

CATHERINE MENG
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EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY Ithaca, NY
Bachelor of Architecture, May 2009

LICENSURE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA LICENSED ARCHITECT License No. C36422

MISSION STATEMENT

As an architect practicing in the higher education sector, I am is passionate about creating learning environments that are welcoming, inclusive, and reflective of their purpose – to ensure educational access to all students regardless of their backgrounds. With each project, I especially enjoy the opportunity to engage with students, faculty, administrators, and greater campus communities. My broad design experience also includes projects in the multi-family housing, workplace, transportation, and commercial sectors.

EXPERIENCE

January 2016 - Present

DLR GROUP San Francisco, CA

Higher Education Studio Leader / Senior Associate

- Responsible for managing and coordinating the design and documentation of higher education projects in the Northern California markets, with a primary focus on the California Community College system.
- Participate in business development, strategy, project pursuits, and interviews with the regional higher education sector leadership team.
- Strong communicator and adept at building consensus in complex projects with multiple stakeholders.
- Ability to lead large consultant teams, manage documentation coordination, and ensure technical accuracy while maintaining each project's design vision.
- Experienced in working with the Division of the State Architect (DSA)
- Collaborative team player and ready to jump in and support team members when needed.
- Selected by firm leadership to be on the Equity Forum, an advisory committee dedicated to bringing an equity lens to DLR Group's internal organization and design work.
- Co-developed Mentorship Program for the San Francisco office.

July 2011 - August 2015

AB ARCHITEKTEN New York City, NY

Project Architect

- Led design development, construction documentation, coordination, and construction administration of numerous projects in New York City, including: high-end apartment interior renovations; townhouse gut renovations; and new construction of mixed-use and multi-family developments.
- Helped principal grow firm from three people to eight people, set up office document standards and systems, mentored interns and younger staff.

April 2010 - April 2011

EXH DESIGN Shanghai, China

Junior Designer

- Collaborated with team members on projects, including: high-end office interior designs; residential architecture; furniture design; and exhibition booth design

COMMUNITY

Actively involved in the San Francisco community and have volunteered for: ACE Mentor Program; CREW - Commercial Real Estate Women (National Diversity and Inclusion Committee member); Cornell NorCal Alumni Association (Board Member); American Institute of Architects San Francisco (Board Member); SF Symphony Prelude Member

OTHER

Producer and host of the Design Voice Podcast, which features interviews with women who shape the built environment. The podcast seeks to elevate and amplify the voices of women in the architecture and design professions, and has featured over 80 guests to date.