

Education

2010 – 2014	Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Planning. DUSP, MIT, Massachusetts
2008 – 2010	M.A. City Planning (MCP) DUSP, MIT, Massachusetts
1993 - 1999	B.A. Architecture: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Medellín
1998	Studio LA/LA SCI-Arc, Southern California Institute of Architecture, San Diego, California

Professional Experience / Affiliations

2016-Present	Assistant Professor, ENVD Program of Environmental Design, University of Colorado Boulder
2014-2016	Lecturer DUSP Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT
2016	Director lecture series DUSP-MIT Urban Design Seminar
2016	Director Kevin Lynch Award DUSP-MIT
2013-2014	Drug, Security and Democracy Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council “Physical space and its role in the production and reproduction of violence in the ‘slum wars’ in Medellín, Colombia (1970s-2013).”
2012-2013	Consultant, City of Medellín Innovation District
2009-2013	Researcher, Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence (URCV) MIT
2007-2015	Co-director, project-based learning and research project, Duke Engage Medellín, Duke University. U.S. and Colombian students and community members in Medellín “map” the history of marginalized and self-settled areas of the city of Medellín.
2005-2008	Designer, BJAC, PA, Raleigh, North Carolina
2000-2005	Co-Founder, Designer, Partner, Senior Designer and Project Manager, estudio teddy cruz, San Diego, California
2000	Project Manager, Rhizoma Architects, Tijuana, Baja California
1999-2000	Project Manager, Architect, Director, and Consultant for the Planning Department of Medellín. Carlos Julio Calle Arquitectos, Medellín, Colombia

Teaching Experience

2018	ENVD 3100 Planning Studio
2017-2018	Global Seminar Studio, ENVD 3009-30 The Medellín Practicum/Studio: Planning Informality. Medellín, Colombia.
2017-2018	ENVD 1104-001: Intro ENVD Design Methods
2017-2018	ENVD 5346-001: Spec Topics: ENV Design
2016-2017	ENVD 3144-001: Hist & Thry of ENVD: Systems
2016	4.173j / 11.307j Beijing Joint Urban Design Studio. MIT - Tsinghua University - Jiao Tong University
2016	11.333J / 4.244J Urban Design Seminar: Perspectives on Contemporary Practice
2015	11.328J / 4.240J Urban Design Skills: Observing, Interpreting, Representing and Transforming the City
2015	11.332J / 4.163J Urban Design Studio: Providing Infrastructure for Informal Settlements in Bello, Colombia
2014-2015	11.488 Urban Development in Conflict Cities: Planning Challenges and Policy Innovations
2014	11.S940 Medellín, Colombia Workshop: Mapping, Forecasting & Acting Informal Settlements, Urban Studies and Planning, MIT
2013 -2014	11.301J / 4.252J Introduction to Urban Design and Development
2013	4.S27 MIT-Bogota, Colombia Workshop: Formal and Informal, Public Space and Urban Equity. An International workshop with master students from planning and architecture to map informal occupation of public space and propose projects that engage with the physical, economic and social issues related to informality.
2012	Teaching Assistant, 11.301J / 4.252J Introduction to Urban Design, MIT DUSP, Massachusetts
2011	11.001J / 4.250J Introduction to Urban Design and Development MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning

2010	Teaching Assistant, Urban Design and Real Estate, MIT DUSP-CRE, Massachusetts
2009	Teaching Assistant, Feeding Cities in the Global South, MIT DUSP, Massachusetts
2008 - 2010	Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Urban Design Skills, MIT, Massachusetts
2008-Present	Program Co-director, pedagogical and research project, Duke Engage Medellín Duke University, North Carolina
2007	Instructor, "Freeway Stories: Speed Reinventions" Senior Studio. College of Design, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
2006-2008	Instructor, College of Design, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.
2000	Teaching Assistant, LA/LA Latin America / Los Angeles Workshop, SCI-Arc, Los Angeles.

Awards / Fellowships:

2013	Drug, Security and Democracy Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council 2013
2013	Departmental Award for Outstanding Ph.D. Teaching Assistant (project-based learning)
2012	MIT-Chile Seed Funds
2011	Emerson Travel Grant (Spring)
2010-2011	MIT, Presidential Fellow
2010	2010 Chairs' Memorial Scholarship CCCC Conference
2009	Harold Horowitz (1951) Student Research Fund
2009	GSC MIT Travel Grant. (Bazil LASA 2009)
2008	DUSP MIT Full Graduate Scholarship (2008-2010)
2004	Progressive Architecture Award, Architecture Magazine, "Senior Housing With Childcare"
2004	AIA Merit Award: Favela Winery, Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico
2003	AIA Merit Award for Outstanding Contribution in Design, American Institute of Architects
2002	AIA Honor Award, Overall San Diego Best Design 2002 for "Housing Corridors On Imperial Avenue"
2001	PA Award, <i>Architecture Magazine</i> , San Ysidro Affordable Housing Project
2001	Architectural League of New York, Young Architects Forum Award
1999	Award Honors, Thesis Project: "El flujo y el Punto de Inflexión como estructurantes de la Ciudad Contemporanea"
1998	First Place Award, Medellín Pavilion, "Feria Internacional de Ciudades," Bogotá, Colombia

Publications / Articles:

- Samper, Jota. 2018. "Nexus between Informality and Armed Conflict. Looking at Medellín Transformation through the Lens of Urban Conflict." In *Comparative Urban Design: Border-Making Practices in Medellín and Beirut* Book Launch, edited by Catalina Ortiz. Cities, Design and Transformation 2. The Bartlett Development Planning, UCL.
- Samper, Jota. 2018. "Transgressing local planning cultures, the SPURS program, and the international Studio" *China City Planning Review* 28, no. 3 (2018).
- Samper, Jota. 2018. "INformality Process Strategies." In *Does Effective Planning Really Exist?*, by Christiano Lepratti and Paola Alfaro D'Alençon, 69–86. Syntagma-verlag. <http://www.syntagma-verlag.de/content/depre.html>.
- Samper, Jota. 2017. "Eroded Resilience, Informal Settlements Predictable Urban Growth Implications for Self-Governance in the Context of Urban Violence in Medellín, Colombia." *UPLanD-Journal of Urban Planning, Landscape & Environmental Design* 2 (2): 183–206.
- Samper, Jota, and Tamera Marko. 2017. "La Espina A Self-Built Medellín Neighborhood and Its Lessons." *Revista Harvard Review of Latin America, Displacements*, XVI (NO. 2).

- Samper, Jota. 2016. "Urban Upgrading in a Context of Violence: Perceptions of Security and Physical Space in the Case of the Favela-Bairro in Rio de Janeiro." *International Relations and Diplomacy* 4 (12): 760–78.
- Samper, Jose. 2016. "Moving Towards Anticipatory Strategies: Merging Space and Development Strategies International Workshop as A Tool Of Experimentation Of Holistic Interventions." In *Formality and Informality, Public Space and Urban Equity: Parque Tercer Milenio*, by Ximena Samper and Oscar Grauer, 145. Alfaomega Ediciones Uniandes. <http://uniandes.ipublishcentral.com/product/formalidad-e-informalidad-espacio-pblico-y-equidad-urbana>.
- Samper, Jose (jota), and Tamera Marko. 2015. "(Re)Building the City of Medellín: Beyond State Rhetoric vs. Personal Experience — A Call for Consolidated Synergies." In *Housing and Belonging in Latin America*, by Christien Klaufus. Vol. 105. Berghahn Books.
- Samper, J., Ortiz, C., & Soto, J. (2015). *Rethinking Informality. Strategies of Urban Space Co-Production*. SA+P- MIT.
- Samper, Jose (jota). 2012. "The Role of Urban Upgrading in Latin America as Warfare Tool Against the 'Slum Wars'." *Critical planning : The journal of the UCLA Urban Planning Program*. 19. /z-wcorg/.
- Samper, Jose (jota). 2012. "Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence Case Study of Medellín, Colombia."
- Marko, Tamera, and Jota Samper. 2012. "medellín mi hogar / Medellín my home". Blog. Medellín mi hogar. Accessed July 19. <http://Medellinmihogar.blogspot.com/>.
- Samper Escobar, Jose Jaime. 2012. "Medellin, Colombia Integrated Urban Project." In *Urban Anthologies: Learning From Our Cities*, 1:110. Cambridge: MIT School of Architecture + Planning & Senseable City Lab. <http://senseable.mit.edu/wef/>.
- Samper, Jota (José). 2011. "A Review of 'Global Urbanization'." *Journal of the American Planning Association* 77 (4): 392. doi:10.1080/01944363.2011.611078.
- Cruz, Teddy, Jose Samper Escobar, Alan Rosenblum, and Adriana Cuellar. 2010. "Casa Familiar: Living Rooms at the Border and Senior Housing with Childcare." In *Small Scale, Big Change : New Architectures of Social Engagement*, by Andres Lepik and Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.). New York: Museum of Modern Art.
- Samper Escobar, Jose, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 2010. Thesis "The Politics of Peace Process in Cities in Conflict : the Medellín Case as a Best Practice."
- Samper, Jose (jota). 2010. "Informal Settlements Research ISR." <http://informalsettlements.blogspot.com/>.
- Samper, Jose (jota). 2010a. "Forecast Anticipate and Condition: Informal Development Strategies in Mumbai." In *Landscape + urbanism around the Bay of Mumbai* Eds. Alan Berger and Rahul. Mehrotra. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Samper, Jose (jota). 2010 contribution to: Mitchell, William J., Chris. Borroni-Bird, and Lawrence D. Burns. 2010. "Reinventing the automobile : personal urban mobility for the 21st century." Cambridge, Mass.: Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Cruz, Teddy, and Jose (jota) Samper. 2008. "Manufactured sites." In *Verb crisis*, by Mario. Ballesteros. Barcelona; New York: Actar.
- Samper, José Jaime, and Teddy Cruz. 2003. "Editorial: Una Nueva Revista." *Revista Piso*, January 3. http://www.pisoonline.com/numeros_anteriores/articulo.php?id=119.
- Cruz, Teddy, Jose (jota) Samper, Alan Rosenblum, and Adriana Cuellar. 2002. "Casa Familiar: Living Rooms at the Border." In *Young Architects: City Limits*. Princeton Architectural Press and Architectural League of New York. Vol. 3. Princeton Architectural Pr.

Samper, Jose (jota). 2001. "Cover Image: Culture & Infrastructure / Cultura e Infraestructura (Architecture & Urbanism in / Arquitectura y Urbanismo En Los Americas)." AULA, Tulane University School of Architecture, New Orleans.

Invited Talks and Conferences

- 2018 LASA2018 / Latin American Studies in a Globalized World, XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association
- 2018 SPURS Seminar. How to Design and Implement Upgrading Policy in Complex Urban Scenarios? MIT Cambridge.
- 2018 WORLD REAL ESTATE FORUM, standing on the NEXT frontier of real estate, MIT, Cambridge
- 2017 ACSP Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Denver, CO
- 2017 AAG Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2017 AHRC Inception Workshop. Changing Character of War Programme. Department of Politics and International Relations. University of Oxford. Oxford England
- 2017 LASA2017 / Latin American Studies in a Globalized World. XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Lima, Peru
- 2017 Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges and Innovation. Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. Durham, NC
- 2017 Mobilizing the Periphery ANCB The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory. Berlin, Germany
- 2016 ACSP Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Portland, OR
- 2016 2016 WORLD URBAN REGENERATION FORUM, The production of the 21st-century metropolis,
- 2016 Low Carbon China and the informal city, Tsinghua-MIT Low-Carbon City Design Forum and Exhibition 30th anniversary of the MIT-THU Joint Urban Design Studio program. Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.
- 2016 LASA 2016 session: The Latin-American Informal city, challenging old practices understanding its processes, New York
- 2015 SA+P Latinx - 5x5 Talks, Latin American group at the School of Architecture + Planning
- 2015 Roundtable Re-defining Urban Warfare. Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT
- 2015 The Logic of Informal Cities: What Conflict, Communities, and Urban Informality Teach Us About Possible Urban Planning Futures? Department of Urban Design and Planning. University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 La lógica de las ciudades informales ¿Qué nos enseña la informalidad sobre el futuro de la planificación urbana? Maestría en Procesos Urbanos y Ambientales. Urbam EAFIT. Medellín, Colombia.
<http://envivo.eafit.edu.co/EnvivoEafit/?p=23389>
- 2015 "Towards a prospective way of thinking about the informal city: Learning from a history of conflict and urban informality in the city of Medellín." Rethinking Global Cities. Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2014 Dis-Appearance: Urban Governance & Violence in Mexico, MIT DUSP funded by DSC, IDG and MISTI Mexico. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 "Physical Space and its Role in the Production and Reproduction of Violence In The "Slum Wars" In Medellín, Colombia (1970S-2013)", Everyday infrastructure Medellín, Universidad Nacional de Colombia and The Barlett DPU summerLab.
- 2013 "Hacia una epistemología de la forma de la ciudad informal: mapeo del proceso de hacer la ciudad informal" V Seminario La Sostenibilidad un Punto de Encuentro, Colegio Mayor de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia.
- 2013 "From urban upgrading to evolving infrastructures," Symposium "Planning Practices that Matter: Housing for Resilient Cities" MIT.
- 2013 "Toward an epistemology of the form of the informal city: Mapping the process of informal city making," Universidad de La Salle. Bogotá Colombia.
- 2012 "Urban Upgrading as poverty alleviation and warfare strategy: Lessons from Medellín, Rio de Janeiro and Juarez." LASA2012 / Toward a Third Century of Independence in Latin America. XXX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association
May 23-26, 2012, San Francisco, California
- 2010 "Urban transformation on informal settlements in cities in conflict" LASA2010 / Crisis, Response, and Recovery. XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 6-9, 2010, Toronto, Canada

- 2009 "Cruce de Caminos in the U.S./Mexico border & Medellín, Colombia: Rethinking Inequalities by Rethinking Civic Engagement in film & historical memory." LASA2009 / Rethinking Inequalities. XXVIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, June 11-14, 2009, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Peer Review Boards

- 2018 SEED Awards and Pac Rim Award, Juror
 2018 ACSA Conference juror, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
 2017 UPLand Journal of Urban Planning, Landscape & Environmental Design
 2017 Journal of Peacebuilding & Development
 2017 Thresholds, journal MIT Department of Architecture, MIT Press
 2017 Journal of Planning Literature
 2016 Book: Public Interest Design Education Guidebook: Curricula, Strategies, and SEED Academic Case Studies is coedited by Lisa M. Abendroth and Bryan Bell (under contract with Routledge).
 2016 Article: BLAR Bulletin of Latin American Research.
 2015 Article: Revista Bitácora Urbano Territorial
 2013-Present Proyectiva: Revista de Arquitectura y Proyecto Urbano, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Grants

- 2018 CU Boulder, Outreach Award \$9,000
 2017 CU Boulder, Outreach Award \$9,000
 2017 Arts and Humanities Research Council, AHRC The Changing Character of Conflict Platform: Understanding, Tracing and Forecasting Change across Time, Space and Cultures, Lead Research Organization: University of Oxford Year founding £652,325
 2015 Research MIT Center for Advanced Urbanism \$25,000
 2013 Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship DSD SSRC \$40,000
 2008-2014 Duke Engage, Melinda and Gates foundation endowment. \$350,000

Exhibitions: A sample

- 2012 Medellín Mi Hogar/My Home Medellín, RutaN, Medellín
 2011 Medellín Mi Hogar/My Home Medellín, ITM, Medellín
 2010 Small Scale Big, Change: New Architectures of Social Engagement, *with estudio teddy cruz*, MoMA, New York
 2010 Medellín Mi Hogar/My Home Medellín, Centro Cultural y de Desarrollo de Moravia, Medellín
 2010 PBM Project Boston-Medellín, Emerson College, Boston
 2008 Designing For Life: "Exhibition: Engaging design into lived experience | Una Bitácora," Wentworth Institute of Technology - Boston, MA.
<http://www.wit.edu/designingforlife/Site/Exhibitions.html>
 2007 "A Non-Christocentric Chapel," Design Expo Raleigh, DRX.07, Raleigh, North Carolina
 2006 "Strange New World: Art and Design from Tijuana," The Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego
 2005 InSite05, with estudio teddy cruz, InfoSite SanDiego-Tijuana
 2006 "Re-Reading 147," Counter Cartographies Convergence, Tackle Design Gallery, Durham, North Carolina, 3Cs / Counter-Cartographies Collective, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://www.countercartographies.org/about-us/>
 2006 Palimpsest 147 / Palimpsesto 147, The Urban Anthropology Project, The Transom Gallery, Durham North Carolina
 2004 Archilab 2004, Installation: Manufactured Site, Orleans, France
<http://www.archilab.org/public/2004/en/ft2004.html>
 2003 "Double Journeys: San Diego / Tijuana," Roger Williams University, Rhode Island
 2002 "Urban Diagnostics" Exhibition, CECUT, Tijuana, México
 2001 Young Architects Forum, Architectural League of New York, Urban Center, New York

Architectural, Urban Design and Planning Projects

2015-2016	Macro Engineering and Urbanism Building, Fundación Mariano Ospina Perez Bogota, Colombia
2015-2016	Ciudad Atenas, Knowledge District, Bogota Colombia
2012-2013	Innovation District Medellín. MedellínNnovation. A Strategic urban plan that physically clusters new entrepreneurs and existing companies to make an ecosystem of innovation that leverages 21st century technologies help the city to be more self-sustaining and more competitive in a global market a way that collaborates with already existing economies and communities in informal settlements.
2011	University of the Amazon, Ecuador, Tena, Ecuador. Designed a university campus from and its curriculum, both dedicated to protect and harness bio diversity in the region.
2011	CORPROPAZ, Conflict Resolución, Bogotá, Colombia. Designed a new city on the Colombian Easter Planes that uses economic development to reintegrate ex-combatants from the Colombian undeclared civil war into civilian life.
2010	Informality in the Bazurto Market in Cartagena, Colombia. Advised on the city plans for market relocations and community engagements with informal sellers.
2009	Urban Experience, Masdar Institute of Science and Technology, Masdar, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2008	Tryon Palace History Museum, New Bern, North Carolina
2008	Wake County Joint Training Facility, Raleigh, North Carolina
2007	Randolph Hospital Cancer Center, Asheboro, North Carolina
2006	UNC Pembroke Biotech Research Facility, Pembroke, North Carolina Greensboro Center for Innovative Development Masterplan, South Millennium Campus, Greensboro, North Carolina
2005	UNC-Pembroke Press Box, Pembroke, North Carolina InfoSite_05, Information Event Space, InSite_05, San Diego-Tijuana Manufactured Housing, Chicago, Illinois
2003	Terraces on Mildred, Multi-Family Housing, San Diego, California
2003	Mike Davis Residence, San Diego, California
2002	Housing Corridors on Imperial, Affordable Housing, San Diego, California
2002	Centro Cultural de la Raza, San Diego, California
2002	Casa Familiar, Senior Housing, San Ysidro, California
2000	Casa Familiar, Affordable Housing, San Ysidro, California
2000	Urban Design, Interactive Museum of Medellín, Medellín, Colombia
1999	Urban Design for the PNUD Parque Lineal del Río Aburra Centro de Balance, Medellín, Colombia
1997	Pavilion City of Medellín, International Fair of Cities, Bogotá, Colombia (Award First place).

Webpages

ISR	Informal Settlements Research ISR.	http://informalsettlements.blogspot.com/
DEM	DukeEngage Medellín.	http://dukeengageinMedellin.blogspot.com/
My Home	Mobility Movilidad My Home.	http://www.mobilitymovilidad.org/home-hogar/

Documentaries (Sample of 60+)

2015	Rise Up http://www.mobilitymovilidad.org/home-hogar/manantiales.html
2012	Her dance of Displacement /Su baile de desplazamiento http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C02s43jrEcU
2012	DukeEngage Colombia 2012: The Documentary Trailer. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeBbFPDnIFQ
2010	The Triumph / El Triunfo http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVuBXFjtIGk
2010	The Terror in the Night / El Espanto en la Noche http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm4cViimlIQ

Planning and Design Workshops

2012	Medellin Innovation District, Cambridge, MA
2009	Bazurto Market, Feeding Cities in the Global South: Challenges and Opportunities in Cartagena, Colombia
2007	NCCU Chidley Housing Assessment, Raleigh, North Carolina.
2006	South Millennium Campus, with BJAC and Sasaki, Greensboro, North Carolina
2005	Westside Specific Plan, City of National, with EDAW National City, California
2002	Sin Limites/ Without Limits Community Workshops, San Ysidro, California