Ever wonder what it’s really like to start your own practice? A practice, like a building, must have a beautiful façade, but it is the backside that tells a more interesting story. While many architecture practices work hard to highlight only the beautiful, Missa likes to talk about the real—and sometimes messy—everyday stuff of architecture. Missa will share her story of starting Hinge, including its innovative $1/minute services for homeowners and a collaborative coworking space. During the lecture, she will share her philosophy of how architectural practices can break down the barriers that make design services seemingly inaccessible to so many.

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The lecture is free and open to the public.