



**Robert Kuentzel, AIA**

**Associate**

**Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS**

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Robert Kuentzel is an Architect at Bonstra | Haresign ARCHITECTS. He received his Master of Architecture from the University of Maryland in 2016, and regularly returns as an invited guest critic on junior, senior, and graduate level architectural design reviews. While in school he had the opportunity to travel abroad in both Scandinavia and the United Kingdom, studying their impact of culture on architecture and urban planning. Robert brings several years of experience working on a range of projects including large mixed-use residential buildings with complex entitlements. He is versed in working through mixed-use projects from conceptual design phases through construction, including unit designs, consultant coordination, value engineering, and construction administration in the Washington Metropolitan Region and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Outside of the office, Robert is an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Corcoran College of Arts and Design, teaching both undergraduates and graduates in the Interior Architecture program. His architectural sketching class covers drawing fundamentals and emphasizes the idea of drawing as an exploratory learning tool, a way of thinking, rather than as strictly representational. Currently, he is leading the introductory design studio, focusing on developing critical thinking and design skills.

Robert is particularly drawn to architecture that focuses on the physical and mental wellbeing of people, as well as further developments in environmentally conscious design and building techniques. He is inspired by the ability to create and improve the built environment and the power to have a positive impact on the lives of the people that occupy these spaces. Robert is actively pursuing his WELL certification.

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#### RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

**1 Hawaii Avenue, Washington, DC** – Project Architect for the new construction of a four-story, 70-unit affordable housing residential building. Currently the project is in Design Development and has successfully gone through several ANC meetings. (In Process)

**ORA Apartments, Washington, DC** – Project Architect for the renovation of an existing 113 unit, 9-story above grade apartment building (8 residential floors beginning at floor 2) totaling roughly 90,000 SF.

**4824 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD** – Project Architect for the new construction in the heart of downtown Bethesda across from the Metro station. The street will be lined with a human scale lobby and amenity spaces, activating the street edge and adding to an urban sense of place as opposed to the existing single-family structure.

**Maycroft Apartments, Washington, DC** – Project Architect for the renovation of a historic 1920s era landmark affordable apartment building. The 64-unit restoration, conforming to the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Structures, creates a mixed-use building with a lower level daycare facility.

**Barrel House Apartments, Washington, DC** – New construction of a seven-story mixed use residential building including the partial renovation of an existing historic Liquor store and three-story mixed use residential building at the intersection of 14th Street and Rhode Island Avenue.

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#### LICENSES & REGISTRATIONS

Licensed Architect: DC

NCARB

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects - Washington, DC Chapter, 39217587

George Washington University - Adjunct Professor – Interior Architecture Program

University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation - Visiting Critic

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#### EDUCATION

University of Maryland, Masters of Architecture , 2016

University of Maryland, Bachelor of Architecture, 2013