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Et al. Collaborative is an architectural design practice with tandem offices in Detroit, MI and Brooklyn, NY. Our Detroit office was established in 2013 by Principals Tadd Heidgerken and Kristen Smith.

Et al.'s team brings comprehensive local project experience with a variety of project types: new construction, adaptive reuse, historic restoration, facility expansion and renovation, mixed-use, and more. We have experience in all phases of design as well as construction administration, construction management, fabrication, and design/build contracting. As part of Et al.'s mission to be a civic-minded practice, we also actively seek out opportunities for community-based projects and participatory design work.

Et al. approaches each project as an opportunity to collaborate with clients in developing unique solutions to their needs. Our success – and the ultimate success of the project – is the product of a responsive and attuned relationship with a project's stakeholders. We strive to act in concert with all invested parties, through a design process which establishes priorities, defines goals, and responds to values.

Et al. is a design-oriented practice, and our methodology is a straightforward approach to function through simple forms and spaces, and an architectural expression which is concerned with both individual users and community culture. We understand the importance of people when planning spaces, as well as the necessity of expressing the unique characteristics of places.

The success of any project will be determined by the success of the team undertaking it. As design professionals, we work with clients to understand a project's objectives – functional, formal, and financial – and imagine ourselves as stewards of those objectives, upholding the mission and values of a project through thoughtful and clear design considerations.

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et al. services

We feel that there is a design service to suit every budget, and we strive to tailor our services to meet our client's needs. Et al. offers a full range of architecture and interior design services, including:

- Feasibility studies and cost estimating
- Site/building surveying
- Schematic design and space planning
- Design development
- Finishes, furniture, and fixture packages
- Permit documents
- Bid documents
- Construction documents
- Bid negotiation and contractor selection assistance
- Permit walk-through assistance
- As-built drawings
- Landscape design
- Site planning
- Furniture and millwork design
- Custom fabrication coordination
- Construction administration
- Construction management
- Design-build services
- Rendering, presentation, and visioning tools
- Graphic and signage design

Our services cover both new construction and renovation/rehab for a variety of project types, including:

- Residential – single family and condo/loft/apartment
 - Commercial office and retail
 - Restaurant and hospitality
 - Mixed-use development
- and more...

et al. team

Our team represents a unique combination of talents, professional backgrounds, passions and insights.

Tadd Heidgerken, RA - Principal

Tadd is a registered architect with fifteen years professional experience. Tadd resides in Corktown, Detroit and teaches design at the University of Detroit Mercy.

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ET AL. COLLABORATIVE | Detroit, MI | 2013–present | Principal

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY | Detroit, MI | 2005–present | Assistant Professor

TADD HEIDGERKEN ARCHITECT | Detroit, MI | 2009-2012

MASSIE ARCHITECTURE | Pontiac, MI | 2008 | Fabricator

LUCKENBACH ZIEGELMAN | Birmingham, MI | 1999-2005 | Team Captain

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ARTS | M. Arch, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY | B. Arch, 2001

Kristen Smith - Principal

Kristen has over ten years professional experience in architecture, interiors, landscape architecture, furniture design, and graphic design. Kristen resides in Hubbard Farms, Detroit and teaches at Lawrence Technological University.

ET AL. COLLABORATIVE | Detroit, MI | 2013–present | Principal

LAWRENCE TECH UNIV. | Detroit, MI | 2013-Present | Adjunct Professor

M1/DTW | Detroit, MI | 2008–2012 | Senior Designer

PEG-OLA | Ann Arbor, MI | 2007 | Landscape Designer

URBAN DESIGN RESEARCH INSTITUTE | Mumbai, India | 2006 | Research Fellow

CLARK WALTER SIRRINE | Traverse City | 2005 I Design Intern

COLUMBUS CONSULTING | Columbus | 2002-2005 | Design Intern

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN | B.S. Arch, 2002 | M. Arch, 2007

Ceara O’Leary - Part-Time Staff

Ceara is a Enterprise Rose Fellow and Lead Designer at the Detroit Collaborative Design Center at the University of Detroit Mercy. Ceara is a part-time consultant and project manager at Et al. Collaborative on specific projects in collaboration with the DCDC.

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The below list represents Et al.'s commercial-sector project experience and the diverse range of services that we provide.

TAP Commons | Southwest, Detroit | 2016

Full design services for a 2,500 sq. ft. building renovation into offices and community space; landscape/site design for an adjacent public plaza; civic engagement with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center.

Livernois Commons | Live6, Detroit | 2016

Full design services for the renovation of a 3000 sq. ft. building into first floor tenant spaces and roof-top addition for live-work artist and event space.

Porter Street | Hubbard Farms, Detroit | 2016

Feasibility and code review, surveying and documentation, and cost estimating for a 6,000 sq. ft. 2-story mixed-use development.

The Skip | Downtown, Detroit | 2016

Full design services for a 1,000 sq. ft. outdoor bar and event space in “the Belt” alley.

David Campbell Memorial Terrace | Dequindre Cut, Detroit | 2016

Schematic landscape, plaza, and canopy design for a memorial gathering space. Design development in collaboration with Hamilton Anderson Associates.

Standby Restaurant | Downtown, Detroit | 2015

Full design services including facade, interior, custom millwork, and construction admin. for a 850 sq. ft. restaurant / cocktail lounge with 2,000 sq. ft basement kitchen.

La Rondinella | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2015

Documentation, code and permit assistance, design team support, facade design studies, construction and fabrication oversight for a 1000 sq. ft. bar/restaurant expansion.

St Vincent | Corktown, Detroit | 2015

Documentation and permit assistance, as well as interior design for the renovation of a 12,000 sq. ft. 3-story business incubator. Master planning and visioning for a future mixed-use site development (w/ Volume1 Design).

Coffee and (Records) | Jefferson Chalmers, Detroit | 2015

Documentation & permit assistance, design & implementation support, and engineering coordination for the renovation of a 2700 sq. ft. coffee shop and record store in a historic mixed-use building.

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Selden Standard | Midtown, Detroit | 2014

Full design services including facade, interior, site, landscape, custom millwork and construction administration for a 5,500 sq. ft. renovation of a vacant former laundromat into a full-service bar and restaurant.

Restaurant – Market – Retail Complex | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2014

Feasibility and schematic space planning for the renovation of an existing 20,000 sq. ft. 2-story warehouse building into a comprehensive bar/restaurant, retail market, production facility and event space using innovative sustainability strategies.

Red Bull House of Art ARTpartment | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2014

Full design services plus construction management for a 2,400 sq. ft. artist-in-residence apartment and auxiliary gallery space as an expansion of the House of Art program.

Trinosophes | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2014

As-built documents and permit assistance for an existing 8,000 sq. ft. cafe with kitchen, event space, and record store.

Rubbed | Corktown, Detroit | 2014

Documentation, permit assistance, and engineering coordination for the renovation of a 950 sq. ft. sandwich shop.

Artifactory | Corktown, Detroit | 2013

Schematic interior and facade design, documentation, and permit assistance for the renovation of a 1650 sq. ft. retail space.

Innerstate Gallery | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2013

Full design services for 7800 sq. ft. interior renovation of a first-floor art gallery, second-floor offices and print shop, basement shipping facility, and third-floor residential tenant space.

Facade Design Studies | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2013

Facade re-design studies for a variety of Eastern Market businesses applying for facade improvement grant funding.

Red Bull House of Art | Eastern Market, Detroit | 2012

Full architectural and construction management services for the renovation of a 14,000 sq. ft. brewery into an art exhibition and residency incubator complex.

Astro Coffee | Corktown, Detroit | 2011

Full design services including historic facade, interior, custom millwork and construction administration for an 700 sq. ft. coffee shop and basement bakery.

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SELDEN STANDARD | MIDTOWN – DETROIT | 2014

A 5,500 sq. ft. renovation of a former laundromat into an award-winning bar and restaurant. The space provides visual connections from dining areas to the open kitchen and outdoor patio and a modest material palette reflects the restaurant's modern take on simple, rustic cuisine. Photos by Marvin Shaouni & PD Rearick.

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INNERSTATE GALLERY & 1xRUN PRINTS | EASTERN MARKET – DETROIT | 2013

This 7,800 sq. ft. project included a 1st floor art gallery and shipping facility, 2nd floor print shop and creative/administrative offices, and 3rd floor residence. The phased project creatively squeezed between oddly-configured existing spaces to maximize circulation and functionality with minimum build-out. Photos by Sal Rodriguez.

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STANDBY | DOWNTOWN – DETROIT, MI | 2015

Interior renovation in a historic five-story building, in a Downtown Detroit art alley known as “The Belt,” into a 900 sq. ft. modern-yet-timeless cocktail bar and restaurant – which prominently features work of local artists – and a 2,000 sq. ft. basement kitchen. Photos by Michele and Chris Gerard.

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TAP COMMONS | SOUTHWEST – DETROIT, MI | 2016

This participatory design-driven project will provide a 2,500 sq. ft. flexible office and community space for The Alley Project. The project also includes a public skate and performance park in the adjacent vacant lot (with Detroit Collaborative Design Center). Lower right photo by Erik Howard. Participatory design outputs by DCDC.

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RED BULL HOUSE OF ART | EASTERN MARKET, DETROIT, MI | 2012

This 14,000 sq. ft. complex houses shared artist studios, a fabrication shop, lounge space, administrative offices, and a public gallery/exhibition space. A prototype for the Red Bull Community Arts Project, the space was designed as a series of extended thresholds between different programmatic experiences. Photos by PD Rearick.

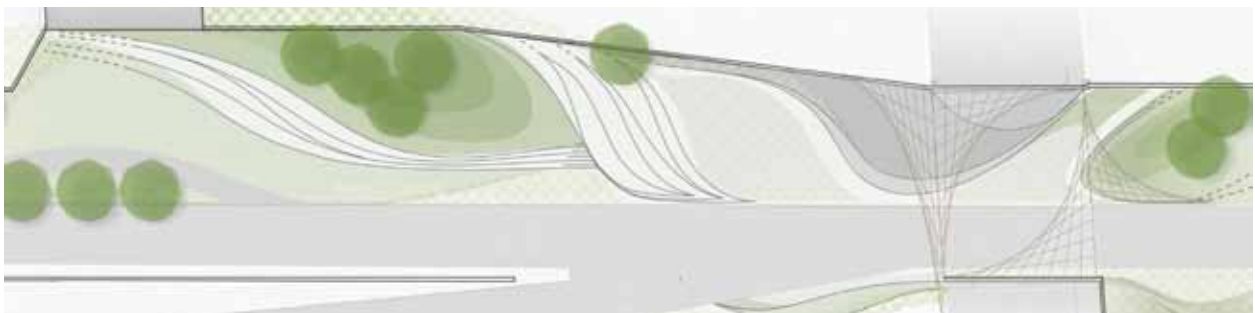
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ASTRO COFFEE | CORKTOWN, DETROIT, MI | 2011

A 700 sq. ft. interior build-out and facade restoration rejuvenated the elegant details of the neighborhood. Reclaimed wood – harvested and milled by the owner – and “found” pieces reduced costs while engaging the client in the process. Simple surface materials create a calm atmosphere. Photos by PD Rearick and Kinfolk Magazine.

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DAVID CAMPBELL MEMORIAL TERRACE | DEQUINDRE CUT – DETROIT | 2016

A public landscape plaza in an urban recreation pathway, this project will serve as both an entry point and an extension of the primary space of the Cut. A place that can be both intimate and public, the space is well-suited for large gatherings as well as individual repose (with Hamilton Anderson Associates). Upper right image by HAA.