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EDUCATION

2022 | MSc. Transforming City Regions

RWTH AACHEN

Currently in the third semester of this multi-disciplinary course that focuses on addressing the challenges faced by European cities.

2019 | Bachelor of Architectural Studies Honours

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Architectural Design Studio I + II
Advanced Building Technology
Urban Infrastructure

2017 | Bachelor of Architectural Studies

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Design and Theory Studio
Building Technology
History and Theory of Architecture

2014 | National Senior Certificate

BLOEMHOF GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Revit	AutoCAD
Adobe Suite	SketchUp
Python 3	QGIS

LANGUAGES

English | fluent
Afrikaans | fluent
German | advanced

PERSONAL SKILLS

Team Work
Analytical
Creative

INTERESTS

Reading, specifically about economic development and psychology.
Running, as endurance and self-motivation learnt here translates well into everyday life.

REFERENCES

BRUCE BURMEISTER | BURMEISTER ARCHITECTS
burmarch@telkomsa.net
RASHIQ FATAAR | OUR FUTURE CITIES
rfataar@ourfuturecities.co

PROFILE

Infinitely curious about the world and creating cities that are inclusive, resilient and people-centred, my passion lies in the optimisation of urban systems. I believe that the design of our urban environments should be multi-disciplinary, integrating economic principles and technological innovation with urban design.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

FRAUNHOFER IEG | AACHEN, GERMANY | 04.2022 - PRESENT

Focusing on the LEAP-RE project, responsibilities include working with an international team to research renewable energy capacity building actions in Africa.

Project Manager

OUR FUTURE CITIES | CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | 07.2020 - 08.2021

Our Future Cities is a non-profit organisation aiming to create more equitable and progressive cities. The role required research to be conducted and analysed, the translation of findings into design solutions and the compilation of reports for developers and government agencies.

Research Assistant

WISEPRAXIS | CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | 07.2020 - 08.2021

WisePraxis specialises in values-based living, learning and leading. Responsibilities included building and managing the consultancy's website, writing short articles, and researching and creating workshop content.

Project Co-Ordinator

OPEN STREETS CAPE TOWN | CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | 12.2020 - 03.2021

Open Streets Cape Town is a non-profit organisation that aims to create a more equitable and vibrant Cape Town. The role required research for funding proposals, project management, and stakeholder liaison.

Architectural Assistant

BURMEISTER ARCHITECTS | CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | 01.2018 - 12.2018

As an architectural assistant, tasks included sketch design proposals and design development, producing construction drawings, and working with the professional team.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Creative Director

PERIODS FOR HOPE | 07.2020 - PRESENT

Periods For Hope is a non-profit organisation that aims to empower female high school learners through menstrual and sexual health education. The role comprises brand management, web design and knowledge dissemination through social media.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Code in Place

STANFORD UNIVERSITY | 2020

Completed a 5-week introductory online Python programming course based on material from the first half of Stanford's introductory programming course, CS106A.

German Language Certificate

GOETHE INSTITUTE CAPE TOWN | 2017 - 2019

Completed the B2- and C1- courses, achieving 88% and 83% respectively.