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Trajectories: Networks of Architectural Education

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Consent Form

This research project is being conducted by Prof. Ipek Türeli (Principal Investigator), Prof. David Theodore (Principal Investigator), Stephanie He (student researcher) and Zachary Mathurin (student researcher) of McGill University School of Architecture funded by FQRSC Grant, Start-up Funds and Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering (SURE) fellowship.

We are inviting you to participate in a research study.

The project is co-sponsored by Profs. David Theodore and Ipek Türeli who are collaborating to develop a research centre that integrates digital history and institutional networks. It is part of a trial project focusing on the School of Architecture as an institution. The School provides professional training in architecture at the undergraduate level, but we do not know how our graduates use their education: What kind of careers paths do they take? How their education at McGill did shaped their lives? This information is crucial to our unit because we are a professional accredited school of architecture, but we have never conducted a study of our performance as an institute based on alumni trajectories.

We are asking you to fill out a questionnaire or allow us to conduct a single 15 minute interview (approximately). We would also like permission to use the data from your original autobiographies (i.e. the factual information such as places lived, travelled to, work experience if mentioned, etc.).

Should you give us consent, we will also record the interview and use this recording simply for transcription and use of accurate information.

We propose several degrees of confidentiality including: use of name and data on publications, anonymized (nameless) use of data on publications, collection of name and data which will not be published but kept within the research team, anonymized (nameless) collection of data which will not be published but kept within the research team or you may also choose not to participate. Should you choose to participate but do not wish to have your information published or associated to your name, the data we will collect will still be used by the research team to draw general conclusions and create statistics for comparisons between cohorts, with other schools, with other studies of this nature, etc. Should you choose to anonymize the information that you provide us with, the information in the autobiography, or both, this request cannot, of course, be withdrawn.

The collected data will be stored on a secure online server provided by McGill University's Information and Technology Department. It will only be accessible by Professor Ipek Türeli, Professor David Theodore, Stephanie He and Zachary Mathurin (student researchers, access until August 22, 2015). All data will be kept for 7 years following the completion of the project as per McGill's Policy on the Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Human Participants.

The data collected will help the School of Architecture learn about the effectiveness of its program. This type of self-assessment could lead to similar studies in other schools of architecture because of McGill's position as a leading institution of higher education. Architectural education typically creates one vision of the future for students; a professional practitioner working in an office or individually. However, with this visualization of the alumni trajectories, we will be able to not only map the ways in which architecture can be practiced, but the many applications this type of education can lead to in the wider professional realm. It will also allow professionals to view the vastness of their potential connections and discover new paths for their careers. The information in the database can be used to analyze trends in Canada's building industry. We will be able to see which aspects of our built environment are of lower quality and refocus both the education process and the profession to be able to bring up these areas and rehabilitate Canada's unique architectural landscape.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights or welfare as a participant in this research study, please contact the McGill Ethics Officer at 514-398-6831 or Lynda.mcneil@mcgill.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Professor David Theodore at david.theodore@mcgill.ca or 514-398-2862 or Professor Ipek Türeli at ipek.tureli@mcgill.ca or 514-398-6711.



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A dedicated website (www.trajectories.research.mcgill.ca) will visualize the database created. The principal investigators will write an article manuscript summarizing the results of the research that will be submitted to the referred *Journal of Architectural Education*, a print publication every school of architecture in North America receives. There will also be a poster presentation that is mandatory as part of the Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering (SURE) program. (<http://www.mcgill.ca/engineering/current-students/undergraduate/research>)

There are no foreseeable harms or risks for the participants.

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you wish to participate, but later decide to withdraw from the project, we will ask you to select an option for the use of your data. During your interview or while you fill out the questionnaire, you may also decide to not answer one or several of the questions.

There is no compensation for your participation.

Full Name: _____

Last

First

M.I.

Do you wish to participate in an interview/questionnaire: Yes / No

Choice of degree of confidentiality:

- Use of name and data in publications
- Anonymized (nameless) use of data on publications
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Choice of mode of participation:

- Phone interview
- Skype interview (audio only)
- Email questionnaire
- Letter questionnaire

In the case of an interview, do you consent to be audio recorded: Yes / No

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For former students of Professor Adrian Sheppard only:

Would you like a copy of your autobiography: Yes / No *

*By selecting 'Yes', you allow the research team to access and scan your autobiography

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**TRAJECTORIES: Networks of Architectural Education
Alumni Survey**

Full Name: _____
Last
First
M.I.

Email: _____

When did you start McGill University's undergraduate architecture program (B.Sc. Arch)? /
mm
yyyy

When did you graduate from McGill University's undergraduate architecture program (B.Sc. Arch)? /
mm
yyyy

Did you pursue any further studies after attending McGill University?

Yes No

If yes, where and what kind of studies did you pursue?

Begin date (mm/yyyy)	Graduation date (mm/yyyy)	School	Degree

Are you a licensed architect? Yes No

Date (mm/yyyy)	Licensing Authority

Where did you work/ live after graduation?

Date (mm/yyyy – mm/yyyy)	Location (city, country)	Employer	Job Title

Do you maintain any connections with teaching assistants, professors and classmates from McGill University School of Architecture? Can you name some?

Yes No

How did the undergraduate program and its professors influence your career path?

Looking back at your education, what do you consider to be the strengths of McGill University's architecture program?

Who was your final undergraduate studio professor(s)?

*If your final undergraduate professor was Adrian Sheppard, please answer the following:

Professor Sheppard asked you to write an autobiography during your final year studio. Do you remember what you wrote? Would you like to know?

Any other additional information you would like to provide:

Thank you