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Curriculum Vitae 2023

Professional Practice

Quinn Evans Architects, Washington DC
Principal Emeritus 2019-present
Architect, Principal, Director of Sustainability 1996-2019

Previous Professional Experience

Elefante Mallari Architecture 1986-96 Anderson Elefante Architecture 1984-86 Mariani & Associates 1982-84 Smith Segreti Tepper 1978-82 Perkins & Will 1976-78 Graham & Associates 1975-76 Keith Kays & Associates 1972-75

Professional Accreditations

Registered Architect, Maryland 1981 NCARB Certified 1984 LEED Accredited Professional 2003

Professional Affiliations

Architecture 2030 Senior Fellow 2020-present

American Institute of Architects

Member since 1981

College of Fellows since 2009

AIA National

Board of Directors 2013-14 Strategic Council 2015, 2019 1st Vice President 2017

President 2018

AIA Potomac Valley

Board of Directors 2005-2009

President 2009

AIA Maryland

Board of Directors 2010-12

President 2012

Association for Preservation Technology

Member since 2004

College of Fellows since 2017

Board of Directors 2009-12

Technical Committee on Sustainable Preservation, Co-Chair 2005-8

United States Green Building Council

National Capital Region Chapter

Member 2003-19

Founding Board of Directors 2003-5

Other Professional Activities

President's Council of Sustainable Development 1994-95 Housing and Land-Use Working Group Sustainable Communities Task Force

Sustainable Communities Initiative Board of Directors 1999-2011

District of Columbia Green Building Act of 2006 Advisory Council 2006-7

Montgomery County, Maryland
Sustainability Working Group 2008-9
Zoning Advisory Panel 2009-11
Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group 2010-11

Academics

Education

University of Maryland
School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation 1975-80
Bachelor of Architecture 1980
Pratt Institute
School of Architecture 1967-70

Teaching

The Catholic University of America
School of Architecture and Planning
Adjunct Professor 1996, 2019-21
ARPL 520 Graduate / Undergraduate Architecture Elective
Translating the New Urban Agenda into Architectural Principles

University of Maryland

School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
Paul H. Kea FAIA Distinguished Professor 2020-21
ARCH 4/678E Graduate / Undergraduate Architecture Elective
Creating the Cities We Want

Lectures

University of Notre Dame
School of Architecture
Michael Christopher Duda Center for Preservation, Resilience, and Sustainability
Fall Lecture Series 2022
Historic Preservation, The Overlooked Climate Imperative

Lódź Technical University

School of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Environmental Engineering Climate Change and Heritage Conservation Speaker Series 2022 Climate Change & Historic Preservation, a US Perspective

2023

The Catholic University of America
School of Architecture and Planning
ARPL 435/539 Introduction to Resilience and Climate Adaptation 2022
Building Sector Climate Action

Pratt Institute

Earth Action Week Speaker Series 2022 Heritage as Climate Action

University of California, Pomona
College of the Environment
Department of Landscape Architecture
Design VIII Capstone Laboratory 2021
Urbanism's Relevance Revolution

The Catholic University of America School of Architecture and Planning ARPL 302 Housing Studio 2021 Building Re-Use as Climate Action

The Catholic University of America
School of Architecture and Planning
Spring Panel Series 2021
Spatial Urbanity & Pedagogy in a Post-Pandemic World

Recent Presentations

2022

Petaluma Healthy Democracy Series
Fairgrounds Advisory Committee, Webinar
Balanced Decarbonization

National Trust of Canada National Trust Conference, Keynote ZERO is a Positive Number

US General Services Administration
Office of the Chief Architect
Climate Change Speakers Series, Webinar
Heritage & Climate Action

UK Carrig Conservation
In Conversation With Webinar Series, Podcast
Interviews 1 & 2

Cincinnati Preservation Association 27th Annual Fall Forum, Keynote Historic Preservation, Missing Piece in the Climate Change Puzzle

AlA Asheville Committee on the Environment 8th Annual Climate Adaptive Design Symposium, Keynotes Zero is a Positive Number State of Architecture

2023

Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB)

Lessons for Built Heritage in the Climate Emergency, Webinar

Stewardship & Climate Action

AIA New Jersey

East Coast Green Conference, Keynote Stewardship & Climate Action

AIA North Carolina

Climate Symposium, Webinar

AIA Framework for Design Excellence, Historic and Value

2021

Traditional Building Magazine

Traditional Building Conference, Keynote

Global Perspectives / Local Practices, Sustainability and Historic Preservation

AIA Potomac Valley

Continuing Education Series, Webinar

COP26 Report from the Front Lines

Skidmore Owings & Merrill

Fall Leadership Meeting, Webinar

COP26 Future Insights

Glasgow Climate Summit

United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26)

Buildings Pavilion, Panel

Lessons from the Vernacular and Historic Built Environment

Resiliency Hub, Panel

Cultural Heritage, Resilience & the Built Environment

Action Hub, Interview by Lea Ranalder

Building an Emission Free Future: The 2030 Challenge

Architecture 2030 Side Event, Moderator

COP26 Communique, 65% by 2030 / ZERO by 2040

Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)

Built Environment Summit, Panel

How to Activate Transformative Change

Built Environment Summit, Keynote

Retrofit is Climate Action

Building Energy Exchange

Radio BE-Ex, Interview by Yetsuh Frank

Season 2, Episode 8, Building Retrofits as Climate Action

Petaluma Urban Chat Series

Know Before You Grow Forum, Webinar

Remodeling Petaluma to Survive and Thrive in the Era of Climate Change

2023

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Pre-Conference Webinar Series, Webinar Understanding Climate Change, Historic Preservation and Decarbonizing the Built Environment

National Trust of Canada

National Trust Conference, Panel Environmental Reset, Decarbonizing Heritage & Mainstream Impact

NBBJ Leadership Summit

Dialogue Around the Future of Design, Webinar *Architecture Shapes Lives*

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC)

Climate and Conservation Podcasts
Interview by Michael Netter

District of Columbia Preservation League

Stewardship for Climate Action Program Series, Moderator Program 1, Stewardship in the Era of Climate Action

Program 2, DC's Climate Action Plan

Program 3, Retrofit Scenarios

Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)

Building Heritage & Sustainability Conference, Keynote Adapt & Retrofit, The Climate's Best Friends

EcoAction Arlington

Webinar Series on Carbon Neutrality, Webinar Building Sector Decarbonization

The Architect's Newspaper

Re-Use & Renewal Virtual Summit, Webinar
To Build of Not to Build, Re-Use for Climate Action

AIA South Jersey

Annual Membership Meeting , Keynote Adaptive Reuse, the Alternative to Demolition

Ann Arbor 2030 District

A2ZERO Living Carbon Neutrality Plan, Webinar Stewardship for Climate Action

2020

Architecture 2030 & ARCHITECT Magazine

Carbon Positive'20 Conference, Plenary Presentation Existing Buildings, Accelerating Energy Upgrades

Smithsonian Institution

Stemming the Tide, Global Strategies for Sustaining Cultural Heritage Through Climate Action, Keynote

Built Heritage

2023

AIA Wisconsin

Annual Conference, Keynote
Climate Action in the Built Environment

Preservation Iowa

Preservation Summit, Keynote
Historic Preservation and Climate Action

Institute for Heritage Building Conservation (IHBC)

Virtual School, Webinar

Heritage Speculation on a Global Pandemic - Environment

CarbonCure Technologies

Carbon Sequestration Series, Webinar
Buildings Sequester Carbon, Repositioning the Building Industry

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Past Forward Conference, Awards Jury Panel Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards

Architecture 2030

Carbon Positive RESET Global Teach-in, Webinars (RE)DESIGN, Repurpose, Re-Skin, Renovate
The Big Move, AIA's Commitment to Urgent and Sustained Climate Action Practice & Policy, Professional Organizations Making Big Moves
Architecture, Designing to Meet 1.5°C
Embodied Carbon, Reduce, Reuse, Sequester

Climate Action Network (CHN)

Regional Climate Action Forum, Culture x Climate, Webinar Built Heritage Stewardship as Climate Action Regional Climate Action Forum, Culture x Climate, Documentary Film Heritage-based Adaptation and Mitigation

Recent Publications

Architect Magazine, June 2022, Article

Carbon Positive: Retrofitting, Renewal and Transformation

Architect Magazine, December 2021, Article

Carbon Positive: Building on the Best of COP26

Architect Magazine, November 2021, Article by Wanda Lau COP26 Highlights for Architects and Designers

AlA Committee of the Environment (COTE) Newsletter, Article Big Impacts from "Small" Actions

Architect Magazine, January 2020, Interview by Katie Gerfen Renovation, Restoration, and Adaptive Use: The Understated Value of Existing Buildings

Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS)

Spring 2020 Quarterly Magazine, Article

Heritage Conservation Through Climate Action

Preservation in Print, Spring 2020, Interview by Nathan Lott

Savings Buildings Means Saving Carbon: How Historic Preservation Fights Climate Change

2023

Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press

Stemming the Tide Summit Proceedings, Paper

Built Heritage

Architect Magazine, September 2019, Article by Architect Staff Writer

Former AIA President Calls for Strengthened Building Codes at US House Energy Subcommittee Hearing

Advisory Positions

Architects Foundation

The Octagon Endowment Campaign
Campaign Planning Committee 2023-present

George Masa Foundation

Board of Advisors 2022-present

University of Notre Dame

School of Architecture

Michael Christopher Duda Center for Preservation, Resilience, and Sustainability

Master of Science in Historic Preservation

Board of Advisors 2021-present

Architectural Solar Association

Education for Design and Construction Professionals

Content Advisory Board 2021-present

Environment & Cultural Partners

Culture Over Carbon, Energy Use and Impacts of US Cultural Institutions

Technical Advisory Group 2021-23

Publication Review

Getty Conservation Institute

Managing Energy Use in Modern Buildings, Case Studies in Conservation

Practice

Edited by Bernard Flaman and Chandler McCoy 2021

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

Saving Sunk Carbon: Reducing Embodied Emissions in the Built Environment

Using Existing Policy Frameworks

By Hannah M. Teicher 2020

2023

APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology
Identifying Vulnerabilities and Resilience Capacities of Historic Buildings to
Storm Surge Flooding in Miami-Dade County
By Sonia R. Chao and Benjamin Ghansah 2020

Island Press

The Bird-Friendly City, Creating Safe Urban Habitats By Timothy Beatley 2020

SUNY Press

The Architecture of Downtown Troy, An Illustrated History Edited Diana S. Waite 2018

Honors and Awards

American Institute of Architects
College of Fellows 2009
Richard Upjohn FAIA Medal 2014, 2015, 2018
Louise Blanchard Bethune FAIA Medal 2019

AIA Potomac Valley

Paul H. Kea FAIA Medal 2013

AIA Maryland

Presidential Citation 2013, 2014

Association for Preservation Technology Presidential Citation 2008 College of Fellows 2017

University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Distinguished Alumni Award 2019

Traditional Building Magazine Clem Labine Award 2019

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Presidential Medal 2018

The Japan Institute of Architects Honorary Membership 2018

The Association of Siamese Architects
Presidential Medal 2018

Federación de Colegios de Arquitectos de la República Mexicana Honorary Membership 2018