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Richard He rthe@uwaterloo.ca 647 862 9362 The Crank Community Complex Academic Work, Spring 2023

Integrated Systems Design Instructors: John Straube, Chris Schumacher, and Harry Wei

New Housing Proposal for the KWUNWP Extracurricular Work, Winter 2023

Warrior Home Student Design Team *As the Architecture Lead*



Universal Library Academic Work, Fall 2022

Environmental Building Studio Instructors: John Straube and Elizabeth English



Ron Eydt Village Exterior Renovation Academic Work, Winter 2022

Building Envelope Studio Instructors: Terri Boake, Scott Walbridge, and Andrea Atkins



Structural Design Studio Instructors: Cory Zurell, Fiona Lim Tung, and Elizabeth English

Modular Design Workstation Academic Work, Fall 2020

Concepts Design Studio Instructors: Andrea Atkins, Jonathan Enns, and John Straube



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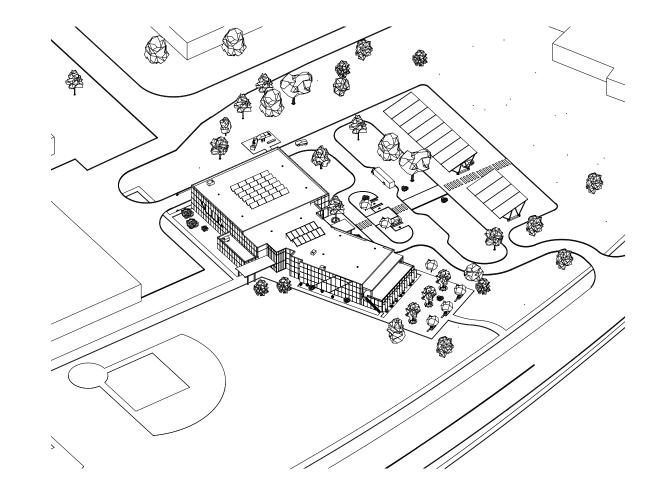
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1. The Crank Community Complex

Situated between industrial and residential neighbourhoods, the Cambridge Sports Park, located in Cambridge, Ontario, is a popular public amenity, but is outdated and lacks versatility. In response, a theoretical tender requests an expansion to add a 765 m² library, 1180 m² gymnasium, and various multipurpose and staff rooms to the space.

In meeting these requirements, the Crank Community Complex is designed to keep the various programs distinct, while intersecting them with the existing site and each other. The gym is aligned with the existing building, while the quieter library and rooms align with the residential neighbourhood to the south. The atrium where the programs meet provides a unique entrance for both, and acts as a common gathering ground of all users of the building.

Designed with Rebecca Damsteegt and David Burtenshaw.

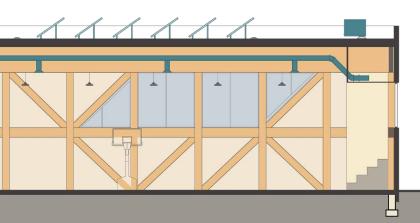


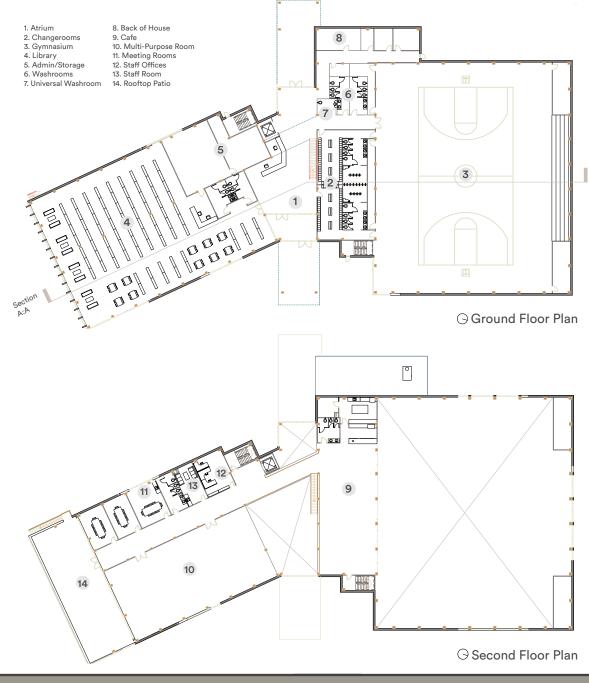






Renders by Rebecca Damsteegt.





2. New Housing Proposal

The Kitchener-Waterloo Urban Native Wigwam Project (KWUNWP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing to the Indigenous community in the region. Many of their properties are very old single-family homes or complexes geared towards transitional occupancy, with a growing need for multi-generational units.

To tackle this need, the Warrior Home Student Design Team (named after the University of Waterloo mascot), a long-time partner of the KWUNWP, prepared a proposal to demolish a property in particularly poor condition and construct a new building, greatly expanding the functionality of the lot while visually integrating the home seamlessly into the local community.

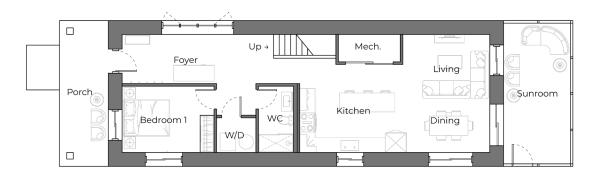
Designed as the Architecture Lead of Warrior Home Student Design Team.

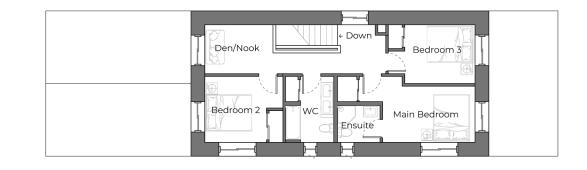




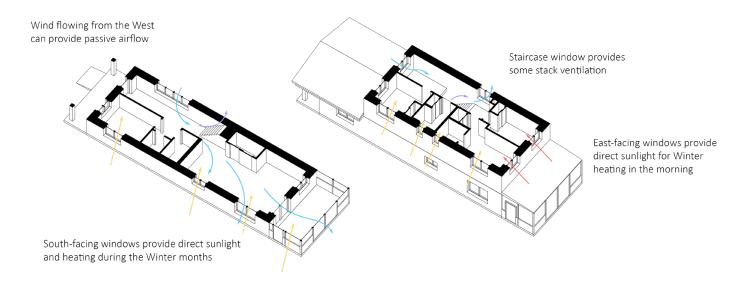








Throughout the project, prefabrication strategies were also combined with highefficiency building envelope design to drastically lower both construction and operational cost estimates throughout the building's lifetime, providing a sustainable blueprint for future projects of similar nature.

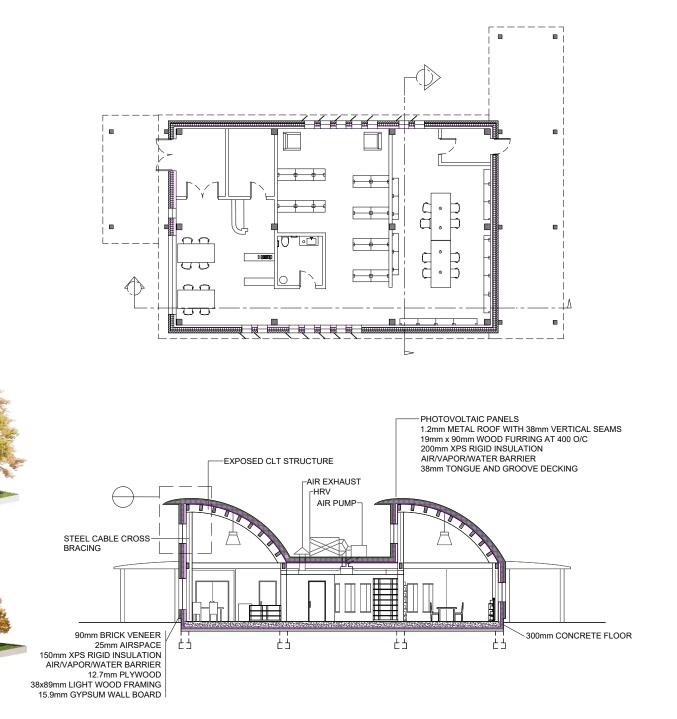


3. Universal Library

Libraries provide a vital service to local communities, but are challenging to design, especially on a smaller scale. This project, specifying only 160 m² of space for a public library in the Waterloo, Ontario climate, is thus designed to be primarily efficient, and replicable.

The plan features distinct spaces for quiet studying, reading, and social gathering, with vestibules for both the main and rear entrances. Curved roofs allow for diffused lighting and add volume to the smaller floor area, with a flat portion over the stacks to allow for ease of HVAC access.

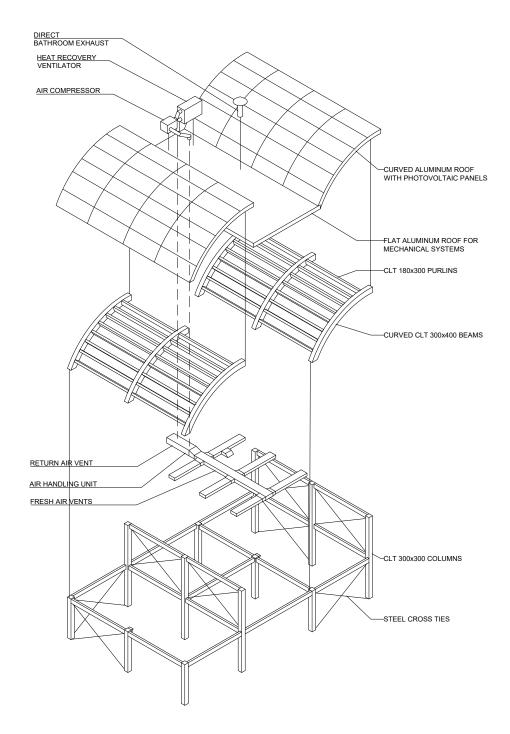
Designed with Emma White, Urooj Khan, and David Jung.











4. Ron Eydt Village Exterior Renovation

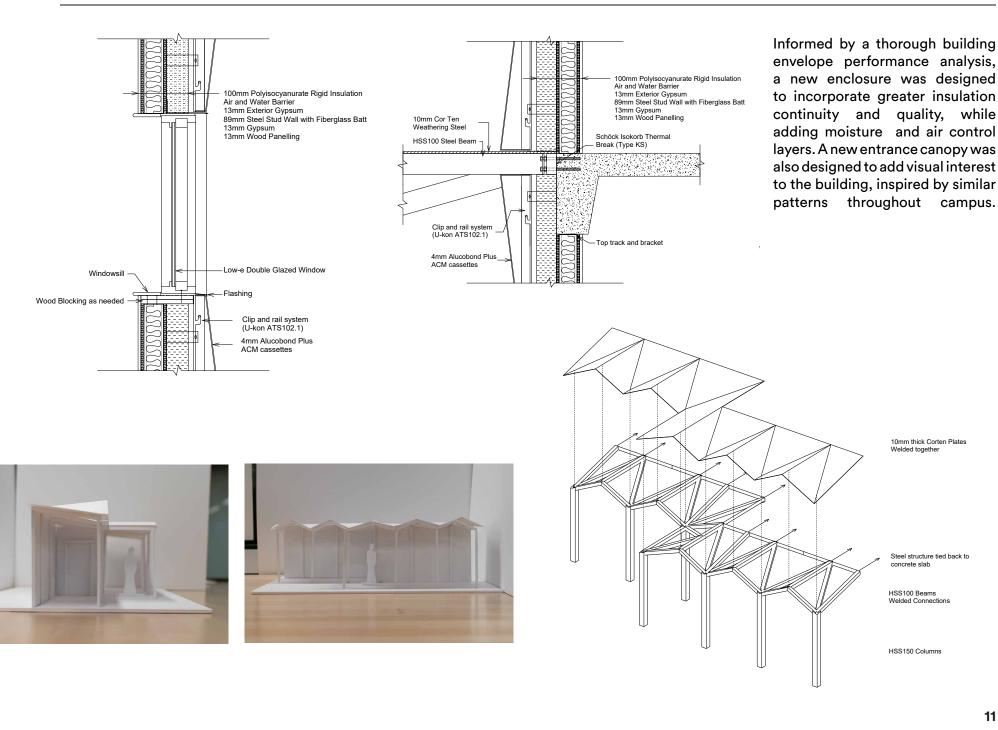
Built in the 1970s, the Ron Eydt Village student residence is one of the least energy efficient buildings at the University of Waterloo. However, demolition and new construction would be costly and would greatly reduce the already low student housing stock in the region for an extended time.

A specialized renovation, targeted primarily around updating the performance of the enclosure, in addition to modernizing the entrance and exterior visuals of the residence, may prove to be the most pragmatic solution.

Designed with Ambrose Chin, David Guo and Carol Hu.







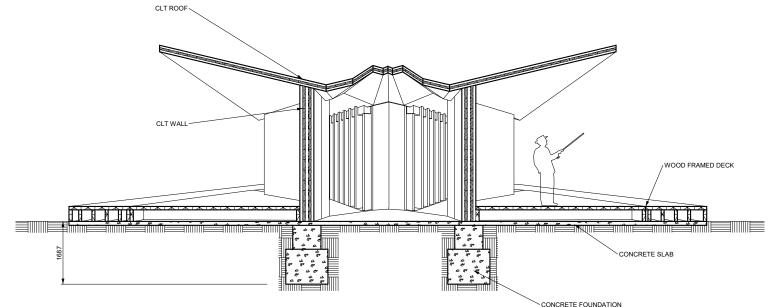
5. Bluebell Pavilion

Designed as a study of structure, the Bluebell Pavilion serves as a peaceful refuge within Waterloo Park, in Waterloo, Ontario. Parts of the pavilion closest to the wooded area between the labyrinth and the meadow are bounded by walls, creating a quieter, more enclosed space for studying or meditation. The front and sides of the pavilion are more open, and serves as an extension of the path, inviting park-goers for a brief respite from the sun.

Connections of the unique folded-plate mass timber structure were conceptualized to use TS3, a novel end-to-end joining technology first developed in Switzerland.

Designed with Dagmawit Worku, Pouya Pourrezaei, and Alexandra Keber.

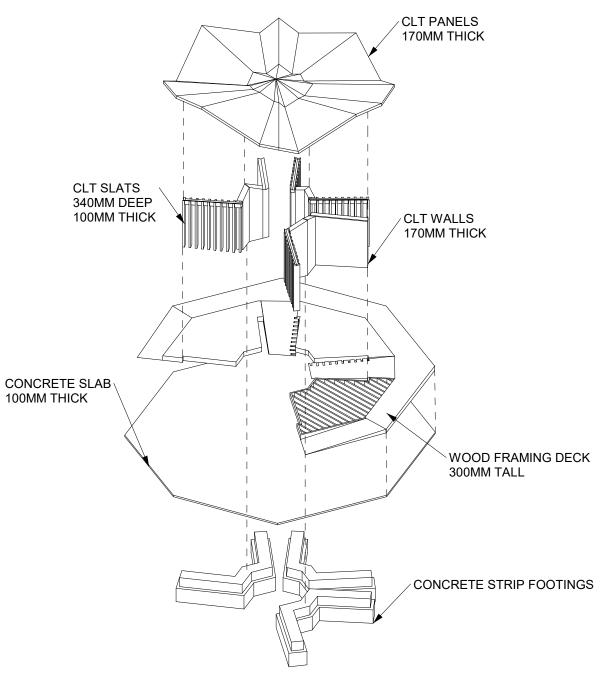








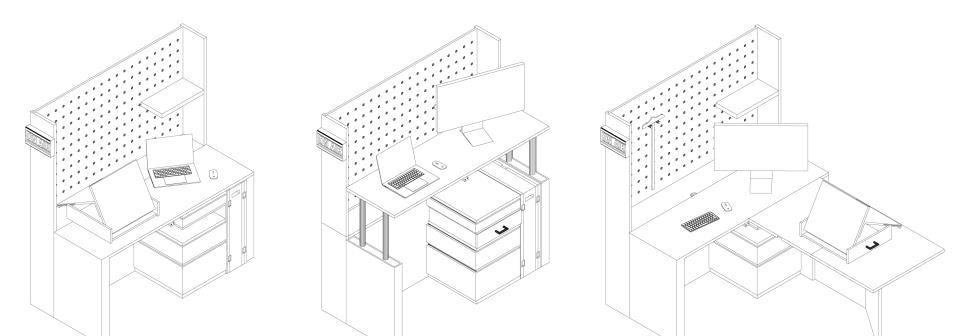


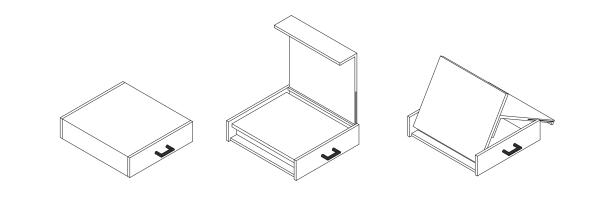


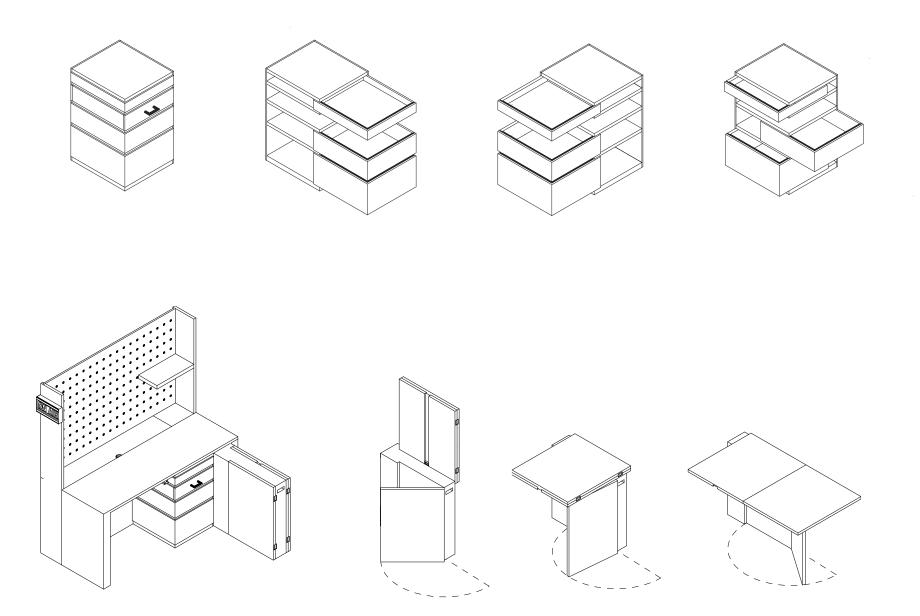
At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for dedicated workspaces within the home became apparent to students and professionals around the world.

Proposed as an affordable and multi-functional system for design students, this workstation features a rising desk, an expandable tabletop, and removable elements for customization, including a portable drafting box, customizable pegboard shelves and a two-way drawer.

Designed with Emily Wong, Athena So and Ashten Fairhall.







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