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basic design and
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Lauren Mitchell is an Assistant Professor of Architecture in UH Mānoa's School of architecture. Lauren is currently coordinating and teaching basic design and a special topics graduate seminar entitled "Entertainment Culture and Urbanism." She has held previous teaching appointments at Clemson University and University of Florida. Lauren has worked professionally for architecture and research firms in Central FL and Detroit, MI. She is presently an advisor for 10^10: The Exponential Power of Design, a group based out of Asheville, NC. (<http://10to10.org/people/>).

Lauren holds a pre-professional BA degree as well as a post-professional MS (with pedagogy emphasis) degree from University of Florida. She received her professional M.Arch from University of Michigan, and most recently received her PhD from Clemson University within the RCID program (<http://www.clemson.edu/caah/rcid/>). This academic divergence was inspired by a stirring course taken with theorist Gregory Ulmer at University of Florida in 2007. Lauren has since expanded her academic interests in architecture and urbanism to include studies in media theory, visualization, rhetoric. Drawing upon Thomas B. Farrell, "Rhetoric is the art, the fine and useful art, of making things matter." Combining this particular approach to rhetoric with architecture, similarly a fine and useful art, Lauren maintains, will help push architecture toward making spaces that matter to more people.

As a doctoral student Lauren was honored with a funded semester to study Media and Communication theory at the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland where leading international theorists such as Jean-Luc Nancy, Friedrich Kittler, and Manuel de Landa were her instructors.

Lauren, recently contributed a peer-reviewed book chapter entitled, "Orlando Florida's Ubiquitous Libidinal Boxes," (http://arch.hawaii.edu/pdf/Mitchell_Florida_LibidinalBoxes.pdf) to the recently published trans-disciplinary Parlor Press book *Florida*, (edited by Jeff Rice; Parlor Press, 2015)

Additionally She is working on a forthcoming Routledge publication entitled *Communicating Design: Using Rhetoric as a Framework for Understanding Design Processes*. This book will be in print early 2017.

Curriculum Vitae