

# Luke Benjamin Ralston

Architecture and Design Graduate Student

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## Software

Revit  
Dynamo  
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Rhino  
Grasshopper  
Adobe Photoshop  
Adobe Illustrator  
Adobe InDesign  
Adobe Premier  
Adobe Audition

## References

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## Skills / Achievements

ACSA Competition Finalist  
& Honorable Mention  
(2017)  
Cripe Competition Finalist  
(2016)  
IHLA Competition Finalist  
(2015)  
Furniture Design  
Photography  
(Shutterstock Contributor)  
Graphic Design  
Video and Audio Editing  
7 Half Marathons and an  
Olympic Triathlon  
(from 2012 to 2017)

## Education

Ball State University | College of Architecture and Planning  
- Bachelors of Science in Architecture  
Department of Technonology  
- Minor in Construction Management  
Graduated May of 2017

- Accumulated GPA: 3.5  
- College of Architecture and Planning  
2016 Academic Deans List

University of Oregon | College of Design, Portland

-Pursuing Masters of architecture with specialization in Urban Design  
-Researching "Urbanism Next" with Professor Nico Larco  
-Current GPA: 4.02

## Professional Experience

Arch/CM Internship | Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering - Chicago, IL.

- Assisted with Architectural design and Interior design.
- Site survey and As-builts along with test fits.
- Conceptual Space-planning and Renderings for RFP's
- Development of Construction Documents
- Public housing design for Impoverished region of Accra, Ghana
- Participation in the 2017 Chicago Food Depository Construction
- Supervisor: Jeffrey Lewis, Principal
- Earned 560 AXP Hours

Corgan Associates - Dallas, Tx.

- Developed and organized Architectural Specifications along with Construction Administration.
- Supervisor: Chris Johnson, Director of Technical Design Services
- Earned 355 AXP Hours

Brenner Design Incorporated - Indianapolis, IN.

- Assisted with Architectural design, Interior design, and Construction Management/Administration
- Supervisor: David Young, Head Project Manager
- Earned 486.5 AXP Hours

University of Oregon | Urbanism Next

- Paid research position collecting and formatting data for use in publications and future initiatives
- Work based on framework developed during independent research in fall 2017 and winter 2018 terms

Output Room

- Plotting boards for students and professors as well as printing documents and binding booklets
- Supervisor: Chris Cosler

Ball State University | Boys and Girls Club of Muncie

- Audit of the Muncie Boys and Girls Club with a group of Architecture and Construction Management students
- Supervisor: Janet Fick, Construction Management Prof.

CAP CRC Print Shop Employee

- Assisted students and professor with printing, plotting, and binding needs
- Supervisor: Helen Turner

## Architectural Travel

World Tour | 15 Week Polyark World Tour: 2016 Spring Semester

- Traveled across 3 continents, 30 countries, and 80 cities focusing on the impacts of the global design culture.

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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Luke Ralston, I am a graduate student at the University of Oregon in Portland specializing in Urban Architecture and Design. Cities are one of humanity's greatest achievements. The built environment is a response to the context it's built in, the culture it belongs to, and the environmental factors imposed upon it. Deeply integrated in modern design, sustainable design must accel in the creation of well-designed spaces that are energy conscious while also addressing the people who occupy them.

In my undergrad at Ball State I spent a semester traveling across 3 continents, 30 countries, and 80 cities. While traveling I studied a variety of cultures. What interested me most was how each culture addressed architecture and design in its own way. Travel broke down stigmas that I had and removed my ignorance of the world. I developed a respect for what architecture can be. I will continue to travel in the future.

Designs are responsible for the social aspects of a space and its built qualities. Throughout modern architectural history, designers have been designing for a future they could only imagine. This resulted in diverse styles and designs as architects sought to solve the problems of their age while still looking towards the future. Today, Architecture still strives to answer the question, what will the future look like? We are also faced with additional challenges brought on by climate change and social and cultural movements. Over the past two terms at the University of Oregon I conducted research for Professor Nico Larco on topics within Urbanism Next. My focus has been on the social and ecological environmental impacts of new and emerging technologies. As a tool, I developed a series of tables to help organize and represent the data and sources gathered to help form hypotheses on environmental impacts. I also helped to put together the Urbanism Next Framework and spoke at the Urbanism Next 2018 Conference. I plan to continue to research Urbanism Next and apply what I learn from the ever-changing

I have worked professionally as an architectural intern in Indianapolis, Dallas, and Chicago. Working in corporate, healthcare, retail, and residential sectors creating as-builts, construction documents, presentation graphics/renders and created/edited specifications I hope to continue to explore different fields of design. In addition, I worked on a public housing concept in the shanty towns of Accra, Ghana to attempt to bring stability and hope to the impoverished area.

Thank you, please reach out to me at [lukebralston@gmail.com](mailto:lukebralston@gmail.com) with any questions and also visit my online portfolio at [www.lbralston.com](http://www.lbralston.com) to view my work and additional pursuits.

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