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Biography

I am a Project Designer at HOK, as well as the first-ever global Chair of Social Responsibility. I believe that good design has strong ties to the communities in which it is built and should directly address local social, economic and environmental concerns. In 2010 I co-founded HOK IMPACT, our firm-wide approach to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As the Director of HOK IMPACT, I am working closely with five leadership teams to strengthen our CSR policies and create a central database for information related to the community-based work we do as a firm. However, what motivates me the most right now is setting a positive example for my two year old son, George.

Awards
- BD+C 40 Under 40 2013
- Next American Vanguard, Next American City Conference 2012

Publications
- Practice Management Digest, Fall 2013
- "HOK IMPACT: Design Making a Difference", The American Institute of Architects Practice Management Knowledge Center

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PROJECT DESIGNER
2013 - PRESENT

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PUBLICATIONS
- Metropolis Magazine Blog - Point of View, Metropolis Magazine

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