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June A. Grant, RA, NOMA, is Founder and Design Principal at **blink!LAB** architecture; a boutique research-based architecture and design practice. Launched in 2014, blink!LAB was created based on Ms. Grant's 20 years experience in architecture, design and urban regeneration of cities and communities. Her design approach rests on an avid belief in cultural empathy, data research and new technologies as integral to design futures and design solutions.

blink!LAB has three mandates - A commitment to **Design** Exploration, **Advocacy** for Holistic Solutions and the Integration of **Technology** as a central component for a regenerative society. Groundbreaking, while AECOM Associate Principal, was the delivery of the NASA Ames Sustainability Base office and research building – a building designed to sell energy back to the grid and conserve 88 percent of potable water use, thereby addressing operating cost control as a mission critical design solution.

She has been nationally recognized for her project **Going from Asset Rich / Income Poor to Asset Rich / Income Secure**, on-going speculative design research rooted in the intersection of architecture, black spatial politics and community conservation.

Ms. Grant is the immediate Past-President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (SFNOMA); Board member of ACADIA, a YBCA100 honoree, 2020 CEDAW Human Rights honoree, and was the 2020, 10th Annual J. Max Bond Jr. Lecturer.

#### Education

Masters in Architecture, Yale University, 1999 Bachelors in International Finance & Economics (Magna Cum Laude), Baruch College, CUNY, 1993

### **Professional Registrations + Accreditations**

RA, CA, C30888, 2019

### **Affiliations and Volunteer Activities**

The San Francisco Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects – President (current) University of San Francisco – Asst. Professor Association of Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA)

### **Presentations**

AIANY / NYCOBANOMA Max Bond 10<sup>-</sup> Anniversary Lecture BlackSpaces 2020

American Society of Landscape Architects Conference, 2020 AIA Knowledge Network: ADUs – Social Change by Design, 2020 YBCA100 – 2019

New York Times: Endangered Spaces - San Francisco, 2019

The Tiny Living Festival, 2019 AARP Future of Housing, 2019 AIASF Next Conference, 2018 NOMA National Conference, 2017 Water Bootcamp, Seattle, 2017

Launch - Innovative Opportunities in Waste, 2012

Engineers for a Sustainable World, Stanford University, 2011

Autodesk Sustainability Summit – NASA Ames Sustainability Base, 2011 Johnson & Johnson 2010 Energy Forum – Keynote Speaker, 2011

Society of American Military Engineers, 2011

NASA's Next Generation: Coupling Green Technology with Mission Critical Success, 2010

Stanford U. – NASA Ames Sustainable Base, Achieving Higher Goals, 2011 BrightTalks Green Summit Advanced Technologies, 2011 White House – Green Gov Climate Symposium, 2010

### **Publications**

San Francisco Magazine – 2019

AARP ADU Design and Development booklet - 2019

Sierra Magazine – 2017

FastCompany – NASA's First Space Station on Earth

Autodesk Communicate across barriers.

California Construction News – NASA Ames' Sustainability Base Project Aims to Exceed Green Standards, March 2010

### **Awards**

CEDAW Human Rights 2020 YBCA CultureBank 2020 YBCA100, 2019 General Services Administration (GSA) Green Innovation, 2010 Silicon Valley Green Building of the Year, Public 2010.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

\* denotes prior experience

Ms. Grant has completed a wide range of work, from offices, retail, education and product design to sustainable planning and development. Her projects range in size from as small as 1,000 SF to over 500,000 SF with budgets varying up to \$250M.

# Core Architecture & Design Competencies:

- Sustainable Architecture + Design Strategies
- Contemporary Work Spaces
- Culture + Education
- Retail. Leisure + Entertainment
- Sustainable Campus Design + Infrastructure Development
- Digital Fabrication & Technology

## **Sustainable Architecture + Design Strategies**

## East Oakland Boxing Association, Oakland, CA

Role: Principal Architect

Project Size: 5,000SF Architecture, 22,000SF Site

Project Cost: Fund-raising campaign

EOBA has been providing youth development program with wrap-around services. After 40 years of community, it was time to create a Sustainable Master Plan and Strategic Fund-raising Campaign. The Master Plan identified

existing rain-water sustainable practices, opportunities and challenges of the current site and buildings which prevented growth; as well as integration of feedback from program youth into design and spacial needs. The Master Plan also addressed site access, continued accommodation of existing programs as well as new space types such as a maker-space and new exterior courtyard; as well as provided a visual concept of the future developed campus.

# Sustainability Base, Building N232, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffet Field, CA\*

Role: Design Manager

Project Size: 50,000SF Architecture, 50,000SF

Landscape

Project Cost: \$26M (excluding FFE)

Awards: 2010 GSA Green Innovation and other awards

N232 is a net-positive, high-performance energy efficient building. It is the first of 5 buildings under the Renovation-by-Replacement program for the modernization of NASA Ames Research Center. Thorough building skin investigation, delivered a revolutionary building to the Bay Area and the federal administration. N232 is certified *LEED-NC Platinum*.

# Integrated Office Building, Building N268, NASA Ames Research Center, CA \*

Role: Design Architect Project Size: 72,000SF Project Cost: \$40 Million

Design Architect for N268, the second of five buildings under the Renovation-by-Replacement program. It continues the Master Plan implementation with a building designed for greater sustainability and energy generation than its predecessor N232.

# National Guard Bureau Readiness Center, Arlington, VA\*

Role: Staff Architect - lead for San Francisco team

Project Size: 250,000SF

Project Cost: \$89M (3 Phases) + \$24M (FFE)

A five-story triangular tower and three levels below grade meet the design challenges of site restrictions, while creating an architecturally compelling signature facility that amplifies the site's landscape. *LEED-NC Gold certified*.

## **Contemporary Workspaces**

**GE Corporation – Software COE, San Ramon, CA\*** *Role:* Design Architect and Project Manager

Project Size: 225,000SF Interior Architecture

Project Cost: \$15M+

Design: On-going 5-Phase Project

<u>Launching the arrival of GE's introduction to Silicon Valley</u> and the Bay-Area culture required innovative technological solutions for space use. Today, the design of GE COE San Ramon has become the new company standard.

## Dolan Law Firm, San Francisco, CA\*

Role: Architect

Renovation and upgrade of an existing 6-story unreinforced brick building. While not a registered historic building, the building was almost 100 years old and considered a cultural asset.

## Surfshop / C2LLC, Pacifica, CA\*

Role: Architect

A front-runner to the yet to emerge "Google" culture. Surfshop, a branding and management consulting firm whose operating structure required large open workspaces, flexible spaces with the ability to close when necessary. Additional non-typical requirements included live-in/studio accommodation for visiting clients and/or late-night staff needs.

## **Culture + Education**

### Oakland Public Conservatory of Music, Oakland, CA

Role: Principal Architect

Project Size: 5,000SF Architecture,

Project Cost: \$30,000

The design and fabrication of an acoustical insertion necessary for the transformation of a commercial storefront to an intimate performance space.

## Alameda County Law Library Incubator, Oakland, CA

Role: Principal Architect

Project Size: 5,000SF Architecture,

Project Cost: \$40,000

A design-build public project recognizing the shift in the role of the library in contemporay society. This incubator space transforms both formal and informal information and research functions, meeting, and social spaces of the library. The Law Library's Incubator center demarks a new beginning for the urban role of the library through the renovation of a large interior space and allows the introduction of a new library role to the broader Oakland

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community. The project included spaces for private meetings with lawyers, classrooms, administration and flexibility to expand to accommodate large groups. Central to the project was sustainable re-purposing of existing cherry wood panels to maintain the aesthetic continuity in the library.

# Alameda County Library Services – Master Space Use Planning, Oakland, CA

Role: Space Use Analysis (SLEB to Group4 Arch.) Project Size: 8 Buildings, 183,000 square feet

ACL's real estate and lease holdings were evaluated for best use in the face of a changing customer demographics, evolving library technology and client expectations of services provided to the community. The study revealed existing practices when compared to emerging library and socialization trends.

# California Space Center, Santa Maria, CA.\*

Role: Master Architect

Project Size: 470,000SF Facility

Project Cost: \$220M

Planning: Project Dis-banded

The new CSC was expected be a world-class facility focused solely on space exploration. Working with the California Space Authority and the California Space Education Workforce Institute to celebrate California's historic contribution to the fields of science and technology.

# Santa Maria Children Discovery Museum, Santa Maria, CA.\*

Role: Concept + Interactive Education Designer

A local private philanthropist provided the means for this farming community to build a museum for children. Retrofitted, the existing bottling facility is now a place for experiential learning for K-8.

# CA Science Center Amgen Center for Science Learning, Los Angeles, CA.\*

Role: Concept + Interactive Education Designer

Concept development, exhibition design and fabrication for a new outdoor learning garden, which functions as a laboratory for students in the Amgen Center Charter School. Using the exhibits, children engage in dramatic, large-scale scientific experiments.

## Retail, Leisure + Entertainment

Westfield Shopping Center, San Francisco, California\*

Role: Interior Design Architect - Public Spaces

Once known as the Macy's Emporium, the half- million square foot building, while not architecturally significant was the source of cultural memory for many San Franciscans. Today, this new 'Lifestyle' shopping center has set the standard for future urban shopping centers.

Campus Design + Infrastructure Development

The questions we ask. Services and Utility facilities have an untapped potential for greater aesthetic integration into the urban fabric. An architect can unearth questions that translate a wastewater treatment plant from utilitarian grey to inclusive wonderment.

# Alameda County Social Services Administration – Master Space Plan, Oakland, CA

Role: Space Use Analysis (SLEB to Gensler.)
Project Size: 9 Buildings, 515,000 square feet

SSA's real estate and lease holdings were evaluated for best use in the face of a significant upward trend in services provided to the community and expected hiring. Through integration of contemporary open workspace and collaborative workstyles, we were able to demonstrate opportunities for space savings and financial gains.

# SF Public Utilities Commission, Storm water and Sewer Improvement Plan – Southeast \*

Role: Program Mgmt - Master Architect/Visionary

The SSIP's success will rest on the successful delivery of this facility and its positive influence in changing several decades of mistrust of the City and the community's demands for its improvement.

### **Denver Metro Wastewater Reclamation District\***

Role: Master Planner / Architect

Project Size: 200 acres, Support Facilities Master Plan

Provided a comprehensive land-use, infrastructure and green-scape plan to meet reduced footprint goals and greater sustainable urban integration.

# US Coast Guard – Telecommunications & Information Systems Command (TISCOM), Alexandria, VA\*

Role: Master Planner and Design Architect Project Size: 100,000SF, 200 acres

Planning Proposal for new 100,000-SF multi-story building to meet 10-year growth requirements consolidating operations and administrative departments located in 11 structures scattered over the 200 acre campus of which 150 acres are wetland reserves.

#### PROJECT LIST

### BLINK!LAB ARCHITECTURE (2014 to present)

#### Founding Principal

- CultureBank West Oakland (on-the-boards)
- International Boulevard Retail Corridor Improvement (on-theboards)
- Apalachicola "The Hill" Community Regeneration Urban Strategy
- Friends of Hoover Durant Public Library (on-going Pro-Bono)
- Oakland Public Conservatory of Music, Oakland, CA
- Global Citizen Youth, Oakland, CA
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Community Development, Oakland, CA
- East Oakland Boxing Association, Oakland, CA
- Alameda Country Law Library Legal Incubator, Oakland, CA
- Alameda Country Library Association, Oakland, CA
- Alameda Country Social Services, Oakland, CA

## STEINBERG (2013 - 2014)

#### Principal

- Parkside, San Jose, CA
- JCC Weinger, Chicago, CA
- San Pedro Square, San Jose, CA

### AECOM (2008 - 2013)

### Associate Principal

- California Space Center, Santa Maria, CA
- GE Corporation Software COE, San Ramon, CA
- Denver Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
- NASA Ames Research Center Sustainability Base, Building N232, Moffet Field, CA
- NASA Ames Research Center Integrated Office Building, Building N268, Moffet Field, CA
- National Guard Bureau Readiness Center, Arlington, VA
- SF Public Utilities Commission, Storm water and Sewer Improvement Plan – Southeast

# PRIOR TO 2008

- Backer House, San Francisco, CA
- AKQA, San Francisco, CA
- Surfshop / C2LLC, Pacifica, CA
- Dolan Law Firm, San Francisco, CA
- Echeguren Slate, San Francisco, CA
- CA Science Center Amgen Center for Science Learning, Los Angeles, CA.
- Santa Maria Children Discovery Museum, Santa Maria, CA
- CHEVRONTEXACO Headquarters, San Ramon, CA
- Westfield Shopping Center, San Francisco, California

### **INVESTMENT RESEARCH HISTORY**

DSW SCUDDER (now Deutche Bank)
Senior Investment Research Associate

- Aerospace & Defense Industries
- Automobiles Industry