

**Christian Long** is an educator, school planner, technology expert, educational futurist, and passionate advocate for innovative learning communities.

Christian serves as Vice President for Cannon Design, supporting their global K-12 and Higher Education practices, while also co-leading the firm's *TheThirdTeacher+* platform.

Christian founded Be Playful, a collaborative global design agency focused on the intersection between school planning/design, emerging technology, professional development, and future trending. Additionally, he is the founder/co-developer of Prototype Design Camp, an innovative design program for young creatives.

Christian speaks nationally and internationally on topics ranging from emerging trends in education, 21st century technology, and innovation in school planning / design. He is also co-authoring a book with Chris Lehmann, founder of Philadelphia's Science Leadership Academy, with a focus on the design of 'School 2.0', due out in hardback in December, 2011.

Christian currently co-leads the "Reimagine-ED" program and its national "Next Chapter" summit looking at the future of K-12 libraries. He also served on CEFPI's (Council for Educational Facility Planners International) World Conference 2010 / San Jose (CA) planning team, the national CEFPI Innovation planning team, and the CEFPI Southern Region planning team.

Additionally, he serves as a national juror on the American Institute of Architects annual school architecture awards program as well as for the global Design for Change program that empowers children to design solutions for the world's greatest problems.

He previously served as President/CEO of DesignShare, a global research and consulting practice dedicated to the school architecture/planning industry, and was the Director of Research for Learning Environments for Huckabee, a K-12 architecture firm in Texas.

Christian holds a master's degree in education, with a concentration in school design, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he was also a member of Boston's Codman Academy planning team serving under founder Meg Campbell. He received a bachelor's degree in English and a certificate of secondary education from Indiana University (Bloomington), was a Klingenstein Summer Fellow for emerging school leaders at Teachers College, Columbia University, and participated in extended professional development at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Beyond his work in the school design industry, he spent 15 years as an educator, coach, program director, and experiential education leader in the US, as well as an educator in Tokyo, Japan and on the Navajo Reservation (New Mexico). He also authored and directed an innovative architecture, design, and planning program for urban high school students in Washington D.C. and was a volunteer educator at the National Building Museum.

Christian is married to Karla -- a middle school principal (and history teacher); they have 2 young children (Beckett, class of 2024, and Berkeley, class of 2027).

He hopes to retire (many years from now) as a summer camp counselor.