

Ian Grohsgal

Workplace Strategist



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Architecture
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

Ian is a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania where he studied architecture and design. He was drawn to architecture and continues to be motivated in architecture by its potential to broadly and positively impact our lives. Specifically, he is passionate about helping people establish a symbiotic relationship with the natural environment through design. While at Penn, Ian gained an interest in the intersection of design, business and organizational behavior. He now applies his interest in social behavior and background in design at PLASTARC.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

S2 Designs Architecture firm

Philadelphia, PA

Designed and prepared drawings for one educational and four residential projects. Conducted site surveys, prepared construction documents, reviewed building codes, and presented in client meetings

International Living Future Institute

Portland, Oregon

Provided research and support for an education grant through the creation of 4 databases that connects students involved in sustainable design projects to interview questions, website themes, publishing opportunities, and presentation opportunities. Developed 6 marketing graphics to support outreach and events production and promotion for the Living Products Expo in Pittsburgh, PA, ILFI collaborative, and the ILFI office.

Helga Horner, Inc.

San Francisco, CA

Designed and prepared drawings to client specifications for furniture using Rhino and Illustrator. Surveyed ongoing construction and verified building compliance with architectural plans

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ARCHtank President

Philadelphia, PA

Established an architecture student group that organizes social and professional events to help foster a community of collaboration and support, a culture of mentorship, and an understanding of the profession. Organized, planned, and budgeted events including architecture dinners, potlucks, portfolio reviews, and trips to architectural projects such as Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater House and the Philadelphia High Line.

PennGreen Co-Director

Philadelphia, PA

Organized and directed a four-day program that teaches 40 incoming freshmen about sustainability. Coordinated and organized trips to Penn's Morris Arboretum, a LEED Platinum certified building, an industrial-sized composting facility in Delaware, an organic farm, and the Susquehanna River.

HONORS / AWARDS

Wendy Evans Joseph Traveling Scholarship

Awarded a scholarship by the Undergraduate Department of Architecture to support summer travel to study the natural and built environment in several countries throughout Asia. In approaching this year's theme was "two kinds of stuff from which the city is made: urban space and urban water," the research focused on works of architecture that intertwined water and space through vegetation and green space.