



# nicholas faehnle

DESIGN DIRECTOR  
ARCHITECT, AIA, NCARB

## PROFILE

Nicholas Faehnle is a Registered Architect and Director of Design with more than twenty years of experience, blending professional practice, art, collaboration, academic rigor, and community engagement to inform his work. Drawing on lived experience, he applies critical thinking to craft thoughtful, community-centered spaces where art, aesthetics, and empathy guide design, fostering meaningful connections and enriching the human experience.

## CONTACT

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## SKILLS

design



documentation



management



presentation



business development



## EXPERIENCE

DESIGN DIRECTOR (RA, AIA, NCARB) @ DS ARCHITETURE  
2024 - current

DESIGN DIRECTOR @ VOCON  
2011 - 2024

DESIGNER @ KA  
2004 - 2008, 2010

INSTRUCTOR @ KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CAED  
2007 - 2009  
interior design - studio 1  
architecture - studio 2

DESIGNER @ MUSEUM LIGHTING & DESIGN  
2003- 2004

FASHION DESIGNER @ SHE SHE NY  
2002 - 2003

## SELECTED PORTFOLIO

### ARCHITECTURE:

The Cleveland Foundation Headquarters  
Midtown Collaboration Center  
Cleveland Institute of Art Student Housing  
CityBlock Bedrock- Conceptual

- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH

### COMMERCIAL INTERIORS:

Zashin & Rich - Law Offices  
Cliffs Natural Resources  
PwC - Experience Center/Sandbox

- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH

- Hallandale Beach, FL
- 300 Madison (HQ) , NYC,NY
- Toronto, ON
- London, UK
- Chicago, IL
- Bangalore, India

Raymond James - Experience Center  
Microsoft - Experience Center

- San Francisco, CA
- Nicosia, Cyprus
- Tokyo, Japan
- Tampa, FL
- NY, NY

### CIVIC INSTITUTIONAL:

Smithsonian American Art Museum - Interior Design  
Providence Academy Museum - Museum Design

- Washington DC
- Minneapolis, MN

### PLANNING

Veteran Elite Campus Plan  
MidTown Innovation District  
Private Client - District Plan

- Lorain, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH

### HOSPITALITY/RETAIL:

Fahrenheit  
Encore  
Flat Hat Club  
G-Star Raw Retail Store

- Cleveland, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Akron, OH
- Minneapolis, MN

### OTHER:

Cleveland Institute of Art - Interactive Media Lab

- Cleveland, OH



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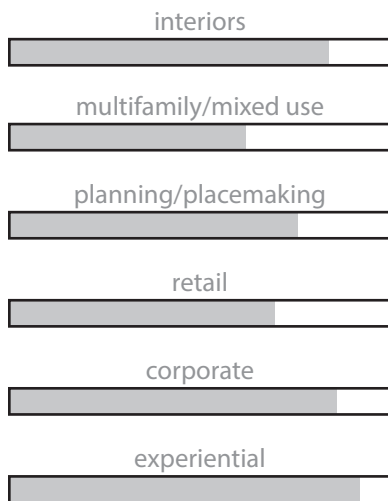
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## SOCIAL



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## TYOLOGY



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Cleveland Museum of Art - Leadership Circle Board Member
- Brite Winter - Board Member
- West Boulevard Lorain Station. Historic Design Review. Past Member
- Cleveland Far West Design Review Board. Past Member
- Cleveland Bridge Builders - Class of 2017
- Look up to Cleveland - Mentorship Program
- ACE Mentoring Program. Rhodes High School.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Ohio Award of Tremendous Attainment for Community Service. Ohio State Senate

Clifton Blvd. & West Blvd. Historic District Review Cert. of Appreciation

AIA/IIDA - Office Design of the Year

- Zashin & Rich. Cleveland, OH - 2015

AIA Ohio - People's Choice Award

- PwC Experience Center. San Francisco, CA - 2022

IIDA Ohio/Kentucky- Design of the Year

- PwC Experience Center. San Francisco, CA - 2022

AIA CLE - Honorable Mention Award - Interior Architecture

- Fahrenheit. Cleveland, OH - 2023

AIA CLE - Honor Award - Interior Architecture

- Cleveland Foundation Headquarters. Cleveland, OH - 2023

Urban Land Institute - ULI Americas Awards for Excellence

- Cleveland Foundation Headquarters. Cleveland, OH - 2024

IIDA Ohio/Kentucky- Design of the Year Creative Space

- Cleveland Institute of Art. IML Cleveland, OH 2025

AIA Ohio - Honor Award

- Cleveland Foundation Headquarters Interiors. Cleveland, OH - 2025

## EDUCATION

MMBA CERTIFICATE @ MIAMI UNIVERSITY

2020

M.ARCH @ KENT STATE - CLEVELAND URBAN DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

2008 - 2010

the cleveland urban design collaborative (cudc) is the combined home of the urban design graduate program at kent state university and the public service activities of the college of architecture and environmental design.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ARCHITECTURE @ MIAMI UNIVERSITY

1998 - 2002

the undergraduate major in architecture at miami university is a rigorous four-year pre-professional program leading to the degree bachelor of arts in architecture.

## INTERESTING FACTS

- Global Citizen: U.S., Italian, and Indian (OCI) citizenships give you access to diverse cultures.
- Avid Reader: Yearly goal to read 50 books a year, including 10 in Italian to deepen cultural ties.
- Fashion Roots: Professional journey began in fashion design, shaping details and aesthetics.