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Architect and Master's degree holder in Landscape Architecture, coordinator and co-host of the LRG (Landscape Research Group) in Latin America, with experience in architectural design, landscape restoration, university teaching, and research. With an interdisciplinary approach and demonstrated academic leadership, he has participated in and received awards in international competitions. He has a record of scientific production in the fields of landscape and architecture. His professional trajectory encompasses institutional, residential, and public space projects.

Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture (MBLandArch) – On-site, Bilingual Program
July, 2022
Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC)
Barcelona, Spain

Bachelor's Degree in Architecture – On-site
April, 2018
National University of Colombia
Bogotá, Colombia

DISTINCTIONS:

PRIMER PUESTO
CONCURSO INTERNACIONAL DE IDEAS
2025
Municipalidad de Nono
Valle de Traslasierra - Córdoba - Argentina

FIRST PLACE – International Competition
Ideas competition for the design of a park within the new peri-lake reserve
May, 2025
Municipality of Nono
Traslasierra Valley, Córdoba, Argentina

Excellence Mention (ETSAB) for the Final Master's Thesis, MBLandArch
December, 2022
Polytechnic University of Catalonia – ETSAB
Barcelona, Spain

HONORS DISTINCTION in Engineering Techniques III, MBLandArch Barcelona Tech
September, 2021
Polytechnic University of Catalonia – ETSAB
Barcelona, Spain

TERCER PUESTO
CONCURSO INTERNACIONAL DE IDEAS
2019
ARCH SHARING
TECHO

THIRD PLACE – International Competition
Rehabilitation of a kindergarten in Bolivia
July, 2019
TECHO Bolivia – ArchSharing
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

SELECTED ACADEMIC EVENTS:

PRESENTATION – The Horizon: From Myth to Climate Crisis. Adapting to Its Autonomy.
December, 2024
SAL – XVIII (Seminario de Arquitectura Latinoamericana)
Castro, Chiloé, Chile

ORGANIZER – SYMPOSIUM: Landscapes, Territories, and Andean Architectures: Interwoven Experiences
July, 2024
Universidad del Valle, GISTAL–ODALC
Cali, Valle del Cauca, Colombia

PRESENTATION – Cap de Creus and Its Farmhouses: A Reassessment of the Productive Landscape in the Face of Climate Change
February, 2023
8th Conference on Research Presentations, Cap de Creus Natural Park
Selva de Mar, Catalonia, Spain

PARTICIPATION – VIII International Workshop La Salut Redefining the relationship between Collsello park and Llobregat River
February, 2021
UPC – ETSAB (Barcelona School of Architecture) and the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Barcelona, Spain



Sesc Pompei
Fotografía propia
2019

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

ACADEMIC ARTICLE
The Architecture of Analogical Thought: Tanguá Benach, A Perspective on Andean–Amazonian Territorial Architecture
August, 2023
University of Talca, Universum Journal (Humanities and Social Sciences)
Peer-reviewed
Talca, Maule, Chile

ESSAY
Persist, Protect, and Make Use of: Adapting to the Autonomy of the Horizon
September, 2022
Virtual Library, Banco de la República
Reviewed by Enric Batlle, Director of the MBLandArch – UPC
Bogotá, Colombia

MASTER'S THESIS
Cap de Creus and Its Farmhouses: A Vocation of the Landscape
July, 2022
UPCommons, Open Access Repository of the UPC
Jury: MBLandArch – UPC
Barcelona, Spain

MONOGRAPH
Constructing, Framing, and Contemplating: The Horizon in the Construction of Landscape
April, 2021
UPC–ETSAB (Barcelona School of Architecture)
Reviewed by the editor of the A Punts (interior) collection (2019–2021)
Barcelona, Spain

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

ITEM WRITER AND VALIDATOR
National University of Colombia

June 2025 – September 2025
Item writer and validator for specialized examinations in architecture.
Role: Provision of professional services to develop, refine, and perform quality assurance on assessment items forming part of the question bank in the field of architecture, within recruitment and selection processes conducted by the National University of Colombia.

UNIVERSITY LECTURER

April 2024 – Present – Assistant I
Full-time Lecturer – 160 hours/month
Role: Lead and coordinate academic groups across different stages of the undergraduate architecture program at Universidad Santo Tomás, Tunja campus. Teaching assignments include the following courses and activities: Theory and History III: Architecture and Language; Theory and History VI: Habitat and Complexity; Design Studio V: Tectonic and Stereotomic Approaches; Theory and History VII: Technique + Poetics = Tectonics.

Additionally, responsibilities include: academic planning, monitoring, and evaluation (PSE); participation in "mirror classes" and/or virtual academic events; academic tutoring within the Integrative Design Studio framework; and collaboration with the Documentation Center.

FREELANCE ARCHITECT.

Role: Independent professional practice (non-subordinate), delivering: architectural design; regulatory and zoning compliance studies; architectural programming; concept design and schematic design; preliminary design development; area take-offs and scheduling (gross floor area, occupancy); 3D modeling; architectural detailing; production of reference imagery; technical coordination with engineering disciplines; construction permitting processes; preparation and submission of documentation; and liaison with municipal planning authorities across the following projects:

- **April 2026 – May 2026 | Area: 2,433 m²**
Landscape Architect – Design Lead (studies and design for the new Municipal Administrative Center – CAM, Tenjo)

- **April 2025 – June 2025 | Area: 500 m²**
Consulting Architect and Landscape Designer (studies and design for the upgrading and expansion of José de San Martín Departmental School)

- **June 2023 – August 2023 | Area: 46.3 ha**
Landscape Architect (landscape assessment in Sopotá, Villa de Leyva, Boyacá)

- **January 2023 – July 2023 | Area: 2.25 ha**
Landscape Architect – Designer (diagnosis and strategic plan for Los Arrayanes estate, Villa de Leyva, Boyacá)

- **April 2023 – May 2023**
3D Modeler and Rendering Specialist

- **September 2022 – November 2022 | Area: 165 m²**
Architect – Designer (expansion of Hotel Antis, Manta, Cundinamarca).

- **January 2020 – June 2020 | Area: 240 m²**
Architect – Construction Supervisor (Casa Centro, Manta, Cundinamarca).

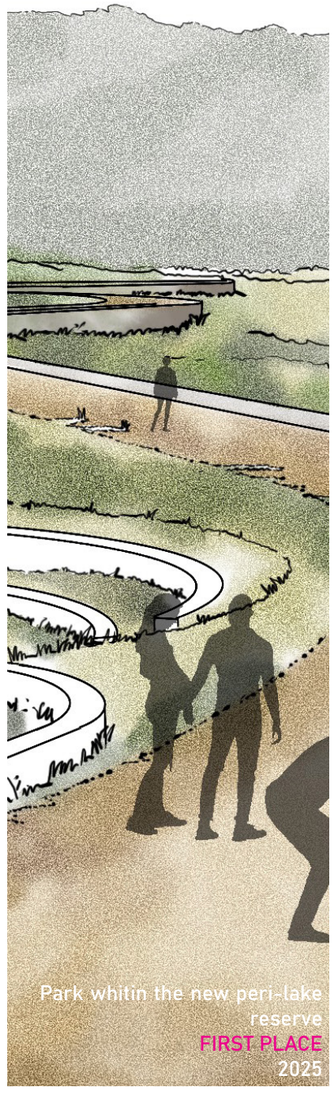
- **December 2019 – February 2020 | Area: 370 m²**
Architect – Designer (Café Andrea Bo, Zipaquirá, Cundinamarca).

- **February 2019 – July 2019 | Area: 240 m²**
Architect – Designer (Casa Centro, Manta, Cundinamarca).

- **February 2019 – May 2019 | Area: 156 m²**
Architect – Designer (Casa Saavedra Gómez, Zipaquirá, Cundinamarca).

- **December 2017 – March 2018 | Area: 264 m²**
Architect – Designer (Villa Paulina, Manta, Cundinamarca).


Rehabilitation of a kindergarten in Bolivia
THIRD PLACE
2019


Park whitin the new peri-lake reserve
FIRST PLACE
2025



COMPETITION ENTRY – Sociedad Bolivariana
Leonardo Álvarez
2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT INTERN – LAIA MESTRE RISSE
November – December 2021

Funeral Home, Seville | Area: 347,15 m²
Role: Participation in the development of landscape projects, including general plan production, landscape metrics and analysis, plant species selection, and the compilation, organization, and layout of project documentation.

Sant Remy Site | Area: 2,4 ha
Role: Participation in the development of landscape projects, including general plan production, landscape metrics and analysis and topographic and runoff studies.

ARCHITECT – ORLANDO CAMPOS REYES
May – September 2020

Preliminary Design Phase,
Science Center for Boyacá | Area: 6.973,58 m²
Role: Support to project leadership in the development of design guidelines and architectural detailing; production of architectural, urban, and landscape design proposals; coordination with multidisciplinary teams; preparation of reference imagery; 3D modeling; refinement of presentations; and active participation in coordination meetings between the architectural team and design review (interventoría).

July 2015

Junior Architect, Rehabilitation and Renovation of San Mateo Market Square | Area: 9.473 m²
Role: Contributions to architectural design and drafting; technical coordination with engineering disciplines; 3D modeling; production of reference imagery and presentations; and participation in design and review committees.

December 2014 – January 2015

Junior Architect, Soratama Environmental Park
| Area: 967,44 m²
Role: Contributions to architectural design and drafting; technical coordination with engineering disciplines; 3D modeling; production of reference imagery and presentations; and participation in design and review committees.

ARCHITECT – LEONARDO ÁLVAREZ YEPES

December 2017 – December 2018
Project areas ranging from 2.476,45 to 20.466 m²

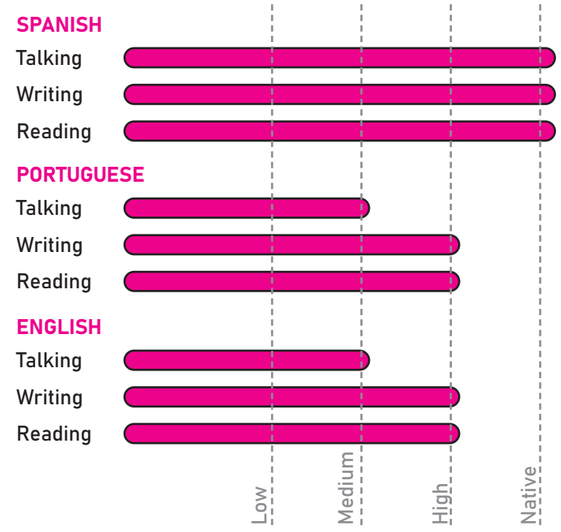
Junior Architect.
Role: Support to project leadership in defining architectural guidelines and design parameters. Development of architectural and landscape design proposals through diagrams, plans, elevations, and construction details. Coordination of the architectural project with multidisciplinary teams, including topographic, hydraulic/sanitary, structural, electrical, and mechanical engineering. Production of 3D visualizations and project presentations to communicate spatial use and design intent. Participation in coordination meetings, contributing architectural input to the conception and dissemination of urban, landscape, and architectural design components within the physical design development process.

STUDENT ASSISTANT
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBIA

September – October 2017
Student Assistant – Master's Program in Urbanism (Resolution 496 of 2017)
Role: Activities related to the compilation, organization, and layout of results from the workshop "International School: Bogotá River 2017."

December 2015 – August 2016
Student Assistant – Architectural Design Review, National University Campus in San Andrés de Tumaco
Role: Support in refining architectural drawings and details as required by project leadership; participation in technical coordination meetings; preparation of cost estimates for construction budgeting; and delivery of both digital and physical project documentation to the project management team.

LANGUAGE



REFERENCES

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Kindergarten "La Ilusión"
Leonardo Alvarez
2018