ABOUT THE STUDY

Trajectories: Networks of Architectural Education focuses on professional undergraduate training at the School of Architecture. We want to find out how our undergraduates use their education: What career paths do they take? How has their education at McGill shaped their lives?

Using data collected from a short survey, we have mapped and visualized the career paths our alumni have taken. We want to understand the multiple ways architecture is practiced, and to highlight the varied careers architectural education can lead to. With this visualization of the alumni trajectories, we will also allow professionals and prospective students alike to view the vastness of their potential connections and discover new paths for their careers.

This information is crucial to the School's educational mission of training the future leaders of the field.

RECRUITEMENT STRATEGIES

- Email invitation to individual alumni using public contact information.

- Advancement (Alumni) Office sent out an email blast to all alumni of McGill University's School of Architecture.

- The Trajectories team also posted advertisements in alumni groups on social media websites.

- Through word of mouth, news of the study was shared by participants and professors.

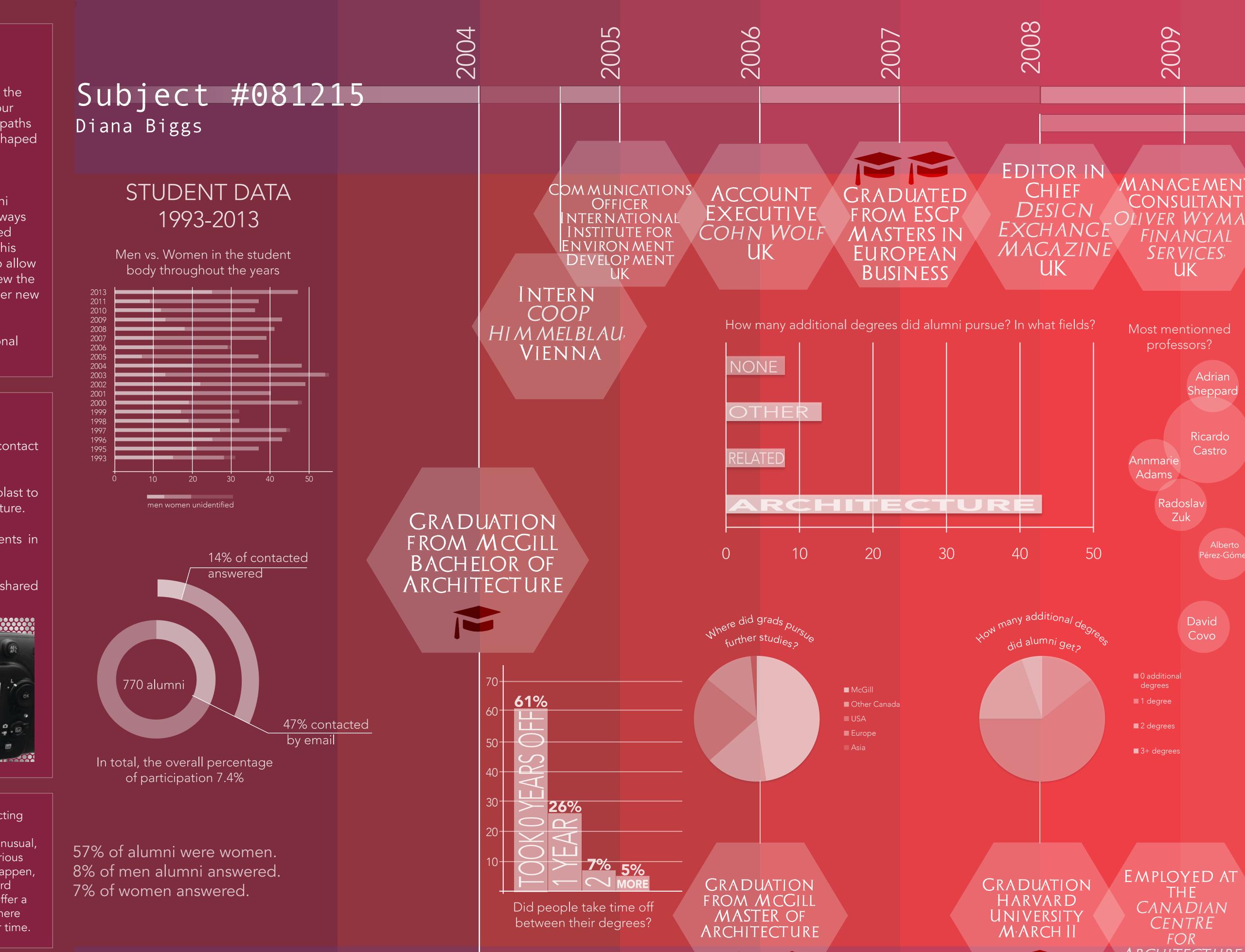


Two years of contacting hundreds of alumni and conducting interviews have finally yielded a sample of their varied trajectories which showcase the countless, sometimes unusual, possible careers architectural education can lead to. Various different, narrowly related tasks went into making this happen, from working through the complex Research Ethics Board process to learning to build a website, and the results offer a glimpse at what students do for graduate education, where they choose to work, and how their career evolved over time.

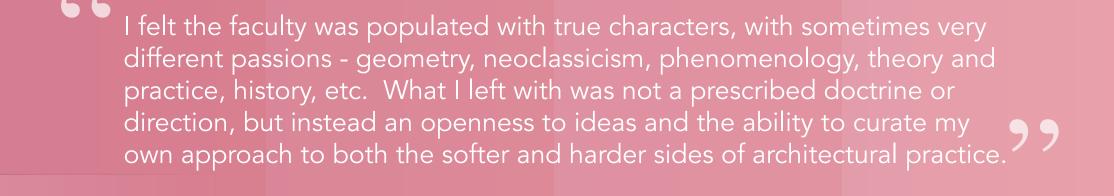
More information and video content can be found at our website:

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licensed architects
in Canada were
women. However,
women made
up more than
50% of Canadian
architecture
students.*

According to

2011 census data,

25% of full-time,

In the United
States, only
45% of architecture
students were
women. They also
only made up
22% of licensed
architects.**

53% of licensed McGill alumni are women, but they constitute 56% of the people who answered the survey.

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On average, a McGill School of Architecture alumni will have had 4.4 jobs...

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...And will have lived in 2.1 countries.

Map of all the countries McGill School of Archite

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CONCLUSIO

levels make it impossible to draw definite conclusions or discern long-term trends, we have been able to see some tendencies.

Women McGill alumni fare better than the national average as more of them stay in the field compared to their share of the school's composition, but they still leave the field more than their male classmates. The School of Architecture alumni overall engage in varied fields, related to architecture or not, and do so all over the world.

National Household Survey, American Collegiate Schools of Architecture 2015
Canadian Schools Data

**Sources: NAAB 2015 Report of Accreditation in Architecture, AIA 2016
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