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Professional Architect

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After graduating from UCT in 1978, Colin started his career at Building Design Group in Durban. During this time he worked on some innovative participatory housing projects, such as Briardale, where his interest in housing was ignited. Colin maintained a dual teaching – practice career starting at the University of Natal and later Wits University during the 80's and 90's. Colin started the Wits Architecture Projects Office (WAPO) in the early 1990's which gave young students experience within a rural development environment. Colin's first experience in University Buildings was in Botswana where he designed a series of buildings for the Botswana Polytechnic and Agricultural College. The early experience has found expression in the work of Savage + Dodd Architects where Colin was a founding partner in 1997. As a practice, Savage + Dodd Architects believe in the power of design in restorative spatial justice and urban resilience within the context of architectural practice in a society with an unjust past. This is reflected in the scope of projects undertaken in the Practice, which encompass buildings within the public realm such as universities and social housing, which are reflective of new building types for a new society.

Colin is a skilled designer and an innovative thinker.

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**QUALIFICATIONS**

1978\_B. Arch  
University of Cape Town, Cape Town

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**PROFESSIONAL  
REGISTRATION**

Registered Professional Architect  
\_ Reg No. 5339  
South African Council of Architects  
Member of South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)  
Member of Pretoria Institute of Architects (PIA)

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING  
AND CERTIFICATION**

Advanced International Training Programme: "Costa Rica"  
Self Help Delivery in Housing, Planning and Management Course run by Lund University and FUPROVI (A local housing NGO under the auspices and sponsorship of Sida\_Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency)

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING  
AND CERTIFICATION**

Founder Member and Board Member: SHiFT – Social Housing Focus Trust (a group of professionals looking at promoting quality of design and professional involvement in the social housing arena) \_2001-2005

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**KEY ASSIGNMENTS /  
EXPERIENCE**

**Academic Teachings**

Founder member of Built Environment Support Group (BESG),  
University of Natal, Durban\_ 1985-1986

Part Time Lecturer  
University of Natal\_ 1981- 1987



KEY ASSIGNMENTS /  
EXPERIENCE CONT.

Part Time Lecturer  
University of the Witwatersrand\_ 1988- 2007

External Examiner  
University of Pretoria & University of the Free State

## Higher Education

2014-2016\_ Sol Plaatje University, Land Parcel 2\_ Multi Purpose Teaching Spaces/ Dining Hall and residence  
Sol Plaatje University, Kimberley Northern Cape  
*Finalist in World Architecture Festival 2017: Higher Education & Research and Best Use of Colour for Sol Plaatje University. Highly Commended in Higher Education & Research Category.*  
*Sol Plaatje University Building C002: South African Institute of Architects Northern Cape: Regional Merit Award 2017.*  
*Commendation: Saint Gobain "Architecture for Social Gain" for Sol Plaatje University competition work 2015.*

2012-2015\_ Mathematical Science Building JV with MMA Architects  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

2009-2011\_ New Undergraduate Science Centre JV with Urban Solutions  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg  
*Gauteng Institute for Architecture Awards of Merit : Commendation : Wits Science Stadium 2013.*

2008-2009\_ New Auditoria and Student Facilities: FNB Building  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

1991-1992\_ Major extensions to Sebele Agricultural College, as part of a team of architects for Pinagare Architects  
Gaborone, Botswana

1987-1990\_ A new campus for Botswana Polytechnic  
*Project architect for David Young Architects*  
Gaborone, Botswana

## Social Housing

2003-2005\_ Brickfields Social Housing (Precinct D+E) for the Johannesburg Housing Company *in association with RFB Consulting Architects and Makhene & Associates*  
Newtown, Johannesburg

2004-2005\_ Brickfields Social Housing (Precinct A+B) for the Johannesburg Housing Company  
Newtown, Johannesburg

2002\_ Elangeni Social Housing for Johannesburg Housing Company  
Albert Street, Johannesburg

1986\_ Woodview Housing for Inova Homes  
Woodview, Durban  
The project was an Urban Foundation: a group of 18 double storey attached row houses within woodview.



KEY ASSIGNMENTS / EXPERIENCE CONT.	1978-1983_ Briardale Village for the Urban Foundation <i>Project Architect for Building Design Group Architects</i> Newlands West, Durban The first participative economic housing project (110 homes, shops, crech) commissioned by the Urban Foundation.
Urban Housing	2005_ Melrose Arch Residential Melrose Arch, Johannesburg
Inner City Housing Upgrades & Conversions	2000_ Carr Gardens Conversions for Johannesburg Housing Company Fordsburg, Johannesburg The project entailed the conversion of a former charge office into residential units with a crèche.
Public Buildings	1998-2005_ Dept of Public Works <i>in association with Waterston Weyer Roon Architects and VMR Architects</i> Pretoria North The project included new accommodation to the Pretoria North Magistrates court.
Other Related Experience	1992-1995_ Project co-ordinator of Wits Architecture Projects Office (WAPO) Wits Rural Facility, Acornhoek, Mpumalanga

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## AWARDS IN PRACTICE

2018	World Architecture Festival : Finalist : Future Competition Category Winner WAFX Prize : Power & Justice South African Institute of Architects : Award of Merit : Sol Plaatje University Central Campus Building C002
2017	Sol Plaatje University Building C002 : South African Institute of Architects Northern Cape : Regional Merit Award Sol Plaatje University Building C002 : South African Institute of Architects Northern Cape : Regional Merit Award World Architecture Festival :Finalist : Higher Education & Research and Best Use of Colour for Sol Plaatje University. Highly Commended in Higher Education & Research Category
2015	Pretoria Institute of Architects Commendation 2015 for St Andrew's School for Girls Art Room Commendation : Saint Gobain "Architecture for Social Gain" for Sol Plaatje University competition work.
2013	Gauteng Institute for Architecture : Commendation : Wits Science Stadium
2011	Savage + Dodd Architects : International Union of Architects : The 2011 Vassilis Sgoutas Prize : Special Mention in the collective category
2010	Savage + Dodd Architects : Commendation : The Afrisam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture

- EKhaya Neighbourhood Improvement Project Hillbrow  
South African Institute of Architects Presidents Award for Elangeni Social Housing
- 2005 Savage + Dodd Architects : Smitshof Social Housing : Upgrade of Existing Building Hillbrow Winner of The Social / Environmental Impact Development Category of the 2005 SAPOA Award for Innovative Excellence in Property Development
- 2004 Savage + Dodd Architects : Commendation : International Architectural Competition High Density Affordable Housing in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality supported by SIDA (Swedish Development Agency)
- 2000 Savage + Dodd Architects : Winner SA Architect Project Award for Albert Street Social Housing
- 1997 Savage + Dodd Architects : Winner S A Architect Project Award for Informal Trading Projects
- 1994 Project Awards - Library building for Sebele College Gaborone
- 1992 Merit Award -citation - Jungle Garden Nursery Durban.
- 1982 Information Pavilion for Durban Expo 82 - Special Mention.
- 1978 Pinetown Library Competition - third place Project architect - Building Design Group Architects, Durban.

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## EXHIBITIONS

- 2003 Metropolis Component: 5<sup>th</sup> International Bienale of Architecture and Design  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Exhibition curated by SharpCity*
- 2004 Jo'burg\_Now  
Constructing the Future: Vienna Architectural Centre  
Vienna, Austria  
*Exhibition curated by SharpCity*

