## Hanzhang Lai

MDes Ecology candidate, Harvard GSD '26

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## Experience

MAD Architects, Junior Architect August 2021 - July 2024 | Beijing, China

Involved in a wide range of work including early concept development, design development stage of various projects, and exhibition curation. Major contributions include but are not limited to:

Shijiazhuang Sports Center (6,000m<sup>2</sup>, under construction):

- Worked on pre-design, SD, and DD phases as one of the main designers.

- Contributed to the design scheme and development for the podium, main interior spaces, as well as the abovepodium building and landscape design for the park.

- Independently worked on a café pavilion from developing the design scheme to construction drawings.

- Assisted with certain detail designs including facade paneling, HVAC design, etc.

- Created 3D modeling, visualizations, and animations, organized presentation documents for communication.

- Coordinated design with clients and consultants, managed interns.

Aranya Sanya Hotel (4,000m<sup>2</sup>, schematic design):

- Worked on  $\operatorname{pre-design}$  and SD phases as the key designer

- Conducted early site topography analysis, context and program studies.

- Developed schematic hotel design and interiors, delivered visualizations.

Yiwu Grand Theater (47,000m<sup>2</sup>, under construction):

 Worked for CD phase, assisted with interior detail design.
 Coordinated with consultants, provided visualizations of MEP design.

Anji International School (98,000m<sup>2</sup>, schematic design):
Worked on pre-design and SD phases as one of the main designers.

- Conducted analysis on K-12 school, context and program studies.

#### MAD Rhapsody Exhibition, Nantong, China, 2021

- Part of curation team for MAD's solo exhibition, involved in curation and installation design, communication.

- Managed exhibition implementation

**Syracuse University**, Student Assistant 2019, 2021 | Syracuse, US

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, January - May, 2021 Assisted in teaching freshman architectural digital representation course by Prof. Joel Kerner

Research Assistant for Prof. Liang Wang, Jan - May 2021 Assisted in the Harry der Boghosian Fellowship Exhibition, *Cultivated Imaginaries: Superblock and the Idea of the City* 

**Research Assistant** for Prof. Lori Brown, June - August 2019 Assisted in the following publications:

- Birthing Centers, Borders and Bodies
- The Bloomsbury Global Encyclopedia of Women in Architecture

### CSPE Architetti, Intern Architect January - May, 2019 | Florence, Italy

Part-time internship during study abroad semester in Florence. Assisted with hospital bedroom unit designs

**POSITION** (architecture media), Intern Editor June - August, 2018 | Shenzhen, China

Edited and published articles on architectural projects, news, and research

Design Synact, Intern Architect June, 2017 | Shenzhen, China

Developed construction drawings for mixed-use building complex

**Gensler**, Intern Architect May, 2016 | Baltimore, US

Shadowed designers across various teams

## Freelance Designer / Photographer

Demonstrated interdisciplinary design skills and passion through a range of professional and volunteer experiences. Selected experiences include:

Event Photographer, DW Vintage Marketplaces (Beijing), 2023 Translator and Editor, Non Architecture, 2022 -Poster Design, MAD Architect (Beijing, China), 2021 Book Cover Design, Independent commissioned projects, 2019 Illustrator, WeForAll Feminist Organization (China), 2015 -

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#### Syracuse University, US, 2016-2021 Bachelor of Architecture

- Dean's List, Cum Laude
- Minor in Communication Photography from S.I. Newhouse School Of Public Communications
- Study abroad in Florence center, Spring 2019 Study abroad in London center, Fall 2019

Architectural Association, UK, 2017 Summer school

## Extracurricular

#### Publication

Archisource Annual 2020, Archisource 2021

Work featured: (dis) connect

# Wallpaper\* Magazine, Oct 2021 Issue 2021

Cover design for Wallpaper's China Issue

# Intertext 2021 Issue, Syracuse University 2021

Photography featured in Student-led publication

**Online project publication/interview**, KooZA/rch 2021, 2022

Work featured: (dis) connect LINK, Dissolving Realities LINK

**Design Energy Futures: Xiong'an 1.4**, Fei Wang 2020

Work featured: Layered Journey

**Casa Qualcosa**, Besler & Sons 2019

Contribute for facade analysis section

#### Language

English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Italian

## Skill

**3D Modeling** Rhino, Maya, Blender

**Rendering** Vray, Enscape, Keyshot

Adobe Suite Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Lightroom

## Others

Grasshopper, Python, AutoCAD, Revit

## Award

"Hello Zhoushan" Installation Competition, Outstanding Proposal Award "Hello Zhoushan" Committee, 2023

James Britton Memorial Awards (Best Thesis), Faculty Prize Syracuse University, 2021

The Seinfeld Scholar Award, Nominee

Syracuse University, 2021

Drawing of the Year 2020, Finalists Archisource, 2020

## Exhibition

Mad Rhapsody Exhibition 2021, Nantong Museum, China

Exhibition curation for Mad Architects

Smart Cities: Perspectives and Possibilities 2018, SU Art Gallery, Syracuse, USA Work featured: *The Concourse*