

Melanie Monastirsky

Education

Cornell University, Architecture Art Planning, Ithaca, NY 2016 - 2018
Master of Architecture, Art, and Planning

University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, MI 2010 - 2014
Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Professional Experience

- lieu, Chicago, IL. Architectural Designer. 2023 - Present

Nuluum, Chicago, IL. Designer.

New construction 10,000 sf mixed-use urban compound including landscape design offices, single family residence, 100-person event space, and central courtyard. Currently in schematic design.

Balanced Life, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Commercial build-out of therapy offices, lobby, yoga and art rooms. Design, permit and FF&E.

Give & Take House, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Gut renovation of 3,000 sf single family residence. Currently in construction.

Tight Knit. Designer.

International competition for portable reading room, book exchange, and bike racks. 2nd place.

Pretty Good House, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Renovation of 4-story single family home including a dormer addition. Currently in schematic design.

Field Center, Oak Park, IL. Designer.

Competition for a new construction 6,000 sf recreation center for children's daycare and afterschool care with a focus on arts/dance programming.

Bungalow Boost, Chicago, IL. Designer, Project Manager.

Renovation of kitchen, dining, and reading rooms. Currently in permit.

Spaces for Fashion, Biella, Italy. Designer.

International competition for renovation of Italian wool factory into a foundation and museum including temporary & permanent exhibits, workshops, meeting room, reception and outdoor space.

Two to One, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Deconversion of a two-flat into a 4,000 sf single family residence. Currently in construction.

Plus Garage, Chicago, IL. Designer.

New construction including dog wash, roof deck, and outdoor kitchen. Currently in design development.

Give & Take Annex, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Single-story 1,000 sf residential addition for aging in place. Currently in schematic design.

All Together Again, Chicago, IL. Designer, Project Manager.

Renovation of ground level of single family residence. Currently in construction documents.

Atrium House, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Renovation of 1990s Marcel Friedes house. Currently in design development.

West Loop Loft, Chicago, IL. Designer.

Renovation of loft within a 1920s garment building. Currently in schematic design.

Slade Architecture, New York City, NY. Associate.

2019 - 2023

Gowanus Houses Community Center, Brooklyn, NY. Designer, Project Manager.
Interior renovation to include a new Department of Youth & Community Development center, senior center and kitchen.

First Class Airport Lounge, San Francisco, CA. Project Manager.
Partial renovation of airline first class lounge.

Hurley Showroom, New York, NY. Designer.
Commercial build-out of wholesale showroom.

Spa + Lounge, Queens, NY. Designer, Project Manager.
Multi-family residential building amenities with multiple treatment rooms, lounge, meditation space.

Play Room + Resident Lounge, Brooklyn, NY. Designer.
Multi-family residential building amenities.

Private Residence, Millbrook, NY. Designer, Project Manager.
New construction 7,000 sf summer and weekend retreat set in a 23 acre lot for a family of 4 and guests. Site planning to include future Guest House, Barn, Pool House.

Private Residence, New York, NY. Construction Administration.
Renovation of a 2,400 sf apartment.

Guest House & Pool House, Millbrook, NY. Designer, Project Manager.
New construction pool house and guest house/artist studio in a 27 acre lot.

Private Residence, New York, NY. Project Manager.
Conversion of two apartment units into a 5,000 sf duplex in collaboration with external interior design team.

Private Residence, Watchung, NJ. Designer, Project Manager.
Renovation of 4,500 sf single family residence.

Slade Architecture, New York, NY. Intern.

Summer 2017

Concierge Shopping Lounge, Miami, FL. Designer.
Commercial build-out of fitting lounges, hair salon, bar and event space.

STA Architectural Group, Miami, FL. Designer.

2014 - 2016

Private Residence, Miami, FL. FF&E, Construction Administration.
Interior build out of 9,000 sf penthouse unit including furniture selection.

Multi-Family Residential, Miami, FL. Designer.
New construction luxury unit layout and design and sales center.

Academic Experience

Cornell University, Arch 1501 Representation, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018

Cornell University, Arch 2615 Building Technology, Teaching Assistant
Cornell University, Introduction to Architecture Studio, Teaching Associate

Spring 2018
Summer 2018

Guest Critic

University of Michigan, Arch 302, Final Review
University of Michigan, Arch 218, Mid Review
University of Michigan, Arch 202, Final Review
University of Michigan, Arch 202, Mid Review

Summer 2014
Winter 2014
Fall 2013
Fall 2013

Honors

Buildner, Portable Reading Room Competition, Tight Knit, 2nd Place

July 2023

Exhibitions

Emerging Creatives Exhibition, "Tight Knit," The Design Summit for Friends of Friends, Chicago, IL
Venice Biennale 2018 Partner Programming, Venice, IT
Endemic, Architectural League Prize, New York, NY

Sept - Oct 2023
2018
2015

Press

"The Best Residential Architects in Chicago, IL," *Home Builder Digest*
"Architecture Competition Portable Reading Rooms / Edition #2 2nd Prize Winners - Danielle Beaulieu and Melanie Monastirsky," *Buildner*
Interior Design Magazine*

Sep 14, 2023
July 30, 2023
Oct 2022

* featuring work performed while employed at Slade Architecture