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Frank Martinez is an Associate Professor at the University of Miami, School of Architecture, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Miller School of Medicine. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Miami and a graduate degree from Princeton University. He teaches design, drawing and theory in the core of both undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Architecture. In the past five years he has lectured and led tours in the Graduate Rome program on Roman Villas and Gardens, with primary interest in Renaissance & Baroque Architecture and Urban Design, as well as the summer traveling course: The Grand Tour. Professor Martinez is a member of the Built Environment and Health Research Group, an interdisciplinary research team led by José Szapocznik, chair of Epidemiology and Public Health at

UM's Miller School of Medicine, and is co-author of numerous articles on the impact of the built environment on health. The team, investigates the impact of the built environment on Hispanic elders' health (funded by the National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health), children's conduct and Hispanic immigrants' risk for metabolic syndrome. The first results of this work were published in the September 2006 issue of the American Journal of Community Psychology with subsequent publications in journals in public health and architecture, most recently, the 2009 Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences. Professor Martinez is also a founder and design partner in Martinez & Alvarez Architecture, Inc. in which he works collaboratively with his partner and wife, Ana Alvarez. The work has focused primarily on architectural and urban projects that contribute to the art of making cities. Underlying the teaching and research is an exploration of drawing as a method for acquiring and developing architectural knowledge.

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