

Ceara O'Leary

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Professional

Co-Executive Director, Detroit Collaborative Design Center Detroit, MI ('19-Present)
Marygrove Cradle-to-Career Campus Initiative Community Engagement Framework, Detroit, MI
McDougall Hunt Neighborhood Sustainable Redevelopment Implementation Plan, Detroit, MI

Senior Designer & Project Director, Detroit Collaborative Design Center Detroit, MI ('12-'19)
Avis and Elsmere Building Community Engagement & Design, Detroit, MI
East Jefferson/Villages Catalyst Project Engagement & Urban Design, Detroit, MI
Eastern Market Eco-District Research and Planning, Detroit, MI
Livernois Community Storefront, Detroit, MI
Fitzgerald Community Lollo Playground Collaboration, Detroit, MI

Community Designer, buildingcommunity WORKSHOP, San Juan, TX ('11)
Established a satellite bcWorkshop office in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and contributed to a community-based planning project in eight colonias across Hidalgo and Cameron Counties in tandem with residents and local community organizers.

Public Design Intern, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, Biloxi, MS ('10-'11)
Provided architecture, urban design, planning, educational outreach, graphics and landscape assistance for community development projects in collaboration with local stakeholders along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Academic

Professor of Practice, School of Architecture, University of Detroit Mercy ('19-Present)

Associate Director, Master of Community Development, School of Architecture, University of Detroit Mercy ('17-'19)

Adjunct Professor of Architecture, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI ('13-'19)

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, Master of Architecture and Master of City & Regional Planning. Concentration in Housing, Community and Economic Development ('10) • Brown University, Providence, RI, Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies. Honors Thesis: *Low-Cost Housing on the California-Mexico Border: Alternative Architectural Solutions*. Coursework at the University of Barcelona for one academic year. ('06)

Public Service

AIA Housing Knowledge Community Advisory Group ('15-present) • **Association for Community Design**, Board of Directors, Executive Committee ('12-'14) • **Bleeding Heart Design Advisory Committee**, Member ('13-'15) • **Extra Mile Playwrights Advisory Board**, Member ('14-Present)