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Deborah Torres is an architect and the principal of Deborah Torres Design Studio, established in Hermosa Beach, California in 2005.

Deborah views architecture as a part of daily life and is passionate about creating livable modern spaces with a simple and coordinated palette of materials, thoughtfully detailed and crafted. While she believes that design brings value to each project, her buildings are a response to each client's specific site, programmatic needs, budget, and schedule. She understands the complex nature of the process of building, and knows that only by working closely with clients, agencies, consultants, and contractor, from initial design through completion of construction, will the best result be achieved for her clients. She is an expert at managing the planning and building permitting process, and has developed and cultivated a network of consultants and specialists whose resources she utilizes throughout each project.

Deborah has designed and managed modern residential and urban design projects in both Los Angeles and Europe for over twenty five years, including new construction and renovations. She is a member of AIA, and has been teaching graduate design labs at the University of Southern California for twenty one years in the Sol Price School of Public Policy.



## **EDUCATION**

### 1989-1991 Master of Architecture in Urban Design

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

- American Association of University Women Selected Professions Fellowship, 1990-91
- Studio Works Publication, Harvard Graduate School of Design 1990-1991, 1989-1990

## 1986-1989 Bachelor of Architecture

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island

- Alpha Rho Chi Award for Leadership, Service, and Professional Merit, Graduation 1989
- AIA National Foundation Scholarship, 1988
- Add Inc. Scholarship, 1988

## 1986-1988 Bachelor of Fine Arts

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island

## SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

Hogaboom Residence, 2015-2016 Remodel Los Angeles, California

Montecito Residence, 2016 New Construction Henry Residence, completed 2014 Remodel Hermosa Beach, California

Sunset Drive Residence, completed 2014, additional consulting 2016 Remodel Hermosa Beach, California

Zola-Urcis Residence, completed 2013 Addition Beverly Hills, California

Gould Avenue Residence, completed 2013 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Hermosa Beach, California

Hogaboom Residence, completed 2013 Exterior Terrace, Stairs, Walkways Los Angeles, California

Bruning Residence, completed 2012 Remodel and New Construction Hermosa Beach, California

Kofler-Klenner Residence, 2012 Remodel Consulting Los Angeles, California

Feldman Residence, 2012 Kitchen Remodel Consulting Beverly Hills, California

Chelsea Park Gardens Residence, completed 2011 Extensive Remodel and New Construction London, England

Manhattan Beach Residence, completed 2011 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Manhattan Beach, California

Reinhardt Residence, completed 2010 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Hermosa Beach, California

Rickard Residence, completed 2009 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Glassell Park, California

Smith Residence, completed 2009 Remodel to Guest Quarters Santa Monica, California Platnick Residence, completed 2008 Extensive Remodel Rolling Hills Estates, California

Zola-Urcis Residence, completed 2008 Extensive Remodel Beverly Hills, California

Correia Residence, 2008 Remodel Consulting Pacific Palisades, California

Gans Residence, 2008 Remodel Consulting Los Angeles, California

Williams Residence, completed 2007 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Torrance, California

Weisbrich Residence, completed 2006 Extensive Remodel and New Construction Santa Ana, California

Hogaboom Residence, completed 2006 Extensive Remodel Los Angeles, California

Guerin Residence, 2006 Remodel Consulting Pacific Palisades, California

Seward Residence, 2006 Remodel Consulting Los Angeles, California

Hughes Residence, 2005-2006 (unbuilt) Remodel and New Construction Highland Park, California

Cruz Residence 2005-2006 (unbuilt) Extensive Remodel and New Construction Hermosa Beach, California

Sauter Residence, 2005 Remodel Consulting Torrance, California

Old Dogwood 1999-2004 (with Kovac Architects)
New Construction of Single Family Residence, Stables, Riding Ring, and Guard Building
Los Angeles, California

Hillclimber Residence 2003-2004 (with Kovac Architects)
Cabinetry for New Residence, published in "Los Angeles" Magazine, February 2005
Los Angeles, California

SAM Trust, 2001, 2004 (with Kovac Architects) Remodel Los Angeles, California

Hughes Residence, completed 1999 Remodel Highland Park, California

Langan Residence, 1994-1996 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) New Construction Los Angeles, California

Green Residence, 1996 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) Extensive Remodel and New Construction Los Olivos, California

Canton-Finerman Residence, 1994-1995 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) Extensive Remodel and New Construction Bel Air, California

Kasdan Residence, 1994-1995 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) New Construction Telluride, Colorado

Bernstein Residence, 1993-1994 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) New Construction Brentwood, California

Grassini Residence, 1993-1994 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) Extensive Remodel Montecito, California

Suisman Residence, 1993 Extensive Remodel Santa Monica, California

Bickel Residence, 1992 (with Kundig &Bickel) New Construction Zurich, Switzerland

Torres Residence, 1980-83 Extensive Historic Remodel Metropolitan Home Magazine Home of the Year Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place /January 1984 Perrysburg, Ohio

### **MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS**

Church of the Nazarene, Feasibility Study for Market Rate Multi-family Housing, 2007 Los Angeles, CA

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Feasibility study for Elderly Housing and Affordable Housing, 2007 Los Angeles, CA
Village Inn Apartments, 1999 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center)
Extensive Remodel and New Construction

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Thousand Oaks, California

Hoover Apartments, 1999 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Extensive Remodel Los Angeles, California

Euclid Villa, 1997-1999 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Extensive Remodel to National Register of Historic Places Property Pasadena, California 1999 Building Industry Community Spirit Award

#### **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS**

Sidewalk Café Small World Books 1993 (with Appleton & Associates, Inc.) Venice, California

Rebgasse Office Building 1990 (with Diener & Diener Architekten) Basel, Switzerland

Galerie Gmurzynska 1990 (with Diener & Diener Architekten) Cologne, Germany

# **URBAN DESIGN PROJECTS**

Grisham Neighborhood Master Plan and Building Renovations, 1999-2003 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center)
Long Beach, California

Las Brisas Neighborhood Redevelopment Master Plan, 1999-2003 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Thirty new four-unit buildings, New Community Center, Child Care Center, Public Park Signal Hill, California

Washington Boulevard Façade Improvements, 1999-2003 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Los Angeles, California

Artesia Senior Housing Master Plan and New Construction 180 Units Affordable Housing, Community Center and Adult Day Care, design 1999/unbuilt (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Long Beach, California

Watts House + Neighborhood Master Plan, design 1998/unbuilt (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Los Angeles, California

Valley Boulevard Street Improvements, completed 1997 (with Los Angeles Community Design Center) Alhambra, California

Campus Master Plan, Library, and Classrooms for Kino Bay Center for Cultural and Ecological Studies, New Construction, built 1995-1999
Kino Bay, Mexico
Electric Trolley Bus Project, design 1992/unbuilt (with Public Works Design)
Los Angeles and Long Beach, California

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA URBAN DESIGN PROJECTS IN COURSES TAUGHT 1994-PRESENT

Proposals for the Redevelopment of Properties at the Northeast Corner of Rosecrans and Highland (Fall 2014)

Proposals for the Redevelopment of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium Sub-District (Fall 2013)

Master Plan Proposal for the Florence/La Brea Station Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Downtown Inglewood", Fall 2012

Master Plan Proposals for The Northeast Los Angeles River Study Area, including trip to London and Paris to study the role of the rivers in the development of each city, Spring 2012

Master Plan Proposals for Ports of Call District, San Pedro, California, Fall 2011

Master Plan Proposals for Bergamot Transit Village District, City of Santa Monica, Fall 2010

Master Plan Proposals for Park South: Creating a New Transit-Oriented Neighborhood and Green Technology Center Out of an Old Railroad and Industrial District, Fall 2009

Master Plan Proposals for Future Development and Revitalization of the Warner Center Specific Plan Area, Los Angeles, Fall 2008

Master Plan Proposals for Downtown Los Angeles, Between Main Street and Alameda, Fall 2007

"Preface to a Plan: Reinhabiting New Orleans (via wiki)," Spring 2006

Los Angeles American Planning Association Award, 2006

California American Planning Association Award, 2006

Exhibited at the International Architecture Exhibition La Biennale di Venezia. Se

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Master Plan Proposals for the Walmart Site, Inglewood, California, Fall 2005

Master Plan Proposals for the West Gateway Specific Plan Area of Pasadena, California, Fall 2004

"Ordinary L.A.: the Other 90%", Spring 2004

Master Plan Proposals for Biotechnology Research Campus at USC Health Sciences Campus, Los Angeles, California, Fall 2003

Urban Design Proposals for the Los Angeles Region, Spring 2003

"Re-Creating LA: 13 Visions for the City", Spring 2002

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Master Plan Proposals for SW Sub-Area Pasadena Central District, Pasadena, California, Fall 2001 / Fall 2002

Urban Design Proposals for the USC Region, Fall 2000 / Spring 2001

Proposals for Renovations to Public Spaces at One Colorado, Pasadena, California. Spring 2000

Master Plan Proposals for Upper Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach, Fall 1999 "Public Space in Los Angeles: Twenty Four Case Studies," Spring 1999

Master Plan Proposals for Village Inn Housing Project, Thousand Oaks, California, Fall 1998

"Small Scale Elements of Urban Design", Summer 1998

Highland Park Storefront Design Guidelines, Highland Park, California, 1998

Master Plan Proposals for Affordable Housing Project, Wilmington, California, Fall 1997

Master Plan Proposals for City of West Hollywood Business Improvement District, West Hollywood, California, 1997

Sidewalk Dining Guidelines, Hermosa Beach, California, 1996-1997

Storefront Design Guidelines, Hermosa Beach, California, 1996-1997

Campus Master Plan Proposals and series of Community Workshops for Prescott College, Prescott, Arizona, 1995-1996

Analysis and Master Plan Proposals for Downtown Enhancement District, Hermosa Beach, California, 1994-1995

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Sea View Villas Hermosa Beach, CA 2003-present
Planned and coordinated common area renovations to 33 unit condo complex built in 1980, pro bono
Homeowners Association Board Member 2003 - present, Board President 2009-present

CITYbuild Consortium of Schools New Orleans, Louisiana 2006-2008

Member of Board of Directors, working to facilitate productive, multi-disciplinary collaboration among national universities to address community rebuilding in New Orleans by linking schools with community partners.

Hermosa Beach Downtown Improvement Project Hermosa Beach, CA Created 5' x 9' basswood model of the Downtown Core as a community planning tool. 1995-1997 Designed and installed community identity banners in the Downtown Core. displayed 1994-1999

American Association of University Women Los Angeles Area Presented workshop at "Bridges to Tomorrow Career Conference for Girls". 1996-1997 Presented career workshop at area AAUW Meetings. 1994-1995

Historic Perrysburg Perrysburg, Ohio 1979-1986 Worked with state and local agencies for passage of Historic Zoning Ordinance. Member of Historic Perrysburg Planning Board. Editor of "Perry's Broadside" Monthly Historic Newsletter.