

# steve smith curriculum vitae

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Steve was born in Leeds, England and studied at the Manchester School of Architecture graduating in 2003. For two years he lived and worked in Montreal, Canada returning in 2005 to work at AHMM Architects in London where he has been involved in a variety of high profile projects.

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## education

Sept 06 - July 07

### Part 3 - Bartlett School of Architecture, London, UK

Steve completed this 'Certificate in Professional Practice & Management in Architecture' at the Bartlett, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of Central London. He passed with Commendation.

Sept 01 - June 03

### B Arch - Manchester School of Architecture, UK

Steve completed his postgraduate degree in the Landscape and Urbanism unit at the MSA run by Tom Jefferies. Below is a summary of Steve's accomplishments during this course:

#### Building Design Magazine - Class of 2003

At the end of the B Arch course, Steve's work was selected to be published in Building Design Magazine's annual rundown of the UK's top 100 architecture students.

#### Heywood Medal

This medal was awarded as recognition for achieving the highest mark of the year. The medal is intended to reward not only exceptional design talent in studio work, but also consistent excellence across the range of disciplines undertaken as part of the course.

#### Thesis Project - Salford University Incubator Building

This project grew out of an inter-professional studio in which architects worked together with masters-level planning students. In teams Steve and his colleagues undertook a series of preliminary studies to explore the possibilities for higher education in the context of Manchester's desire to rebrand itself as "The Knowledge Capital".

Whilst responding to local and national government policy and the prevailing economic environment, the form and program of the scheme were generated by the specificities of the campus context. For details and images of this project, please visit the website described above.

#### Dissertation - 'Detroit - Adventures in Extreme Urbanism'

This dissertation examined the extreme urban condition of Detroit, a city whose population exploded 7-fold in the first half of the 20th century only to halve again by the year 2000.

This extraordinary fall from grace was examined in terms of the city's urbanism, in order to understand the extreme symptoms of depopulation that are now witnessed. The role that architecture has played in various regeneration attempts over the past thirty years was explored, along with the prevailing political and economic contexts.

Sep 97 - June 00

### BA (Hons) - Manchester School of Architecture, UK

Steve graduated from this course with First class honours.

The BA program consisted of a series of studios run by teaching staff with a wide variety of interests. Steve completed units in Urban Design, Bioclimatics, and Technology along with courses in History and Morphology amongst others.

#### Travel Scholarship

During the second year of the BA course, Steve was awarded a Travel Scholarship that enabled him to undertake a three month period of travel in Central America. The primary subject of study was the work of Mexican architect Luis Barragan which necessitated some memorable adventures in Mexico City.

## Software Skills

Steve is highly experienced working with both Microstation V8 and AutoCAD, as well as many other graphics packages used for design and presentation of work.

## employment

Nov 05 -

### AHMM Architects, London, UK

Steve is currently employed at this high profile practice

#### Angel Building - London, UK (July 07-present)

Project Architect on a £70m office development occupying a prominent site on Pentonville Road in central London. The building aims to be an exemplar in it's field, recycling an existing concrete frame and integrating new areas of landscaping. Steve has led the project from stage B through planning to it's start on site in July 2008, with completion due mid 2010.

#### Nomis Building - London UK (Dec 06 - July 07)

Assitant architect on this speculative office building, currently on site. The building has an innovative solar shading strategy comprising of structural concrete brise-solei which keep the building cool whilst allowing internal office space to be maximised. Steve worked as part of the team taking the project from stage C to tender.

#### Sunshine House - London, UK (Nov 05- July 07)

Assistant architect on the RIBA award winning Children's Health Care centre in Peckham. Steve led the external packages of this acclaimed project as part of a team of two running the project from Stage C+ to completion. Refer to AJ article 24.01.08 pages 30-33.

May 04 - July 05

### The ARCOP Group - Montreal, Canada

Whilst employed at this firm Steve was involved in an architectural joint venture team comprised of four Montreal architecture practices. This enabled him to work on several prestigious international projects.

#### Integrated Institute of Medical Sciences and Holistic Therapies - Delhi, India

A 800-bed/1,000,000 sq ft private hospital facility designed to North American healthcare standards, located on a 43 acre site in Gurgaon, southwest of Delhi. Steve played a key coordinating role on this project liaising closely with the many specialists involved. The scheme is currently on site.

#### Port Saeed Community Development - Dubai, UAE

Steve help put together the competition winning proposal for a 5,000,000 sq ft development on a prominent site adjacent to Dubai Creek.

Oct 03 - Apr 04

### Loftworks Architecture - Montreal, Canada

This small firm focuses primarily on single family dwellings and renovations.

#### Terfloth Residence - Hudson, Quebec

Steve completed detailed construction drawings for this 4,500 sq ft family residence.

#### Backman Residence, Loft Conversion - Montreal, Quebec

Steve was responsible for all aspects of this small project to convert an unused roof space.

July 00 - Sept 01

### MBLC Architects + Urbanists - Manchester, UK

Steve worked at this medium sized practice during his year out. He was also employed there on a part-time basis throughout his part 2 degree. He enjoyed a wide range of responsibilities at the firm, which grew significantly during his time there.

#### Plymouth Grove Estate, Housing PFI Pathfinder

Steve was heavily involved with this regeneration project to masterplan a new estate integrating new build and refurbished homes around a linear park.

#### Whitworth Street Apartments, Manchester

This project, for a prestigious site in the centre of Manchester comprises 154 apartments arranged around a central glazed street. The internal facades are sloped to permit light penetration into the communal areas. Steve worked on various aspects of the project though the design and detailing phases.

Sunshine House. This new children's and young people's development centre in south London provides an integrated service from a number of agencies for children with special needs. All public access is at ground and first floor levels. Its massing relates to adjacent buildings in the street and its tough brick skin echoes the grain of the area. In contrast all window frames, solid panels and reveals are all coloured.



Nomis. This 6 storey office building in Notting Hill, west London, uses external concrete brise-soleil to provide solar shading and reduce the amount of energy needed to keep the building cool. They also double up as structure for the floor plates, maximising flexibility and lettable area as well as providing a distinctive rhythm to the building when viewed from the adjacent Westway.



Angel Building. This project is the re-invention of an early 1980's commercial building on a prominent but under-used site on the corner of St John Street and Pentonville Road, Islington. The existing concrete frame is re-used and re-wrapped with a highly energy-efficient glazed skin which extends the building's envelope at selective points to create a better fit with the surrounding context. An existing open courtyard is enclosed to form an internal, top-lit public room entered off St John Street and acting as the heart of the building.

