

Traci Sooter FAIA, LEED AP

FELLOW – *Elevated to the College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects*

REGISTERED ARCHITECT - *Missouri*

LEED AP - *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, U.S. Green Building Council*

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO - *Master of Architecture*

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO - *Master of Construction Management*

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, Springfield, MO - *Bachelor of Science, Marketing*

EXPERIENCE

DRURY UNIVERSITY, *Hammons School of Architecture*, Springfield, MO, Fall 1999-Present

Director, Design-Build Program + Professor

Associate Director, Hammons School of Architecture, 2012/13

COURSES TAUGHT

Design-Build Special Projects (20 built projects); MArc Elective: Sustainability in Preservation - Case Study: The Rose O'Neil Home; Introduction to Building Systems; MArc Elective: The Art of Detail (co-taught); PDEV 390 Leadership in the Solar Decathlon; Architectural Representation; Design X; Design IX; Design VIII; Design VII; Design VI; Design V; Design IV; Design III; Design II; Design I; Professional Communications; Construction Principles; Introduction to Computers in Architecture; Environmental Systems II; Design/Build Vertical Studio; All courses in Summer Transfer Program; Summer Architecture Camp for High School Students; Leadership in the Solar Decathlon I & II

DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS

The Giving Hub

Bus Stop/Community Frig for food insecure individuals. This first-of-its-kind prototype expands a community refrigerator into a micro market; combines it with a Little Free Library; and makes it more broadly accessible to those who do not have cars by being integrated into a bus stop. Sponsored by the Drew Lewis Foundation, Better Block Springfield, Drury University Community Impact Grant.
Springfield, MO – Spring 2025

Stomp the Blues Out of Homeless Cottage

Nightly stay shelter for The Gathering Tree's REVIVE 66 Campground for unsheltered in on historic Route 66 in Springfield, MO – Spring 2023

Dignity in the Dark: Architecture for the Unsheltered

Nightly stay shelter for The Gathering Tree's REVIVE 66 Campground for unsheltered in on historic Route 66 in Springfield, MO. With Professor David Beach & Instructor Branden Schwab - Fall 2021

Dignity in the Dark: Teardrop Campers for the Unsheltered

Two tear-drop size campers, "*The Transformer*" and "*The DeLorean*" for The Gathering Tree's REVIVE 66, a campground on historic Route 66 for the unsheltered. Fall 2020

A Home for MJ: Eden Village Tiny House

The Gathering Tree's Eden Village community for chronically disabled homeless, Springfield, MO.

WINNER- Best of Design – Student Work - Group, [Architects Newspaper](#), 2019

400 sq. ft. tiny house for "MJ", a 22-year-old person who is deaf and was homeless. Fall 2018

Sponsored by Jordan Valley Community Health Center

US Department of Energy: Solar Decathlon 2015 - “Shelter³: Respond, Recover, Resist”

with Crowder College; Co-Lead PI and Drury Project Director; January 2013 - October 2015

One of twenty finalists in this international solar house competition; 100+ student team, 22 majors; 8th place

Landscapes of Resilience - “Butterfly Garden & Overlook”

TKF Foundation grant with Cornell University, U.S. Forest Service, Forest ReLeaf of MO, Joplin Parks & Recreation, N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges, N. Wlodarczyk, J. Silva Brown, J. You—Joplin, MO, December 2013, Grand opening May 22, 2014

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, ABC Television Series - “Volunteer Tribute”,

Cunningham Park, Joplin, MO, with N. Chikaraishi, R. Louderbach, K. Hedges, October 2011. Series finale, *Seven Houses in Seven Days. Tribute to the 170,000+ volunteers that came to aid Joplin after the EF5 tornado*

C-Street Farmers Market Co-Op Booth

Improvements to C-Street, including this project, resulted in community recognition as one of four “Great Places in Missouri in 2018” by the American Planning Association. Commercial Street, Springfield, MO, June 2011

Art Port

Art Gallery in Springfield-Branson National Airport, a Springfield Arts Council venue, Fall 2009

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, ABC Television Series – “Eggstreme Chicken Coop”

Hampton family episode; Ash Grove, MO, July 2009

Drury/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum home

First LEED Platinum Home for Habitat for Humanity. First-ever LEED Platinum home designed and built by students. Springfield, MO - May 2008

WINNER – Design Excellence - Ozark Green Building Council

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, ABC Television Series – “Collins Family 4-H Barn”

4-H barn to support children of home. Housed 1 horse, 1 pig, 1 sheep + chicken coop; Murfreesboro, AR, 2007

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, ABC Television Series – The “Barnabunk”

Camp Barnabas Bunkhouse interior, August 2005

C-Street Farmers Market Pavilion

Improvements to C-Street, including this project, resulted in community recognition as one of four “Great Places in Missouri in 2018” by the American Planning Association; Springfield, MO, May 2005

Regional Girls Shelter – Workshop

Workshop and depository for girls’ important belongings; Springfield, MO, May 2004

Homestead Mobile Home Park Bus Stop 1 & 2,

Bus stops for children living in the mobile home park; Ozark, MO, December 2001

Ozark Technical Community College Kiosk, Springfield, MO, December 2001

Information Kiosk for students of college

Campfire Boys & Girls Pavilion, Brighton, MO, December 2000

Daytime-camper pavilion for crafts, plays and other activities

Precedent Wall Sections

Drury University Campus, Springfield, MO with Prof. J. Erdman, Lead

GRANTS

\$7,500 – Drury University Community Impact Grant - 2025

\$50,000 - US Department of Energy: Solar Decathlon 2015 with Crowder College, N. Chikaraishi, M. Arne, K. Hedges, R. Waters, S. Mullins, K. Still, P. Meidlinger

\$694,164 - TKF Foundation grant with Cornell University, U.S. Forest Service, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, Joplin Parks & Recreation and Drury professors N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges, J. Silva-Brown, N. Wlodarczyk, J. You; February, 2013 - 2018

\$1,500 - GreenTown Joplin, Design of the *Monarch Eco House*, 2013

\$13,000 - Community Foundation of the Ozarks with Adj Professor M. Miller; C-Street Farmers Market

\$2,000 - Regional Girls Shelter; Workshop

CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS

- \$10,000 – Better Block Springfield – Gift for Giving Hub
- \$5,000 – Drew Lewis Foundation – Gift for Giving Hub
- \$10,000 – Monarch Concrete Company
- \$17,500 – Stomp The Blues Out of Homelessness– Gift for Cottage at REVIVE 66 Campground
- \$10,000 – In-Kind Materials and Labor – gifts for *Dignity in the Dark* Cottage
- \$30,000 - Jordan Valley Community Health Center - gift for *A Home for MJ* tiny home
- \$15,000 - In-Kind Materials and Labor – gift for *A Home for MJ* tiny home
- \$515,217 - US Department of Energy, Solar Decathlon, with colleagues
- \$7,500 - *Butterfly Garden & Overlook* – with Prof. N. Chikaraishi
- \$180,000 - *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* – “Volunteer Tribute”, with Prof. N. Chikaraishi
- \$1,000,000 - *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* – on air acknowledgment
Drury University scholarships to all children in all seven families
- \$1,000,000 - *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* – on air acknowledgment
Drury University scholarships to all six children in family
- \$10,000 - *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* – “Eggstreame Chicken Coop”
- \$55,000 - Drury/Habitat for Humanity LEED *Platinum* home
- \$40,000 - *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* – the “Barnabunk”, with PB2 Architects
- \$20,000 - Commercial Street Farmers Market Pavilion
- \$35,000 - Regional Girls Shelter Workshop
- \$3,500 - Homestead Mobile Home Park Bus Stop 1 & 2
- \$1,500 - Ozark Technical Community College Kiosk
- \$12,000 - Campfire Boys & Girls Pavilion with Campfire Director M. Miller
- \$1,000 - Precedent Wall Sections, Drury University

INVITED SPEAKER

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Green Build*, US Green Building Council International Conference, Boston, November, 2008
- Drury University/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum home*

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, January 2017
- Planting Resilience: One Tree at a Time*
- Moderator - Donna Coble, Executive Director, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri; Co-Speakers: Dominique Davis, Coordinator - Josh Carron, Neighborhood ReLeaf; Urban Forester, Certified Arborist, Forest Park Arboriculture, City of St. Louis
- Sustainable Disaster Recovery Conference, November, 2013
- The Monarch Eco House: Designing for Disaster Resistance and Sustainability*
- ONE 2 conference, Ozarks New Energy 2 Conference, May, 2009
- Building or Retrofitting Green*
- Public Affairs Conference on Sustainability, Missouri State University, April, 2009
- Moderator, *Common Sense vs. Common Sense: The Design of Communities*

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

- Rotary International Club of Springfield #2387, July 2023
- Drury Design-Build: Building Community Through Design*
- Rotary International, Sunrise Club of Springfield, February 2023
- Drury Design-Build: Building Community Through Design*
- The Gathering Tree, Eden Village National Conference, Springfield, MO 2021, 2022, 2023
- Building Community Through Design*
- Ozarks Maker Faire, Springfield, MO August, 2015
- Solar Decathlon 2015: A Whole-School Approach to Engaged learning*

Rotary International, Southwest Springfield Club, 2012
Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and The Volunteer Tribute for the people of Joplin, MO

Rotary International, North Springfield Club, 2012
Giving back to community: A lesson for students through the making and doing of Design/Build

Drury University Staff Meeting, 2012
The Volunteer Tribute: A Drury Community Project -with Prof. Nancy Chikaraishi

Educational Lecture Series, Sigma Kappa Sorority, Missouri State University, September, 2009
Greening our Lives, Demanding Sustainable practices

Technical School Teachers Conference-July 2001
Design/Build, testing the lines we draw

Judge – *Interiors of the Year*, 417 Magazine

BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

Green Readiness, Response, and Recovery: A Collaborative Synthesis

Campbell, Lindsay K.; Svendsen, Erika; Sonti, Nancy Falxa; Hines, Sarah J.; Maddox, David. 2019. Green readiness, response, and recovery: a collaborative synthesis. Gen. Tech. Rep. NRS-18x. Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. <https://doi.org/10.2737/NRS-GTR-18x>. Co-Author - Keith Hedges.

Grassroots to Global: Broader Impacts of Civic Ecology

Edited by Marianne E. Krasny, Foreword by Keith G. Tidball, Afterword by David Maddox - Chapter 9 - *The Healing Powers of Nature in Joplin's Cunningham Park Coupling Design-Build and Civic Ecology*. Keith E. Hedges, Traci Sooter, Nancy Chikaraishi, and Marianne E. Krasny. Cornell University Press. 15 June 2018. ISBN-13: 9781501714979

Architectural Graphic Standards Student Edition, 12th Edition

Advisory Board, Member (appointed), 2016-2017, for the book: Hedges, K. E. (Ed.) (2017). Architectural graphic standards student edition (12th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. ISBN: 978-1-119-31251-2

Exploring, Experiencing, and Envisioning Integration in US Arts Education (The Arts in Higher Education)

Edited by Nancy H. Hensel - Chapter 3 - *Architecture and the Liberal Arts: A Whole-School Approach to Community Engagement*. Palgrave Macmillan; 1st ed. 2018 edition (January 17, 2018), ISBN-10: 3319710508, ISBN-13: 978-3319710501

Design Build Studio by William Carpenter with essay by Kenneth Frampton – 2010; ISBN-13: 978-0557864188

Contributor and Case Studies – *Eggstreme Chicken Coop* and *LEED Platinum Habitat for Humanity Home*.

REVIEWER – INVITED

University of Kansas - Faculty Promotion Review - Associate Professor Niloufar Vakil

Clemson University - Faculty Promotion Review – Associate Professor Daniel Harding

2021 AIA/ACSA Intersections Research Conference COMMUNITIES – 2021 Annual conference

ACSA - 108th Annual Meeting OPEN. 2019 Annual conference

Clemson University – Faculty Promotion Review - Sallie Hambright-Belue

The Nature of Cities – Book Review: *Good Urbanism: Six Steps to Creating Prosperous Places*. By NAN ELLIN

DEAN AND PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER. Island Press, 2012, Review: August 15, 2016 for *The Nature of Cities*, <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/page/11/?cat=0>

The Colby Award – Sigma Kappa's highest honor bestowed an Alumna

Inaugural 35 Under 35 honorees are an impressive group of young women who live Sigma Kappa values every day in their careers, campuses and communities.

EXHIBITS

In/place: Creative Artifacts from Hammons School of Architecture – September 5-26, 2025, Pool Art Center Gallery; Stomp the Blues Out of Homelessness Sleeping Cottage and The Giving Hub Community Frig / Bus Stop

PUBLICATIONS –Collaborative

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service - *A green recovery in Cunningham Park: Drury University responds to the Joplin tornado*, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service: 44-57. 2019; Citation Sooter, Traci; Hedges, Keith; Chikaraishi, Nancy. 2019. *A green recovery in Cunningham Park: Drury University responds to the Joplin tornado*. In: Campbell, Lindsay K.; Svendsen, Erika; Sonti, Nancy Falxa; Hines, Sarah J.; Maddox, David, eds. *Green readiness, response, and recovery: A collaborative synthesis*. Gen. Tech. Rep. NRS-P-185. Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service: 44-57. <https://doi.org/10.2737/NRS-GTR-P-185-paper3>.

TecHome Builder – Front cover and article with John Vastyan - Aug/Sep 2010

Home Power – Front cover and article with John Vastyan - Aug/Sep 2010

Sigma Kappa Triangle, National Alumnae Magazine - Feature article & Front cover – summer 2009

The Chronicle of Higher Education - Buildings & Grounds, Drury/Habitat house – 9/22/08

Environmental Design + Construction magazine -“Platinum Education” – October 2008

PHC News magazine - Front cover and cover story - “Habitat for Humanity Goes Green” w/John Vastyan – 10/2008

PHC News Webinar - July 2008

Inhabitat - Drury University/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum home - by Evelyn Lee, 09/12/08

Springfield Business Journal - Drury University/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum home - September, 2008

417 Magazine - Drury University/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum home - November 2008

417 Magazine - Personal residence design/build - January 2008

Springfield Business Journal - July 2008

Springfield Business Journal - May 2008

417 Magazine - Laundry room – winter 2007

AIArchitect - Extreme Makeover Student Edition; Feature article by staff writer, September 26, 2005

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS / PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

“Whole School Design/Build in the Liberal Arts Tradition”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Fall Conference, *Working Out: thinking while building* – Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada - October 2014; with N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges
Sooter, T. D., Chikaraishi, N., & Hedges, K. E. (2014). *Whole school design-build in the liberal arts tradition*. *Working Out, Thinking While Building*. New York: ACSA

“Landscapes of Resilience:

Understanding how the creation and care of green spaces can affect resilience in times of crisis”

Resilience Conference 2014 - “*Resilience and Development: Mobilizing for Transformation*”
Montpellier, France – 2014; Session Chairs: Dr. Keith G. Tidball, Civic Ecology Lab, Cornell University, USA; Dr. Erika S. Svendsen US Forest Service, Northern Research Station, USA; Traci Sooter, AIA, LEED AP, Hammons School of Architecture, Drury University; Nancy Chikaraishi, AIA, Hammons School of Architecture, Drury

“Building Stakeholder Partnerships after the Joplin Tornado”

International conference on Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Sustainable Reconstruction Conference; University of Boston, Boston, MA - 2014

“Building Resilient Communities in the Aftermath of Natural Disaster: A Demonstration Home in Joplin, Missouri”

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK) International Conference, *Open Cities: The Post-Industrial World Order*; Ewha Womans University, Seoul Korea - 2014

“Architects as Leaders: Best Practices for Engaging Community after the Joplin Tornado”

Lead Author, with N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges, B. Dake
AIA National Convention – (American Institute of Architects), 4-step peer review process, 90 minute presentation, Denver, CO - 2013

"Borne from Disaster: A Design-Build Service Learning Project in Response to the Joplin Tornado"

International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement - IARSLCE annual conference, *Connected Knowing* - Baltimore, MD - 2012 – poster session

Published: <http://iarslceproceedings2012.wikispaces.com/Borne+from+disaster+%E2%80%93+A+design-build+project>

Lead Author, with N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges

"Extreme Service-Learning: Engaging a University Design-Build Course with a Broadcast Network Television Show in the Aftermath of the Joplin Tornado" – with N. Chikaraishi and K. E. Hedges

The Seventh International Structural Engineering & Construction Conference, (ISEC-7) Honolulu, HI -

2013 T. Sooter, N. Chikaraishi, K. Hedges Published: Sooter, T. D., Chikaraishi, N., & Hedges, K. E. (2013).

Extreme service-learning: Engaging a university design-build course with a broadcast network television show in the aftermath of the Joplin tornado. In S. Yazdani & A. Singh (Eds.) *New Developments in Structural Engineering & Construction* (Vol. 2, pp. 1463-1468) Singapore: Research Publishing Services.

"Building a Design/Build Program"

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI - January 2011

"Extreme Education: Architecture students get an extreme education in design, construction & community service"

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities - January 2007

"Designing, Building, Communicating: Reaching across disciplines and into the community"

Association of American Colleges and Universities - October 2005

"Transfer Students - The Other Beginners"

21st National Conference on the Beginning Design Student – A Beginner's Mind

PROCEEDINGS 21st National Conference on the Beginning Design Student, Stephen Temple, editor

College of Architecture, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 24-26 February 2005

"Bringing it all together"

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Southeast Regional Conference - November 2003

REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR - THE NATURE OF CITIES <https://www.thenatureofcities.com>

"Imagine A City Where No One Sleeps Outside: Eden Village, A Model to End Homelessness"

June 30, 2019. <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2019/06/30/imagine-a-city-where-no-one-sleeps-outside-eden-village-a-model-to-end-homelessness/>

"Architecture and the Liberal Arts: Whole-School Approach to Education and Serving Communities"

January 27, 2018. <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2018/01/27/architecture-liberal-arts-whole-school-approach-education-serving-communities/>

"Response and Recovery After the Deadliest United States Tornado in a Century"

April 5, 2017. <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/author/tracisooter/>

"Better Places Add Up to Better Cities"

A review of *Good Urbanism: Six Steps to Creating Prosperous Places* by Nan Ellin. 2012. Island Press. ISBN 13: 978-1-61091-374-4. 141 pages. August 15, 2016. <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2016/08/15/better-places-add-up-to-better-cities/>

"It's all in the Details: Two Missouri Schools Team up to Design Tornado Resistant Home"

July 19, 2015. <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/2015/07/19/its-all-in-the-details-two-missouri-schools-team-up-to-design-tornado-resistant-home/>

PROJECTS CITED AS PRECEDENT / CASE STUDY

City of Lawrence and Douglas County Sustainability Office - FARMERS MARKET SCAN: KEY LESSONS FROM OTHER MARKETS, by Bryson Risley, 2017-18 Sustainability Intern Lawrence & Douglas County Kansas, <https://www.douglascountyks.org/sites/default/files/media/groups/fpc/pdf/farmers-market-scan-key-lessons-other-markets-2018.pdf>, Aug 2018

MDPI (Basel, Switzerland)- *Recognizing Stewardship Practices as Indicators of Social Resilience: In Living Memorials and in a Community Garden*, by Heather McMillen, Lindsay K. Campbell, Erika S. Svendsen and Renae Reynolds. US Forest Service, NYC Urban Field Station, Bayside, NY 11359, USA. Academic Editors: Patricia Romero-Lankao, Olga Wilhelmi and Mary Hayden. Sustainability 2016, 8(8), 775; Journals Sustainability Volume 8 Issue 8, 10.3390/su8080775 <https://doi.org/10.3390/su8080775> 9 August 2016

University of Cincinnati – Nathaniel J. Substanley, *Redesigning Single Family Homes: Adaptive reuse through architectural interventions in the renovation of the single family home*, Thesis submitted to the Graduate School of the University of Cincinnati, Jan. 14, 2013

CITATIONS

Social & Cultural Geography - *Material and social relations in a coastal community garden assemblage*, Lindsay K. Campbell, Erika S. Svendsen, Renae Reynolds & Victoria Marshall (2019) Material and social relations in a coastal community garden assemblage, Social & Cultural Geography, DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2019.1658800, Aug. 27, 2019

Cornell University Online Course: *Civic Ecology: Reclaiming Broken Places*, Marianne Krasny, Russ. Course Dates: Sept 18 – Nov 5, 2018 <https://transformativelearning.education/page/3/>

NAN ELLIN, DEAN AND PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER, Curriculum Vitae, *Reviews of Scholarship: Good Urbanism: 7 Feature Articles and Book Reviews including: Traci Sooter in The Nature of Cities, August 15, 2016*, <https://www.thenatureofcities.com/page/11/?cat=0>
https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/docs/default-source/people-documents/cap-people-documents/ellin-cv_fall-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=a5f6d3b9_0

Ecology and Society - *Seeing the forest for the trees: hybridity and social-ecological symbols, rituals and resilience in post-disaster contexts*, Keith G. Tidball, Cornell University, USA, E&S HOME, VOL. 19, NO. 4, Art. 25

COMPETITIVE AWARDS

Best of Design – Student Work – Group

[Architects Newspaper](#) – November 2019

A Home for MJ, Springfield, MO

8th Place in U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon, 2015; Crowder-Drury Team - Shelter³: Respond, Recover, Resist solar competition House - 147 competitors, 20 finalists

2nd Place in Commuting Contest, U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon, 2015; Crowder-Drury Team - Shelter³: Respond, Recover, Resist solar competition House

Illumination Award - Outdoor Lighting Design Award

Kansas Section IES, Illuminating Engineers Society - November 12, 2015

Butterfly Garden & Overlook, Joplin, MO

Design of the year

Ozarks Green Building Coalition – 2009

Habitat for Humanity Home (LEED Platinum)

Honorable Mention

Champions of Sustainability in Communities Awards, Sustainable Endowments Institute- 2008

Design-Build Projects and other Drury initiatives by others

Finalist - AIA Kansas City Design Awards – 2008

Drury/Habitat for Humanity LEED Platinum Home

COMPETITION SUBMISSIONS

ACSA Design-Build Award – 2025

AIA Design Awards – 2025

AZ Awards 2025

Azure Awards – 2024

Dezeen Awards – 2024

Architizer A+ Awards – 2024

Architects News Paper Design Awards – 2022

AIA Springfield Design Awards - 2022

Dezeen Awards Design Competition - 2022

Architizer Design Competition – 2022

Architects News Paper Design Awards – 2022

Winner, Design of Design – Student Work - Group

ACSA Collaborative Practice - 2008

AIA Education Honor - 2008

Record Houses - 2008

Dwell Magazine Design competition- 2008

World Trade Center Memorial Competition -2003

HONORS/AWARDS

College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects, February 14, 2018
Community Collaborator Award – Empower Abilities, May 2019 (Tiny House project)
Faculty of the Year, 2016 – Student Government Association
Faculty Award of Distinguished Appreciation, 2016 – Drury Alumni Council
Colby Award, Sigma Kappa National Award for Individual Achievement in Professional Endeavors
(Highest award bestowed on alumna) – 2012
President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll awarded to Drury University, 2014
-Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering and service
-Butterfly Garden and Overlook featured as one of three signature projects
President's Award of Excellence for Community Engagement – 2011-2012
Faculty Excellence Award for Leadership, Drury University – 2008
"Golden Hammer" Award, Habitat for Humanity – 2008
"Building Lives" Award, Habitat for Humanity – 2008
Nominated for Faculty Award in Teaching, Drury University – 2007
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Volunteer of the Year, Regional Girls Shelter – 2004
Trevors and Associates Scholarship - Washington University – 1998/99
Springfield Contractors Association Scholarship - Drury College – 1996/97
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society - Drury College – 1996
Campfire Boys and Girls - Outstanding Volunteer Award – 1993

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board of Directors, The Gathering Tree (Eden Village & REVIVE 66) 2020-present
Sigma Kappa Corporation Board of Springfield, President – 2011 to present
STEAM Bridge Competition, Jarrett Junior High, '22
Sigma Kappa National Colby Award Selection Committee – 2014, 2018
Sigma Kappa National Housing Board -2012
Sigma Kappa Grant Committee – 2012 to present
Established Grant to support collegiate members in emergency situations, Named in honor of Barbara Denham Warren
Presentations to Rotary Clubs (2)
Regional Girls Shelter-Board Member-2004 to 2010
Building and Maintenance Committee chair, 06/07
Green Team- Hickory Hills Schools - 2009
Judge – "Interiors of the year"-417 Magazine - 2008
Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Hampton family Chicken Coop, Bios D'Arc, MO - Summer 2009
Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Collins family barn, Murfreesboro, AR - Spring 2007. Led 22 Architecture students in design/build of 4H barn
Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, Camp Barnabas, Purdy, MO – volunteer - August 2005.
Led 18 Architecture students in design/build of interior of 40 bunk bunkhouse
Commercial Street Farmers Market-Board Member, Vice President – 2003 to 2006
Crayons to Cad – Volunteer – Spring 2005
Campfire Boys and Girls – Outstanding Volunteer Award – 1993; Service 1992 -2000
Girl Scout Troop Leader – 1994/95
Springfield Art Group presentation – fall 2003
Adopt-a-Child for Christmas – 2001-2007
Christmas Parade Workshop
Technical School Teachers Conf. presentation – 01
Habitat for Humanity build
Focus the nation
Phelps School Develop project
Regional Girls Shelter
AIA 150
Sertoma Chili cook off
Focus the Nation, National teach-In - panel presentation
Sixteen Design-Build Projects for charities and communities in need

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director, Design-Build Program – *present*
NOMAS Student Organization Faculty Advisor - *Present*
Fusion Day Committee – 2021 to *present*
Scholarship Committee – 2018 to *present* (Chair 2021)
Promotion & Tenure Committee 2022 - 2025
Faculty Review Board – 2021 to 2024
Co-Administrator TKF Foundation Grant
Project Director and Co-Lead PI:
Crowder College-Drury University, Solar Decathlon
Core sub-committee: *Engaged Learning*
University Credentials Committee
Accreditation Committee (HSA)
Assessment Committee (HSA)
NAAB Building evaluation Committee
Allies, Advisor – 2014 to *present*
Design-Build Club – Advisor – 2012 to *present*
SmartMOB! – Advisor – 2011 to *present*
Curriculum Committee – Chair (HSA)
President's Futures Committee
Rose O'Neill Home Preservation Committee
President's Council on Sustainability
Promotion and Tenure (Alternate)
HSA Director Search
President's Budget Committee
HSA Assessment Committee Chair
School-wide *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* projects (4 Projects)
Presentation to University Staff
CCS Committee
HSA Search Committee
St Louis Arch - multi-school design charrette

Drury Summer Workshop
Global Village Committee
Warehouse #3 Collaborative Design Center
Environmental Programs Committee
Bike Box Development Committee
AIAS Freedom by Design advisor
Presentation to the Board of Trustees
GP21 council
AIAS advisor
HSA Lecture series – Co-Chair
HSA Lecture series – Chair
Academic Advising
Center for Community Studies committee
Hurricane Katrina relief housing committee
Professional Advisory Council liaison
HSA Search Committee Chair
Drury Co-Faculty Secretary
Curriculum Committee
ACSA Councilor
Computer Committee
Student Retention Council
Liberal Arts in Architecture committee
Student Success Council
This week at HSA poster
Discover Drury Day
Pre-Registration
Drury Phone-a-thon
Summer Architecture Camp- High School Students
Habitat for Humanity-Drury "Shanty Town" – Judge
Trained Drury mascot, *Pouncer*

MEDIA COVERAGE / FEATURE ARTICLES

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3D Concrete Printed Duplex, Lamar MO
Quall's Funeral Home – Cave City, Arkansas
24 Tiny Houses, Eden Village II, Springfield, MO
Cabin, Chadwick, MO
Residence, Japan, MO
Residence, Sustainability Consultant, Rolla, MO

Residence, Green Retrofit, Springfield, MO
Cabin, Baxter, MO, Table Rock Lake
Residence, Hardy, AR
Cabin, Baxter, MO, Table Rock Lake
Lake House, Hollister, MO, Table Rock Lake, MO
Residence, Springfield, MO

JENNINGS + MCKEE ARCHITECTS, Fayetteville, AR *(formerly the office of E. Fay Jones)*

Intern Architect Summers 2001, 2002

Projects worked on include:

Garvin Gardens Carillon Tower, Garvin Gardens, Arkansas; Walker Residence, Arkansas; Blankenship Residence, Arkansas; Fulbright Memorial, University of Arkansas; Edwards Residence, Springdale, Arkansas; Powell Gardens Entry Gate, Warrensburg, Missouri; Rust Residence, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Kane Residence, Grove, Oklahoma; Gooch Residence, Arkansas; Crucifix Tower, Michigan; Various Furniture & Rugs

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO

Teaching Assistant 1998-1999

Building Systems I and II with Professor Paul J. Donnelly AIA, PE

PLAZA TOWERS LEASING & MANAGEMENT, Springfield, MO

General Manager 1996-1998

Property Manager & Leasing Agent for 100,000 sq. ft. office building & 4 shopping centers
 Increased average occupancy rate from mid-eighties to high nineties
 Responsible for coordination of renovation, Plaza Towers building and site
 Oversee construction of tenant in-fills

RAMADA LIMITED, Springfield, MO

Director of Marketing 1994-1996

Implemented group sales department of new hotel
 Achieved market share of 17% in less than one year
 Advertising and promotions for hotel including seasonal, business, leisure, and group travel
 Management responsibilities included supervision and training of front desk sales staff

SOOTER CONSTRUCTION INC., Springfield, MO

Vice President 1986-1994

General Contractor/Developer- Commercial, Residential and Land Development
Coordinated all aspects of 5.8 million dollar, 100 lot subdivision
Constructed Convenience Store, Shopping center, Rental Property, Homes in subdivision
Contract negotiation and preparation of sales of homes and lots
Design and construction of over 100 homes and duplexes
Managed numerous subcontractors and company crew
Arranged financial backing for project and controlled expenditures relevant to operation

SOOTER RENTALS, Springfield, MO

Property Owner/Manager 1986 to present

Responsible for Advertising, Leasing, Management, Maintenance of multiple properties

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

FAIA – Fellow, College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects

LEED AP – U.S. Green Building Council Certification, *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*

RA – Registered Architect, Missouri