

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa 2008-2015
- Doctorate of Architecture D.Arch *Tropical Modern Residential Architecture: Elements, Vocabulary, and Language*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KOKOMO STUDIO LLC, founding partner, architect, 2018-present
LOWNEY ARCHITECTURE, architect, 2019
WCIT ARCHITECTURE, project architect, 2014-2019
DEAN SAKAMOTO ARCHITECTS, architectural intern, 2014
PETER VINCENT ARCHITECTS, architectural intern, 2014
AHL, architectural intern, 2010
THE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO, architectural intern, 2003-2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

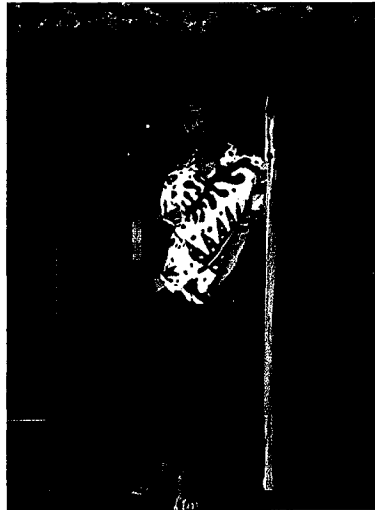
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA, lecturer, 2018-2024
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA, teaching assistant, 2011 - 14

AFFILIATIONS

OSSIPOFF CABIN, PĀLEHUA CONSERVATION INITIATIVE, Curator 2023-present
HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD, 2022-present
DOCOMOMO US HAWAII, 2016-present
- National Symposium Co-Chair, 2019
- President, 2025-2026, 2018-2020
- Vice-President, 2024-2025, 2017-2018
- Director of Events, 2016-2017
THE LILJESTRAND FOUNDATION, advisory board, 2019-present
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, member, 2015-present
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS HAWAII
- President, 2013-2014
- West Quad Conference Chair, 2013
- Director of Events, 2012-2013
- Paper Architecture Night, founder, 2012-2018
HAWAII ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION, ex-officio board member, 2013-2014
- Ossipoff Document Restoration Project Director, 2013

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Docomomo US Modernism in America Awards, 11/2021
- Award of Excellence, Pālehua Cabin and Guest Cottage
IIDA Ho'ohuli Awards 2019, 11/2019
- Dine Award given to MBC Kihei Restaurant
AIA Honolulu 2018 Design Awards, 11/2018
- Award of Merit given to MBC Kihei Restaurant
Licensed Architect in Hawai'i, 3/2018
AIA Film Challenge Albezia, 2016
- Finalist
AIA Film Challenge Mixed Plate Hawaii, 10/2015
- People's Choice Winner
- Third Place Winner
- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- presented at the 2016 Chicago Architecture Biennial
- presented at the 2016 AIA Convention in Philadelphia



PERSONAL DETAILS



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Graham Hart is an O'ahu architect, co-founder of Kokomo Studio, and curator at the Ossipoff Cabin. Graham serves as vice-chair on the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board, is a current board member and former president of the Docomomo US Hawai'i Chapter, co-chaired the 2019 National Docomomo Symposium, and taught at UH School of Architecture from 2018-2024. Graham graduated from UH Mānoa with distinction in 2015, with his Doctorate of Architecture. His dissertation was entitled *Tropical Modern Residential Architecture: Elements, Vocabulary and Language*, where he cataloged and researched modernism from around the tropics in over 300 pages of text and diagrams. Graham's professional and academic research work focuses on mid-century architecture in the tropics, where Graham has documented forgotten modern gems and led restoration and education efforts for buildings of this period.

Hawai'i Architecture Foundation, 5/2015
 - Award of Distinction in Architectural Research
 Gamma Mu Chapter of Tau Sigma Delta, 5/2015

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

BS-TBS "世界の窓" (Sekai no Mado / Window to the World)
#808アメリカ／ハワイ・オアフ島『オシポフが遺した窓』 2/2026
 Hawaii Style Magazine
Hideaway: 70年の時を経て蘇る、オシポフの山荘, Vol 67, 1/2026
 Hana Hou! Magazine
A Story in Ceramics, 1/2026
 Go Kapolei
The Lost Cabin, by Alison Pang, Vol 12, 12/2025
 World of Interiors
Under My Umbrella, by Eunica Escalante, 6/2025
 Tropical Modernism Revisited: A Global Perspective, Co-Organizer
Mixed Plate Modernism: Hawai'i Midcentury Architecture, 3/2025
 HHF 2025 Experts Lecture Series: Conserving Architecture
Conserving Modern Era Buildings, 3/2025
 Living Etc
What is a Genkan, by Olivia Wolfe, 8/2024
 Liljestrand Foundation
Rediscovering Hawaii's Modern Gems, 4/2024
 World of Interiors
Aloha, Modernism!, by Adam Štěch, 4/2023
 Modern Luxury Hawaii
Little Luxuries, Photos for Good Lamp Co, 3-4/2023
Into the Woods, by Ijke Ridgley, 9-10/2022
Designed for Paradise, 12/2021-1/2022
 Docomomo US/Colorado
Oahu's Mid-Century Modernist Masters, 1/2023
 Cabin Chronicles, Magnolia Network
Ossipoff Cabin, Season 3, 12/2022
 Hana Hou! Magazine
Remote Work, By Timothy Schuler, 12/2022
The Architect's Retreat, By Martha Cheng, 8/2022
 Adventurer's Club
Vladimir Ossipoff and his Pālehua Cabin, 11/2022
 Magazine B
Hawaii, Ossipoff's Cabin, Hidden Gems, Vol.91, 10/2022
 New York Times Style Magazine
A Painter's Home That Celebrates Hawaii, By Matthew Dekneef, 8/2022
Mid-Century Modern Architecture: Adapting to a changing Hawai'i, 7/2022
 Liljestrand Foundation, Design Conversation Series:
Architecture that Moves, 3/2022
Essential Hawaii Modernists, 5/2022
O'ahu's Mid Century Residential Architecture, 8/2022
 PBS Hawaii, *Home is Here*
Episode 2, 3/2022
Ossipoff Cabin, 3/2022
 Docomomo International Conference in Tokyo 2020+1
The Work of Japanese Metabolists in Hawai'i, 9/2021
 YAF Pau Hana Series Presenter
Ossipoff Cabin, 4/2021
 Building Voices Symposium: Foresight it 20/20
Crafting the Contemporary Vernacular, 11/2020

PERSONAL RESEARCH

Tropical Modern Residential Architecture: Elements, Vocabulary, and Language

- exploration into the Tropical Modern residential architecture design language through analyzing its vocabulary, syntax, and meaning. This body of work was then cataloged and presented as a basis for a collective language. The argument is that by learning this language, responsive and appropriate architecture can be designed.

Mid-Century Hawai'i Residential Architecture

- documentation along with over 1000 photographs taken of prized and forgotten mid-century residential architecture in Hawai'i. [Instagram](#)

Vladimir Ossipoff's Pālehua Cabin

- documentation of Vladimir Ossipoff's Pālehua cabin that he designed for himself and his family, which was recently restored after seventy years by the Gill Family. [Article Link](#). [Video Link](#).

The Work of Japanese Metabolist in Hawai'i

- documentation of the work of Kenzo Tange, Sachio Otani, Kiyonori Kikutake, and Kishio Kurokawa's work either in, or about, Hawai'i. [Article Link](#). [Video Link](#)

The Work of Edwin Bauer

- ongoing research of the work of Honolulu mid-century architect Edwin L Bauer, who specialized in low-cost multi-family housing for the tropics. [Video Link 1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

The Wimberly Residence

- documentation of George "Pete" Wimberly's experimental Mānoa residence, its story, and its iterative adaptations to its micro-climate.

The Snyder Residence

- documentation of Syd Snyder's, long time partner of Vladimir Ossipoff, personal residence showcasing the careful detailing and environmental design of their office's work. [Video Link](#)

Docomomo Hawai'i 2020 Tour Day virtual tours, 10/2020

[Hawaii Hochi, Kenzo Tange, 1972](#)

[HECO Ward Ave, Steven Au, 1971](#)

[Hawaii Loa Campus, Gin Wong, 1971](#)

[HGFA, Takashi Anbe, 1970](#)

Jean Charlot Foundation Annual Meeting Speaker, 10/2019

[History of the Charlot Residence](#)

Docomomo US National Symposium 2019 Speaker

[Hawaii Modernism Overview, 9/2019](#)

WATG Greenday Presenter

[Passive Design Strategies in Mid-Century Hawai'i Architecture, 8/2019](#)

ThinkTech Hawai'i

[Edwin Bauer Vol 4, 7/2019](#)

[Edwin Bauer Vol 3, 1/2019](#)

[Sid Snyder, 8/2018](#)

[Edwin Bauer Vol 2, 5/2018](#)

Book Contributor, 5/2019

[E ho'i ka u'i: perspectives on placemaking in Hawai'i](#), Edited by Kelsy M. Y. Jorgensen

SHADE Institute Guest Juror, 2/2019

AIA Honolulu Film Event Panelist, 10/2018

SHADE Institute Speaker, 7/2018

Pechakucha Hawaii Presenter, 2017

AIA Honolulu Panelist, 2014

Paper Architecture Night Presenter, 2013

National Conference on the Beginning Design Student at Temple University, 2013

[Sogetsu Ikebana: an Eastern Influence on Beginning Design](#)