Joël León Danis, OAA MRAIC

PARTNER, PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

Education

2015 University of Toronto Degree Conferred with Academic Honours

Master of Architecture

2011 University of Toronto Degree conferred with High Distinction

Honours Bachelor of Arts

2007 Unidad Educativa Academia Washington, Caracas, Venezuela

Bachiller de la República, Ciencias

2007 Unidad Educativa Academia Washington, Caracas, Venezuela

International Baccalaureate (English and Spanish)

Professional Experience

2017-Present Toronto Society of Architects Executive Director (2023-Present), Programming Director (2020-2023),

Executive Administrator (2017-2019)

2016-Present Freelance Communications and Research

2018-2023 Denegri Bessai Studio Architect (2022-2023), Intern Architect (2018-2022)

2016-2018 Vanessa Fong Architect Intern Architect

2015-2016 Ontario Association of Architects Architectural Graduate

2015 University of Toronto Researcher and Curator - 125th Anniversary Exhibition

2013-2015 University of Toronto Teaching Assistant

2013-2014 Designing Ecological Tourism Lab Head Researcher and Project Lead

2012-2013 Steven Fong Architect Designer

2011 Office of the Councillor Cesar Palacio Intern and Constituency Assistant

2010 Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Draftsperson for Design and Construction Department

Community

2017-2022 Ontario Association of Architects Member of the Communications Committee

2016-2020 University of Toronto Co-Chair of the Communications Sub-Group, College of Electors

2017-Present Village Green Tenant's Association President
2016 Toronto 2030 District Volunteer

2013-2015 Graduate Architecture, Landscape, and President (2015), Vice President (2014), Student Representative (2013)

Design Student Union

Accolades

2017	Arbour Award
2015	Alpha Rho Chi Medal
2015	Royal Institute of Canada Honour Roll
2013-2014	Jules F. Wegman Fellowship
2013-2014	Peter Prangnell Award
2012-2013	Ontario Association of Architects' Scholarship
2012-2013	Komala Prabhakar Graduate Student Endowment Fund
2012-2013	Harry B. Kohl Award
2011-2012	John Yamada Memorial Admission Scholarship and Study Abroad Bursary

Select Publications, Exhibitions, and Research Projects

2016-Present	Queen's Park Picks	Blog series and exhibition for the Ontario Association of Architects
2022	A Guide to Toronto's Queer Spaces	Virtual on-demand guide for the Toronto Society of Architects
2022	Art and the Spadina Line (Part 1 and 2)	Virtual on-demand tour for the Toronto Society of Architects
2021	Guild Park and Gardens	Virtual on-demand tour for the Toronto Society of Architects
2020	Harbourfront (Part 1 and 2)	Virtual on-demand tour for the Toronto Society of Architects
2020	Ontario Place	Virtual on-demand tour for the Toronto Society of Architects
2020	Humber Bay	Virtual on-demand tour for the Toronto Society of Architects
2016	Ontario Libraries	Blog mini-series for the Ontario Association of Architects
2015	Women in Architecture	Blog mini-series for the Ontario Association of Architects
2015	Canadian National Exhibition	Blog mini-series for the Ontario Association of Architects
2015	Toronto Pan Am and Parapan Am Games	Blog mini-series for the Ontario Association of Architects
2015	125th Anniversary Exhibition	Exhibition for the John H. Daniels Faculty
2014, 2015	Health and Wellbeing Report	Report for the Graduate Architecture, Landscape, and Design Student Union

Select Architectural Projects

2023	University of Toronto Student Union	Project Lead, interior retrofits and upgrades
2023	University of Toronto Student Union	Project Lead, wayfinding
2023	University of Toronto, 691-695 Spadina	Project Lead, multi-tenant residential conversion (finalized engagement at completion of construction documents)
2023	845 St Clair West Office Building	Project Lead, base building renovation (finalized engagement at completion of construction documents)
2022	Hocken Laneway House Conversion	Project Lead, conversion and addition (finalized engagement at completion of design development)

2022	Heath Residence	Project Lead, interior renovation (finalized engagement at completion of construction documents)
2020	The Greater Good	Project Lead, schematic design and zoning variance approval
Unbuilt	Gladstone Laneway House	Project Lead
Unbuilt	Salem Laneway House	Project Lead
2020	Silk, light installation at Ontario Place	Designer
2019	King Street West Parklet	Designer
2018	Crawford Laneway House	Project Lead (finalized engagement at design development)
2018	Crawford Residence	Project Lead, addition and interior renovation (finalized engagement at completion of construction documents)
2018	Canadian Tire Sets	Designer, temporary constructions for marketing
2018	Royal York Place	Designer, exterior renovations (finalized engagement at design development)
2018	Glen Road Residence	Designer, interior renovations
2017	Franklin Residence	Designer, feasibility study
2016	Melville Residence	Designer, interior renovations