

# Marysol Rivas Brito

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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University | Graduate School of Design | Harvard GSD**  
Master in Architecture II 2017

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology | School of Architecture and Planning | MIT SA+P**  
Cross-Registered Graduate Student 2017

**Universidade de São Paulo | Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo [School of Architecture and Urbanism] | FAU USP**  
Bachelor in Architecture and Urbanism 2012

**Universidade de São Paulo | Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas [School of Philosophy, Languages, Literature and Human Sciences] | FFLCH USP**  
Cross-Registered Bachelor Student 2011-12

**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya | Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona [Barcelona School of Architecture] | ETSAB UPC**  
International Exchange Undergraduate Student 2009-10

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Skidmore, Owings & Merrill | Senior Architectural Designer I** | New York (USA) | 2021-24  
Development of ideas, solutions, representation and coordination documentation for several design phases (Competition, Concept, Schematic Design, Design Development and Construction Administration). Typologies contemplated included skyscraper, city-scale development of building prototypes, large scale high-end mixed use, landmark redevelopment, and hospitality. Main Projects: AXA Tower redevelopment (Singapore), LG Headquarters renovation (Seoul), Waldorf Astoria NY, Luxury hotel in Miami, Military base in Saudi Arabia.

**Plan A | Architectural designer/ Project manager** | New York (USA) | 2018-21  
Project manager responsible for commercial, educational, and landmark intervention projects in Manhattan. Responsible for the master plan and building design, and for the landscape coordination of the new campus of Plaksha University in India. Main Projects: Plaksha University masterplan and buildings (Chardigarh), Storefront renovation at 509 Madison (NYC), IANY Landmark renovation (NYC).

**Prophet | Design and Branding Consultant** | New York (USA) | 2017-18  
Worked with strategic branding designing interior, exterior spaces and retrofits with a focus on identity for brands like Kia and MetLife.

**Preston Scott Cohen INC. | Architecture and Urban Design Consultant** | Cambridge | USA | 2017  
Designed Planning, Landscape and Urban Design strategy for the ecological development of a new centrality in Northeast China.

**+ D // Design with Purpose | Architect and Urban Designer** | Rio de Janeiro | Brazil | 2016  
Work and Immersion at the "Vidigal" slum at Rio de Janeiro, living in there and learning how to work with the local community for the maintenance of a community park, meanwhile working on an architecture competition producing thermo-dynamic studies, models and diagrams.

**JBMC Arquitetura e Urbanismo | Architect and Urban Designer** | São Paulo | Brazil | 2014-2015  
Administered preliminary studies, executive project, approval at city council, and compatibility with subcontractors. Project: Salvador's new subway line (15 stations) and renovation of the existing bus terminals and subway stations.

**GCP Arquitetos | Architect and Urban Designer** | São Paulo | Brazil | 2013-2014  
Developed preliminary studies, construction drawings, compatibility with subcontractors, layout proposals, and presentations. Main Projects: Arena Pantanal (Stadium for Brazil's World Cup), Northeast's Olympic Training Center, and Unilever headquarters.

**Nitsche Arquitetos Associados | Architecture and urbanism intern** | São Paulo | Brazil | 2011-2012  
Conducted meetings with clients, developed studies and drawings for construction and approval at city council, developed presentations and mock-ups, and supervised construction. Main Projects: Renova SP, João Moura Building, "No Galpão" Buffet, Private Residences.

**Office of Landscape of the Municipality of São Paulo | Landscape intern** | São Paulo | Brazil | 2010-2011  
Designed drainage and planting projects, development of preliminary/feasibility studies and helped developing edict for outsourcing. Main Projects: Anhanguera Park, Ten. Brig. Roberto Faria Lima Park, Brasília Park.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**European Association for Urban History | Speaker at 14th International Conference on Urban History | Rome - Italy | 2018**  
Selected to present the article “Spatialized Ideologies - Company towns in the Amazon and their inherent challenges” in the Session SS32 - Living in the projects: Company towns imagined, planned and lived.

**Harvard Graduate School of Design | Teaching Assistant of GSD OPTION STUDIO | Cambridge - USA | 2016-2017**  
Worked with Prof. Felipe Correa researching about the evolution of the morphology of the city of São Paulo, geo-referencing historical data, preparing graphic materials for the students, organizing deliverables and helping on the critiques for the Option Studio “São Paulo: The Rescaling of Rail Infrastructure and New Models of Domestic Life”.

**Roger Williams University | Design critic | Bristol - USA | 2016-17**  
Participation as a design critic at gallery style final and mid-term reviews.

**Harvard Graduate School of Design | Personal Exhibition | Cambridge - USA | 2016**  
Proposal “Urban Fragmentations at the Amazon” selected to exhibit at the “News Wall” at the GS Building. The authors (Marysol Rivas Brito and Ana Mayoral Moratilla) were responsible for the development of conception, design, production and installation of the exhibition, with one month of duration.

**Harvard University / David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies | Harvard-Brazil Cities Research Fund Fellow | Brazilian Amazon - Brazil | 2016-2017**  
Developed personal research “Urbanization in the Amazon: Subversion of spatial impositions” sponsored by the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), Claudio Haddad, and the Harvard-Brazil Cities Initiative. The work included research in historical archives, geo-referencing of historical maps, conduction of interviews, field research and interviews through the Transamazônica Highway. This research was developed with the Ana Mayoral Moratilla.

**Mexican Cities Initiative at the Harvard GSD | Yucatán Initiative Fellow | Yucatán Peninsula - Mexico | 2016**  
Worked with Prof. Diane Davis, Prof. Jose Castillo and other 5 researchers from the GSD in the development of the conceptual framework and data gathering/processing methodology for a Visual Dictionary of the Mayan cities at the Yucatán Peninsula. It was an intense field research where we had total autonomy and had to coordinate a group of local undergraduate architecture students. The final products were an open web platform and a publication with all the data interpreted by us.

**Harvard University / Harvard Mellon Cities Initiative | Research Assistant | Cambridge - USA | 2016-2017**  
Worked with Prof. Dr. Sibel Bozdogan, Nese Dogusan and Nil Tuzcu in the development of an exhibition about the urban development of Istanbul. The research process included the development of graphic analysis of the morphological development of the city of Istanbul through time, analysis and processing of historical data and geo-referencing of historical maps.

**Harvard University / Harvard Mellon Cities Initiative | Article published | Cambridge - USA | 2015**  
Publication of the Article “Wet Politics”, based on personal research developed for the course “Staging the city: Urban Form and public life in Istanbul”, with Prof. Dr. Sibel Bozdogan and Prof. Dr. Cemal Kafadar. The Article explored how political agendas dictated the physical distribution of water across the city of Istanbul, and how it influenced the urban development of the city through different periods and contexts.

**Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo da Universidade de São Paulo | Teaching Assistant | São Paulo - Brazil | 2012**  
Worked with Prof. Angelo Bucci, Prof. Álvaro Puntoni, Prof. Milton Braga, Prof. Alexandre Delijaicov, Prof. Antonio Carlos Barossi and Prof. André Takiya at the Core Studio “PROJETO V: Urban Social Housing at the Canal city”. The activities included coordination of deliverables and support on desk critiques for the students engaged on developing proposals for urban social housing at the “Canal city”.

**16th Simpósio Internacional de Iniciação Científica da Universidade de São Paulo [International Scientific Initiation Symposium of the University of São Paulo] | Presenter | São Paulo - Brazil | 2008**  
Presentation of the personal research “Analysis of Auditorium subsystem - Design, Construction and Performance”, for production of audiovisual material, covering acoustics, thermal, luminosity and ergonomic performance, video scripting and production.

**10th Urban Seminar “Montevideo’s Perimetral Collector Road-ring” | Participant | Montevideo - Uruguay | 2008**  
Production and presentation of urban research and proposal at the workshop, organized by the Faculty of Architecture of the University “La Republica”, Montevideo’s Municipality, Ministry of Transport and Public Works, and Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment from Uruguay.

**Laboratório de Tecnologia da Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo / Coordenadoria de Saúde e Assistência Social da Universidade de São Paulo | Scientific Initiation Fellow | São Paulo - Brazil | 2007-2008**  
Developed the research: “Analysis of the Auditorium Subsystem - Design, Construction and Performance” under the coordination of Prof. Dr. Erica Yukiko Yoshioka. The theme of this specific work was the atmosphere of the Audience of a theater, demonstrating how the architectural project is developed and executed according to the criteria of performance that this environment demands. The project focused on the thematic issues for the challenges of teaching and learning architectural construction at Bachelor courses. Therefore, it culminated on the production of didactic videos showcasing the process of spatial production and the interactions between project, construction site and users.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**Harvard-Brazil Cities Research Fund** | David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies | 2016-17

**Yucatan Initiative Fellowship** | Mexican Cities Initiative at the Harvard GSD | 2016-17

**Claudio Haddad Family Fellowship** | Claudio Haddad Family | 2015-17

**Pró-vida Scholarship** | Cooperativa da Pró-vida | 2015-17

**Bolsa Programa Ensinar com Pesquisa** | COSEAS - USP | 2007-08

## LEADERSHIP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Mentor** | Architectural League of New York | 2023-24

**Communications Director** | SOM Women's Initiative | 2023-24  
**Habitat for Humanity Volunteer**

**Professional Singer and TV host** | Brazil | 2001-24  
Record and production of CDs, DVDs, and concerts, co-hosting of weekly television and radio shows.

**Volunteer** | Habitat for Humanity | 2017-18  
Helped with construction and painting of houses, also helped with

**Vice President and Member of the Latin GSD** | Harvard Graduate School of Design | 2015-17  
As part of the directive of Latin GSD, a student organization devoted to spread awareness and integrate students with interest in Latin America, contributed to the organization of symposiums (most remarkably the International Symposium "Burred Territories"), panels, lectures, a study group and social activities related to Latin America contemporary issues.

**M.Arch II Student Representative** | Harvard Graduate School of Design | 2016-17  
Mediation between students and faculty, voicing student concerns, proposing solutions, and attending Student Academic Affairs Committee (SAAC) to discuss academic issues with faculty representatives.

**Brazilian Student Ambassador** | Harvard University | 2015-17  
Worked in coordination with Harvard's Brazil Office in São Paulo and Brazil Studies Program in Cambridge to strengthen outreach and resources available to faculty, students, and staff.

**Kung-Fu Athlete** | São Paulo Federation of Kung-Fu | 2013  
Representation of the state of São Paulo at the Brazilian championship of kung fu, having been summoned after the regional and state playoffs.

**Varsity Swimmer** | University of São Paulo swimming team | 2006 -11  
Representation of the University of São Paulo in inter-university national championships for being summoned for USP's selection of swimmers.

**Captain of the swimming team** | Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo da Universidade de São Paulo | 2006-09  
Coordinated training schedules, participation in championships, payments for the coach, and strategic distribution of the team across competitions.

**General Director of Sports and collaborator of the Academic Athletic Association of the Architecture School** | Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo da Universidade de São Paulo | 2006-08  
Organized university championships and events for fundraising, negotiated with suppliers and sponsors, articulated partnerships, and negotiated with Municipalities logistics to conduct championships for more than 2000 students.

## LANGUAGES

**English:** full proficiency  
**Portuguese and Spanish:** native  
**Guarani, Ancient Tupi, Nheengatu, French and Catalan:** Basic

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

**Rhino, Enscape, Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe, Office, Sketchup:** Advanced  
**QGIS, V-Ray:** Intermediate  
**Grasshopper:** Basic