



SUSAN T. RODRIGUEZ FAIA

Susan Rodriguez began an independent practice in 2017, combining more than thirty years of design leadership in the public realm with her passionate belief in the power of architecture to affect change and improve the quality of life for all. Ms. Rodriguez is known for excellence in the design of buildings for cultural, educational, scientific and governmental institutions. She is the recipient of the 2016 Design Leader Award from Architectural Record for the breadth and impact of her built work over the last three decades. She has also received numerous awards for design excellence, among them, National AIA Honor Awards, New York State AIA Awards, New York City AIA Awards and American Architecture Awards from the Chicago Athenaeum, as well as many local and regional awards. Prior to creating her own firm, she was a founding Partner and Design Principal in Ennead Architects (formerly Polshek Partnership) recipient of the NYC AIA 2012 Medal of Honor.

Ms. Rodriguez’s work focuses upon the essential integration of exterior and interior space and the vital unity of site and program. Whether rural landscape or dense urban context, she seeks to create an architecture that is fused with its surroundings and the natural world. Her design process explores the use of innovative materials, technologies and systems to activate powerful formmaking. Underscoring the significance of the environment and architecture’s role in its preservation, her designs are models for the application of sustainable design strategies.

As an extension of her professional work, Ms. Rodriguez actively promotes the importance of design in the public realm, having been a long-term board member of the Architectural League of New York and Art Works Projects: Art + Design for Human Rights. She lectures frequently on her work and has taught numerous design studios at Cornell, Columbia and City College. Ms. Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University’s College of Architecture, Art and Planning, where she has served on the Dean’s Advisory Council and the University’s Board of Trustees. She received a Masters degree from Columbia University.

Education

1985
Columbia University
Graduate School of Architecture,
Planning and Preservation
Master of Science in Advanced Architectural
Design

1982
Cornell University
College of Architecture, Art and Planning,
Bachelor of Architecture

Registrations

Connecticut, District of Columbia, Indiana,
Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New
Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North
Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont
NCARB

Professional Experience

2017-present
Susan T. Rodriguez | Architecture • Design
1985-2016
Ennead Architects (formerly Polshek
Partnership)
1983-1984
Shope Reno Wharton Associates
1982-1983
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, NY

Academic Appointments

2016, 2010, 2007, 1996
Visiting Critic
Cornell University
College of Architecture, Art and Planning

2003, 1990, 1992
Visiting Critic
Columbia University Graduate School of
Architecture, Planning and Preservation

1988-1991
Visiting Critic, City College
School of Architecture and
Environmental Studies

SELECTED PROJECTS

SUSAN T RODRIGUEZ | ARCHITECTURE • DESIGN

- 2024 The Harlem Meer Center, Central Park, New York, NY
- 2021 Paul J. Schupf Art Center, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2021 Colby Museum of Art Addition, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2021 Hudson Highlands Residence, Garrison, NY
- 2020 Bicentennial Carillon, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2020 Center for Human Ecology, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME
- 2020 Chewonki Girls’ Camp Cabins, Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, ME
- 2018 Indiana University, Mather Museum of World Cultures, Masterplan, Bloomington, IN
- 2018 Veterans Memorial, Vinalhaven, ME
- 2016 Chipakata Children’s Academy, 14 Plus Foundation, Zambia, Africa
- 1993-2015 Island Cabins, Penobscott Bay, ME
- 2007 New York City Penthouse, New York, NY

Work as Design Partner, Ennead Architects (formerly Polshek Partnership)

MUSEUMS

- 2019 The Eskenazi Museum of Art Renovation, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2015 The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg, PA
- 2005-2015 Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, NC (unbuilt)
- 2009 Center for Civil and Human Rights Competition, Atlanta, GA (competition finalist)
- 2003 Brooklyn Museum: Great Hall, Phases I-III, Hall of the Americas, Kevorkian Gallery and Beaux Arts Court Renovation and Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art
- 2003 Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
- 2001 Smithsonian Institution, Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Drue Heinz Study Center for Drawings and Prints and Henry Luce Study Room for American Art, New York, NY
- 1998 Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mashantucket, CT
- 1998 Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian Cultural Resources Center, Suitland, MD
- 1990 Ohio Wesleyan University Fine Arts Center, Delaware, Ohio (unbuilt)
- 1986 Verdun Peace Museum Competition, Verdun, France (competition finalist)

Visiting Juror:

Boston Architectural Center
City College
Columbia University
Cornell University
North Carolina State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Pratt Institute
Parsons School of Design
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University
1983-present

Professional Affiliations

Indiana University
J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program
Advisory Board
2019-present

Cornell University
Board of Trustees
Co. Chair Buildings and Properties Committee
2015-2017
College of Architecture, Art and Planning
Dean's Advisory Council
2000-2018
Co-chair: 2005-2010
Cornell Executive Committee
2020-present

Collegiate School
Board of Trustees
Building Committee,
2012-2018

Chewonki Foundation
Board of Trustees
Co-Chair, Land and Buildings Committee
2009-2015

The Architectural League of New York
Board of Directors
1999-present
Vice President for Architecture
2002-2006
Executive Committee
2002-present

Selected Lectures

2019
Eskenazi Museum of Art Artist Lecture
Series, Indiana University, Keynote Speaker
Festival of Israeli Architecture;
Tel Aviv, Keynote Speaker
Architalx Lecture Series, Portland,
ME, Keynote Speaker
2018
Design Norumbega Lecture Series,
Bucksport, ME, Keynote Speaker
AIA NY Women's Breakfast, 40 Years
IN Architecture: A Work in Progress
2016
AIA / New England, Keynote Speaker
2015
Municipal Arts Society, MAS Summit,
Urban Intersections
AIA / CT, Keynote Speaker, Current Work
2013
North Carolina State School of Design,

ACADEMIC

2000-
present
Lycée Français de New York, New York, NY
2008-
2019
The Cathedral School at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine: Master Plan and Phased
Renovation and Addition, New York, NY
2016
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Design + Media Center, Boston, MA
2016
Vermont College of Fine Arts, Faculty Residence and Exhibition Hall, Montpelier, VT
2015
Indiana University, Global and International Studies Building, Bloomington, IN
1998 -
2010
Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture:
Academic Building, Residential Hall, Gallery Building, Academic Building Expansion, New
York, NY
2010
Westchester Community College, Gateway Center for English as a Second Language,
State University of New York, Valhalla, NY
2008
Intermediate / High School, District 43, New York City Public Schools,
Staten Island, NY
2007
Columbia University, Academic and Residential Complex, New York, NY (unbuilt)
2004
Sarah Lawrence College, Monika A. and Charles A. Heimbold Jr. Visual Arts Center,
Bronxville, NY
2003
High School for Law Enforcement and Public Safety, New York City Public Schools,
Jamaica, Queens, NY
2003
Smith College, Brown Fine Arts Center, Northampton, MA
2000
University of California Los Angeles,
Morgan Center Intercollegiate Athletics Department and Hall of Fame, Los Angeles, CA
1990
Ohio Wesleyan University, Fine Arts Center, Delaware, OH (unbuilt)

INSTITUTIONS

2007-
2020
Harrisburg Federal Courthouse, Harrisburg, PA
2019
Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Crypt Arts Center and North Transept
Renovation, New York, NY
2015
Staten Island Courthouse, St. George, Staten Island, NY
1997-
2013
The New York Botanical Garden, Pfizer Plan Research Laboratory International Plant
Science Center, Herbarium and LuEsther T. Mertz Botanical Library, Lord and Lady Britton
Rotunda and Digital Imaging Center, Parking Structure, Bronx, NY
2005
Prescott Farm Audubon Center, Laconia, NH
1996
Decaux Street Furniture, New York, NY
1992
Comprehensive Signage Program for Central Park, New York, NY

PERFORMING ARTS

2017
Abrons Art Center at Henry Street Settlement, New York, NY (unbuilt)
2009
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, New York City Public Schools, Astoria, Queens, NY

RESIDENTIAL

2021
Hudson Highlands Residence, Garrison, NY
1993-
2015
Island Cabins, Penobscott Bay, ME
2010
General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Enclave Residential Building, New York, NY
2009
The Schermerhorn, Common Ground Community, Brooklyn, NY
2002
Orphanos/Jeffers Residence, Martha's Vineyard, MA
2001
Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, History and Material
Culture, Bard Hall Dormitory, New York, NY
1999
Wing Tai Development, Cairnhill Circle Development, Singapore (unbuilt)
1991
The Cove Club, Battery Park City, New York, NY

MASTER PLANNING

2016
Vermont College of Fine Arts, Campus Master Plan, Montpelier, VT
2015
Sidwell Friends School, Comprehensive Master Plan, Washington, D.C.
2008-
2012
Lycée Français de New York Master Plan, New York, NY
2007
Cathedral School of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Master Plan,
New York, NY
2007
Columbia University, Academic and Residential Complex, New York, NY
2005
Brandeis University, Safra Center for the Arts Programming / Planning Study, Waltham, MA

Intersection(s): Current Work
AIA North Carolina, Keynote Speaker,
Current Work
2012
Washington University, Sam Fox School
of Architecture, St Louis Trust Lecture
2011
Cornell University AAP Lecture
Series, Reciprocal Illumination

2004 Harvard University, Peabody Museum Programming / Planning Study, Cambridge,
MA
2002 The Hispanic Society Museum Programming / Feasibility Study, New York, NY
2001 The New York Botanical Garden, Landscape and Architecture Master Plan, Bronx,
NY
1999 Cathedral of Saint John the Divine Master Plan, New York, NY
1994 Central Park Children's Zoo Master Plan, New York, NY
1988 Hastings-on-Hudson Riverfront Development Master Plan, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

SELECTED AWARDS

2016 Architectural Record, Women in Architecture, Design Leader Award
2012 AIA NYC, Medal of Honor, Ennead Architects
2004 Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award, Polshek Partnership, Architects
1992 AIA National Architecture Firm Award, Polshek Partnership Architects
Lycée Français de New York
2018 SARA / NY Design Award
2015 Beverly Willis Foundation Award
2004 Upper East Side Historic District, Best New Building
2004 AIA New York State, Honor Award
Chipakata Children's Academy
2016 AIA / NY Honor Award
2016 SARA / NY Design Award
2015 AIA / New York State, Award of Merit
2015 Architizer Award, Impact Award
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Design and Media Center
2017 SARA / NY Design Award
2016 Boston Society of Architects Educational Award
Westmoreland Museum of American Art
2016 The Chicago Athenaeum: The American Architecture Award
2016 SARA / NY Design Award
Westchester Community College, Gateway Center
2012 The Chicago Athenaeum: The American Architecture Award
2011 AIA Westchester / Mid-Hudson, High Honor Award
2011 SARA / National Design Award
2011 AIA / NYS, Award of Merit
2011 SARA / NY Design Award
2011 AISC / National Design Award
2011 Metalmag Architectural Award, Wall Panel Category
2011 Metal Architecture Design Award, Metal Building Category, Umicore Building Projects
2010 NY Construction Magazine, Best of 2010 Awards, Project of the year in the Higher
Education/ Research category
Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
2012 AIA/NYC, Award of Merit
2011 SARA / National Design Award
2010 The Chicago Athenaeum: The American Architecture Award
2010 AIA/NYS, Award of Merit
2010 SARA / NY Design Award
Common Ground Community / Actor's Fund of America
2011 SARA / National, Design Award
2011 BSA (Boston Society of Architects), John M. Clancy Award
2011 AIA/New York State, Award of Merit
2011 AIA/National, Housing Award
2011 SARA / NY, Design Award
2005 AIA/NYC Housing Design Award Citation
Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art, Brooklyn Museum
2009 SARA/ National Design Award, Interiors
2009 AIA NYC, Award of Merit
2009 AIA New York State, Citation for Design
Sarah Lawrence College, Heimbold Visual Arts Center
2008 AIA/NYC Building Type Award, Design Honor Award, Educational Facility
2008 AIA/NYC, Building Type Award, Design Merit Award, Sustainability
2005 AIA/New York State, Honor Award
2005 AIA/National COTE, Top Ten Green Buildings

Smith College, Brown Fine Arts Center

2003 AIA/Massachusetts, Honor Award

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

2000 AIA/National Honor Award, Architecture

2000 AIA/Connecticut, Award of Honor

1999 AIA/New England, Award of Merit

1999 AIA/New York State, Award of Merit

1998 The Chicago Athenaeum, American Architecture Award