



**Fernanda Oppermann** obtained a bachelor's in architecture from Universidad Federal, Rio de Janeiro (2000), and a master's in architecture from the University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles (2005). She was featured in the Beverly Willis Foundation's Built by Women Exhibit (2020), and she received the WAN Female Social Change Award (2021). Fernanda was a John G. Williams Distinguished Visitor at the Fay Jones School of Architecture (2022). She was a professor at USC and she currently teaches at the UMN School of Design in Minnesota.

Fernanda Oppermann- Principal Founder

#### Education

University of Southern California, 2017 – Ross Executive Minority Program in Real Estate  
 University of Southern California, 2000 – Master of Architecture  
 Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2005 – Bachelor of Architecture

#### Teaching

UMN School of Design (2024- ) – Design studio lecturer  
 USC School of Architecture (2023- ) – Design studio lecturer  
 UArk, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design (2022) – John G. Williams Distinguished Visitor in Architecture.

#### Selected Project Experience

Thurin Eaton Fire rebuild (2025- ) – New like-to-like home and Accessory Dwelling Unit, Altadena, CA  
 Wapello Eaton Fire rebuild (2025- ) – New home and Accessory Dwelling Unit, Altadena, CA  
 Sunset Boulevard Gateways. MUTUO with Studio-MLA (2020- ) – Design of 3 Gateways and vision for the Sunset Strip.  
 Self Help Graphics. MUTUO with Smith-Clementi (2020- ) – Headquarters for SHG.  
 Boyle Tower. MUTUO with Urb-in (2018- ) – A small tower addition of 5 micro-units next to an existing building.  
 DUO, Prefabricated panel Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) System. (2017- ) – Accessory dwelling panel system  
 Hollywood Media District Master Plan. (2018) – Masterplan for a 242 acre area of Los Angeles.  
 Southwest Museum Masterplan. (2017) – Masterplan for an addition to the historic Southwest Museum in Los Angeles.  
 North Shore Park Pavilion. (2014-2018) – Pavilion inside a park in an immigrant farming community in the Coachella Valley.

#### Awards

The Architect's Newspaper – 2025 Best of Practice Honorable Award  
 AIA|LA – 2023 Adaptive Reuse Honor Award – Victory Healthcare (In collaboration with PATTERNS)  
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2023 American Award – Honorable mention – Finding Flexibility within systems  
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2023 International Award – Honorable mention – Finding Flexibility within systems  
 Architect's Newspaper – 2022 Best of Design Awards, Editor's pick Commendation for Unbuilt: Landscape, UrbanDesign & Master Plan Category – A Change in Direction (In collaboration with Studio-MLA)  
 WAN (World Architecture News) – 2021 Female Frontier Social Change Award  
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2021 American Architecture Award – Wonderland  
 Fast Company – 2021 Honorable Mention in Experimental category, Innovation by Design Awards – Boyle Tower  
 AIA|LA – 2020 Cityscapes Citation Award – North Shore Pavilion  
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2020 International Award – Boyle Tower  
 AIA|LA – 2019 Presidential Honor Award – Emerging Practice  
 AIA|LA – 2018 Next LA Honor Award – Boyle Tower (In collaboration with Urb-in)

#### Selected Exhibits / Events / Installations / Books / Lectures

AIA California – Say it Out Loud Exhibit (2023) – 'A Journey to Find Flexibility within Systems'  
 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art – Architecture at Home (2022) – Mutuo was commissioned for a housing exhibit.  
 Fay Jones School of Architecture lecture (2022) – "It is as much about Empathy as it is about Space"  
 Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation – Built by Women Los Angeles (2020) – North Shore Pavilion.

#### Selected Publications

Of the Moment (September 2024) – Current Thinking "Small wonders". Instigated by Thom Mayne  
 Space 10 (August 29, 2023) – 'The inclusive home, shaping spaces of belonging'  
 Archinect (Nov 4, 2022) – 'A "fragmented" prototype home by Mutuo challenges systemic barriers and assumptions in US housebuilding'  
 Metalocus (September 14, 2022) – 'Finding Flexibility within Systems. Prototype for Equitable and Inclusive Housing by Mutuo'  
 Metropolis Magazine (September 6, 2022) – 'Crystal Bridges Imagines the Future of Housing', by Addie Broyles  
 Fast Company (September 2, 2022) – 'Five prototype homes show that houses can be sustainable and attainable'  
 The Architect's Newspaper (Aug 26, 2022) – 'Crystal Bridges Museum debuts five house prototypes that take on NW Arkansas's housing crisis'  
 USC Initiative to Eliminate Homelessness (December, 2020) – 'Trojan women help create new guide for innovative housing'  
 Abitare (February 1, 2020) – 'Wonderland in Hollywood', by Ilaria Mazzoleni  
 Archinect (January 27, 2020) – '10 residential projects in Los Angeles by Los Angeles Architects we liked this month'  
 VoyageLA (September 24, 2019) – 'Meet Trailblazer Fernanda Oppermann'  
 Archinect (July 30, 2018) – 'Mutuo brings Mexican and Brazilian perspectives to LA's Architecture Milieu'.