

William J. Carpenter, Ph.D, FAIA, LEED AP

BIOGRAPHY

Throughout his career, Dr. William Carpenter studied under several prominent academic voices including Samuel Mockbee Gold Medalist FAIA, Christopher Rischer, and Norman Jaffe FAIA. It is through their influence and innovative work that he found his true passion in architecture and education.

As author of the influential Learning By Building, Design and Construction in Architectural Education (Wiley, 1997) and Modern Sustainable Residential Design (Wiley, 2009) he has influenced a generation of students and practitioners in Design Build Education and Sustainable practice. He has also founded the AIA Georgia High School Design Competition and together with the ongoing sponsorship from the Home Depot Foundation this award program has influenced the past 8 years of High School graduates in the State of Georgia.

Carpenter is owner and founder of the internationally recognized design firm Lightroom Studio, located in Decatur, GA. Lightroom specializes in architecture and new media for both commercial and residential clients. Carpenter uses Lightroom as an extensive learning opportunity for students through internships that are available any time of year to accommodate a diverse range of students. Recipient of the National ACSA/AIAS Educator of the Year Award in 2000 and the National Young Architects Citation in 1997, Carpenter continues to pursue excellence both in academia and the professional world. His work has been published in Southern Living, Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles, Print Magazine, Atlanta Magazine, and ERA. He was elected as a Fellow of the AIA in 2000 and to the AIA National Board of Directors as South Atlantic Director in 2010. Most recently, Carpenter has been creating publications that capture the current, unique environment in architectural practice and education which include Design Build Studio (Lightroom Press, 2010) and Multi-Disciplinary Practice (Lightroom Press, 2010)

EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATE:

Birmingham Institute of Art & Design, School of Architecture
Doctor of Philosophy, 2005
Dissertation: Design and Construction in Architectural Education
Studied under Professor Thomas Muir

GRADUATE:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Architecture and Urban Design
Master of Architecture with honors, 1989
Thesis: The Aspen Institute of Humanistic Studies
Thesis Award Recipient, Virginia Prize Finalist

UNDERGRADUATE:

Mississippi State University, School of Architecture
Bachelor of Architecture, 1986
Studied under Samuel Mockbee FAIA and Christopher Rischer
Awarded the McCool Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009	LEED Accredited Professional
2003-present	Lightroom Studio - Decatur, GA principal and founder
1997-03	William Carpenter Architects - Atlanta, GA principal and founder
1995	Licensed Architect, GA

Licensed Interior Designer, GA

1993-97 Smith Dalia Architects - Atlanta, GA
Project Architect

1993 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Visiting Professor

1988-93 BMK Architects - Alexandria, VA
Senior Associate

1986-88 Earl Swensson Associates - Nashville, TN
Project Architect

Licensed Architect, Georgia 1995
Licensed Interior Designer, Georgia
LEED AP Certified 2009

1986-87 Samuel Mockbee (AIA Gold Medalist)

1982-84 Norman Jaffe - Bridgehampton NY

EDUCATOR

1993-present Southern Polytechnic State University - Marietta, GA
Professor

1988-1993 Catholic University of America - Washington D.C.
Guest Critic

1986-88 Omore College - Franklin, TN
Adjunct Professor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

2007 Breather Conference (www.breather.org)
Founder

2005-present Decatur Arts Alliance
Board Member

2005 AIA Georgia Student Design Competition
Co-Founder

2002 Decatur Children's Parade, Decatur Arts Festival
Co-Founder

2001-2005 Community Housing Resource Center
Board Member

1999-2005 Art Walk, City of Decatur
Co-Chair

1999 AIA Georgia
President

1998 AIA Georgia
Chairman, Academic Affairs
Chair, Convention Program Committee

- 1994-1999 Southern Polytechnic State University
Chair, Curriculum Committee
Lecture Series Coordinator
- 1992 Smithsonian Institution
Director and Founder, Lecture Series (“Modernism Reconsidered”)
- 1989 National AIAS Competition
Jury Member

AWARDS

- 2006 Print Magazine Award of Excellence
“The Food Loop” identity package
- 2000 National Educator of the Year, ACSA/AIAS
- 2000 Bronze Medal, AIA Georgia
- 1999 Design Award of Merit, AIA Georgia
Reynoldstown Theater project
- 1999 New Faculty Teaching Award, ACSA
- 1999 Collaborative Practice Award, ACSA
- 1998 Citation of Excellence, AIA Atlanta
- 1997 Young Architects Citation, AIA

PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 **PORTFOLIO lightroom** (Lightroom Press)
- 2010 **Multi-Disciplinary Practice** (Lightroom Press)
- 2009 **Modern Sustainable Residential Design** (Wiley)
- 2003 **The Architect’s Guide to Design-Build Services**, Ch14 (Wiley)
- 1997 **Learning by Building: Design and Construction in Architectural Education** (Wiley)