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Don Brown, Hon.'06, is a distinguished architectural educator, practitioner, and leader who serves as Practice Curriculum Director Emeritus at the Boston Architectural College (BAC). With more than six decades of service to the College, he has played a pivotal role in shaping architectural education through the development of experiential, practice-integrated learning models.

He was the founding director of BAC's Practice Curriculum and created the Summer Academy pre-college design program, initiatives that have influenced generations of students and helped define the College's distinctive educational approach.

Over the course of his career at the BAC, Don has also served as a Practice Studio Instructor, CDC Studio founder, Thesis Advisor, and lecturer, mentoring countless emerging architects and designers. In recognition of his extraordinary dedication and lasting impact on the institution and its students, he was honored with the BAC Lifetime Service Award.

Don earned his B.Arch from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, an M.Arch from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and was a Fulbright Scholar at Delft University of Technology, studying urban and regional planning under Professor Jaap Bakema.

Don's professional career began at Hugh Stubbins Associates (1962–1965), working on projects including the Countway Library at Harvard Medical School and Princeton University Residence Halls, and passing the Architectural Registration Exam. He then served as an Architect/Planner at the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) (1967–1974), contributing to urban projects in Fenway, Back Bay, and Charlestown under Ed Logue. He also spent over 30 years as a part-time Architectural Lecturer at Boston-area institutions, including Boston State, Brandeis University, Boston University, Tufts University, New England School of Art & Design (now MassArt), and Chamberlain Junior College (later absorbed by Mount Ida).