

# Michael Hara

## education

**University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN** 2007 - 2010  
M.Arch I - Master of Architecture, GPA 3.7  
Architecture in Istanbul - Study Abroad

**Architectural Association, London, England** Spring 2009  
Spring Semester Program

**University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN** 2003 - 2007  
B.A. - Business Administration, Minor Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.85, graduated #1 in accounting class

## experience

**Consultant, Target Arch., Minneapolis, MN** June 2010 - Present  
**Contract Designer - Special Projects Team**  
· Acted as primary conceptual designer for Target House of Reading, a reading research and teaching center  
· Completed master-plan for 300 acre corporate campus  
· Designed and developed digitally fabricated ornamental features for Louis Sullivan Building in Chicago

**HouMinn Architecture, Minneapolis, MN** 2009 - 2010  
· **Research Assistant, Marc Swackhamer**  
Aided in "Oswall" prototype wall system from conceptualization and design to fabrication and construction for gallery show at Pratt Gallery  
Amplified design through the use of parametric and algorithmic tools  
Orchestrated project fabrication files and drawings

**University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN** Fall 2008  
**Research Assistant, Ozayr Saloojee**  
· Provided research, graphic design, digital models and drawings  
· Assisted in the coordination and production of a photography exhibit at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis in collaboration with VJAA

**Pickard Chilton Architects, New Haven, CT** Summer 2008  
**Intern Architect**  
· Worked as an integral part of the project team during schematic design through model making, computer modeling and drawing  
· Completed final drawings and models for the unveiling of an iconic Oklahoma City Project under an extremely tight schedule

**University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN** Fall 2007  
· **Teacher's Assistant**  
Directed and taught a class of 25 undergraduate students

**Premier Co., Minneapolis, MN** 2004 - 2007  
· **Restaurant Design, Project Management**  
Acted as assistant designer in the layout, design, and logistics of restaurant and food service facilities  
Organized construction specifications and sales documentation

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## awards and honors

### Graduate Awards

Richard Morrill Thesis Prize - Most Outstanding Thesis  
KROB Architectural Drawing Contest 2010 Finalist  
Ron Krank KKE "Vision Award" Fellowship  
Awarded to top two graduate students for visionary thinking and design  
Ralph Rapson Research Fellowship  
Inez-Roach Memorial Fellowship  
Class Representative

### Publications

"Considering the World," 2020 Architect

### Undergraduate Awards

Minnesota Society of CPA's Leadership Scholarship  
PriceWaterhouseCooper Memorial Scholarship  
Federated Insurance Leadership Scholarship

### College Varsity Football

2x All Conference  
Academic All-Region  
Academic All-American Nominee

## skills

### Computer Programs

Rhino 3D  
Grasshopper Parametric Modeling  
3DS Max  
Revit and AutoCAD  
V-Ray and Maxwell Rendering Engines  
Maya (including basic MEL scripting)  
Adobe Creative Suite  
Matte Painting  
Microsoft Office Suite

### Qualifications

· Expert level knowledge of 3D and parametric design  
· High facility in digital fabrication, including laser cutting, 3D printing, 3-Axis CNC milling and vacuum forming  
· Excellent quantitative and problem solving skills  
· Extensive experience in model making, wood working, welding, furniture design and fabrication