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LICENSURE

2009 - present Registered Architect, New York State
2010 - present Registered Architect, Missouri
2011 - present Registered Architect, Albania

EDUCATION

2006 Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design
Columbia University
New York, NY

2002 Bachelor of Architecture Summa Cum Laude
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Albert Dorman Honors College
Newark, New Jersey

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

05/2006 - present **AGENCY**
AGENCY Architecture LLC
New York, NY
Principal | Architect

08/2006 - 08/2009 **1100 Architect**
New York, NY
Project Architect

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2012-present **Visiting Assistant Professor of Architecture | Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design | Washington University in St. Louis**
Graduate Core Design Studio, Seminar 'Tactical Urbanisms' (self-designed course)

2011-present **Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture | New Jersey Institute of Technology College of Architecture and Design**
Undergraduate design studio instructor: Design Studio I, Design Studio II

2013 **Director | New Jersey Institute of Technology College of Architecture and Design | Siena Study Abroad Program**
Coordinator / Adjunct Assistant Professor: History of Italian Design, Advanced Representation, Architectural Design Studio IV

2012 **Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture | School of Architecture Siena Study Abroad Program | New Jersey Institute of Technology**
Undergraduate and graduate level design studio instructor, history and representation lectures, of four weeks intensive design exercises and urban studies in Siena, Italy.

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (cont.)

- 2011 Instructor | Intensive Design Workshop | Universita' Degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"**
One-week intensive workshop with fifth-year students at La Sapienza Faculty of Architecture to propose advanced sustainable design practices for the energy-efficient restructuring and requalification of marginal spaces in the city of Rome.
- 2011 Instructor | Malta Frugal Architecture Design Workshop**
Intensive workshop with international architectural students and professionals, collaboratively developing proposals with workshop participants to address the continuing housing crisis for migrants and refugees in temporary and semi-permanent relocation facilities in Malta.
- 2010 Instructor | American Association of Colleges and University Programs in Italy (AACUPI)**
Fourth International Design Workshop

INVITED ACADEMIC JUROR (SELECTED)

City College of New York
Columbia University
Pratt Institute School of Architecture
Washington University in St. Louis Graduate School of Architecture

Cal Poly Architecture Department Rome Program
Cornell University Rome Program
Penn State University Rome Program
Tulane University School of Architecture Rome Program
University of Washington Rome Center
University of Waterloo School of Architecture Rome Program

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (SELECTED)

- 2013 Infill Philadelphia: Soak It Up!**
Finalist in the nationwide design competition to revitalize urban neighborhoods with green stormwater infrastructure. The design will serve as a prototype for sustainable stormwater management throughout Philadelphia and the US. The competition is sponsored by the Community Design Collaborative, the Philadelphia Water Department, and the US Environmental Protection Agency. With AGENCY.
- 2013 MacDowell Colony Fellowship**
Recipient of highly selective fellowship, for "creative individuals to produce works of enduring imagination." For development of a series of speculative urban initiatives, re-imagining the potentials for architectural and urban design in concert with emerging urban policy initiatives to address the contemporary city's most pressing concerns. With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY
- 2012 ONE Prize**
Finalist in international ideas competition to reinvigorate depressed urban areas. For a speculative urban policy and infrastructural proposal entitled "VacuForm". With AGENCY.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont.)

- 2010 - 2011** **Rome Prize in Architecture**
Recipient of the highly prestigious Rome Prize as one of a selected group of artists and scholars invited to Rome to pursue creative goals via progressive scholarship. The project studies the forced movement of the Romani in Rome to establish an understanding of the contemporary city as a network of superimposed degrees of mobility, and to find sites of convergence where the Romani and native Romans might benefit from co-habitation. With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY
- 2010** **ONE Prize**
Winner of international ideas competition for creating productive green space in cities. For a speculative infrastructural proposal entitled "Super Levee Urban Farm". With AGENCY.
- 2010** **New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fellowship**
Fellow in Architecture / Environmental Structures from the New York Foundation for the Arts. With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY.
- 2009** **MacDowell Colony Fellow in Residence**
Recipient of highly selective fellowship, for "creative individuals to produce works of enduring imagination." For proposal entitled "Informal Urbanisms", an architectural research text and design proposal investigating the ability of marginalized populations to transform apparently overwhelming disadvantage into novel forms of urban culture. With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY
- 2006** **Saint Louis Follies Ideas Competition, Honorable Mention**
Proposal for Saint Louis Gateway Forum, entitled Inhabited Displacement, for progressively inhabited infrastructural framework, urban programming, and interactive, networked media design. With AGENCY.
- 2006** **William Kinne Travel Fellowship**
Awarded traveling fellowship for independent research of architectural, artistic, and urban development strategies in developing countries. Research text and graphic analysis entitled Reading Backwards: An Architectural Interrogation of Political History in Tirana. With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA (SELECTED)

- 2013** **Presentation** | SkyFill | New York University Poly Department of Humanities | New York (May 2013)
- Presentation** | XPhil | Infill Philadelphia Soak It Up! competition entry rapid format presentation | The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University | Philadelphia (March 2013)
- Presentation** | AGENCY Work in Progress | Faculty Work Series | New Jersey Institute of Technology College of Architecture and Design | New Jersey (Feb 2013)
- 2012** **Lecture** | Inhabiting the Margin | A Social History of Informality
Washington University | Urbanism(s) Symposium | St. Louis (Nov 2012)
- Lecture** | AGENCY | Recent Work
Temple University | Tyler School of Architecture | Philadelphia (Feb 2012)
- 2011** **Lecture** | Economies of Informality
Malta Frugal Architecture Conference | Malta (Jun 2011)
- Lecture** | Notes on the Margin
Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" | Facolta' di Architettura | Rome, Italy (May 2011)

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- 2011** **Symposium** | Cosmopolitanism : Towards Micropolis | Conversations That Matter
American Academy in Rome | Rome, Italy (May 2011)
- Lecture** | Tactical Urbanism
Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" | PhD Arch. Program | Rome, Italy (Feb 2011)
- Lecture** | Tactical Urbanism
American Academy in Rome | Rome, Italy (Feb 2011)
- 2010** **Lecture** | Hackable Infrastructures | Inhabiting the Margins of Contemporary Rome
Cornell in Rome | Cornell University Fall Lecture Series | Rome, Italy (Nov 2010)
- Presentation and Debate** | Social Architecture and Networks
eme3 International Architectural Market
Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona | Barcelona, Spain (Oct 2010)
- Lecture** | Being Peripheral | Nation Building Aesthetics
Open House, Sofia Architecture Week | Sofia, Bulgaria (Oct 2010)
- Lecture** | Cultures of Waste (2 of 2)
via videoconference, Professor Mark Mikhael
The American University in Cairo Department of Rhetoric and Composition (Sep 2010)
- Lecture and Guided Public Tour** | Seeking Space | Appropriated Environments in Long Island City
Noguchi Museum, and sites throughout Long Island City | New York, NY (Sep 2010)
- Lecture** | Cultures of Waste (1 of 2)
via videoconference, Professor Mark Mikhael
The American University in Cairo Department of Rhetoric and Composition (Mar 2010)
- Lecture** | Hackable Infrastructures
Project Presentation, and Short Format Lecture
Young Architects Forum, Pecha Kucha Vol. 8 | Kansas City, MO (Feb 2010)
- Symposium** | Informal Urbanisms : The Production of Space in the Developing World
Co-Host and Moderator | Panel Discussion, Project Presentation, and Film Screening
La Esquina Gallery | Kansas City, MO (Feb 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Books by AGENCY / Ersela Kripa + Stephen Mueller:

- Forthcoming** Kripa, Ersela and Stephen Mueller. Elements of a Tactical Urbanism. Forthcoming.
- 2009** Kripa, Ersela and Stephen Mueller. Nation Building Aesthetics. New York : AGENCY, 2009

Articles in Journals by AGENCY:

- 2012** Kripa, Ersela and Stephen Mueller. "Critical Conditioning | Managing Design in the Crisis Imaginary". In Global Crisis and Design | Living in the Crisis Era. Ed. Changhak Choi. 2012
- 2010** Kripa, Ersela and Stephen Mueller. "Commuter City." KC Free Press. Weekly feature from January 7-April 28, 2010. - *Co-authored urban analysis of automobile culture in Kansas City for recurring feature in hyperlocal online publication*

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- 2008** Kripa, Ersela and Stephen Mueller. "Nation Building Aesthetics". Volume. No. 14: Unsolicited Architecture. Archis / AMO / C-LAB: 2008.
- Co-authored excerpt from research and design proposal for the nation of Albania
- Articles and Chapters in Books on Work of AGENCY / Ersela Kripa + Stephen Mueller:**
- 2013** "Skyfill | AGENCY". In Regenerative Infrastructures: Freshkills Park NYC, Land Art Generator Initiative. Prestel; Forthcoming.
- 2011** "Hackable Infrastructures | AGENCY". In eme3 2011 | International Architecture Festival Exhibition Catalog. Barcelona, CCCB / MACBA: 2011
- 2011** "Super Levee Urban Farm | AGENCY". In My Green City | Back to Nature with Attitude and Style. Gestalten. Forthcoming.
- Forthcoming** "Super Levee Urban Farm | AGENCY". In ONE Prize : From Mowing to Growing. Terreform. Forthcoming.
- 2010** "Super Levee Urban Farm | AGENCY". In eme3 2010 | International Architecture Festival Exhibition Catalog. Barcelona, CCCB / MACBA: 2010
- 2010** "Hackable Infrastructures | AGENCY". In UNPLANNED: Research and Experiments at the Urban Scale. SUPERFRONT, 2010
- 2009** "White House Redux | Terminal Paroxysm". In White House Redux, 123 Ideas for a New White House. Storefront for Art and Architecture, 2008.
- Articles in Journals on Work of AGENCY / Ersela Kripa + Stephen Mueller:**
- 2011** "Emerging Talent | AGENCY". In Architect. July 2011.
Mian, Marzio G. "American Gianicolo". Corriere della Sera (Io Donna). 26 March 2011.
- 2011** "Tracciare Esperienze | La Mostra 'Made Up' e Designs Fictions" ("Tracking Experiences | The 'Made Up' and Design Fictions Exhibition"). DigiMag 63 (online). April, 2011.
- 2010** Magliozzi, Zaira. "Nuove strategie urbane | Tactical Urbanism" ("New Urban Strategies | Tactical Urbanism"). pressT/Letter (online). 2010.
- 2010** Rousseva, Petya. "Profile: AGENCY | Ersela Kripa and Stephen Mueller". in Abitare. Sofia: Nov-Dec 2010.
- 2010** Edwards, Luke. "Brave New World? | Super Levees". In Landscape Institute. Autumn, 2010. p28.
- Radio and Television features on Work of AGENCY / Ersela Kripa + Stephen Mueller:**
- Forthcoming** Interview. Feeney, Lauren. PBS 'Need to Know' Feature. 29 October 2010. Forthcoming.
- 2010** Interview. Peeva, Maria. Radio Bulgaria. 19 October 2010.
- 2010** Interview. Mariyanova, Mira. One Magazine. 20 October 2010.

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EXHIBITED WORK (SELECTED)

- 2013** **Mediaswarm** | Environmental Installation at SUPERFRONT Annual Gala | Rabbithole Gallery, New York
- 2012** **Skyfill** | Project displayed as part of Land Art Generator Initiative Competition Exhibition. Soho Gallery of Digital Art, New York. With AGENCY.
- 2011** **SimulCast**
Urban research and speculative design project to be displayed at eme3 International Architectural Market at Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona | Barcelona, Spain
- 2011** **X Locus**
Environmental Media Installation at American Academy in Rome | Rome, Italy
With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY | Paul Rudy, Composer | Jen Scappetone, Poet.
- 2011** **Super Levee Urban Farm**
Project to be displayed as part of Made Up: Design's Fictions exhibit at Art Center College of Design | Pasadena, CA.
- 2010** **30S**
Video installation for Nordic Pavilion, at Venice Biennale 2010 | Venice, Italy
With Stephen Mueller / AGENCY, presented by SUPERFRONT and 'At Work With'.
- 2010** **Super Levee Urban Farm**
Project displayed at eme3 International Architectural Market at Center for Contemporary Culture of Barcelona | Barcelona, Spain
- 2010** **Nation Building Aesthetics**
Projects and films displayed as part of Sofia Architecture Week | Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2010** **Hackable Infrastructures**
Projects displayed as part of Romani BG exhibit, at Sofia Architecture Week | Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2010** **Hackable Infrastructures**
Projects displayed as part of UNPLANNED: Research and Experiments at the Urban Scale exhibit, at SUPERFRONT, Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA
- 2010** **Tactical Urbanism**
Projects displayed at Pfizer Gallery as part of New York Foundation for the Arts Fellows Exhibit | New York, NY
- 2008** **Terminal Paroxysm**
Ideas competition entry for a new White House displayed at Storefront for Art and Architecture | New York, NY
- 2006** **Inhabited Displacement**
Proposal for Saint Louis Gateway Forum, entitled Inhabited Displacement, displayed at AIA-St. Louis Gallery | St. Louis, MO
- 2006** **Drift Cinema, an Illustration of Borges' Death and the Compass**
Short Film screened as part of Biennale at Florence Film Academy