

SHARENA STEEPLE

ARCHITECTURE | MULTIDISCIPLINARY DESIGN | RESEARCH



EDUCATION

California Baptist University

M.Arch Candidate

Class of 2028

- President's List Honors

PREVIOUS STUDIES

Academy of Art / Portland State / UNC Greensboro/ Georgia State : Focused on Interior Architecture, Materiality, and Design Thinking.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

NOMAS CBU Chapter

(National Organization of Minority Architect Students)

President | 2026 - Present

Junior Vice President | 2024 - 2025

- Architects of Tomorrow (AOT) - Mentor at architecture workshops for grades 5-12

NSBE CBU Chapter

(National Society of Black Engineers)

- inVision - Engineering project cohort won 1st place at the Annual Bob Goodrich Business Plan Competition
- Outreach & Distribution
- Mentor at STEAM Workshops

LANGUAGES

English: **Native**

Spanish: **Intermediate B1**

SKILLS

Cross-disciplinary Collaboration

Research

User-Centered Design

Narrative Development

Spatial Branding & Environmental Graphics

Marketing Design (Print & Digital)

Web & UI/UX Design

TOOLS & SOFTWARE

AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp, Rhino

Lumion, D5, Twinmotion

Figma, HTML/CSS

Canva, Adobe Creative Suite:

(Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign,

Lightroom, XD, AfterEffects)

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Architectural researcher, student, and designer with over 13 years of experience in visual systems and spatial concepts. Currently pursuing a Master of Architecture at California Baptist University, focusing on the merging of transient concepts, bio-harmonic design, and sustainable health. Enthusiast in designing and researching architecture that integrates ethnographic research and biophilic systems to enhance the human condition.

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ARCHITECTURAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

California Baptist University | M.Arch Candidate | Social Media Designer | Materials Librarian

Sep 2024 - Present

- Developing structural plans and conceptual drawings emphasizing compliance with safety regulations and human welfare.
- Conducting advanced research on sustainable design practices and innovative material solutions.
- Plan, design, and create architecture content that reflects the CBUArch program and engages our community.

Field Researcher | Puerto Rico

July 2022, 2023, 2024

- Spent three consecutive summers documenting the healing effects of the El Yunque rainforest, the beach and riverside of Luquillio, and the physiological benefits of off-grid, bio-harmonic living in Las Marias.

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Principal Designer ShaRena Steeple Studio

Dec 2012 - Present

- Lead strategic messaging and narrative development for over 100 clients, aligning physical and digital environments.
- Collaborate with organizations to create participatory design frameworks and branded environments that prioritize occupant engagement.
- Integrate spatial logic into branding to support the development of physical hubs.

Staff Designer Lancer Media Group

Riverside, CA Oct 2024 - Present

- Design marketing assets, editorial layouts, and branded content for campus-wide magazine publication.
- Collaborate with writers, photographers, and editors to produce visually compelling stories that reflect student life and institutional identity.

Design Manager | FLOOR & DÉCOR

Atlanta, GA Jun 2013 - Oct 2016

- Informed customers of the best tile/wood/stone for their residential/commercial design projects
- Consulted on material selection, suitability, maintenance, and installation
- Resolved the computation of measurements and material quantity in scale projects
- Spearheaded design process to align with client specifications and budget.

CORE RESEARCH & COMPETENCIES

Bio-Geometric Design: Investigating the relationship between architectural forms and the human energetic field.

Regenerative Systems: Documented off-grid living, spring-water integration, and bio-gas systems in high-humidity tropical climates (Las Marias, PR).

Ethnographic Spatial Research: Utilizing user-centered design to ensure cultural authenticity and emotional health in residential housing.

AWARDS

ShaRena Steeple

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First Place Award of Achievement

November 24, 2024

In recognition of your valuable contribution and involvement during the InnoTech AI Impact-A-Thon in 2024 Region VI Fall Regional Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Spa and Marina Mission Bay, San Diego, CA from November 22nd to November 24th, 2024

Awarded by : NSBE (National Society Black Engineers)

Outstanding Magazine Design

January 2025

In appreciation of the outstanding dedication and creative contributions to student media, which have significantly enriched the mission and impact of Lancer Media Group during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Awarded by : CBU's Lancer Media Group

First Place \$7,500 Award Bob Goodrich Business Plan Competition

March 17, 2025

Six teams of students at California Baptist University pitched innovative ideas for products and services at the eighth annual Bob Goodrich Business Plan Competition on March 17. The participants presented five-minute pitches to a panel of three judges and a room full of students, guests, parents and live stream watchers.

Awarded by : Bob Goodrich Business Plan Competition

[read full story here](#)

Faculty Award for Most Improved Performance – Second Year

April 25, 2025

Recognized for significant academic and creative growth during the second year of architectural studies.

Awarded by : California Baptist University, College of Architecture, Visual Art & Design

SoCal NOMA End of Year Award First Place

December 2025

In recognition of your support to the Southern California Chapter of National Organization of Minority Architects. Thank you for your participation in Our Annual Student Design Competition California Baptist University 2025-2026 NOMAS Club

Awarded by : SoCal NOMA