

# TARA KEENS-DOUGLAS

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## EDUCATION

**University of Waterloo**  
**Waterloo, ON, Canada.**

2009-2011  
*Masters of Architecture*

2003-2007  
*Honors Bachelor of Architectural Studies,*  
*Co-Operative Program*

**Maple Leaf International School**  
**Alyce Glen, Trinidad.**

2001  
*Ontario Secondary School Diploma*  
*Ontario Scholar Award*

2001  
*GCE Advanced Level Certificate - Art*

## EXHIBITION

**Master's Works 2010- ' Ecstatic City',**  
**Cambridge Galleries, Cambridge , ON, Canada.**

*Masters of Architecture thesis selection*

## SKILLS

### CAD & Modelling

*AutoCAD, SketchUp, Form Z, VRay,*  
*Working knowledge of Revit*

### Adobe Creative Suite

*Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign*

### Model Making

*Laser Cutter, CNC Router*

### Microsoft Office

*Excel, Word, Powerpoint*

## OBJECTIVE

To gain experience under an architect. To contribute diverse ideas and aesthetics while improving upon my education and skills. Approaching space differently and its design possibilities through culture, art and architecture.

## PORTFOLIO

[www.tarakeensdouglas.com](http://www.tarakeensdouglas.com)

## EXPERIENCE

**Gillespie & Partners Ltd**, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

Architectural Intern

*Sunrise Development Millennium Park Office Building / Republic Bank UWI Multi-Complex Facility Competition / Chaguanas Public Library*

Involved in building schematic design and design development, creating drawings and digital models for render (REVIT ,SketchUp). Built physical model for competition presentation package. Attended site visits and client meetings. Assisted with schedules and specifications.

Jan - April 2009  
Sept - Dec 2009

**Arquitectonica International**, Miami, FL, USA

Architectural Assistant

*University of Miami Student Activities Center / City Place Development / VDRC Sao Paulo Office / Hines Airport Corporate Center / MIH Towers*

Design Input- creating digital study models (SketchUp) for facade. Refining and rendering of facade studies (AutoCAD, Photoshop) for client packages. Collaborated on specifications, coordinated with engineers and contractors. Assisted with preliminary design and design development for presentation and proposals. Produced tender/construction drawing sets for variety of institutional projects.

May - Aug 2007

**Arquitectonica International**, New York, NY, USA

Architectural Assistant

*AIG International Finance Towers Seoul Team*

Design development - Large scale model building of site and towers, exploring design options for helipad, pavilion and landscape. AutoCAD (plans, elevations and sections) revisions and renders for presentation packages.

May - Aug 2006

**Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates**, New York, NY, USA

Architectural Assistant

*Dulles International Airport - Tier 2 Midfield Concourse Team*

Model building (laser cut) for structural analysis studies and design development of FIS facility steel structure. Photoshop image modifications, AutoCAD (plans, elevations and sections) revisions and renders for presentation packages.

Sept - Dec 2005

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Bynoe Rowe and Wiltshire**, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

Architectural Assistant -

On-site measuring, building surveying, creating digital copies of drawings. Site visits during various stages of construction. Contributed to design and layout for a variety of projects. AutoCad rendered drawings and hand sketches for client proposals.

Jan - April 2005

May-August 2004

### **Alan Stollmeyer Design and Construction**, El Socorro, Trinidad W.I.

Office Assistant -

Accounts department- creating payroll spreadsheets using Excel and payroll software, issuing of cheques. Administrative work - composing company letters and site project updates, phone calls and orders, working directly with the architect and project managers.

May 2002-Apr2003

### **School Of Architecture**, University of Waterloo, Cambridge, ON, Canada

Teaching Assistant -

Arch 226 Environmental Building Design

Arch 110 Visual Communications 1

Sep-Dec 2010

Sep-Dec 2009

### **Set Design & Costume Design**

Annual Carnival Show- 'Talk Tent'

Design and execution of stage props and layout.

2002 - present

Carnival Band Costume section 'Chantico'- Costume design, submittal of rendered drawings and assistance in material selection and costume promotion.

2004

### **Freelance Artist/ Interior Design**

Artwork for auction and gallery display/ Presented interior design proposal (plans and renders) for women's boutique/ Commissioned murals for Hotel room interior and collaborated with head designer/ Graphic logo designs for businesses.

2002-present

\*References and Contacts on request\*