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David is an Assistant Professor of Architecture at Laurentian University. He has completed his BA, University of Saskatchewan, MArch, University of Calgary and PhD, University of Edinburgh.

David was born and raised in Alberta and Saskatchewan, he is a Member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (MRAIC), a LEED accredited professional, and a registered architect in the province of Alberta. He has worked on various commercial and residential projects throughout Western Canada, gaining experience with firms such as GEC Architects and McKinley Burkart Architects in Calgary.

He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in architectural design, history and theory, including systems-based courses studying farmworker housing shortages in the United States and design studios focusing on urban and rural conditions in Kenya. David has also led courses in various community design-build projects using straw bale construction in Kenya and in Montana with the northern Cheyenne community. Currently he teaches second-year design studio and an introductory building science course emphasizing the impact of climate change on architectural thinking.

Dr. Fortin is also currently researching Prairie Métis contributions to architectural thinking in Canada as part of a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant. David is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario and the recently formed RAIC Indigenous Task Force that will 'seek ways to foster and promote indigenous design in Canada.



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