According to 2011 census data, 25% of full-time, licensed architects in Canada were women. However, women made up more than 50% of Canadian architecture students.*

In the United States, only 45% of architecture students were women. They also only made up 22% of licensed architects.**

53% of licensed McGill alumni are women, but they constitute 56% of the people who answered the survey.

On average, a McGill School of Architecture alumni will have had 4.4 jobs...

...And will have lived in 2.1 countries.

CHALLENGES
Name changes: especially true in married women, but also in students with non-western names who change their name after attending McGill.
No sign of McGill students with common names but who do not mention attending McGill.
Irretrievable email address: sometimes the alumni was found but no contact info was available.
Disappearance: some students simply disappear for unknown reasons.
Low participation: compared to similar studies in architecture and in other fields, our 6.6% participation rate is very low.
Incomplete responses: many students do not fill out all sections of the survey further reducing the number of usable responses.

Administrative issues: the Research Ethics Board’s slow approval process and dated understanding of recent technologies limited the extent to which we were allowed to engage with our alumni.

CONCLUSION
Although our low participation levels make it impossible to draw definite conclusions or discern long-term trends, we have been able to see some tendencies.

Women McGill alumni fare better than their male classmates. The women are more likely to NOT be licensed in real estate, but instead an openness to ideas and the ability to curate my own approach to both the softer and harder sides of architectural practice.

Walter Gaudet, B.Sc.(Arch.) 1996

More information and video content can be found at our website:
http://trajectories.research.mcgill.ca/