

Mercedes Vergara
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Architectural designer based in Washington, DC. I am a creative professional, an out-of-the-box thinker with a problem-solving mindset, and a fine crafter. My broad interests and skills allow me to design projects on different scales, from big spaces to small objects, with particular attention to detail, and solve potential construction challenges. Being an architect and a fashion designer allows me to synthesize ideas and create new things in the intersection of both fields.

EDUCATION

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile

School of Architecture

GPA: 6.5 (scale of 7.0)

Professional Title in Architecture & Licensure in Architecture, 2013

Major: Architecture Minor: Urban Design

Project Title: *Structuring El Almendral neighborhood Valparaíso, Chile.*

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas

Fashion Design Certificate.

Continuing Education Program. Completed 283.00 Clock Hours.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile – School of Architecture, 2009-2011 [Part-time]

Research Assistant with Professor José Rosas

- Primary research project: “La manzana de la Catedral, la trama de la Historia” (FONDECYT N°1090325)
- Re-draw architectural plans from in-situ and archeological measurements

San Francisco de Asis High School, 2013-2015 [Part-time]

Teacher

- Courses taught: Construction of geometric bodies, Advanced Physics, Thermodynamics
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MV Studio LLC, Oct. 2023 - Present

Founder

- Commission of Holiday’s windows display for KnotStandard’s locations in multiple U.S. cities
- Spatial brand identity design for Rabbit Taco restaurant in Tysons Galleria (McLean, Virginia)
- Mixed media artwork

Independent Work, 2015-2023

Architect

- Residential house, Cauquenes, Chile: Architectural design, interior designer and construction manager (Remote)
- Winery Cauquenes, Chile: Architectural design and construction manager (Remote)
- Office’s House Casa Vergara Winery, Architectural design
- Architectural design assistant for residential houses focusing on design and construction details, and urban design projects
- Assistant for urbanization and subdivision projects of rural land

Lekker, 2017-2018 [Part-time]

Interior Designer

- Kitchen Designer: work in all stages, from appeal to construction details
- Furniture Designer

Estudio Valdes, 2013

Architect Assistant

- Assisted in developing projects on a variety of scales, with a strong emphasis on urban design

Fundacion Mi Parque, 2011 [Part-time]

Intern and Assistant Architect to Project Manager

- Chilean NGO that seeks to strengthen poor communities through participative recuperation of green areas
- Assisted in the design of playgrounds, school patios and urban scale parks

Valparaiso City Government – Urban Design Department, 2011

Intern

- Researcher for urban recovery of El *Almendral area*
- Designed policies and projects to recover El *Almendral area*

Grupo BM LTDA – Mexican Construction Company 2008-2012 [Part-time]

Architect

- Architect and design work for Chilean projects in the company
- Designed façade renewal of the Mexico Embassy in Chile.

Other Experience

2019 - Oct. 2023

- Multiple projects in the fields of Jewelry, Plastic Art, Furniture Restoration and Repurposing
- Facilitator of craft workshop for Inter-American Development Bank's sustainability day

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Language: Spanish (native), English (professional proficiency)

Software: MS Office, Adobe PS – Ai – Id, AutoCad, SketchUp (expert)

Eligible for H1B1 Visa.