

ABOUT ME

My philosophy is based on empowering others and using my skills and creativity in the search for better environments. I am particularly committed to highlighting the local knowledge of the communities in the planning process. My work expands to three countries Colombia, Mexico and the United States

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Boulder, CO

EDUCATION

MASTER'S

2018 - 2020

Urban and regional planning
University of Colorado, Denver

UNDERGRAD

2010 - 2016

Architect
Universidad Nacional de
Colombia, Medellín

TRAININGS

Justice and Equity Teaching

2023

University of Colorado
Boulder

Gestión de proyectos de desarrollo

2022

edx - Interamerican
Development Bank

Site Planning

2022

edx - MIT

VALERIA HENAO

URBAN PLANNER | ARCHITECT

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

03/2023 - CURRENTLY

I am an Assistant Teaching Professor at the Environmental Design Department, responsible for teaching Planning and Architecture classes, including core technology courses for new Environmental Design students. As the co-lead of the Environmental Design Diverse Scholars group, I provide mentorship and guidance

TECNOLOGICO DE MONTERREY | A+U | EEM

08/2021 - 10/2022

Carry out the strategic master plan, leading design, technical and administrative teams in planning the Campana neighborhood, Monterrey, Mexico. Strategic goals of improving infrastructure, public facilities, and public space. Additionally, leading comprehensive plans for rural and urban areas in the cities of Santa Fe de Antioquia, and Itagui. Formulating recommendations for the updating of master plans and comprehensive plans for several cities in Antioquia.

UNIVERSIDAD SAN BUENAVENTURA

02/2022 - 12/2022

Part-time professor in the Architecture school at the Universidad San Buenaventura. Teaching basics of urbanism and last year studios. Additionally, working as faculty advisor for the Saint Gobain student contest 2022 Warsaw edition, where our team won the national stage

MOBILITY-MOVILIDAD

2017 - 2021

Teach CU Boulder students urban processes through real practice of case studies in the city of Medellín. Additionally, creation of community participation strategies to use in the project design and planning process. Finally, coordination of meetings with urban planners, architects and designers in Medellín, with the aim of showing students the process of transformation of the city and the strategies that can be learned from them.

MIG CONSULTANTS

01/2020 - 05/2020

Development of plans, renders, conceptualization diagrams, and structuring of urban projects at different scales (Block, Neighborhood, and City). Further, development of materials such as postcards and posters for community meetings. Finally, participation in master plans for transportation, public space, and housing.

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSIDAD PONTIFICIA BOLIVARIANA

08/2017 - 03/2018

Architect in the process of technical and regulatory development, urban conceptualization, and final design of the public space master plan for the city of Bucaramanga. Design of strategic projects and urban furniture, creation of maps and diagrams for each stage of the plan.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

08/2019 - 05/2020

Teach first-semester students of the Master in Urban and Regional Planning the essential tools of ArcGIS and SketchUp, focusing their application to urban design and planning. Additionally the development of the document "How can diverse communities resist gentrification?" focused on presenting information about the displacement of marginalized communities in the city of Denver.

INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

10/2016 - 02/2017

International consultant for the analysis of the infrastructure needs of the Ministry of Labor of the city of Nassau in order to justify the loan of 3 million dollars for the construction of a new building.

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA

11/2015 - 01/2016

Research assistant in the process of Monitoring and evaluation of the housing policy of the Development Plan 2012-2015 "Medellín a home for life" in the context of the Strategic Housing Plan of Medellín, PEHMED 2020. Analysis of databases and creation of maps presenting the results of the PEHMED and the perception of the beneficiaries.

PUBLICATIONS

Sintesis Plan Maestro de Bucaramanga

Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana / Alcaldía de Bucaramanga

Medellin Urban Design Studio - Providing infrastructure for informal settlements

Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana / Alcaldía de Bucaramanga

Seguimiento y evaluación de la política habitacional del Plan de Desarrollo 2012-2015 "Medellín un hogar para la vida" en el contexto del Plan Estratégico Habitacional de Medellín, PEHMED 2020

Alcaldía de Medellín / Universidad Nacional de Colombia

AWARDS

Saint Gobain Student Contest

Faculty advisor in the 2022 Warsaw student contest. Winners of the national stage in Colombia among more than 50 participants. 2019

APA Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship for women, people of color and indigenous descent, veterans, disabled persons, and members of the LGBTQ community who are currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)-approved programs 2019

ZFG Scholarship

Scholarship for students at the College of Architecture and Planning 2019

Trafton H. Bean Scholarship

Scholarship for entering and continuing students in the MURP program in the College of Architecture 2019

Otto de Greiff, Version 21-2017

3rd place in Colombian national competition of best undergraduate thesis. Otto de Greiff, version 21 -2017 in the Environment and Sustainable Development category. 2017

XXVI best undergrad thesis contest UNALMED

First place, Contest best undergraduate thesis architecture faculty, Universidad Nacional de Colombia version XXVI 2017

Summa cum laude

Highschool distinction, Colegio Cooperativo San Antonio de Prado. 2010

LANGUAGES

Ingles | C2



Español

