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Biography

Dr Saul Golden, RIBA, SFHEA, is a Lecturer in Architecture and Spatial Design at Ulster University's Belfast School of Architecture and the Built Environment. He is a Chartered UK architect with over 25-years of international practice, research, and teaching expertise across architecture, interior and urban design.

A dual American and UK citizen, Saul holds a BSc in Architecture (University of Virginia, 1992); an MArch Degree with Urban Design Certificate (University of Washington, 1997); a Certificate in Professional Practice and Management in Architecture (ARB/RIBA Part III, Bartlett, University College London, 1999); and a PhD (Ulster University, 2016). His professional practice experience includes management level roles as lead designer and project architect for the delivery of complex, award winning projects with globally recognised practices including Perkins Eastman, NY; Gensler, London (Associate); and Kennedy FitzGerald Architects, Belfast (Senior Architect), with whom he won a 2006 RSUA Design Award and RIBA Conservation Commendation. From 2002-2006, he held part-time BSc Hons Architecture Design Tutor roles at Queen's University Belfast, prior to his full-time academic appointment at Ulster University from 2007.

Saul's research and teaching are underpinned by applying theory and practice experience to active learning and knowledge-sharing methodologies for socially-driven sustainable place-making, effective public engagement skills and processes, and transformative approaches to critical spatial agency.

Outside of his academic roles, Saul enjoys a strong international professional network through his practice, Gillespie-Golden Architects, his prior roles as Director of NI Built Environment charity PLACE (2012-2018), and his PSRB work with the RIBA and RSUA. In 2016, he was elected by Chartered peers to a 3-year term as a Trustee and Northern Ireland representative to RIBA Council, and also as a Director on RSUA Council. He is widely published in peer-reviewed journals and conference papers, and serves as an invited member of multiple international Scientific and Technical Review Committees in the US and Europe. He is also currently an appointed member of the RIBA Research Grants Sub-Committee, on behalf of the RIBA Council and RIBA Research Trust.

Qualifications

Higher Education Academy
Award Date: 3 Mar 2017

PhD
1 Jan 2009 → 20 Apr 2016
Award Date: 20 Apr 2016

Fellow Centre for Higher Education Practice
Award Date: 10 Oct 2011

Fellow Higher Education Academy
Award Date: 5 Nov 2009

University College London
Award Date: 29 Jun 1999

Master, University of Washington
Award Date: 13 Jun 1997

Bachelor, University of Virginia
Award Date: 17 May 1992

MArch Study Exchange, University of Liverpool School of Architecture
Aug 1995 → Jan 1996

Employment

Senior Lecturer

Senior Lecturer
Belfast School of Architecture & the Be
Vice-Chancellor's Office

1 Aug 2017 → present

Senior Lecturer

Faculty Of Computing, Eng. & Built Env.

Vice-Chancellor's Office

1 Aug 2017 → present

External Examiner - Interior Architecture

Griffith College

Ireland

1 Nov 2019 → present

External Examiner-Design-Florence Institute of Design International

University of Chester

United Kingdom

1 Jan 2017 → 1 Jan 2021

Co-Founder, Gillespie Golden Architects

Gillespie Golden Architects

United Kingdom

1 Jan 2016 → present

Invited Committee Member - Research & Grants Sub-Committee

RIBA

1 Jan 2016 → present

Director-Trustee

Royal Institute of British Architects

1 Jan 2016 → 1 Jan 2019

Director-Trustee

Royal Society of Ulster Architects

1 Jan 2016 → 1 Jan 2019

Strategic Design Group

Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG), Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL)

1 Jan 2015 → 1 Jan 2018

Director-Trustee, PLACE NI, Charity

PLACE NI (Planning Landscape Architecture Community Environment), Charity No 104966

Northern Ireland

1 Jan 2012 → 1 Jan 2018

Senior Architect, Kennedy FitzGerald Architects LLP, Belfast

Kennedy FitzGerald Architects LLP, Belfast

United Kingdom

1 Jan 2002 → 1 Jan 2007

Associate, Gensler Architecture, London

Gensler Architecture, London

United Kingdom

1 Jan 1997 → 1 Jan 2002

Technician-Draughtsperson, Rhodes Architectural Masonry, Seattle, WA

Rhodes Architectural Masonry, Seattle, WA
United States
1 Jan 1995 → 1 Jan 1997

Architectural Assistant, Procter + Wang Architects, New York, NY

Procter + Wang Architects, New York, NY
United States
1 Jan 1993 → 1 Jan 1994

Architectural Assistant, Perkins Eastman Architects PC, New York, NY

Perkins Eastman Architects PC, New York, NY
United States
1 Jan 1992 → 1 Jan 1993

Architectural Intern, Scogin Elam and Bray [Mack Scogin Merrill Elam] Architects, Atlanta, GA

1 Jan 1992 → 1 Jan 1992

Research outputs

Urban Research Lab: WATERSHED Africa

Golden, S., 8 Jun 2021, (Accepted/In press)
Research output: Non-textual form › Body of Work

Impianto di raccolta dell'acqua piovana: Un'esplorazione della Resilienza dello Spazio Pubblico: La Biennale di Venezia: Biennale Architettura 2021 — Padiglione Italia, Giardino delle Vergini,

Turnbull, D., Golden, S., Didomenico, M. & Avitaia, F., 8 Jun 2021, (Accepted/In press)
Research output: Non-textual form › Installation

Urban universities as catalysts for public-private regeneration strategies to benefit more liveable and healthy inner-city communities

Golden, S., Carlin, K. & Leavey, G., 21 Jan 2021, p. 12.
Research output: Contribution to conference › Abstract › peer-review

Creating Better Commercial Washrooms: How to Improve User Experience and Wellbeing Through Evidence-Based Commercial Washroom Design

Golden, S., 13 Nov 2019, 41 p.
Research output: Book/Report › Commissioned report › peer-review

Sustainable Architecture and Design to Address Acute Water-stress, Energy Delivery, Health and Socio-economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: GCRF Pump-Priming Award Final Project Report

Golden, S., Agyenim Boateng, F., Bofo-Mensah, G., Turnbull, D., Fernandez-Ibanez, A. P., Byrne, T. & Smyth, M., 18 Apr 2018, (Accepted/In press) 35 p.
Research output: Book/Report › Other report

Josep Llinàs and the Construct(ion) of Place Meaning in Urban Public Space: A Barcelona Case Study

Golden, S., 22 Oct 2018, p. 49-49. 1 p.
Research output: Contribution to conference › Abstract › peer-review

A Fresh Look at Community Engagement and Regeneration: Toward Good Practice and Innovative Policy in Northern Ireland

Golden, S. & Dawe, L., 31 Jan 2018. 6 p.
Research output: Contribution to conference › Paper › peer-review

Cinematic approaches to mapping spatial narratives

Golden, S., 6 Sep 2017, *Envisioning Architecture: Space/ Time/ Meaning*. Maver, T., Chapman, P., Platt, C., Portela, R. & Eaton, D. (eds.). Glasgow: Glasgow School of Art, p. 269-276

Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding › Chapter › peer-review

Mapping the expanding and fracturing field of architecture

Golden, S., 16 Feb 2017, *Architectural Research Addressing Societal Challenges*. Couceiro da Costa, M. J. R., Roseta, F., Couceiro da Costa, S. & Lages, J. P. (eds.). Lisbon, Portugal: Taylor & Francis, Vol. 2. p. 705-712

Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding › Chapter › peer-review

Beyond architecture: Other influences on approaches to practice and shared urban space

Golden, S. M., 2016, Belfast

Research output: Other contribution › peer-review

Climb-It, W5: Feature Case Study

Golden, S., 15 Sep 2016, *Perspective: The Journal of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects*, 25, 5, p. Cover and 44-48 5 p.

Research output: Contribution to specialist publication › Article

PUBLIC INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE SPACES: Exploring Architects' Tactics to Shape Shared Space in Private-led Development

Golden, S., Montgomery, I. & Rikala, T. M., Jul 2015, In: *Archnet - IJAR*. 9, 2, p. 170-183

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Occupied By Design: Evaluating Performative Tactics For More Sustainable Shared City Space In Private-led Regeneration Projects

Golden, S., 25 Sep 2014, In: *WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment*. 191, p. 441-452 12 p.

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Starting With the Petunias: LQC Action for Better Public Space

Golden, S., 11 Aug 2013, New York : Project for Public Spaces.

Research output: Other contribution › peer-review

Questioning Proposals for Urban Public Space: LQC in Belfast

Golden, S., 24 Jun 2013. 0 p.

Research output: Contribution to conference › Other › peer-review

A Framework of Minds: Translating Existing Knowledge into Emerging Practice

Golden, S., 2013, p. 83. 107 p.

Research output: Contribution to conference › Abstract › peer-review

DATA+STRATA

Golden, S., Sep 2012

Research output: Non-textual form › Exhibition

Healthcare and Architecture: Northern Ireland's Legacy

Golden, S. (ed.), 2012, Belfast, Northern Ireland: PLACE. 36 p.

Research output: Book/Report › Anthology › peer-review

Machine for Experiential Urban Learning: Interdisciplinary Design Research

Golden, S. (ed.) & McComish, L. (ed.), 6 Sep 2012, Belfast, Northern Ireland: PLACE. 123 p.

Research output: Book/Report › Anthology › peer-review

Waterfront development must be welcoming

Golden, S., 6 Feb 2012, Belfast Telegraph.

Research output: Other contribution › peer-review

Urban Research Belfast Inter-Disciplinary Partnership

Golden, S. & McComish, L., 17 Oct 2012. 0 p.

Research output: [Contribution to conference](#) › [Other](#) › [peer-review](#)

Learning from Empty Space: A case study of inter-disciplinary experiential design pedagogy and urban investigation in Belfast

Golden, S., 2012, *Unknown Host Publication*. Dublin: All Ireland Architecture Research Group, p. 27 79 p.

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Conference contribution](#) › [peer-review](#)

Role Play and Peer Learning in Architecture Education for Professional Portfolio and Interview Preparation

Golden, S., 2012, *Unknown Host Publication*. Northern Ireland: Centre for Higher Education Practice, p. 16 24 p.

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Conference contribution](#) › [peer-review](#)

Urban Research Belfast-Lessons from Empty Space: Inter-disciplinary Tools for Urban Enquiry and Place Investigation

Golden, S., 2 Apr 2012, *Design Place: International Urban Design Conference Proceedings*. Borsi, K. & Durmaz, B. (eds.). United Kingdom: University of Nottingham, p. 179 200 p.

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Conference contribution](#) › [peer-review](#)

Grove Wellbeing Centre

Golden, S., 2012, *Healthcare & Architecture: Northern Ireland's Legacy*. Belfast, Northern Ireland: PLACE, p. 26-31

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Chapter](#) › [peer-review](#)

The Pedagogy of Place: A Practical Approach to Engaging with Urban Design Lessons Beyond the Studio

Golden, S., 2012, *The Place of Research/The Research of Place: ARCC/EAAE 2010 International Conference on Architectural Research 23 – 26 June 2010, Washington DC USA Conference Proceedings*. Washington, DC: Architectural Research Centers Consortium, p. 176-184

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Chapter](#) › [peer-review](#)

Urban Research Belfast-Lessons from Empty Space: Inter-disciplinary Tools for Urban Enquiry and Place Investigation

Golden, S. & McComish, L., 2 Apr 2012, *Designing Place International Urban Design Conference Proceedings*. Borsi, K. & Durmaz, B. (eds.). Nottingham, UK: University of Nottingham, p. 179-200

Research output: [Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding](#) › [Chapter](#) › [peer-review](#)

Cathedral Quarter Belfast: Public Regeneration Strategies

Golden, S. & Freedman, P., Dec 2011, In: *Urbanistica*. 148, p. 42-45

Research output: [Contribution to journal](#) › [Article](#) › [peer-review](#)

Made in Belfast: Smithfield and Union, Restore Project

Golden, S. & Moore, P., 2011, In: *Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects*. 20, 4, p. 14-15

Research output: [Contribution to journal](#) › [Article](#) › [peer-review](#)

Mobile Urban Experience Laboratory (MEUL)

Golden, S., 30 Sep 2010

Research output: [Non-textual form](#) › [Installation](#)

What's Wrong with this Place?

Golden, S. & McComish, L., Feb 2010

Research output: [Non-textual form](#) › [Exhibition](#)

Quarter Culture or Full Quarter?

Golden, S., 25 Mar 2010

Research output: [Non-textual form](#) › [Web publication/site](#)

Book Review: Jenkins, P. and Forsyth, L. eds., Architecture, Participation and Society: [Routledge, 2010]

Golden, S., Sep 2010, *Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects*, 19, 5, p. 92-93.

Research output: [Contribution to specialist publication](#) › [Book/Film/Article review](#)

Book Review: Lappin, S.A. Full Irish: Contemporary Irish Architecture: [Princeton Architectural Press, 2009]

Golden, S., May 2010, Perspective, The Journal of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects, 19, 03, p. 85-87.

Research output: Contribution to specialist publication › Book/Film/Article review

Book Review: Brown, Dixon, Gillham (2009). Urban Design for an Urban Century: Placemaking for People. Wiley Press.

Golden, S., Jul 2009, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 18, 4, p. 87-89

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Cornerstone

Golden, S., Mar 2009, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 18, 2, p. 66-72

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

FAB Four: Forum for Alternative Belfast, Launch at the Black Box

Golden, S., Jul 2009, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 18, 4, p. 22-23

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

In Rude Health

Golden, S., May 2009, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 18, 3, p. 44-51

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Spanish Eyes

Golden, S., May 2009, In: Perspective: the Journal of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 18, 3, p. 54-59

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Book Review: Sharp, Dennis and Rendel, Sally. Connell Ward & Lucas Architects: Modern movement architects in England 1929-1939: [Frances Lincoln, 2008]

Golden, S., Nov 2008, Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects, 17, 6, p. 88-89.

Research output: Contribution to specialist publication › Book/Film/Article review

A Faithful Interface

Golden, S., Jan 2008, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 17, 1, p. 18-26

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Rooms with a View

Golden, S., Dec 2008, In: Living Design. 1, 4, p. 48-55

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Substance and Style

Golden, S., Mar 2008, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 17, 2, p. 54-59

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Ulster Museum Detail

Golden, S., 1 Jul 2007

Research output: Non-textual form › Digital or Visual Products

Exemplar

Golden, S., 2007, In: Perspective, The Journal of The Royal Society of Ulster Architects. 16, 3, p. 38-43

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Hill House

Golden, S., 2007, In: Living Design. Summer, p. 46-53

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

2006 RSUA Design Award - Workshop/Living Space, Oxford Street, Belfast

Golden, S., 2006

Research output: Non-textual form › Design

Richard Rhodes: An Interview

Golden, S., Jun 1997, In: Arcade Magazine. xv, 2, p. 24-27/40

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Easy Living: Mark Mack

Golden, S., Dec 1996, In: Arcade Magazine. 15, 2, p. 18-19

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

"Slowness": Billie Tsien and Tod Williams

Golden, S., Dec 1996, In: Arcade Magazine. xv, 2, p. 35

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Architecture in the Mind's Eye

Golden, S., 1995, In: Column 5: Journal of Architecture. ix, p. 22-27

Research output: Contribution to journal › Article › peer-review

Activities

Healthy City Design International: Research, Policy, Practice

Saul Golden (Speaker)

12 Oct 2021

UK Ireland Planning Research Conference:

Saul Golden (Participant) & Gavan Rafferty (Participant)

9 Sep 2021

Civic Engagement-Botswana Climate Exploration Hub: Sustainable Design & Shared Space, Invited Speaker

Saul Golden (Invited speaker)

9 Jul 2021

Civic-Engagement-Outreach Talk, BCCM: Belfast THRI(VES)

Saul Golden (Invited speaker)

23 Jun 2021

Symposium Keynote: Belfast THRI(VES): A BELFAST VIEW Session

Saul Golden (Keynote speaker)

17 Jun 2021

Belfast THRIVES: Symposium Launch and Project Overview

Saul Golden (Keynote speaker)

16 Jun 2021

Symposium-Webinar, Belfast THRI(VES): Transformative Health & Regeneration Initiatives (for Vibrancy, Equality, and Sustainability)

Saul Golden (Chair), Gavan Rafferty (Chair), Gerard Leavey (Chair), Duncan Morrow (Chair), Callie Persic (Organiser), Niamh Mulrine (Organiser) & Linda Mc Elduff (Participant)

16 Jun 2021 → 17 Jun 2021

Urban universities as catalysts for public-private regeneration strategies to benefit more liveable and healthy inner-city communities

Saul Golden (Speaker) & Kieran Carlin (Speaker)
22 Jan 2021

Research Project Launch, Belfast THRI(VES): Transformative Health & Regeneration Initiatives (for Vibrancy, Equality, and Sustainability)

Saul Golden (Organiser), Gavan Rafferty (Participant), Gerard Leavey (Participant) & Liam Maguire (Participant)
8 Jan 2021 → 31 Aug 2021

2021 Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) Conference (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)
Nov 2020 → Feb 2021

Consultancy Whitepaper Launch and Thought Leadership Keynote: Ideal Standard International, "Creating Better Commercial Washrooms"

Saul Golden (Keynote speaker), Libby Sellers (Speaker), Robert Levien (Speaker) & Hsi-Sung Thomas (Speaker)
13 Nov 2019

EAAE-ARCC International Conference & 2nd Valencia International Biennial of Research in Architecture (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)
Nov 2019 → Jun 2020

Jefferson University Nexus Maximus VI, International Student Challenge

Saul Golden (Participant)
11 Oct 2019 → 14 Oct 2019

Go Philly 2019: Exploring Healthy Communities in Philadelphia

Saul Golden (Organiser), Marie Vaganay Miller (Organiser) & Gavan Rafferty (Organiser)
15 Jun 2019 → 21 Jun 2019

Jefferson University Nexus Maximus V International Student Challenge:

Saul Golden (Organiser)
21 Sep 2018 → 24 Sep 2018

Better Bedford Street Belfast-Design Workshop-Strategic Design Group

Saul Golden (Organiser)
17 Aug 2018

2019 Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) Conference (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)
Aug 2018 → Mar 2019

Invited Expert Panelist: Rethinking the Commercial Washroom, Milan Design Week

Saul Golden (Invited speaker), Paolo Ferrarini (Speaker) & Torsten Tuerling (Speaker)
18 Apr 2018

Public Seminar: Architecture at the Nexus of Water + Power

Saul Golden (Organiser)
7 Mar 2018

Research Consultant: Ideal Standard International Thought Leadership

Saul Golden (Consultant)
Mar 2018 → May 2019

KESS-A Fresh Look at Community Engagement and Regeneration: Toward Good Practice and Innovative Policy in Northern Ireland

Saul Golden (Invited speaker)
31 Jan 2018

Sustainable Design + Shared Space: Ghana

Saul Golden (Organiser) & Francis Agyenim Boateng (Participant)
14 Jan 2018 → 17 Jan 2018

Global Challenge Pump-Prime workshop: Sustainable Design and Shared Space

Saul Golden (Organiser), Mervyn Smyth (Organiser), John Byrne (Participant), Pilar Fernandez-Ibanez (Participant), Michael Brennan (Participant), David Turnbull (Participant) & Francis Agyenim Boateng (Participant)
20 Nov 2017 → 21 Nov 2017

Smithfield+Union: The Red-Line Blues - Superdiverse Streets Invited Talk

Saul Golden (Speaker)
12 Apr 2017

Engagement-Teaching-Civic: Unique 'Art Store', Belfast design workshop, BDes Interior Design

Saul Golden (Participant)
3 Mar 2017 → 7 Apr 2017

Transforming Belfast: 6 expert views on improving the liability of our great city

Saul Golden (Speaker)
1 Dec 2016

Drew Plunkett: Public Lecture and Book Launch

Saul Golden (Organiser)
24 Nov 2016

RIBA Research Grants Sub-Committee (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Member)
Oct 2016 → ...

Royal Institute of British Architects (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Member)
Jul 2016 → Jul 2019

Royal Society of Ulster Architects (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Member)
Jul 2016 → Jul 2019

A Fresh Look at Community Engagement and Public Policy

Saul Golden (Organiser) & Lindesay Dawe (Organiser)
10 Jun 2016

Identifying Place

Saul Golden (Organiser)
15 Mar 2016 → 18 Mar 2016

Transmission Ballycastle

Saul Golden (Organiser)
10 Mar 2016 → 25 Mar 2016

10th EAAE/ARCC International Conference on Architectural Research Addressing Societal Challenges (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)

15 Oct 2015 → 8 Mar 2016

RSUA Education Committee (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Member)

Jul 2015 → Jul 2017

2015 Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) Conference (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)

Sep 2014 → Jan 2015

EAAE-ARCC 2014 International Conference (Event)

Saul Golden (Reviewer)

Jul 2013 → Nov 2013

Occupied by Design

Saul Golden (Organiser)

21 Feb 2013

PLACE (Planning Landscape Architecture Community Environment) NI Charity (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Member)

Jun 2012 → Nov 2018

What's Wrong With This Place?

Saul Golden (Organiser) & Liam McComish (Organiser)

10 Feb 2010 → 17 Feb 2010

Royal Society of Ulster Architects (External organisation)

Saul Golden (Chair)

2009 → 2010

Press/Media

Belfast.THRI(VES) Urban Health and Wellbeing Research -Partnership Launch with Belfast City Council and Department for Infrastructure

Saul Golden, Gavan Rafferty & Gerard Leavey

10/05/21 → 11/05/21

1 item of Media coverage, 1 Media contribution

Civic Engagement and Teaching Outreach Innovation - BDes Hons Interior Design Workshops for UNIQ, Belfast

Saul Golden

3/04/17

1 Media contribution

Library Square Activation-press coverage: Crazy paving areas that could transform city: Pop-up green space in city a glimpse of what could be

Saul Golden

2/03/13

1 item of Media coverage

Transmission Ballycastle - Media Coverage in Ballymoney Times newspaper

Saul Golden

15/03/16

1 item of Media coverage