

## **Virginia San Fratello**

Virginia San Fratello is an architect, artist and educator. She is a partner at Rael San Fratello and in their 3D printing research arm, Emerging Objects, based in Oakland, California. San Fratello is also an Assistant Professor in the area of Design at San Jose State University. She holds a bachelors degree in Environmental Design from North Carolina State University and a Master of Architecture from Columbia University in the City of New York.

San Fratello's research focuses on the convergence of digital, ecological, and creative material explorations. Her research is applied through the design and fabrication of innovative buildings and their components, furniture elements and site specific installations that often look at inherent material resources and have embedded political consequences.

Rael San Fratello was the recipient of Metropolis Magazine's Next Generation Design Award for their Hydro Wall concept, a finalist in the WPA 2.0 design competition and winner of the Van Alen Institute's Life at the Speed of Rail competition. Rael San Fratello was voted one of "10 to watch" by California Home and Design Magazine. Their work has been published in Metropolis Magazine, L'Arca, DOMUS, the NY Times, Interior Design Magazine, the Praxis Journal of Writing and Building, Make Magazine and MARK Magazine.