

Jake Easton

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Jake Easton's design work reflects his interdisciplinary educational experiences studying architecture, economics and politics. Through these lenses, he explores unique opportunities to address larger societal issues. This frequently leads to an atypical combination of programs, creating novel design challenges and benefits for the various users.

EDUCATION

VIRGINIA TECH [MArch expected 2024]
School of Architecture
Master of Architecture Candidate

WASHINGTON - ALEXANDRIA ARCHITECTURE CENTER [Spring 2024]

STEGER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP [Fall 2023]
Semester abroad in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE [BA May 2020]
Majors: Government, Economics
Minor: Architectural Studies
Honors:
Cum Laude
Distinction in Economics
NESCAC All Sportsmanship Team
NESCAC All Academic Team
Dean's High Honors

UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL [June 2016]

PENN STATE ARCHITECTURE CAMP [July 2015]

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- SketchUp
- AutoCAD
- Adobe Suite
- Revit Architecture
- Vectorworks
- Enscape Rendering
- Windows
- Mac
- Microsoft Suite
- Google Suite
- TerminalFour CMS
- Hand Drafting

INTERESTS

- US Politics
- Urban Planning
- Swimming
- Reading
- Writing
- Running

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Prof. Joseph Bedford, Virginia Tech | Riva San Vitale, CH [Fall 2023]
Conducted background research on prominent architects for upcoming interviews as part of Bedford's Architectural Exchange oral histories podcast.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Prof. Donna Dunay, Virginia Tech | Blacksburg, VA [August 2022 - May 2023]
Assisted with teaching and administrative responsibilities of undergraduate architecture courses:

- ARCH 1015/6: First Year Foundation Studio
- ARCH 4034: Building Cities, an elective focused on urbanism and politics

ARCHITECTURAL INTERN

TKA Architects | Blacksburg, VA [May - September 2022]
Balanced design and construction phases of several commercial projects including aviation, healthcare, manufacturing, hospitality, education, and athletics. Worked on both renovation and new construction. Led schematic design phase for 50,000 SF research center shell office building. Coordinated timelines and designs with clients, project manager, contractors, and engineers.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Prof. Brook Kennedy, Virginia Tech | Blacksburg, VA [August 2021 - May 2022]
Assisted with all aspects of authorship and publication of new book entitled *Reimagining Alternative Technology for Design in the 21st Century, 2023*.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTER

Mitchell Studio | New Haven, CT [March - January 2022]
Worked closely with project designers on design and documentation of new high-end residential projects. Prepared architectural plans and construction drawings to architect's specifications using AutoCAD. Utilized SketchUp to convey design to clients. Communicated design conflicts and revised drawings in a timely manner.

LEGISLATIVE INTERN, US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick | Washington, DC [July - August 2019]
Documented and responded to constituents' concerns and comments. Prepared remarks on behalf of the Congressman and drafted letters to constituents. Researched and reported updates to senior staffers regarding House floor proceedings. Attended various briefings and provided relevant feedback to staffers.

DOCK & BOAT SERVICES ASSISTANT

Eagles Mere Association | Eagles Mere, PA [Seasonal 2014 - 2018]

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / LEADERSHIP

CAPTAIN

DIII Varsity Men's Swim Team | Connecticut College [2019 - 2020]
Member of NESCAC Championship roster all 4 years. Developed team goals and motivated teammates to achieve them throughout season. Organized team functions including fundraising and community and alumni outreach. Served as liaison between coaches and teammates throughout the season.

REPRESENTATIVE

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee | Connecticut College [2017 - 2018]
Advocated for swimmers' immediate and long-term needs and concerns. Collaborated to create realistic solutions to address shortcomings within the athletics department. Furthered work to improve and advance student-athletes' role on campus.