

Bogotá DC, Colombia

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I believe in design as an agent for social change and in the public realm as an opportunity for improving quality of life in cities of the developing world. My experience as a designer of both public and private architectural projects gives me the versatility to contribute my skills in very diverse contexts.

Born in Bogota, Colombia. Practicing architect, BArch Universidad de Los Andes, with 13 years of experience and a Masters in Urban Design from UC Berkeley. I believe that both housing and the public realm in cities are fascinating design challenges. I have worked independently in competitions with prizes for a public library, a town square and a park, in different cities of Colombia as a co-founder of the firm Ariporo Ltd. I have done academic research, teaching and have collaborated in firms for housing in Colombia and Panama. Photography, writing and graphics enthusiast. Fellow of the *Leadership for Bogota* 2015-2016 program. Formerly collaborator for Bogota´s Territorial Ordering Plan –POT, in the diagnosis and proposals for the Urban Renovation component in the City Planning Department. During 2018, part of Bogota´s Habitat Department, working in the slum upgrading program in urban and rural contexts. IHS / OKP fellow for a short housing course in Holland. Currently independent architect and professor in undergraduate Architecture: Housing Studio, Universidad de Los Andes since 2016.

Education

- 2013 - 2015 **University of California Berkeley.** Masters in Urban Design. Project: “The housing-landscape interface”, Kennedy District, Bogotá
 1998 - 2003 **Universidad de Los Andes.** Bachelor in Architecture. Project: “Liturgy Square in the 20 de Julio Neighborhood”, Bogotá
- Courses and workshops*
- 2019 **Institute of Housing and Urban Development.** Erasmus University Rotterdam. Developing Social Housing Projects. 3week course
 2015 - 2016 **Universidad de Los Andes.** *Leadership for Bogota fellowship program* “Cartography and neighborhood recognition: Laches” 1 yr.
 Dec 2013 **Southern China University of Technology.** Final project: “From abandoned cement factory to Creative Campus”. 1 month.
 Jan - Jun 2011 **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.** Digital Photography course. 1 semester.

Projects

- 2019 **Adaptation to Climate Change: involving the private sector.**
 For: Adriana Vega, MAPPA, KPMG Colombia.
Hillside Collective Housing in Suba
 For: Ximena Samper, PRODESA.
Social Housing in Ricaurte, Cundinamarca (proposal for private competition)
 With: Alejandro Peña -ALPEC Architects.
- 2018 **Bogota Habitat Department: Slum upgrading program in Bogota´s southern rural settlements.**
 For: Neighborhoods Division. SDHT. Technical report
- 2016 – 2017 **Bogota City Planning Department: Territorial Ordering Plan diagnosis and proposals for the Urban Renovation chapter**
 For: Patrimony and Urban Renovation Division. SDP. Technical report
- 2015 – 2016 **Montechico, a Rural Development Hub for Santander**
 For: Arch. Ernesto Jimenez. Urban design and development of mixed use housing project in rural Santander. Area: 24 hectares
- Oct 2015-Jun2016 **Nos Vemos en La Esquina / “Meet you in the Corner” group, Los Laches Neighborhood, Bogotá**
 Personal Project for the *Leadership for Bogotá* fellowship program. Research, community work and cartography in a hillside slum.
- Aug 2015 **Estación Central / Central Station, Calle 26, Av. Caracas, Bogotá**
 For: Arch. Max Ojeda & Arquitectos Restauradores. Urban design guidelines for an Urban Renewal masterplan in Downtown Bogotá.
- Jul 2015 **National Museum of Memory in Bogotá**
 Metrica Architects. Urban proposal for public competition.
- Apr 2015 **Urban guidelines, housing and hotel in Montería**
 Metrica Architects. Urban proposal and public space design. Area: 10.5 hectares
- 2013 **DTO Recording studio –built.**
 For: DTO Sonido Directo. Interior design, acoustical parameters integration and construction supervision. Area: 30sqm
- 2010 - 2013 **Alto del Viento, mixed use housing in Barichara, Santander –built.**
 For: Ernesto Jimenez. Coordination of urban and architectural designs, project drafting and construction supervision. Área: 500sqm
- 2010 **F1 Building in Rosales –built**
 Arch. Camilo Esguerra. Architectural detailing of bathrooms, kitchens and wooden doors and windows.
- 2009 **Guachaca Beach, Tayrona**
 With Ariporo Ltd. Ecotourism proposal in Magdalena, Colombia. Schematic proposal. Area: 2 hectares
- 2008 - 2009 **House in Santa Ana –built.**
 With Ariporo Ltd. Carlos Granada and Ana Hakim. Architectural design and development. Area: 700sqm
- 2008 - 2009 **Trump Ocean Club Panamá –built.**
 For: Arias Serna Saravia S.A. Junior architect in mixed use building´s common areas. Area: 262,000sqm

- 2007 **Luis Carlos Galán Square**, Cota, Cundinamarca (1st prize)
Ariporo Ltd. With David Delgado, Felipe Bermúdez, Mauricio Pinilla. Public competition. Public Space Design. Area: 5,600sqm
- Bogotá's Spanish Cultural Center**
Ariporo Ltd. With David Delgado, Angela Rueda, Alejandro Peña. Private competition. Architectural design. Area: 3,800sqm
- Extension for Bogotá's Downtown Cemetery**
Ariporo Ltd. With Ángela Rueda. Public competition. Urban and architectural design.
- 2006 - 2007 **Mario Laserna Building**: audiovisual pieces on the building's construction process / The architecture of Ernesto Jimenez book
Universidad de Los Andes. Architecture Department. Architecture, Cities and Education Research Group. For: Rafael Villazón.
Research assistant. Illustrations on structural predimensioning and façade types. Teaching in Technical Workshop 1.
- 2006 **Mono Nuñez Music Park** in Ginebra, Valle (3rd prize)
Ariporo Ltd. Felipe Bermúdez, Angela Rueda, Alejandro Peña. Public Competition. Urban and architectural design. Area: 5,000sqm
- 2005 - 2007 **Paz de Ariporo Library**, Casanare (1st prize) -built
Ariporo Ltd.: David Delgado, Ángela Rueda, Gabriel Campuzano. Design, development, construction supervision. Area: 1,500 sqm
- 2005 **Maré, bamboo cane housing in Anapoima**
For: Simón Velez. Drafting of general and detailed plans for bamboo cane housing. Area: 1,000sqm per house
- 2003 - 2005 **Virrey Building** Chicó Neighborhood, Bogotá -built
Jimenez & Cortés Boshell Ltd. General and detailed plans drafting, additional to client management. Area: 41,000sqm
- Macadamia Houses**, suburban housing in La Calera-Sopó, northeast of Bogota.
Private competition for Pedro Gómez & Co. For: Jiménez & Cortés Boshell Ltd. Drafting and competition drawings.

Conferences, publications, exhibitions

Conferences given

- 2016 **Conversation with Jan Rothuizen about walking Bogotá**. Bogotá Book Fair (Feria Internacional del Libro de Bogotá) FilBo.
- 2016 **Urban itineraries and innovative cartographies**. Conversation regarding the book "Bogotá's Facades"
- 2010 **Genderless architecture and incursions in practice**. Event with colombian female architects. U. Javeriana, Bogotá
- 2008 **Interior and exterior space as one**. Universidad Autónoma del Caribe. Barranquilla

Publications (academic and other)

- 2014 **Bogotá's Bucolic Exodus**. Academic article on urban-rural migration. Berkeley Planning Journal / The Urban Fringe. Berkeley, CA.
Link: <https://berkeleyplanningjournal.com/urbanfringe/2014/01/bogotas-bucolic-exodus-aspirations-of-a-rural-life-or-suburban-sprawl>
- 2011 **Genderless architecture and incursions in practice**. Memorias 06, Pontifica Universidad Javeriana, Colombia
- 2010 **Public spaces with a local identity**. Diferentes Latitudes online magazine, México
- 2009 **Material identity of place**. Interview on A57 online magazine, Colombia

Projects that have been part of collective exhibitions

- 2010 **200 years of Architecture in Latin America**. Paz de Ariporo Public Library. FPAA. Medellín.
- 2007 **Spanish Cultural Center, Luis Carlos Galán Square, Mono Núñez Music Park and Three libraries in Casanare**.
- 2003 **Undergraduate Students Architecture Thesis Annual**. Colombian Architects' Society.

Skills, software, languages

- Skills* Urban and housing design, digital photography, hand drawings, basic infographics and booklet design.
Research and teaching in urban and housing issues.
- Software* Design: Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Microsoft Office, Adobe LightRoom.
Architecture: GraphiSoft ARCHICAD, Autodesk Autocad, ArcMap GIS, Google Sketchup
- Languages* Spanish and English (Toefl 105/120, IELTS 7.5/9.0)

References

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| Rafael Villazón | Architecture, Cities, Education Research Group, Universidad d Los Andes | villazo@uniandes.edu.co |
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