools with Stellar Design-Build Programs." *Study Architecture*, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), May 3, 2016 — 2016

"Beardsley Farm Expands to Better Serve Knoxville Community." *WATE News*, June 9, 2015 — 2015

"Beardsley Farm Breaks Ground on New Educational Center." M.J. Slaby, *Knoxville News Sentinel*, June 9 2015 — 2015

"Beardsley Farm Expanding with New Educational Center." R. Neal, *KnoxViews*, June 9, 2015 — 2015

"City, Partners Break Ground for Beardsley Farm Education Center." J. Mayshark, City of Knoxville *City Blog*, June 9, 2015 — 2015

ProjectGRAFT, upper level design and research studio featured in University of Tennessee *Big Orange Big Ideas (BOBI)* short film, "Food as a Designed Product" aired at UT football game — 2013

Akerworks, select industrial design projects featured in *32: Exhibition Catalog*. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Architecture and Design. — 2014

Becton Dickinson (BD) Campus Center, with Hillier Architecture

ArchDaily.com, "Becton Dickinson Campus Center," April 3, 2009 — 2009

Mason Currey, "Garden State: a New Jersey-Based Medical Technology Company Unites under a Green Roof," *Metropolis Magazine*, November 2008: 36 — 2008

Algood Elementary School, with Cockrill Design & Planning

American School & University, cover feature — 2013

Urban Insertion, Princeton Borough Duplex House, with Hillier Architecture

Nigel F. Maynard, "Duplex Reinterpreted," *Builder Magazine*, October 2008 — 2008

Complex Culturel et Administratif de Montréal Design Competition Entry, with Hillier Architecture

Hillier Architecture, firm-published monograph — 2005

On Synthetics, Graduate Thesis Project

Princeton University School of Architecture's annual publication — 2002

F.W. Olin College of Engineering, with Perry Dean Rogers & Partners

Generating Context: The Work of Perry Dean Rogers & Partners, by Michael J. Crosbie — 2001

Invited Lectures

"Community Engagement through Design-Build: Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" Invited lecture to the University of Tennessee Alpha Rho Chi (APX) Honor Society Kick-off of the 2017 Prototype Design Competition — August 30, 2017

"Sustainable Design-Build Education: Creating A New Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" invited lecture to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, interdisciplinary Sustainability Working Group — Sept. 11, 2015

"Digital Artifacts: Crafting a Critical Agenda" invited lecture at the 2014 National AIAS Convention, Forum, Nashville TN — January 1, 2015

"Akerworks: Experiments in Product Development" Invited lecture for the UTK CoAD Design Matters! Summer Camp for High School Students — July 17, 2014

"Akerworks: Experiments in Product Development" Invited lecture for the UTK CoAD Design Matters! Summer Camp for High School Students — June 20, 2013

Select Presentations

"Community Engagement through Design-Build Collaborative Practice: Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" presentation at the ACSA Annual Meeting, Collaborative Practice Award Session — March 25, 2017

"Design-Build Teaching and Learning" invited presentation at the UTK College of Architecture and Design Open House — October 29, 2016

"A New Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" invited presentation and tour for alumni and visitors at the UTK College of Architecture and Design 50th Anniversary Celebration — April 29, 2016

"Design-Build Teaching and Learning" invited presentation at the UTK College of Architecture and Design Open House — April 2, 2016

"Raising the Roots: Community Engagement through Design/Build Education" paper presentation at the 32nd National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo — February 27, 2016

"Design-Build Education: Creating a New Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" invited presentation to the UTK School of Architecture Advisory Board (AAB) — October 9, 2016

"Strangers in a Strange Land: The First Hours of Design Education" paper presentation at the 31st National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by the University of Houston — February 27, 2015

"Design-Build Education: Creating a New Education Center for Beardsley Community Farm" with Bud Archer and Bailey Green, Pecha Kucha Night Knoxville, vol. 16 — August 6, 2015

"CAC Beardsley Community Farm" invited presentation to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Alumni College, as part of a series on faculty and student research in the College of Architecture and Design — June 26, 2015

"Design-Build Teaching and Learning" invited presentation at the UTK College of Architecture and Design Open House — April 11, 2015

"Model as Diagram: Precedent Analysis through Physical Abstraction" invited participant in Special Focus Session: Highlights from the 2014 National Convention on the Beginning Design Student (NCBDS); 103rd ACSA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario — March 2015

"Context to Concept: Place, Phenomena, and Experience Made Tangible" paper presentation at the 30th National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology, with co-authors Liz Teston and Valerie Friedmann — April 4, 2014

Select Presentations
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"Model as Diagram: Precedent Analysis through Physical Abstraction" paper presentation at the 30th National Conference on the Beginning Design Student hosted by Illinois Institute of Technology — April 3, 2014

"Parallel Tracks: Digital | Analog Dialogue in Toy Development" paper presentation at the *100th ACSA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA* — March 2, 2012

"Akerworks: Experiments in Product Development" UTK College of Architecture and Design Colloquial Lunch Series of Architecture + Art Faculty — August 26, 2011

"Akerworks: Experiments in Product Development" with Adan Akerman, Pecha Kucha Night Knoxville, vol. 2 — April 26, 2011

Grants

UTK Ready for the World Grant, with Liz Teston, supporting planning trip to Havana, Cuba (June 2016) for developing a new CoAD MiniTerm Program in Havana, Cuba. $2,500 — 2016

UTK Center for International Education (CIE) Grant, with Liz Teston, supporting planning trip to Havana, Cuba (June 2016) for developing a new CoAD MiniTerm Program in Havana, Cuba. $900 — 2016

Material and Labor Donations for Design-Build, with students and faculty, secured $60,000+ in donations from local and national product manufacturers, distributors, and installers supporting the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project — 2014–2016

UTK School of Architecture Support for Design-Build Research Assistants, two RA's through Spring 2016 for the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project. $19,000 — 2016

UTK CoAD Year Three New Faculty Start-Up Funds, $10,000 — 2015–2016

UTK Tau Sigma Delta Faculty Grant, supporting the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project, $1,000 — 2015–2016

AIA East Tennessee UTK Faculty Grant, supporting the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project, $4,000 — 2015–2016

City of Knoxville Parks Improvement Grant, supporting the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project, $2,500 (matching funds) — 2015–2016

UTK Undergraduate Summer Internship, supporting Bailey Green as Research Assistant on the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project, $1,900+$100 — 2015

UTK CoAD Year Two New Faculty Start-Up Funds, $10,000 — 2014–2015

UTK CoAD Faculty Development Grant, supporting travel to present scholarly work at the 31st National Beginning Design Conference, $1,500 — 2014–2015

AIA East Tennessee UTK Faculty Grant, supporting the Beardsley Community Farm Design-Build Project, $2,000 — 2014–2015

UTK CoAD Faculty Development Grant, with Liz Teston and Valerie Friedmann, supporting travel to present scholarly work at the 30th National Beginning Design Conference, $3,000 — 2013–2014

UTK CoAD Faculty Development Grant, supporting travel to present scholarly work at the 30th National Beginning Design Conference, $1,500 — 2013–2014

UTK CoAD Year One New Faculty Start-Up Funds, $10,000 — 2013–2014

Teaching Experience

University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design

Assistant Professor, tenure track appointment, School of Architecture — Fall 2013–present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, full-time appointment, School of Architecture — Fall 2012–Summer 2013

Lecturer, full-time appointment, School of Architecture — Spring 2010–Summer 2013

arch171 First Year Design Studio: B.Arch and B.S.I.D.

arch172 First Year Design Studio: B.Arch and B.S.I.D.

arch171 | 538 Summer Design Foundations Studio: B.Arch, B.S.I.D., M.Arch, and M.L.A.

arch272 Second Year Design Studio: B.Arch

arch471 Fourth Year Design Integration Studio: B.Arch

arch490 | id472 Joint Design Studio: Fifth Year B.Arch and Fourth Year B.S.I.D.

arch499 | 599 Diploma Studio: Fifth Year B.Arch and Third Year M.Arch

arch541 Graduate Design Studio, Design II: M.Arch

arch542 Graduate Design Studio, Design III: M.Arch

arch572 Graduate Design Integration Studio, Design VI: M.Arch

arch312 Materials and Methods: B.Arch

arch425 | 525 Critical Practice—Special Topics in Architecture Seminar: B.Arch and M.Arch

arch454 | 554 Beardsley Farm DBE—Special Topics in Materials Seminar: B.Arch, M.Arch, and M.L.A.

arch455 | 555 Digital Artifacts—Special Topics in Digital Fabrication Seminar: B.Arch and M.Arch

arch509 Seminar in Design Integration: M.Arch, co-developed and taught course

arch478 Preparation for the Self-Directed Design Studio : Fifth Year B.Arch

arch556 Design Implementation II: Materials and Methods of Construction: M.Arch

id472 Design Thesis: faculty advisor to B.S.I.D. students

lar500 Design Thesis: faculty advisor to M.L.A. students

arch500 Design Thesis: faculty advisor to M.Arch students

Adjunct Lecturer, Interior Design Program — Fall 2009

id271 Second Year Design Studio: B.S.I.D.

Adjunct Lecturer, School of Architecture

arch372 Third Year Design Studio: (partial semester) B.Arch — Spring 2009

arch271 Second Year Design Studio: B.Arch — Fall 2008

arch271 Second Year Design Studio: B.Arch — Fall 2007

Princeton University, School of Architecture

Graduate Teaching Assistant for Prof. Alessandra Ponte

arch203 Introduction to Architectural Thinking — Fall 2001

University of Virginia, School of Architecture

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Prof. Kenneth A. Schwartz

arch102 Fundamentals of Design — Spring 1998

Teaching Awards and Honors

Collaborative Practice Award, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), National Architectural Education Awards *(also listed under Design Awards)* — 2017

Faculty Appreciation Week, University of Tennessee Recognition, "Making an Impact Spotlight" — 2014

Select Evidence of Teaching Excellence

as Primary Advisor / Instructor

Winner of the Robert B. Church III Graduate Thesis Project, awarded to Rebecca Gillogly, "Volatile Domesticity" — 2016

Winner of the Tau Sigma Delta Bronze Medal for Best M.Arch. Final Project, awarded to Rebecca Gillogly, "Volatile Domesticity" — 2016

Winner of the ARCC King Medal, for excellence in academic research awarded to Rebecca Gillogly, "Volatile Domesticity" — 2016

Faculty Letter of Design Merit for Graduate Final Project, awarded to Haley Moore, "Speculative Future Metabolic Architecture" — 2016

Faculty Letter of Design Merit for Undergraduate Final Project, awarded to Clifton Jerry Sullivan, "Sticking it to The Man" — 2016

Faculty Letter of Design Excellence for Graduate Final Project, awarded to Geneva Hill, "Constructing Terroir" — 2015

Honorable Mention, UTK EUReCA Award for Undergraduate Research to the Beardsley Community Farm design studio: Angie Claeys, Bailey Green, Kenna Caijka, Jake Heaton, Clifton Jerry Sullivan, Cayce Davis, Gina Raffanti, Hunter Todd — 2015

Winner of the Robert B. Church III Graduate Project, awarded to Rodney Calvin — 2012

Winner of the Tau Sigma Delta Bronze Medal for Best M.Arch. Final Project, awarded to Rodney Calvin — 2012

Academic Service

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Provost's Junior Faculty Fellow — 2013–18

UTK College of Architecture and Design

By-Laws Committee, Member — 2012–13, 2013–17

Lectures and Exhibits Committee, Member — 2014–17

Governor's Chair Advisory Board, Member — 2014–15

***Design Matters!* Summer Camp for High School Students**, Director and Faculty Leader — 2014

***Design Matters!* Summer Camp for High School Students**, Faculty Co-Leader — 2013

Director School of Architecture Search Committee, Member (hire of Jason Young) — 2013–14

Director of Student Services Search Committee, Member (hire of Julie Beckman) — 2013–14

UTK EUReCA Undergraduate Research Fair, Jury Member — 2009, 2012, 2014 ,2016

UTK School of Architecture

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Member — 2017–20

Graduate Program Committee, Member — 2011–14, 2015–17

UTK Aydelott Faculty Mentor for Catherine Dozier — 2016–17

Aydelott Prize, Jury Member — 2016

ACSA Faculty Councilor — 2012–15

Academic Service

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Director's Advisory Committee, Member — 2012–15

NAAB Accreditation Coordinator: with input from the Director and Dean, prepared the Accreditation Program Report and coordinated the organization, collection and exhibition of curricular material. — 2013–14

Assistant to the Director: organizing, coordinating, and facilitating significant academic events including final reviews and student design competitions — 2010–13

MAXmin Design Award, Jury Member — …

Hnedak Bobo Study Abroad Design Award, Jury Member — …

Pella Study Abroad Design Award, Jury Member — …

AIA Middle Tennessee Design Integration Award, Jury Member — …

Brewer Ingram Fuller Sustainable Design Award, Jury Member — 2010. 2015

UTK Interior Design Program

CIDA Accreditation Review: assisted with collection and organization of curricular material and met with visiting review committee — 2011

Faculty Search Committee, Member (hire of Ryann Aoukar) — 2009–10

Interior Design Program Committee, Member — 2009–10

Academic Service

Outside Institutions

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), 2017 Fall Conference, Paper Abstract Peer Reviewer — 2017

University of California, Berkeley, Design Studio Final Reviews Jury Member — 2016

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Design Studio Final Reviews Jury Member — 2015

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Design Studio Final Reviews Jury Member — 2015

University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Design Studio Final Review Jury Member — 2014

National Conference on the Beginning Design Student (NCBDS), 27th NCBDS Conference (2011), Paper Abstract Peer Reviewer — 2010

University of Tennessee, EUReCA Undergraduate Research Fair Jury — 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016

University of Florida, Design Studio Final Review Jury Member — 2008, 2009, 2011

University of Virginia, Design Studio Final Review Jury Member — 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Professional Service

AIA Charleston Chapter, Design Awards Program, Jury Member — 2016

AIA East Tennessee Chapter, Board Member — 2013–15
Design Awards Committee Member all three years: Head of Jury Process (2015), Committee Chair and Head of Jury Process (2014), Co-Head of Jury Process (2013)

USGBC East Tennessee Chapter, Natural Design Talent Competition Committee Member — 2010

AIA Northeast Tennessee Chapter, Design Awards Program, Jury Member — 2010

Awards for Service

President's Citation for Exemplary Service, AIA East Tennessee Chapter — 2014
Awarded in recognition of "exemplary service to our profession and our membership"

Dean's Distinguished Service Award, UTK College of Architecture and Design — 2014
Awarded to recognize outstanding leadership in the preparation of 2014 NAAB Accreditation Report and facilitating the accreditation process, leading to a highly successful visit

Professional Experience

Industrial Design

Akerworks, inc, Knoxville, TN *(operated as Akertoys, inc., 2007–08)* 2008–present
Co-Founder and Design Director

Designer of industrial objects for local company started with my husband, Adan Akerman. Akerworks is a synthesis of Adan's experience as a mechanical engineer and my experience as an architect and designer. Our actively ongoing work focuses on modern, mechanically inventive objects and instruments that elicit unexpected delight through play. This practice explores questions of craft through a balance of traditional and emerging techniques, including localized digital fabrication. We have prototyped dozens of products, developed several to a retail level, and provided design consulting and fabrication services.

Professional Experience

Architecture

AWAKE Architecture, Charlottesville, Gainesville, and Knoxville 2007–2009
Co-Founder and Partner

Architectural design collaboration, with José Atienza and Bradley Walters, committed to the strategic application of research and design in the built environment.

Lightbox, housing design, SoHo, New York. NY

From the Ground Up, design competition, Syracuse University

Cockrill Design & Planning, Knoxville, TN *(now Red Chair Architects)* 2007–2009
Project Architect / Design Coordinator

Algood Elementary School, Putnam County Schools, TN. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design through contract administration

Prescott Elementary and Middle School, Putnam County Schools, TN. Design Contributor: schematic design through construction documents

James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain Home, TN, full renovation of Buildings 69 and 37. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design through contract administration

James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain Home, TN, addition to MRI Building 207. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design, schematic design

Morrison Elementary School, Warren County Schools, TN. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design, schematic design

Fairmont Elementary School, design competition, Johnson City Schools, TN. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design

Hillier Architecture, Princeton, NJ *(now Studio Hillier and RMJM)* 2002–2007

Intern Architect, to Designer, to Associate

John D. Brown Athletic Center, Solebury School, Solebury, PA. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design through contract administration

Upper East Side Residence, New York, NY. Project Architect / Design Coordinator: concept design through contract administration

Becton Dickenson Campus Center, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Design Contributor: concept design through contract administration

Urban Insertion, Witherspoon Street Duplex House, Princeton Borough, NJ. Design Contributor

Montréal Complexe Culturel et Administratif, design competition

Perry Dean Rogers & Partners, Boston, MA 1998–2000

Intern Architect

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Academic Building, Needham, MA. Design Contributor: concept design through construction documents

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Campus Center, Needham, MA. Design Contributor: concept design through construction documents