

Hanneke van Deursen

With a background in architecture and research, I am passionate about reworking the policy and financing mechanisms that support affordable housing development in the United States to design a more efficient and equitable system.

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[Education](#)

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Master in Design Studies: Narratives
August 2021 – May 2023
Post-professional research degree, focused on affordable housing and research writing

Syracuse University School of Architecture

Bachelor of Architecture
August 2015 – May 2020
Summa Cum Laude with Honors

[Honors](#)

Conference Presentation

Tufts University / 2023

Conference Paper (accepted)

Urban Historians Association / 2023

Affordable Housing Development Competition

First Prize / Federal Home Loan
Bank of Boston / 2022

Dean's Citation for Excellence in Thesis Design

Syracuse University / 2020

Renée Crown University Honors Thesis Funding

Syracuse / 2020
Funding to make 3 films for thesis

Syracuse Architecture Graduation Awards

Alpha Rho Chi Medal, Luther Gifford Prize, 2020 A.I.A. Henry Adams Medal / Syracuse University / 2020
Academic and leadership awards

TED Talk

Syracuse / 2020
[“How Buildings Talk to Us”](#)

Undergraduate Research Grant

SOURCE / 2019
Independent research funding

King + King Prize

First Prize / 2019
Integrated studio project

[Experience](#)

Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Design Discovery Virtual Instructor / Jun 2023 / Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant / Nov 2022 – May 2023 / Cambridge, MA
Taught a three-week introductory course for those interested in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design. Worked as research assistant for Professor Diane Davis, synthesizing her writing for publication and organize her scholarship.

The Joint Center for Housing Studies

Graduate Research Assistant / Jun 2022 – Aug 2022 / Rotterdam
Commissioned for an independent research project on the Dutch social housing system. Findings published by the Joint Center in a two-part study. The first paper is on the history of the Dutch model, the second on its mechanics, covering institutional structure, governance, and financing. The goal is to share the innovations of the system with an international audience of policymakers looking for affordable housing solutions. [“The People’s Housing: *Woningcorporaties* and the Dutch Social Housing System”](#)

Harvard University Department of History of Art and Architecture

Teaching Fellow / Aug 2022 – Dec 2022 / Cambridge, MA
Teaching Assistant / Jan 2022 – May 2022; Jan 2023 – May 2023
Taught Design Speculations, an undergraduate thesis-prep course for students on the Design Studies track. Taught a weekly class and advised four students, two of whom won thesis prizes. Also assisted with a design studio for the undergraduate architecture program

Harvard Law School

Research Assistant / Jan 2022 – Jun 2023 / Cambridge, MA
Working with Law Professor, Christine Desan, after taking her course *The Legal Architecture of Globalization*, I developed visualizations for her courses on the design of money and institutional architectures.

Studio Ames

Designer / Mar 2021 – Apr 2021 / New York, NY
Worked for the architecture firm installing the “Linne Occulate: Drawing Architecture” exhibition at Citygroup Gallery in Chinatown. Designed model and exhibition pamphlet.

SPORTS

Design Intern / Sep 2019 – Dec 2019 / Syracuse, NY
Created models, drawings, and design iterations for winning architecture competition entries. Installed “Ceiling Unlimited” at the Arch League Beaux Arts Ball 2019.

Powerhouse Company

Technical Consultant + Research Assistant / Sep 2018 – Dec 2018
Architectural Intern / May 2018 – Aug 2018 / Rotterdam
Worked on design development phase of a high-end villa: designed, managed project timeline, produced presentation books, and directed communication between teams. Founding member of Architecture / Finance research team, which developed into a studio at Independent School for the City.

Architecture Office

Design and Research Assistant / Jan 2017 – May 2019 / Syracuse, NY
Developed architectural models and drawings for various design and research projects, including the *Swissness Applied* exhibition and book project.