

Car Martin

Car pursued a B.A. Double Major in Environmental Studies and International Development Studies, and a Minor in Visual Studies. She graduated in 2005.



Current Occupation:

Architectural Designer at Creative Union; Faculty Member at George Brown College School of Design.

Describe your career path after graduation.

After graduation, I spent two years developing an organization named Bikechain on campus. In 2007, I pursued my Master's of Architecture in Seattle. I graduated in 2011, and now work as an architectural designer at Creative Union. I am also a member of the faculty at George Brown College School of Design and consult with non-profits on a range of participatory design & community engagement projects.

How did the Environment program influence your career?

My time at the University of Toronto helped me understand the various connections between social issues and design, especially regarding the development of the built environment in urban centres. This has led me towards a relevant, unique and exciting field.

What types of experience are essential?

The co-op program at University of Toronto provides invaluable opportunities for students to meet people in the field. The program also provides learning opportunities towards environmental ethics and philosophy, which might be a student's only space to explore these abstract ideas before entering the professional world.

Any career suggestions or advice?

Try to engage in student events, start your own initiative and try not to focus completely on academics. The practical experience outside of classroom will add to your resume and connect you with a diverse range of collaborators.