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Intro

I am a Ph.D. student in the History and Theory of Architecture at Harvard University. My research interests, broadly outlined, concern the entwined development of nineteenth-century American architecture and transportation networks. By studying the new and hybrid architectural forms that emerged amid the so-called "American System," I aim to investigate the incipient conditions of modern urbanization, paying attention to the propinquities and frictions that these transportation networks produced alongside their efficiencies.

I hold a Master in Design Studies from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a B.A. in Art History and English from Williams College. Prior to earning my Master's degree, I worked as a strategist at the New York design consultancy 2x4 before joining the GSD's Office for Urbanization (OFU). There, I contributed to design research projects on mass transit, climate change adaptation, and new town planning. With Charles Waldheim and OFU, I co-authored 50 Species-Towns, a 2022 publication that presents a speculative approach to rural urbanization in China. I also produce the GSD's Future of the American City conversation series. I live in Somerville, MA.