## ACSA/AIA Practice and Leadership Award

2015-2016 Winner Submission Materials

Public Interest Architecture Program

GEORGIA BIZIOS North Carolina State University



## Public Interest Architecture Program

Professor Georgia Bizios, FAIA, DPACSA
School of Architecture
College of Design
NC State University

### A. Public Architecture Program

ARC 503 or 402 Public Interest Architecture: Modest Homes 6 credits

ARC 503: Advanced Studio. Required credit in M. Arch program. Students select among several offerings ARC 402 Advanced Studio. Required credit in B.E.D.A. program. Students select among several offerings

ARC 590 Public Interest Architecture Seminar 3 credits

ARC 590: Graduate Architecture Seminar. Required credit in M.Arch and B.Arch programs.

Students select among several offerings

Course Prerequisites: Graduate or senior standing in Architecture

These co-requisite courses have been offered as a Public Architecture Program

Spring 2014: to 5 advanced graduate students and 4 undergraduate seniors

Summer 2025: to 8 graduate students

This *Public Architecture Program* is enhanced by collaborations with community partners and with local architectural offices. Students work with representatives of non-profit organizations that are providing affordable housing in NC and/or with future homeowners. They are also assigned to professional offices as interns reporting approximately 200 hours of IDP credit.

#### Organization and Scope: Studio

The focus of the studio is on architectural design at residential scale. Students will have the opportunity to design modest places and carry out design explorations and proposals that integrate issues of site, human needs and construction methods. Modest buildings challenge students to develop their ideas in greater depth and detail that is usually required of larger scale studio projects and use presentation techniques that clearly communicate with lay persons the design intent and its potential for implementation.

#### Organization and Scope: Seminar

The course addresses design in the public interest as a critical and growing element of the architecture discipline, contributing to the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of our communities. We review the history of public interest architecture, and study current trends and successful examples. Students lead in class discussions based on weekly reading assignments and complete a research/case study paper or a project. In class presentations of student papers or projects and individual meetings with the instructor take place during the second part of the semester. Students explore and document personal, academic, and civic learning through critical reflections.

### B. Home Environments Design Initiative (HEDI)

As Director of HEDI (2004-present) Professor Bizios has been creating opportunities for students in our curriculum to earn academic or internship credit by engaging in design projects for the public good, through collaborations with community partners and local professional offices. These opportunities and collaborations provided the appropriate context for our School to be able to offer the *Public Architecture Program* described above as soon as NCARB regulations allowed full integration of academic and internship credit.

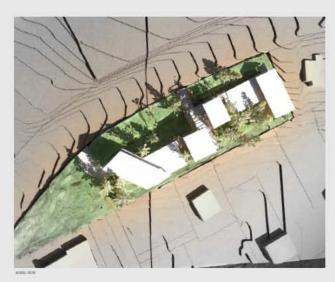












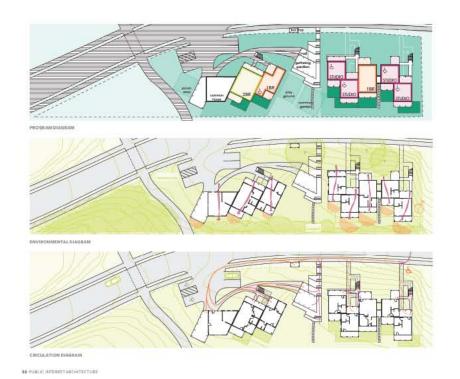
## NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES: The Courts

Public Interest Architecture Studio Project

Kersten Welch, M.Arch 2016

Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partners: Self-Help Community Development Corporation, Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes (CASA), and The Jackson Center at UNC Chapel Hill.









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## NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES: Caldwell Street Bungalows

Public Interest Architecture Studio Project

Rebecca Ryan, M.Arch 2016

Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partners: Self-Help Community
Development Corporation, Community Alternatives
for Supportive Abodes (CASA), and The Jackson
Center at UNC Chapel Hill.









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## NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES: The Living Lane

Public Interest Architecture Studio Project

Mahta Nazari, M.Arch 2016

Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partners: Self-Help Community
Development Corporation, Community Alternatives
for Supportive Abodes (CASA), and The Jackson
Center at UNC Chapel Hill.



Final presentation board

## THE CABINS OF STOKES COUNTY: Hanging Rocks Cabin

Public Interest Architecture Studio Project

Arsalan Abbasi, B.Arch 2015 Rachel Steinsberger, M.Arch 2014

Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partner: Economic Development Commission (EDC), Stokes County, North Carolina

Completed 2014

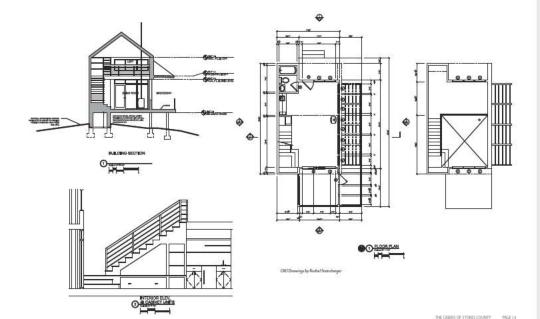






Physical model

HANGING ROCKS CABIN :: ARSALAN ABASSI + RACHEL STEINSBERGER



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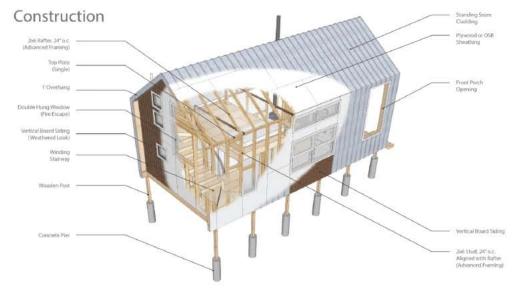
Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partner: Economic Development Commission (EDC), Stokes County, North Carolina

Completed 2014

Arsalan and Rachel were assigned a site near downtown Danbury, NC, and they focused on creating a community of cabins with shared recreational facilities. The form of their cabin was inspired by the rock outcroppings of Hanging Rock. They pushed this mountain concept to inform the "carved out" living area in the cabin with a "hanging" roof that provides protection. The layout includes a service "bar" where the kitchen, toilet, and stair are grouped together linearly for efficient use of space.





### THE CABINS OF STOKES COUNTY: Mountain View Cabin

Public Interest Architecture Studio Project

Will Sendor, M.Arch 2015 David Koontz, M Arch 2015

Funded internship and academic credit

Community Partner: Economic Development Commission (EDC), Stokes County, North Carolina

Completed 2014

David and Will explored vernacular architectural language, a simple formal gesture, and efficient construction techniques in the cabin design. Mountain View Cabin Resonates with the surrounding architectural language of Stokes County, NC, with it's simple vernacular form and materials. The design packs in sleeping, cooking, dining, and relaxing for up to four travelers into a 500-s.f. footprint, using flexible spaces that transofrm througout the day.

David and Will continued the schematic design into a more developed AutoCAD drawing set, which was presented to the Stokes County EDC. Will continued the design development using the EDC and community feedback during Summer 2014.





View from "nook" in living area











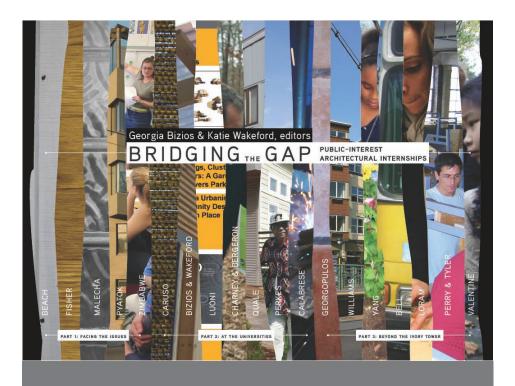


Construction diagrams



### THE CABINS OF STOKES COUNTY: **Mountain View Cabin**

Will Sendor, M.Arch 2015 David Koontz, M.Arch 2015



### AVAILABLE AT LULU.COM

### Georgia Bizios & Katie Wakeford, editors

### BRIDGING THE GAP PUBLIC-INTEREST ARCHITECTURAL INTERNSHIPS

Within the pages of this book—which is essentially

### a road map to significant change

-you will find a thoughtful selection of useful perspectives on the issue of public-interest internship, from the ethical reasons why we need such internships to the experiences of a star lineup of the leading figures attempting to create these opportunities. Their stories, combined with the compelling, eloquent firsthand accounts from the trenches by the interns and young practitioners engaged in these pioneering programs and practices, make this book the first one to substantively contribute to solving this difficult problem.

-Sergio Palleroni

This project is supported in part by awards from the National Endowmen for the Arts and the NC State University College of Design

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### **BRIDGING THE GAP:** Public-Interest Architectural Internships (Lulu, 2011)

Georgia Bizios and Katie Wakeford, editors

Bridging the Gap, a collection of 19 essays, brings together the best in current practice and thinking regarding public-interest architectural internship and advocates for new models that will have the power to profoundly change the architectural profession and our communities. The collection is intended to fuel a vibrant conversation in the hope of inspiring the creation of new public-interest internships and informing the ongoing updates to the Intern Development Program (IDP). The advantages to developing new public-service internships are clear. Let's get started!



Site Plan

126\_128 SW Main Street

Rocky Mount, North Carolina



Professor: Georgia Bizios Intern Architect: Katie Wakeford, HEDI Students: Jamey Glueck, William Lavin



Sectional Perspective

## THE HEART OF TOWN: Revitalizing Main Street

Graduate Architecture Seminar Funded Project

Jamey Glueck, M.Arch 2011 William Lavin, M.Arch 2013 Academic credit

and Katie Wakeford, M.Arch 2006 Funded Internship

Community Partner: Downtown Development, Town of Rocky Mount, NC

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#### Sustainable Strategies for Residential Renovations

August 2010

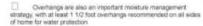


#### 4) Structural Frame and Building Envelope:

#### Substantial Benefit:

#### Shading Systems and Gutters

Deepn appropriate overhangs to allow sunlight into the home during wides mainths and block sun from entening the building envelope in the summer. Standing devices can range from trees, as mentioned in Section 1. Site and Landscape, to tretities and awrings. Consider adjustable shading devices to accommodate various times of the day and year.



Design appropriate gutter system to work with the slope of the land to carry water at least five feet away from the house.

#### Building Frame/Envelope

Implement advanced flaming bechniques. "Advanced framing techniques include spacing study and cod fluxese 24 inches on center, constructing a 2-stud center, using ladder blocking, flaving a single instead of a doubtle top plate, and replacing solid wood headen with engineered insulated headen.

Use Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood for framing, decks, floor joists, and ceiling rafters.\*

If FSC certified wood is not an economically feasible choice other options for framing include engineered lumber products.

For decks, consider composite decking products?

Install a ran screen wall system to allow water that penetrates the exterior diadding to effectively drain out before penetrating the wall assembly."

Use noncombustible and durable elderior products, preferably with 50-year product life warranty.

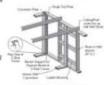
Create a sealed attic space 1

Include proper flashing, weather-shipping, and caulking around all wall and roof perventations to prevent air leakage.<sup>5</sup>

Air seal and insulate rim joists, using caulking or a sealant, with rigid insulation, or a spray polyurethane foam insulation.<sup>5</sup>



Version overhangs, including tradition, work with the shading system.



Advanced Freming Diagram (Not drawn to a specific scale)

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## SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR RESIDENTIAL RENOVATIONS

Research Project

Jordan Eure, B.Arch 2011

Funded Internship

Sponsored by Home Environments Design Initiative, North Carolina State University



### WALLTOWN TOOL LENDING SHED

Design/Build Project

Geoffrey Barton, M.Arch 2009

Service Internship

Community Partner: Self-Help Community Development Corporation

Building Materials funded by Self-Help Community Development Corporation









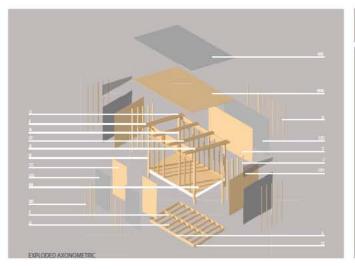
### MEETING THE NEED: Architecture in Affordable Housing

Master of Architecture Thesis Project

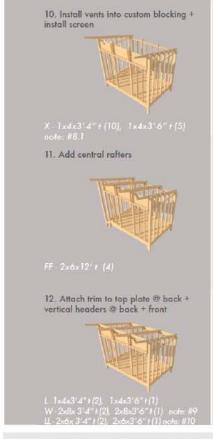
Craig Bethel, M.Arch 2010

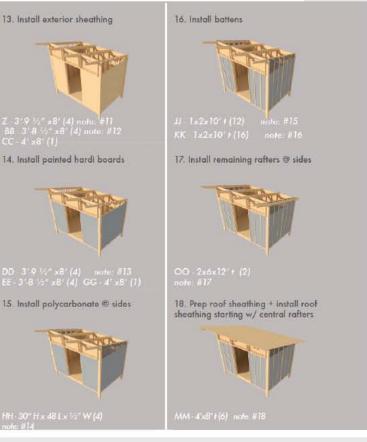
Academic credit

Community Partner: Self-Help Community Development Corporation



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## ROSE HILL EMERGENCY HOUSING STORAGE SHED

Design/Build Project

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Academic Credit

Community Partner: Sanders Service Center, Magnolia, NC

Building materials funded by the students through crowd sourcing efforts.













### CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION, MS. SANDERS OBTAINED THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO BEGIN BUILDING THE STORAGE SHED.

DAYS 1-3: WORKED ON THE FOUNDATION SYSTEM, SETTING THE FOUR POSTS AND INSTALLED FLOOR JOISTS.

DAYS 4-6; INSTALLED THE RAFTERS, STUD WALLS, WALL PANELS, BATTENS, AND PLYWOOD WOOD.

DAY 7:
INSTALLED DOOR, STAIRS AND
PLACED FELT PAPER ON THE
ROOF.
A LOCAL CONTRACTOR,
RODNEY LARKIN, INSTALLED
THE METAL ROOFING.

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION:

TOTAL RECYCLED MATERIAL: 90% (REFER TO PAGES 61-62)

TOTAL BUDGET: \$1200

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### **BOUNDARY TREE COMMUNITY**

Graduate Architecture Studio Funded Project

Craig Bethel, M.Arch 2010

Academic Credit

Community Partner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



# Affordable Housing Internship Program Launched

Architecture students Imran Aukhil' and Wendy Legerton' had the experience of a lifetime during the summer of 2007. They worked as architecture interns addressing affordable housing issues at Self-Help, a nationally recognized Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) based in Durham, N.C.

NC State School of Architecture Professor Georgia Bizios, intern architect Katie Wakeford, and affordable housing professionals at Self-



Gene Bressler, second from left, interacts with fresh-

Help supervised the students' work and challenged them to apply their design knowledge and skills in the service of our local communities. The job

opportunities were a result of an NC State University Extension Grant awarded to Professor Bizios in support of this

puoi projeci. Ine runung auncinea une Antoruane Housing Internship Program, partnering NC State College of Design's Home Environments Design Initiative (HEDI) with Self-Help, Self-Help is a community development lender and real estate developer with the mission to serve women, minorities, rural residents, and low-wealth families and communities. It works closely with other local developers, such as Durham Community Land Trustees and Durham Habitat for Humanity, to deliver housing to families living at or below 80 percent of median area income.

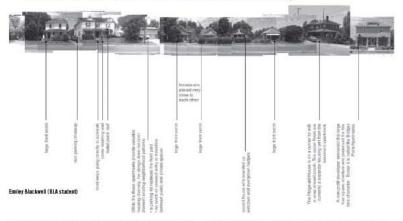
Self-Help has a large internship program, employing as many as 70 students from various disciplines every summer, but the organization had not previously employed architecture students. The HEDI grant funding opened the door for the two architecture students to be hired for ten-week summer internships. For Legerton and Aukhil, this was an immersion experience in service learning and a chance to contribute their summer hours to Self-Help's efforts to provide affordable housing.

#### Internships Offer Varied Experiences

Legerton has become painfully aware of the affordable housing needs in our area and the world. "There is a global housing crists. The need for decent affordable housing is persistent," she reflects. Her work focused in the Southwest Central Durham area, specifically the Burch Avenue, West End, and Lyon Park neighborhoods, She collaborated with neighborhood groups and the housing developers to outline residential design guidelines. "The first step was listening to community members describe the architecture that defined their neighborhoods and the type of space they wanted to create, then we could write down what criteria should be used to evaluate proposals," she says. Legerton explains the purpose of the guidelines is to communicate the community wishes to the developers and to empower citizing groups in evaluating proposals for home construction more effectively and consistently.

Legerton was pleased to work with a committed and active group of neighbors who want to improve their quality of life and bring affordable housing into their communities in a way that respects and improves existing patterns. She is convinced that community involvement and interdisciplinary collaboration provide a system of checks and balances for the design guidelines so they maintain comprehensive and realistic perspectives. She enjoyed the interdisciplinary atmosphere of her internship and learned from her involvement with community members, developers, construction managers, and lenders. "I was glad to contribute my design training for affordable housing, and I felt valued as a team member."

Aukhil worked as a residential construction manager for properties owned by Self-Help. His tasks varied from inspecting a house being considered for demolition and redevelopment to working on material specifications for a soon to be constructed "green" home. He discovered Kent Street (800 block): LARGE houses, was houses, and MuLTi -fAmily housing.



that balancing sustainability with affordability can be difficult. The goals of making a house cost-efficient and environmentally responsible require thoughtful negotiations and sometimes compromise. Aukhil also prepared the drawings required for town approval of a Self-Help development project in Goldsboro, NC. Like Legerton, his job involved opportunities to meet with community members, listen to their needs and learn how his design training could be useful to local neighborhoods.

#### Lessons Learned

The practical experience of the internships was enriched by a commitment to understand and apply current thinking on service-learning pedagogy. During meetings with Bizios, Wakeford, and Dr. Patti Clayton, Director of the Center for Excellence in Curricular Engagement, the students were introduced to theoretical frameworks of service-learning and encouraged to examine the challenges and successes of their work in the field. Critical reflection essays written by the interns at the end of the sammer provided valuable insight for both students and faculty.

Aukhil learned that the practice of architecture is different than the

theory. "As an architect, you have to help fill the gaps between the contractors, lenders, politicians, responding to codes and regulations and differing opinions. It is a struggle," he notes: "These lessons and reflections are invaluable to my understanding of housing design and construction," he adds.

Legerton continued to work as an intern at Self-Help during fall semester. The work has focused her career goals. "I will continue to ask, 'How can I use my design training to serve the world's greatest needs? When I look for through jobs, I will look for firms that are involved in social and environmental justice work and value team building and interdisciplinary collaboration."

Aukhil stated that he would like to see this Affordable Housing Internship Program develop further, to include more organizations and more students. Indeed, HEDI is currently seeking funding to continue to support future interns in public service and specifically affordable housing. Professor Bizios points out that "such opportunities for students and recent graduates make the School of Architecture a leader in providing new models for architecture internships, integrating education and practice while serving the public."

\* Imma Aubhil is a senior in the BEDA program and plans to graduate in May 2008 \*\*Wendy Legetton received her M.A.B.CH 4 egree in December 2007.

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#### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Cosponsored by Self-Help and Home Environments Design Initiative, North Carolina State University

2007-2008

#### NC STATE UNIVERSITY

HOME **ENVIRONMENTS** DESIGN INITIATIVE

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

TEAM MEMBERS:

Georgia Bizios, FAIA Professor of Architecture

Jim Argenta, M Arch Dec. 2004 Che Clark, M Arch Dec. 2004 Marshall Dunlap, M Arch Dec. 2004 Katie Wakeford, M Arch May 2005 K.C. Kurtz, Graduate Student Wendy Legerton, Graduate Student Mikhail Kim, Undergraduate Student

February 2008

LUMBEE HOME DESIGNS PEMBROKE, N.C.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

In the Fall of 2004, NC State University's College of Design, in cooperation with the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, embarked on an initiative to promote quality home designs and an increase in tribe member home ownership. The role of the College of Design, through its statewide program of Research, Extension, and Engagement, was to assist in developing prototype home designs to be used by members of the Tribe in building new homes for their families.

A team of architectural graduate students, under the leadership of Professor Georgia Bizios, worked together with the Tribe members to identify important priorities for the Lumbee houses. The resulting design guidelines emphasized affordability, site sensitivity, sustainability, quality construction, and cultural values. At the conclusion of the initial phase of the Lumbee Home Designs project, the NC State Design Team delivered the Design Development drawing sets and models for three house prototypes, as well as for possible additions/variations on each. As of January 2006, the first Lumbee Home Design is under construction.

The NC State/Lumbee Tribe partnership is now entering Phases Two and Three. Phase Two will focus on the design of a small house to be built with panelized construction and intended to reduce the Tribe's dependence upon trailers. In Phase Three, the NC State design team will work with the Lumbee community to develop Neighborhood Design Guidelines for a 100 acre tract of tribally owned land. The expectation is that many of the prototype designs will be built in this new neighborhood and the design guidelines will promote a cohesive, nurturing, and culturally appropriate development pattern.

In addition to providing a valuable service to homeowners, this project is an excellent opportunity for students to learn by addressing issues of site and place for communities in North Carolina.









#### HOMES FOR THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Research and Participatory Design Project

Jim Argenta, Che' Clark, Marshall Dunlap, Mikhail Kim, K.C. Kurtz, Wendy Legerton, Katie Wakeford

**Funded Internships** 

Cosponsored by The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and Home Environments Design Initiative, North Carolina State University

Completed 2004-2007



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