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Education	2005	Ph.D. (Social & Cultural Anthropology) Rice University (USA).
	1997	M.Sc. (Urban Planning). University of Arizona (USA).
	1991	Bachelor of Architecture Santa María La Antigua Catholic University (Rep. of Panama).
Professional licenses	2000	Member. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).
	1991	Architect. Republic of Panama.
Current Appointments	2004-pres.	General Manager. SUMA, Architects and Planners ( <a href="https://sumaarquitectos.com/">https://sumaarquitectos.com/</a> )
	2016-pres.	Adjunct professor. School of Urban Planning. McGill University (Montreal, Canada).
	2018-pres.	Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair for Dialogues on Sustainability ( <a href="https://prism.research.mcgill.ca/index.html">https://prism.research.mcgill.ca/index.html</a> )
	2015-pres.	Director of the Panama City Urban Forum and Observatory at Santa María La Antigua Catholic University ( <a href="https://fospanama.org/urbano/">https://fospanama.org/urbano/</a> )
	2010-pres.	Professor. Central American Master's Program in Conservation of Historic Heritage for Development (University of Panama).
	2023-pres.	Professor. Master's Program in Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Development (University of Panama).
	2013-pres.	Instructor. Panama Field Study Semester, McGill University and Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.
	2021-pres.	Regional Planning Advisor - Coastal Solutions Program, Cornell University Lab of Ornithology.

Past  
appointments

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| 2004-2009 | Executive Director. Office of the Old City (Oficina del Casco Antiguo), Presidency of the Republic of Panama and National Institute of Culture. |
| 1997-2003 | Planning and urban design consultant, Knudson & Associates (Houston, TX, USA).                                                                  |
| 1994-1995 | Deputy Director. National Historic Heritage Office. National Institute of Culture, Rep. of Panama.                                              |
| 1991-1993 | Chief Architect. National Historic Heritage Office. National Institute of Culture. Rep. of Panama.                                              |
| 1992-1995 | Associate Researcher. Center for Urban Social Research and Promotion. Universidad Católica Santa María La Antigua, Rep. of Panama.              |
| 1988-1991 | Associate Researcher. Instituto de Estudios Nacionales (Institute for National Studies). University of Panama, Rep. of Panama.                  |

## Publications (Selection)

Books	2024	<i>Conversations with the Turtles. On the Ideological Conundrums of Our Times.</i> Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
	2015	<i>Building the Inclusive City. Theory and Practice for Confronting Urban Segregation.</i> London: Routledge.
Research reports	2021	Research Report with Brian Leung, Charlotte Steeves, and Shriram Varadarajan. <i>La cobertura de árboles de la ciudad de Panamá: Cuantificación, comparaciones internacionales y perspectivas</i> (The Tree Cover of Panama City: Quantification, International Comparisons, and Perspectives). Panamá: Foro y observatorio urbano.
	2018	Research Report, with Barret Hedges: <i>La adaptación de las redes viales para fortalecer el uso del transporte público en el área metropolitana de Panamá.</i> (The Adaptation of Road Networks for Transit Use in the Panama Metropolitan Region). Panamá: Foro y observatorio urbano.
	2015	Research Report, with Carlos Gordón: <i>Los asentamientos informales en el área metropolitana de Panamá. Cuantificación e implicaciones para la política de vivienda y urbanismo.</i> (Informal Settlements in the Panama Metropolitan Area. Quantification and Implications for Housing and Urban Policy). Panamá: Foro y observatorio urbano.
Articles	2020	Teorizando una ciudad más humana ("Theorizing a more human city"). <i>Investigación y pensamiento crítico</i> , Vol. 8, No. 2, May – Aug., pp. 99 – 109.
	2011	Los costos económicos y sociales del desarrollo periférico de la vivienda de bajo costo en la ciudad de Panamá. ("The economic and social costs of the development of low-cost housing in the periphery of Panama City"). <i>Revista La Antigua</i> , 73: 119-173.
	2009	Integración social y desarrollo económico. El caso del Casco Antiguo de Panamá. ("Social Integration and Economic Development. The Case of Panama's Casco Antiguo"). <i>Canto Rodado</i> 4, 1-35.

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Articles	2008	La segregación urbana: Una breve revisión teórica para urbanistas. ("Urban Segregation: A Brief Theoretical Review for Urban Planners"). <i>Revista de Arquitectura</i> (Catholic University of Colombia), 10, 34-47.
	2008	Heritage Preservation, Tourism, and Inclusive Development in Panama City's Casco Antiguo. <i>Land Lines</i> (October 2008), 14-17.
Chapters in books	2016	Urban Conservation and Social Inclusion. In, <i>Architectural Conservation in Asia: National Experiences and Practice</i> , edited by John Stubbs and Robert Thomson. London: Routledge.
	2013	Introduction to the chapter on "Land Use and Urban Redevelopment", of the book <i>Políticas de suelo urbano. Perspectivas internacionales para América Latina</i> , edited by Martim Smolka and Laura Mullahy. Cambridge: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. (Book with translations to Spanish of 40 articles of Land Lines magazine).
	2010	The Development of Affordable Housing in the Historic Center of Panama City: Searching for New Models of Economic Development and Social Integration. In, <i>Shrinking cities South/North</i> , edited by Ivonne Audirac and Jesús Arroyo Alejandro. Zapopan and Los Angeles: Florida State University, Universidad de Guadalajara, UCLA Program on Mexico, Profmex/World & Juan Pablos Editor.
	2005	Inequality, Segregation, and Housing Markets: The U.S. Case. In <i>Desegregating the City: Ghettos, Enclaves, and Inequality</i> , edited by David P. Varady. Albany: State University of New York Press.
	2005	El Buen Plan. Ejemplo de la Ciudad de Houston. In, <i>Urbanismo para la Humanidad</i> , edited by Jorge Riba. Panama: BookSurge.

Chapters in books	1991	Proyectos de Vivienda Pública en el Corregimiento de El Chorrillo. Un Breve Recuento Crítico. ("Public Housing Projects in El Chorrillo District. A Brief Critical Review"). In <i>El Chorrillo: Situación Actual y Alternativas</i> . Cuadernos Nacionales No. 9, Instituto de Estudios Nacionales, Panama: University of Panama.
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Awards and honors	2017	Member of the development team of the Urban Knowledge-Action Network. Future Earth.
	2011	International guest speaker. XXXII Colombian National Architecture Conference.
	2008	International Jury. XVI Quito Panamerican Architecture Biennial (Urban Design).
	2008	Principal national speaker. XI National Architecture Conference, Panama.
	2008	Fellow. Central American Leadership Initiative (CALI III).
	1995	Fulbright grant for graduate studies in the United States.