

SUSAN T. RODRIGUEZ FAIA



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,
Wisconsin
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

Susan Rodriguez began an independent practice in 2017, combining more than thirty years of design leadership in the public realm with her 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 was elected to the National Academy of Design in 2025 and 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 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 and the Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in Architecture.

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 and their interweaving 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, as a long-term board member of the Architectural League of New York and founding board member of 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 serves as the co-chair of the Dean's Advisory Council and was a member of the University's Board of Trustees. She received a Masters degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

SELECTED PROJECTS

SUSAN T RODRIGUEZ | ARCHITECTURE • DESIGN

- 2028 Bard Graduate Center, Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design History, and Material Culture, New Collections Studies Building, New York, NY
- 2028 Colby College Center for Innovation, Waterville, ME
- 2027 Hudson Valley Shakespeare, Artists Lodging, Garrison, NY
- 2026 Lakeside Residence, Lakeville, CT
- 2026 Oceanfront Cabins, Vinalhaven, ME
- 2025 The Davis Center at the Harlem Meer, Central Park, New York, NY
- 2024 Hudson Highlands Residence, Garrison, NY
- 2023 Great Miami Rowing Center, Hamilton, OH (unbuilt)
- 2022 Paul J. Schupf Art Center, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2021 Colby Museum of Art Addition, Colby College, Waterville, ME (unbuilt)
- 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
- 2020- Lycée Français De New York, New York, NY
- 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,

Visiting Juror:

Middlebury College
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, 2020-present
Co-chair: 2005-2010, 2023-present
Executive Committee
2020-present

The Architectural League of New York
Board of Directors
1999-present
Vice President for Architecture
2002-2006
Executive Committee
2002-2023

Collegiate School
Board of Trustees
Building Committee,
2012-2018

Chewonki Foundation
Board of Trustees
2009-2023
Co-Chair, Land and Buildings Committee
2013-2023
Advisor
2023-present

Selected Lectures

2026
NC State University, College of Design
Harvard Club
Modernism Week
2025
Century Association
Cornell University, College of AAP
Pratt Institute
AIA Wyoming, Keynote
2024
Branch Brook Park, Keynote Speaker
Middlebury College, Architecture
for All Symposium
2023
Kean University School of Public Architecture
2022
AIA / Pennsylvania, Keynote Speaker

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Kevorkian Gallery and Beaux Arts Court Renovation and Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
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
Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mashantucket, CT
Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian Cultural Resources Center, Suitland, MD
Ohio Wesleyan University Fine Arts Center, Delaware, Ohio (unbuilt)
Verdun Peace Museum Competition, Verdun, France (competition finalist)

ACADEMIC

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

INSTITUTIONS

2007-
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Harrisburg Federal Courthouse, Harrisburg, PA
Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Crypt Arts Center and North Transept Renovation, New York, NY
Staten Island Courthouse, St. George, Staten Island, NY
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
Prescott Farm Audubon Center, Laconia, NH
Decaux Street Furniture, New York, NY
Comprehensive Signage Program for Central Park, New York, NY

PERFORMING ARTS

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

RESIDENTIAL

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Hudson Highlands Residence, Garrison, NY
Island Cabins, Penobscott Bay, ME
General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Enclave Residential Building, New York, NY
The Schermerhorn, Common Ground Community, Brooklyn, NY
Orphanos/Jeffers Residence, Martha's Vineyard, MA
Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design, History and Material Culture, Bard Hall Dormitory, New York, NY
Wing Tai Development, Cairnhill Circle Development, Singapore (unbuilt)

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, 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

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
 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

2021 Indiana University President's Bicentennial Medal
 2016 Architectural Record, Women in Architecture, Design Leader Award
 2012 AIA / NYC, Medal of Honor, Ennead Architects
 2004 Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award for Architecture, Polshek Partnership
 1992 AIA National Architecture Firm Award, Polshek Partnership Architects
Harlem Meer Center, Central Park
 2026 AIA / NYC, Award of Honor
 2026 MASTerworks Design Awards, Best New Urban Landscape
 2025 AIA / New York State, Award of Honor
 2025 SARA / National Design Award of Excellence
 2025 Regional Plan Association Building of the Year
 2025 New Yorkers for Parks Annual Benefit Honoree
 2020 NYC Public Design Commission Award
Hudson Highlands Residence
 2024 The Chicago Atheneum: The American Architecture Award
 2024 SARA / National Design Award
 2024 SARA / NY Design Award
College of the Atlantic, Davis Center for Human Ecology
 2025 AIA / National COTE Top Ten Award
 2024 AIA / National Honor Award, Architecture
 2023 SARA / National Design Award
 2022 The Chicago Atheneum: The American Architecture Award (Honorable Mention)
 2022 AIA / New England Design Award
 2022 AIA / Maine, Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture
 2022 Mies Crown Hall Americas Prize (Nominated)
Paul J. Schupf Art Center
 2025 AIA / Maine, Award of Merit
 2024 The Chicago Atheneum: The American Architecture Award (Honorable Mention)
Indiana University Bicentennial Carillon
 2022 The Chicago Athenaeum: American Architecture Award
 2021 SARA / National Design 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
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
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Design and Media Center
 2017 The Chicago Atheneum: The American Architecture Award

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 Atheneum: The American Architecture Award

2011 AIA Westchester / Mid-Hudson, High Honor Award

2011 SARA / National Design Award

2011 AIA / New York State, 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 / New York State, 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