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Taymoore Balbaa received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of Waterloo and won the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Medal for Outstanding Thesis. In 2005, he became the inaugural winner of the Canada Council for the Arts' Prix de Rome in Architecture for Emerging Practitioners, working and conducting research in Spain, West Africa, and Egypt. He also holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree from Waterloo, and took pre-professional architecture training in the Università Gabrielle D'Annunzio in Italy. He is a licensed architect in Ontario, Canada, and is awaiting his professional status in the European Union.

Since 2006, he has been a principal of Taymoore Balbaa Design Studio (TABA), and is developing a body of work that includes libraries, housing, live/work projects, cultural centres, and a place of worship. Prior to this he worked in the offices of Menis Arquitectos (Tenerife, Spain), directing the designs of a social housing project and an urban park in Spain. In 2004-2005 he worked with the Toronto firm of Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects (KPMB) on the Manitoba Hydro Downtown Office project. With Massimiliano Fuksas Architetto in Rome, Italy in 2000-2001, he was project architect and worked on several notable projects in Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Hong Kong. He has also worked with HLW International in New York and, in 1998, assisted on the Parthenon Restoration Project in Athens, Greece.

At both Graduate and Undergraduate levels, Taymoore has taught Design Studio at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture and the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design (University of Toronto), and has lectured at universities in Berlin, Toronto, Napoli, Tunis, and Ottawa. In addition, he has been an invited critic for the Pratt Institute (Rome) and at the Yale School of Architecture. Currently, he serves as Assistant Professor at Ryerson University.

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Principal TABA_design

EDUCATION

- 1/02-10/03 **M.ARCH University of Waterloo School of Architecture** *Waterloo, Ontario*
Thesis: *The Conscious Divide / The Living Bridge* Advisor: Dereck Revington
-RAIC Medal for Outstanding Thesis (Royal Architectural Institute of Canada)
-RAIC Honour Roll
- 1995-1999 **B.ES University of Waterloo School of Architecture** *Waterloo, Ontario*
(Bachelor of Environmental Studies) 6 year Pre-Professional Co-Operative Programme
- 1999-2000 **Università Gabrielle D'Annunzio** *Pescara, Italy*
Completion of B.ES (pre-professional architecture) in this study-abroad term.
- 1991-1995 **American Community Schools** *Athens, Greece*
Full International Baccalaureate (I.B.) diploma.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present **RYERSON UNIVERSITY** *Toronto, Ontario*
Assistant Professor Department of Architectural Science
Fall 2009_ASC 101 (1st year Undergraduate) Design Studio: Communications Studio
-ASC 102_The Built World (**Course Coordinator**)_1st year Undergraduate Core Course
Winter 2010_ASC 201_1st year Undergraduate Design Studio
-ASC 857_Glass in Architecture (**Course Coordinator**)_4th year & M.Arch Seminar
-M.Arch Thesis Supervisor (1 Student)
- 2007-2009 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** *Toronto, Ontario*
Sessional Professor John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design
Fall 2009_M.ARCH Thesis Supervisor (4 Students)
Spring 2009_M.ARCH Architectural Design Studio II: Site, Building, Tectonics
Fall 2008_M.ARCH Architectural Design Studio III: Culture and the Metropolis
Spring 2008_M.ARCH Architectural Design Studio II: Site, Building, Tectonics
Fall 2007_M.ARCH Architectural Design Studio I: Introductory Design
- 2007-2009 **UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO** *Cambridge, Ontario*
Adjunct Assistant Professor School of Architecture
Spring 2009_2B (2nd year Undergraduate) Design Studio: Excursions into the Expanded Field
Spring 2008_2B (2nd year Undergraduate) Design Studio: Excursions into the Expanded Field
Fall 2007_3B (3rd year Undergraduate) Option Studio: Proteus Moves: Durational Space & Architecture of Time
Spring 2007_2B (2nd year Undergraduate) Design Studio: Excursions into the Expanded Field
-M.Arch Thesis Committee Member
- 1998-2002 **UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO** *Cambridge, Ontario*
Teaching Assistant School of Architecture
-1st year (1A & 1B) Iconography/Cultural History
-2nd year (2A) Building Construction II.

VISITING CRITIC:

- 2007 **Yale University** *New Haven, Connecticut* M.Arch Advanced Design Studio (Prof. Deborah Berke)_final reviews
- 2007/2008 **Ryerson University** *Toronto, Ontario* B.Arch. Thesis External Committee Member (2 Students)
- 2007 **University of Toronto** *Toronto, Ontario* 3rd year MARCH Option Studio (Prof. Jurgen Mäyer)_midterm reviews
- 2006 **University of Waterloo** *Waterloo, Ontario* 1st, 2nd, 3rd year Undergraduate Design & M.ARCH Studio_final reviews
- 2001 **Pratt University** *Brooklyn, NY* (Rome Programme) 4th year Design Studio_final reviews

PRIVATE PRACTICE

TABA_design:

- 2010 -Hong Kong-Zuhai-Macau Border Crossing Facility Int'l Competition (*Hong Kong, China*) _submitted
- 2009/10 -Harrington Hotel (*Newmarket, Ontario*) _in progress
- 2009 -EUROPAN X International Competition (*Vardø, Norway*): Northern Encounters _submitted
- Wildflower Centre International Competition (*Liverpool, UK*) _mention
- 2008 -Angus Branch Library (*Angus, Ontario*) _schematic design
- Toronto Public Library (*Toronto, Ontario*) _feasibility studies / concept design in progress
- Ecole Secondaire de Richmond Hill (*Richmond Hill, ON*) _invited competition with ZAS Architects Inc.
- Areopagitou #17 International Design Competition @ the New Acropolis Museum (*Athens, Greece*)
- Bianchi Seaside 160,000 m² housing and hotel development (*Sidi Abd el Rahman, Egypt*) _masterplan
- 2007 -Holmenkollbakken Ski Jump International Competition (*Oslo, Norway*)
- Community of 10 Vacation Homes (*Eretria, Evia Island, Greece*) _schematic design
- 2006 -Renovation of Seaside Penthouse (*Kavouri, Greece*) _under construction
- Live/Work Studios for AXON Development S.A. (*Athens, Greece*) _feasibility studies
- Venice Bridge-Museum Competition (*Venice, Italy*)
- Infant Nursery and Daycare (*Tenerife, Spain*) _schematic design
- 2005 -Private Home (*Tenerife, Spain*) _construction documents
- 2003 -Centre for Business, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (*CBET University of Waterloo*) _concept design
- 2002 -New School of Architecture Student Ideas Competition (*University of Waterloo School of Architecture*) _1st place

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2005-2006 **MENIS ARQUITECTOS** *Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain*
 - 'Aliseo' 55-unit Social Housing Project *Tenerife, Spain* (Concept - Construction Documents)_Project Architect
 - Cuchillitos Urban Park *Tenerife, Spain* (Concept - Schematic Design)_Project Architect
 - Artists' Residence *La Gomera, Spain* (Schematic Design)
- 2004-2005 **KUWABARA PAYNE MCKENNA BLUMBERG ARCHITECTS (KPMB)** *Toronto, Ontario*
 - Manitoba Hydro New Downtown Office *Winnipeg, Manitoba* (Concept - Design Development).
 - Maple Leaf Square Development and expansion to the ACC *Toronto, Ontario* (Concept-Schematic Design)
- 2000-2002 **MASSIMILIANO FUKSAS ARCHITETTO** *Rome, Italy*
 - Peace Centre *Jaffa* (Under Construction)_Project Architect
 - Foligno Church Competition (1st place) *Foligno, Italy* (Under Construction)
 - Commercial & Entertainment Centre Int'l Competition (2nd place) *Bern, Switzerland*
 - Eindhoven Piazza Project *Eindhoven, the Netherlands* (Completed)
- 2000 **STUDIO PIGNATTI OTTONE** *Rome, Italy*
 - Italian Space Agency Headquarters (ASI) *Rome, Italy* Competition entry with Carme Pinós (*Barcelona, Spain*)
 - New Piazza in Ostia *Ostia, Italy* (Schematic Design)
- 1998-1999 **HLW INTERNATIONAL** *New York, New York*
 - Turner Entertainment Office and Studio Addition *Atlanta, Georgia* (Concept-Schematic Design)
 - St. John's University Student Centre and Master Plan *Queens, NY* (Schematic Design)
 - New York Film Studios *Brooklyn, NY* (Schematic Design)
- 1998 **PARTHENON RESTORATION PROJECT** *Athens, Greece*

Hand-drawn documentation of temple fragments restored to the site during the anastylosis phase, under the guidance of archaeologist Manolis Korres.
- 1997-1998 **KUWABARA PAYNE MCKENNA BLUMBERG ARCHITECTS (KPMB)** *Toronto, Ontario*

Two consecutive internships:

 - Munk Centre for International Studies *University of Toronto, Ontario* (Design Development)
 - 550 Queens Quay West *Toronto, Ontario* (Design Development)
- 1996 **ADK CONSULTING ENGINEERS** *Athens, Greece*
 - Military Barracks in Northern Greece (Construction Drawings)
 - ADK New Office Building *Athens, Greece* (Renovation Studies/Construction Drawings)

REGISTRATION & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2009-Present **Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)**
- 2004-Present **Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)**, Member
- 2004-Present **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)**
LEED™ Accredited Professional (USGBC & CGBC)

INVITED LECTURES

- 04/2010 **University of Toronto** *Toronto, Ontario* Daniels Faculty Brown Bag Lecture Series *On Research Methodology*
"Recent Work_Taymoore Balbaa Design Studio (TABAA)"
- 03/2007 **Ryerson University** *Toronto, Ontario* Ryerson University Architecture Lecture Series
"Taymoore Balbaa, Prix de Rome / Recent Work"
- 03/2007 **Carleton University** *Ottawa, Ontario* Carleton School of Architecture Internal Lecture Series
"Taymoore Balbaa, Prix de Rome / Recent Work"
- 2/2006 **Technische Universität Berlin** *Berlin, Germany*
"Context and Materiality": Lecture on recent Spanish architecture, especially trends in the Canary Islands
- 05/2005 **Anaphiel Foundation** *Miami, Florida*
"An Arts School for the 21st Century": *Invited Speaker* in symposium with Zaha Hadid, Terence Riley, Michael Sorkin, Lebbeus Woods, Deborah Berke, Bernard Khoury, Charles Renfro, and Liz Plater-Zyberk.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 07/2010 **Istanbul Technical University** *Istanbul, Turkey* ENHR 2010: Urban Dynamics and Housing Change
"West Africa's Living Traditions: Creative Struggle in the Face of Poverty"
- 09/2008 **Università Federico II** *Napoli, Italy*
"Living Traditions: Creative Struggle in the Face of Poverty": Lecture examining the perseverance of building craft and creativity in the impoverished context of Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 11/2007 **Ecole Nationale d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme** *Tunis, Tunisia*
"Of Water and Earth": Lecture on the state of building in West & North Africa in the face of drought, neo-colonialism, and poverty.
- 10/2005 **UN's World Habitat Forum** *Vancouver 2006* "Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers"
Subject Matter Expert for "Habitat Jam", a 4-day online discourse involving residents of slums around the world, organizations that work in them, academics, practitioners, policy makers, and the general public.
- 10/2003 **University of Waterloo** *Waterloo, Ontario* Arriscraft Lecture Series
"Memory Foundations": *Invited Speaker* in public discussion / debate with Daniel Libeskind

AWARDS, RESEARCH, AND GRANTS

- 2005-2006 **Prix de Rome in Architecture for Emerging Practitioners** (Canada Council for the Arts)
Worked with the sculptural properties of poured concrete (collaborating with Architect Fernando Menis) while researching the impact of modern materials on the building traditions of Andalucia, Mali, Morocco, and finally Egypt, where the legacy of Hassan Fathy was traced and documented.
- 2007 **Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant** (Tunisia)
To study the traditional Berber architecture of Southern Tunisia, and present at the "Regional Architecture and Identity in the Age of Globalization" conference.
- 2006 **Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant** (Greece & Egypt)
To conduct research on recent sacred architecture, including a design study for a new mosque in central Athens (presented to the Greek Ministry of Education & Religion).
- 2005-2010 **Invited Nominator** for the 2007 & 2010 Aga Khan Award for Architecture
Researched, documented, and nominated 4 projects (located in Mali, Morocco, and Spain) for the 2007 cycle.

EXHIBITIONS OF DESIGN WORK (TABA_design):

- 03/2009 *Sculpting for the Public Realm / Recent Work*
Location: Larry Wayne Richards Gallery *Toronto, Ontario* [solo show]
- 10/2009 *61 Ideas for a Better Future*
Location: Norges Bank / Proden *Vardø, Norway* [EUROPAN X group show]
- 10/2008 *Areopagitou #17 International Competition*
Location: Thessaloniki International Exhibition Centre *Thessaloniki, Greece* [group show of selected entries]
- 08/2007 *Holmenkollbakken Ski Jump International Competition*
Location: Bjølsenhallen *Oslo, Norway* [group show of selected entries]
- 04/2005 *On the Line*
Location: Cambridge Galleries at Riverside *Cambridge, ON* [group show]

EXHIBITIONS ON COLLABORATIVE WORK:

- 12/2008 *Fernando Menis: Razón + Emoción*
Location: Fundación Arquitectura COAM *Madrid, Spain* [Collaboration on Cuchillitos Park]
- 05/2008 *Proteus Moves: Durational Space and Architecture of Time*
Location: Cambridge Galleries at Riverside *Cambridge, ON* [group show]
- 02/2006 *Fernando Menis: Topography and Materiality*
Location: Aedes East Gallery *Berlin, Germany* [Collaboration in 4 of 10 projects on display]

PUBLICATIONS PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS BY TAYMOORE BALBAA

- 2008 "Of Water and Earth: Natural Materials and Inspired Form of Rural Architecture"
Regional Architecture and Identity in the Age of Globalization (Volume I) ISBN: 978-9957-8602-2-6
- "Living Traditions: Creative Struggle in the Face of Poverty"
Creative City 2008 (Napoli, Italy): Proceedings of the Conference (2010)
- 2007 "Scarcity & Wealth: Building Traditions and Lack of Water in North and West Africa"
African Architecture Today (Kumasi, Ghana): Proceedings of the Conference (forthcoming Fall 2010)

ARTICLES BY TAYMOORE BALBAA

- 2010 University of Waterloo Pharmacy Building Review *Canadian Architect* (July 2010)
- 2007 "The Weight of Wealth" *OnSite Review* (Issue #17 / Summer 2007)_feature article
- 2005 "On Contrasts" *Canadian Architect Magazine* (July 2005 Issue)_back page article

RADIO INTERVIEWS

- 2007 CBC Radio 1 *Sounds like Canada* (interviewed by Shelagh Rogers) (13/03/2007)
- 2005 CBC Radio 1 *Sounds like Canada* (interviewed by Shelagh Rogers) (01/03/2005)
- CBC Radio 1 *Ontario Today* (interviewed by Alan Neal) (17/02/2005)

PUBLICATIONS ON DESIGN WORK

- 2005 *Socially-Minded Architect wins new Canada Council Prize*
www.cbc.ca/story/arts/national/2005/01/19/Arts/prixderomegrad050119.html
- Taymoore Balbaa: An Exciting Young Architect*
<http://www.canadacouncil.ca/aboutus/artistsstories/Architecture/oa127716237649411643.htm>
- A 21st-Century School for the Arts Symposium Report* http://www.anaphiel.org/pdf/reports/arch_report.pdf
- Taymoore Balbaa wins first Prix de Rome in Architecture for Emerging Practitioners*
www.canadacouncil.ca/canadacouncil/nouvelles/communiques/2004/cq127506341555432500.htm
- 2002 *Vision of an Innovation Building*
<http://www.bulletin.uwaterloo.ca/2002/jun/05we.html>

PUBLICATIONS ON COLLABORATIVE WORK

- 2008 "Housing and Territory" *BASA #30+31* (Annual Publication of the Colegio de Arquitectos Canary Islands, Spain)
"Aliseo Building pp. 92-93
- 2007 *Fernando Menis: Reason and Emotion*
ACTAR Barcelona, Spain (2007)
-Collaboration in two published works
- 2006 *Fernando Menis: Topography and Materiality*
Aedes Publishing (Kristin Feireiss & Hans-Jürgen Commerell) Berlin, Germany (2006)
-Collaboration in three published works
- 2004 *The Architecture of Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects*
Birkhauser Basel, Switzerland (2004)
- 2001 *Casabella No. 694*
Electa Milan, Italy (November 2001)
-1st place competition entry for a church in Foligno, Italy (with Massimiliano Fuksas).
- Massimiliano Fuksas: Frames*
ACTAR Barcelona, Spain (2001)
-Collaboration on (3) projects completed 2000-2001.
- 1999 *Restoration Study for the Parthenon's North Facade*
by Konstantinos Zambas Greek Ministry of Culture / Committee for the Preservation of the Acropolis (1999)

AWARDS FOR COLLABORATIVE WORK

- 2009 2009 Best Tall Building Award (Americas Region)Architects). Awarded by the CTBUH
Project: Manitoba Hydro (w/KPMB Architects)
- 2008 Manuel de Oráa Prize (Honourable Mention_Landscape and Urbanism Category)
Project: Cuchillitos Park (w/Menis Arquitectos) Premio de Arquitectura de Canarias – XIII Edición
- IBS (International Building Skin-tech) Award (Highly Commended)
Project: Manitoba Hydro (w/KPMB Architects)
- 2007 La Gomera Artists' Residence Competition_1st place (w/Menis Arquitectos)
- 2006 Canadian Architect Award of Excellence
Project: Manitoba Hydro (w/KPMB Architects)
- MIPM Architectural Review Awards - Commended for Innovation
Project: Manitoba Hydro (w/KPMB Architects)

LANGUAGES English, Greek, Arabic, Italian, Spanish