

# AARON J BLAHA

JUNIOR ARCHITECT



A practicing designer looking to expand the field of architecture through creative and responsible design. With a love of the built and unbuilt world and a desire to learn, I am seeking knowledge through architectural licensure and wisdom through professional practice.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ATELIER DROME ARCHITECTURE | JUNIOR ARCHITECT

SEATTLE, WA | 2016

Valuable experience earned in client relations, site documentation, and architectural discourse, learned through hospitality and residential designs. Applied skills in hand and digital rendering, modeling, and standardization of BIM project work.

### KOURETCHIAN RESIDENCE | 2016

SEATTLE, WA | 2,000 SF

Lead designer for redesign of front facade and landscape for single-family residence. Responsible for documentation, design, and client communication.

### GENSLER | JUNIOR ARCHITECT

MINNEAPOLIS, MN | 2014 - 2016

Have gained experience in architectural design, construction documentation, rendering, and modeling. Responsible for the success of various projects ranging from schematic design to construction administration, and have personally designed and implemented the office's new Revit project template, titleblock design, and detail database.

### MARGARET A. CARGILL PHILANTHROPIES | 2014 - 2016

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN | 118,000 SF

Office expansion project, having worked with design team from initial design stages to final completion in May of 2016. Its goal was to create an inviting and personal headquarters and one that is reflective of their legacy.

### 2407 UNIVERSITY STUDY | 2015

MINNEAPOLIS, MN | 900,000 SF

Design study with University of Minnesota to convert underdeveloped campus block into a retail, residential, commercial, and hoteling destination. Responsible for site analysis, massing studies, and help in initial design conceptualizations.

### RESIDE | 2015

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Regional design initiative to strategize and design systems for affordable housing in major cities. The goal was to create a new means of living through programmatic analysis and construction techniques that benefit a fluctuating market.

## EDUCATION

### NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY | MASTER'S OF ARCHITECTURE

MAY, 2013 | GPA 3.8

### NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY | BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

MAY, 2012 | GPA 3.8

SEMESTER ABROAD IN LILLE, FRANCE

## AWARDS & HONORS

GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE

DEAN'S LIST - SIX SEMESTERS

KKE DESIGN COMPETITION FINALIST

BWBR PRIZE NOMINATION

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

REVIT

PHOTOSHOP

ILLUSTRATOR

INDESIGN

SKETCHUP

RHINO

V-RAY RENDER

## PERSONAL SKILLS

DRAWING

WOODWORKING

MODEL MAKING

WATERCOLOR

PAINTING

PHOTOGRAPHY

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

MIXED-USE ARCHITECTURE

GRAPHIC DESIGN

ART + CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

TYPOGRAPHY

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN