

Name: Silvia Acosta

Courses Taught (Two academic years prior to current visit):

ARCH 21ST Advanced Studio
ARCH 2182 Degree Project Seminar

Educational Credentials:

M.Arch Harvard University Graduate School of Design 1986
B.Arch University of Miami School of Architecture 1983

Teaching Experience:

Rhode Island School of Design, Professor, 1987-Present.
Equinoctial Technological University, Quito, Ecuador, Visiting Critic, Summer 2011

Professional Experience:

Six Degrees Architecture, Pawtucket, RI
Museum of Underwater Antiquities Competition (with Christine Zavesky), 2012
Architectural Folly Competition (with Christine Zavesky), 2012
DESINE-Lab, Providence, RI
Design, innovation and entrepreneurship of design initiatives based on the premise that design has an important role to play in ensuring social justice. Co-founded with Elizabeth Hermann in 2011

Licenses/Registration:

State of Florida (#13754)

Selected Publications, Recent Research + Conferences:

Monash University + Rhode Island School of Design, Book publication of design-build work at both academic institutions, in progress
New Directions for Global Initiatives, RISD XYZ: Crisscrossing Cultures, RISD 2013
Living on the Edge: Envisioning a New Periphery from the Outside In, Workshop and presentation on the speculative development of Ixtepec, Oaxaca, Columbia University, 2013
Where are the Utopian Visionaries? Architects of Social Exchange, Symposium panelist, RISD, 2012
Blackstone River Users Conference, Presentation on the programming of the Blackstone River, Lincoln, RI, 2012.
Merging Practice with Study, COGDesign website, 2012
Innovations in Environmental Sustainability and Social Responsibility, ReNeable Now tv series 2012
Locating Positions and Practice: Here, There, How, Presentation on the topic of civic engagement and spatial practice, Brown University, 2011.
Socially Engaged Architecture, Presentation of small built works at A Better World by Design, Brown University and RISD, 2011
A Student-Designed Community Garden Sprouts in Rhode Island, Inhabitat website, 2011
RISD Students Develop Community Ties, Pawtucket Times, 2011
Blossom Community Garden, Archiabile website, 2011

Professional Memberships:

NCARB (#44572)