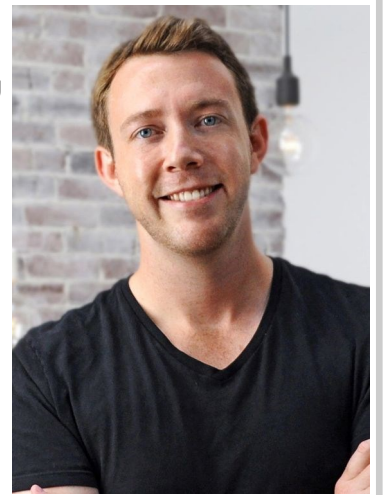


The 2014-2015 Architecture Lecture Series
Present:



Alan Ricks, a graduate of Colorado College and the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, is the chief operating officer and co-founder of MASS Design Group, an impact-driven architecture and design firm that began with the design and construction of the critically acclaimed Butaro Hospital for Partners In Health. MASS has since expanded to twelve countries, focusing on design innovation and health infrastructure development. This spring, Alan was named a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum for the 2014-2019 term, which 'recognizes extraordinary leaders of the world under the age of 40'. Chief TED curator Chris Anderson described the TED talk Alan gave in September 2013 as "a different language about what architecture can aspire to be."



At the age of 28, Alan was named to the Forbes list of '30 Under 30'. Often the only architect at the table, Alan has worked with the government of Liberia to develop healthcare policy and addressed the Global Infrastructure Initiative sponsored by McKinsey and the Albright Stonebridge Group. Under the leadership of Michael Murphy and Alan Ricks, MASS has been named finalists for the TED Prize, Aga Khan Award for Architecture, and Buckminster Fuller Challenge, and received the World Architecture News Burro Happold Award, Architecture League Emerging Voices Award, Healthcare Design Changemaker Award, the Curry Stone Design Prize, and Contract Magazine 'Designer of the Year', among others.

Alan works to expand dialogue around the role of design in advancing a more equitable world, including regular and guest lectures at the Harvard School of Public Health, Colorado College, the University of Pretoria, and the Harvard Leadership Conference, among others. Alan and Michael have published in the Huffington Post, the Journal of Architecture, and the Stanford Social Innovation Review. MASS's first book, *Empowering Architecture*, was published in 2013 as a reflection on the Butaro Hospital design process. Select features on MASS include Wired Magazine, the New York Times, Fast Company, and the Boston Globe, and in architecture publications including Mark, Domus, and Lotus.

Burera District was one of the last two districts in Rwanda without a public hospital, limiting access to care for a population of over 340,000.

Date: Monday, February 2, 2015

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Architecture Lecture Hall

Subject: *Architecture is Much More than just a Building*