

Prospective Employers:

My name is Michael Mitchell, and I recently moved to the Albuquerque-Santa Fe area from Asheville, North Carolina. I am currently seeking full-time employment at an architecture/engineering firm that shares my passion for sustainable design. I hope to gain employment with a firm that can continue to strengthen my architectural skillsets and also help me learn more about the specific regional strategies and challenges of the Southwest. I am open to working on a variety of project types. My work experience spans from small residential additions to 20,000 sqft office buildings. I also hope to find a firm that can help guide me through my remaining IDP hours and AREs, so that I can become a licensed architect. I believe my architectural background and experience will make me a valuable asset to your firm.

In 2004, I earned my Bachelor's of Design from the University of Florida, and three years later I completed my Master's of Architecture from the University of Michigan. Beyond my education, I have two years of traditional professional experience working at architectural firms in both Florida and Michigan. I have worked on both residential and commercial projects and at all project stages from schematic design to completed building. Since November 2008, I have been working independently in Asheville, NC, as a Green Design Consultant and Graphic Designer. During this time, I produced designs and drawings for three residential additions and three new residences working as a consultant for Bellwether Design/Build. I have also redesigned two websites using Adobe Flash CS3, entered two green design competitions, provided rendering services for architecture firms and worked as a residential photographer on several residential projects. In addition, I was also awarded a the George G. Booth Travelling Fellowship from the University of Michigan in 2009 to research floating architecture and infrastructure in the Netherlands. I am currently writing a report documenting my fellowship travel experiences.

In addition to my professional work in Asheville, I also volunteered for the Asheville Design Center (ADC). At the ADC, I worked primarily on the design team for the Burton Street Neighborhood Master Plan. Our team developed a 15 year vision for this low-income neighborhood to help them maintain their community's identity and promote sustainable growth. I also provided the community architectural design drawings and renderings to help create a vision for the adaptive reuse of their community center's basement and the alleyway behind their community center. These drawings will be used to raise money and will be used as the starting point to be completed by a local architectural firm.

I have attached my resume to this letter. I hope that this can provide you with a good picture of who I am and what I am looking for here in New Mexico. Please visit my website for additional information about me along with samples of my work. <http://www.siteinformed.com>

Kind Regards,

Michael T Mitchell, LEED AP

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master of Architecture, with advanced coursework in environmental design, green development, and sustainable energy systems.
- Two years professional experience working at all stages of the design process on a variety of building types.
- Two years experience self-employed as a residential designer and architecture renderer.
- Adept at developing plans, sections, elevations, and working out building details in both 2D and 3D.
- Experienced in project coordination, code research, reviewing shop drawings and submittals, and working with clients.

WORK EXPERIENCE:**Self-Employed · Asheville, NC**

Jan 2009 - Present | Green Residential/Graphic Design/Photography

Working as a residential design consultant, photographer and Web site designer and manager.

Clients: Bellwether Design-Build, Asheville Design Center, Animal Compassion Network, Green Plan, JAG and Associates Construction, Rare Earth Builders

Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative (A3C) · Ann Arbor, MI

Nov 2007 - June 2008 | Health Care/ Education/ Sustainable Design

Worked within several project teams designing medical office buildings and renovating existing health care spaces. Projects ranged from highly technical to standard office fit-ups. Attended many professional development opportunities at the firm expanding my practical knowledge on various topics especially green roof design and masonry construction.

Cooper Design, Inc. · Ann Arbor, MI

June 2007 - Nov 2007 | Residential/Commercial/Hist. Preservation/ L. Arch.

Many projects involved existing historic structures requiring detailed site and building measurements. Projects ranged from simple renovations to new construction. I also reworked the office's website with Adobe Flash.

Spacecoast Architects P.A. · Indialantic, FL

July 2004 - August 2005 | Commercial/Residential/Sustainable Design

The firm's projects fit many categories, but all incorporated green design strategies. Low-tech and high-tech green elements were used depending on each client's budget. Used 3D modeling to aid daylighting studies.

EDUCATION:**University of Michigan** Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning

Master of Architecture 3.8/4.0 GPA | High Distinction

University of Florida Department of Construction and Planning

Bachelor's of Design (Architecture) 3.8/4.0 GPA | Summa Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Selected as the 2009 George C. Booth Fellow for the University of Michigan - Research Topic: Architecture and Urbanism in the Netherlands responding to Global Climate Change.
- First place design in Taubman College student competition, selected by students, faculty and alumni out of more than 80 entries
- First place University of Florida NOMAS Poverty Competition
- Saarinen Scholar - Merit-based full tuition scholarship for graduate school
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout

TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- LEED 2.0 Accredited Professional
- PreFab Studio 2006: Interdisciplinary, green, modular, design studio.
- Graduate coursework in green development, life cycle analysis, Landscape Urbanism and Advanced Material Structures.
- University of Florida Vicenza Institute of Design semester abroad
Vicenza, Italy

SOFTWARE:

AutoCAD 2009 - 10 yrs
 ADT 2008 - 1 yr
 SketchUp 7 - 6 yrs
 Photoshop CS2 - 8 yrs
 Illustrator CS2 - 6 yrs
 InDesign CS2 - 6 yrs
 Lightscape 3.2 - 3 yrs
 Rhinoceros 3D - 3 yrs
 ArcGIS 9.0 - 1 yr
 ArchiCAD 9 - 6 mo
 3D Studio Max 7 - 3 mo
 Revit - 1 mo

REFERENCES:

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 Cooper Design, inc.

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 Spacecoast Architects, P.A.

Katie and Brad Rice
 Owners,
 Bellwether Builders, inc.

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