

# AnnaMarie R. Bliss, PhD

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## Education

- Ph.D.                    **University of Illinois**, Champaign, IL                    2019  
Illinois School of Architecture  
Major Focus: Historic Preservation and Environmental Perception  
Minors: Cultural Heritage Management and Policy, Cultural Tourism  
Dissertation: The Future of the Historic City from Perceptions of the Past:  
Experience of Place, Authenticity, and Architectural Preservation in Barcelona  
**Architectural Research Centers Consortium Dissertation Award Winner**  
**Architectural Research Centers Consortium King Medal Winner**
- M.Arch.                **Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS                    2012  
Architecture, Planning, and Design  
Graduation with Distinctions: AIA Student Honor Awardee, Alpha Rho Chi Medal of  
Honor Recipient  
Thesis: Egg in the Glass Box: A Royal Playhouse for Copenhagen
- A.S.                    **Northwest Missouri State University**, Maryville, MO                    2007  
Early Entrance to College program- Physics and Calculus concentrations  
Dean's Award - Highest Ranked Graduate

## Teaching Experience

- Lecturer – ARCH 563 Social and Behavioral Research in Designed Environments**                    2019-present  
Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL
- Instruct design research for master's and doctoral students in architecture and landscape architecture.
  - Provide foundation for qualitative research including paradigms, theoretical frameworks, methodologies, data collection and analysis, and proposal writing.
- Lecturer/Co-Coordinator - ARCH 372 Design for Health and Well-being**                    2019-present  
Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL
- Junior-level Design Studio – design principles for human health, well-being, and experience.
  - Instruct in design process, critical cultural/political/social constructs for design, green/healthy building certifications, and presentation and representation of design ideas.
- Lecturer - ARCH 572/575 Graduate Integrative Studio**                    2019-present  
Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL
- REACTION Studio – COVID-19 testing and contract tracing facility design summer studio
  - OUTPOST Studio – integrated design studio based upon critical access healthcare in adaptive re-use and historic sites.
  - Instruct graduate level studio including integrated systems and processes of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, structural systems, and complementary user programming.
- Lecturer - ARCH 171/481 Concepts and Theories of Architectural Design**                    2019-present  
Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL

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- Instruct lecture and workshop for large exploratory undergraduate design course introducing basic theories of architecture and human-centric design concepts.
- Course development and documentation for new curriculum.

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant- ARCH 517 Architectural History** spring 2018

Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Instruct discussion sections for 45 students each week.
- Give lectures on European history and build course content. Proctor and grade exams.
- Outstanding (Highest) Designation on List of Teachers Ranked Excellent at University of Illinois.

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant- ARCH 577 Architectural Theory** falls of 2013-2017

Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Instruct discussion sections for 30-60 students each week.
- Give lectures on people-place connections and build course content. Proctor and grade exams.
- Outstanding Designation on List of Teachers Ranked Excellent at University of Illinois for 4 semesters.

## **Design Studio Instructor- ARCH 373 Architecture and the Landscape** falls 2014-2017

Illinois School of Architecture-UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Lead comprehensive design studio for 15-20 junior-level students.
- Teach basic elements of design process **for land use/landscape architecture**, computer modeling, and theoretical implications of design.
- Earl Prize Winners (2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Honorable Mention) and Critical Mass Award winner for Fall 2015.
- Outstanding Designation on List of Teachers Ranked Excellent at University of Illinois for 3 semesters.

## **Design Studio Instructor- ARCH 374 Architecture and the City** springs 2014-2017

Illinois School of Architecture-UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Lead comprehensive design studio for 15-20 junior-level students.
- Teach basic elements of design process **urban architecture**, the theoretical implications of design, and programming.
- Outstanding Designation on List of Teachers Ranked Excellent at University of Illinois for 3 semesters.

## **Doctoral Guest Instructor- ARCH 321/490 Global Health and the Built Environment** fall 2017

Illinois School of Architecture- UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Volunteer position. Observe and help direct graduate discussion section on health and the built environment and undergraduate research workshop meetings to learn about pedagogy and methods of instruction for interactive-dynamic classroom methods in a Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning course.
- Assist in building online course content and examination materials.

## **Study Tour Instructor- ARCH 57X Graduate Studio** spring 2014

KTH Royal Institute of Technology + UIUC | Stockholm, Sweden

- Led architecture study tour abroad for 13 design studio graduate students.
- Guest critic for international design critiques and charrettes.
- Logistics coordination on site in Stockholm for field study and tours.

## **Tutor and Academic Coach** 2013-2015

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Illini Tutoring | Champaign, IL

- Provided academic assistance to high school and college students in mathematics, Spanish, and sciences.
- Assisted students in academic planning and college preparation including the ACT and GRE.

**Head Graduate Teaching Assistant- ARCH 352 Structural Systems**

spring 2012

APDesign- Kansas State University | Manhattan, KS

- Developed new curriculum including creating equations handouts and homework problems.
- Instructed lecture and lab for 110 students each week.
- Wrote quantitative evaluation problems for examinations, proctored and graded examinations.
- Acted as main point of contact for students, teaching assistants, and supervisor.

**Head Teaching Assistant- ARCH 343 & 348 Structural Systems**

2009-2010

APDesign- Kansas State University | Manhattan, KS

- Instructed recitation sections for 100 students each week.
- Proctored and graded examinations.
- Began a test preparation program, peer work sessions, and tutoring program.
- Selected based on excellence in structural systems coursework.

## Professional Experience

**Owner and Principal**

2020-present

Bliss Historic Preservation and Consulting, LLC | Missouri and Illinois

- Historic preservation and adaptive reuse design consulting services.
- Preparation of historic tax credit applications, Section 106 oversight, historic building assessment, historic structures reports, State Historic Preservation Office liaison services.

**Senior Historic Preservation Specialist/Studio Founder and Director**

2018-2020

Farnsworth Group, Inc. | National Offices

- Historic preservation department founder and national director.
- Served as architectural project management, client relations, construction documentation, historic preservation designer.
- Expert in historic tax credits, Section 106 oversight, historic building assessment, historic structures reporting, State Historic Preservation Office liaison services, expert witness for Federal Preservation.

**Intern Architect/Preservationist and Project Designer**

2013-2017

STRATA Architecture and Preservation (formerly Susan Richards Johnson & Associates, LLC) | Kansas City, MO

- Perform historic building assessment and retrofit analysis for preservation and adaptive reuse projects.
- Design interior spaces and programming layouts for adaptive reuse and historic renovation.
- Prepare construction documents for historic preservation projects.  
Write historic tax credits proposals for National Register of Historic Places buildings.

## Research Experience

**Doctoral Researcher**

2012-2019

Illinois School of Architecture-UIUC | Champaign, IL

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- Conduct primary source research including interviews, photo-elicitation sessions, and participant observation and site mapping at Museu Picasso and Palau de la Música Catalana in Barcelona, Spain.
- Examine the intersection of historic preservation, modernism, contemporary architecture, and tourism in these cultural heritage locales to develop design and preservation guidelines with local site managers and architects.

## Graduate Research Assistant

2017-2019

Illinois School of Architecture-UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Website mining for research on methods of modernization in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in comparison to contemporary realms of rationalization, networking, and convenience in architecture.
- Completed fieldwork, primary interviews, and data analysis in Granite City, Illinois to assess health perceptions as related to the industrial air quality issues.
- Two manuscripts in progress on the relationship between health beliefs and industrial cities, and demographic factors that affect health perceptions among citizens in industrial areas.

## Doctoral Research Associate

2016-2018

European Union Center: A Jean Monnet Center of Excellence-UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Social Media Strategist and Supervisor
- Grant writing, funding solicitation, data analytics, and reporting for the Center and its affiliated programming through the Kress Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the European Commission- Jean Monnet grants, among others (roughly \$500,000).
- Won Illinois Speaks Grant for a workshop on immigrant and minority children in Champaign County with Fulbright-Schuman panelist.
- Won Illinois International Programs Conference Preparation for symposium centered around my dissertation (\$5000+\$3300 departmental contribution).
- Assist with outreach coordination under the Title VI grant for the Center.

## Staff Researcher

2013-2017

STRATA (formerly Susan Richards Johnson & Associates, LLC) | Kansas City, MO

- Prepare historic structure and cultural landscape reports for historic preservation projects.
- Write tax credits proposals and nominations National Register of Historic Places buildings.
- Produce professional quality presentations for National Parks Service and local parks departments.

## Graduate Research Assistant

2014-2015

Illinois School of Architecture-UIUC | Champaign, IL

- Completed fieldwork and primary observation in Hmong communities in the Midwest.
- Aided in research and image editing for dissertation advisor's book on heritage and development in Asia.
- Conducted literature review and draft for the introductory chapters of the book related to cultural heritage, heritage tourism and construction of cultural identity.

## Graduate Researcher- Assistant to the Dean

fall 2011

APDesign- Kansas State University | Manhattan, KS

- Researched best practices in hiring architects on college campuses for capital improvement projects.
- Consulted Dean's Advisory Council on process and methodology of vetting candidates for the Seaton Hall Renovation.

## Fellowships and Honors

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and National Awards

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Architectural Research Centers Consortium Dissertation Award	2020
Architectural Research Centers Consortium King Medal	2019
Berger Awardee (\$5000)	2017-2018
PEO Scholar Award National Winner (\$15,000)	2016-2017
Joseph Fellow (\$3,500)	2016-2017
Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grant (\$3,500)	2016-2017
The Graduate College Conference Travel Grants (\$2,500)	2013-2016
Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship Finalist (2016-2017)	fall 2015
Gargoyle Honor Society	inducted 2015
List of Teachers Ranked Excellent- Outstanding Designation _ARCH 517 & 577, ARCH 373, & ARCH 374	2014-2018
University Fellowship for Doctoral Studies (\$18,000)	2013, fall 2014, 2015
Creative and Performing Arts Fellowship (\$6,000)	spring 2014
Plym Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in Architecture (\$12,000)	fall 2012

## Kansas State University

2012 Alpha Rho Chi Medal of Honor for Leadership and Service	may 2012
2012 AIA Kansas Student Honor for Excellence	may 2012
Rhodes Scholars Campus Nominee	fall 2011
Marshall Scholars Campus Nominee	fall 2011
Victor Regnier Architectural Scholarship for Excellence	2011-2012
Clayco Studio Architectural Scholarship for Excellence	2009-2011
Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society for Arts and Architecture	initiated 2010

## Grants

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Local/National Awards

Lorado Taft Lectureship Funds (awarded \$1,500) <i>*with \$3,300 solicited department funding additionally awarded</i>	2017-2018
Illinois International Programs Conference Programming Award (awarded \$5,000)	2017-2018
European Union Center - Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (writing assistance and management of \$500,000)	2016-2018
Illinois Humanities Illinois Speaks Funds (awarded \$250)	2016-2017

## Publications

Kopec, D. & **Bliss, A.** (Eds). (2020). *Place Meaning and Attachment: Authenticity, Heritage and Preservation*. New York: Routledge.

**Bliss, A.** (2018). Image for the Future of the Historic City: Photo-elicitation and Architectural Preservation in Barcelona. In J. Wells & B. Stiefel (Eds.), *Human-Centered Built Heritage Conservation: Theory and Evidence-Based Practice*.

**Bliss, A.** (2018). The Frustration-Aggression Model: An Airport Perspective. In D. Kopec (Ed.), *Environmental Psychology for Design*. New York: Fairchild Books.

Dearborn, L., & **Bliss, A.** (2018). Architectural Research Legally and Ethically Considered. *Technology | Architecture + Design*, 2(1).

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**Bliss, A., & Engineer, A.** (2015). [Re]making History: Authenticity, Architecture, and Tourism. *The International Journal of the Constructed Environment*, 5(3-4): 21-32.

**Bliss, A.** (2014). Review: Two sides of one river: Nationalism and ethnography in Galicia and Portugal. *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 13(4): 365-367.

**Special Mention of research:** Mayes, T. (Vice president and senior counsel for the National Trust) (2017, July 27). Show Me the Studies! Environmental Design Research and Historic Preservation. *Sanity and Urbanity online publication*. The Centre for Urban Design and Mental Health.  
<http://www.urbandesignmentalhealth.com/blog/show-me-the-studies-environmental-design-research-and-historic-preservation>

## Conference Papers, Proceedings, and Invited Presentations

**Bliss, A.** "Architecture as Political Agenda: The case of Barcelona," Presentation and *Proceedings of LASTE 2018: The Politics of Tradition*, October 2018.

**Bliss, A.** "Historic architecture in the age of instant reaction: The efficacy of voices from social media," Presentation and *Proceedings of the EDRA48Madison Conference: Voices of Place*, May 2017.

**Bliss, A.** "Image and Identity in Architecture: The use of photo-elicitation in reimagining historic spaces in the modern era," Identity? A Graduate Symposium in Architectural Approaches for the Designer of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Miami University, Oxford, OH; September 27, 2016. Paper and poster published in proceedings.

**Bliss, A.** "Image of Architecture: A case for photo-elicitation in environmental design research," (in *Shifting Methods in Historic Preservation* track), Presentation and *Proceedings of the EDRA47Raleigh Conference: Shifting Ground*, May 2016.

**Bliss, A.** "Image for the Future of the Historic City: Through Architecture Preservation in Barcelona," in the Historic Preservation Intensive at EDRA47Raleigh Conference: *Shifting Ground*, May 2016. (Invited presenter)

**Bliss, A.** "The Future of the Historic City from Perceptions of the Past: Experience of Place, Authenticity, and Architectural Preservation in Barcelona," *Inheriting the City: Advancing Understanding of Urban Heritage*; Taipei, Taiwan; March 2016.

**Bliss, A.** Presentation on personal path and the future of female designers in the field of architecture as a woman. Given to the Women in Architecture student organization, Illinois School of Architecture. November 4, 2015.

**Bliss, A.** "Dissertation Briefing- The Future of the Historic City from Perceptions of the Past: Experience of Place, Authenticity, and Architectural Preservation in Barcelona," Graduate Student Workshop select participant at *EDRA46 Los Angeles Conference: BrainSTORM*, May 2015.

**Bliss, A.** "Obon and Environmental Perception in Japantown," EDRAShorts at *EDRA46 Los Angeles Conference: BrainSTORM*, May 2015.

**Bliss, A.** "Landscape of the Acropolis: The Parthenon and the New Acropolis Museum for Athens," (in the "The Politics of Landscape" Track), Presentation and *Proceedings of the EDRA45 New Orleans Conference: Building with Change*, May 2014.

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Bliss, A. & Engineer, A. "Authenticity and Tourism, the architecture of Carlo Scarpa," Poster presentation at EDRA45 New Orleans Conference: Building with Change, May 2014.

## Academic Service

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|---|------------------|
| <b>New Student Recruitment</b><br>Illinois School of Architecture   | 2020             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recruitment and outreach advisory and coordination for undergraduate enrollment efforts.</li></ul>  |                  |
| <b>Media Presence Committee</b><br>Illinois School of Architecture  | 2019-2020        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisory for social media presence for student and alumni engagement. LinkedIn and Instagram.</li></ul>   |                  |
| <b>Visions of Authenticity Symposium</b><br>University of Illinois  | 2017-2018        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Won grants (\$9,000) to design and execute a symposium based around dissertation work.</li><li>• Coordinated logistics and planned symposium including recruitment of high-profile speakers and guests.</li><li>• Co-edit volume based upon presentations and scholarly discussion generated by symposium content.</li></ul>  |                  |
| <b>Erlanger Evenings Founder and Coordinator</b><br>Illinois School of Architecture   | 2013-2018        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organize lecture events for PhD students and faculty including speakers, venue, and logistics. The series provides a platform for presentation preparation for conferences, publications, and dissertation research.</li></ul>  |                  |
| <b>Faculty Search Liaison</b><br>Illinois School of Architecture  | 2016-2018        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Serve as PhD liaison for faculty search efforts.</li></ul>  |                  |
| <b>Academic Integrity Inquiry Team</b><br>University of Illinois  | 2017-2018        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigate and rule on cases of academic integrity and plagiarism at the graduate level.</li></ul>   |                  |
| <b>Students Advising on Graduate Education (SAGE)</b><br>University of Illinois- Graduate College   | 2015-2018        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Serve on the Graduate College Strategic Planning Committee.</li><li>• Serve on the Graduate College Storytelling and Communication Committee as a social media advisor and blog contributor.</li><li>• Develop programs and outreach to enhance graduate student campus experience and career outlook.</li><li>• Organize and design events to foster graduate community and career preparedness.</li><li>• Specific missions: Status of graduate women, graduate communications, and dissertation writing services, campus climate, international student affairs.</li></ul> |                  |
| <b>Teaching Assistant Instructional Faculty</b><br>University of Illinois   | falls 2016, 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead comprehensive workshop for incoming teaching assistants on course structure, techniques for effective classroom discussion and design studio engagement, grading procedure, and diversity training.</li></ul>  |                  |

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## Kansas State University

Dean's Professional Advisory Board Student Member	spring 2012
Tenure-Track Search Committee Student Representative	2011-2012
Architecture Department Head Search Committee Student Rep.	2011-2012
American Institute of Architecture Students	2008-2012
Beaux Arts Chair, Vice President, Midwest Quad Conf. Asst. Chair	

## Professional Service

<b>Emerging Community Leaders – United Way</b> Team Lead for Born Learning Trails	2019
<b>Associate Editor, Session Chair /Moderator, Program Reviewer</b> Environmental Design Research Association	2016-2018
<b>Associate Editor</b> International Journal of Sustainability and Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Refereed journal articles regarding sustainability, practice, and culture.</li></ul>	fall 2015
<b>Associate Editor</b> International Journal of the Constructed Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Refereed journal articles related to architectural history, theory, and methodology.</li></ul>	2014-2015
<b>“Chicago, The Musical” Theater Set Design</b> Central High School   Champaign, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designed bandstand platform, stair platforms for dancers, and structural logistics for movable set components.</li><li>Designed additions to stair platforms and new mechanics for National Theater Competition package.</li></ul>	fall 2015

## Membership

<b>American Institute of Architects</b>	2018-present
<b>National Council of Architectural Registration Boards</b>	2018-present
<b>CHAMP (Collaborative for Cultural Heritage Management and Policy)</b> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2013-2018
<b>EDRA (Environmental Design Research Association)</b>	2014-2018
<b>Urban Affairs Association (UAA)</b>	2018-2018

## Language

### Spanish

Advanced conversation, reading, and writing

### Italian

Basic conversation, reading, and writing