



KARIN PAYSON, AIA, LEED AP

Karin Payson is a licensed architect with over 20 years experience in planning, design and project management. Prior to founding KP+a+d, Ms. Payson began her career at Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, a large New York office. Her work there focused on the planning, programming and design of large-scale commercial buildings and adaptive re-use of historically significant buildings.

Throughout her career, Ms. Payson has engaged in a diverse practice of both private and publicly funded work. In addition to several custom homes throughout Northern California, she recently completed, as Associate Architect and Interior Designer, a renovation and addition to The West Portal Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, and is currently working on similar projects at two more branches within the San Francisco Public Library system. Past experiences include a remodel of the San Geronimo Valley Community Church in San Geronimo (1993) and an expansion of their education facility and construction of a conference center (2003), a facelift for San Francisco Honda (2002); tenant improvements for Plath & Co. (2000) and BJ Droubi (1999); a counseling facility and drop in center for Jewish Family and Children's Services in Santa Rosa (2002); and a master plan and several renovation projects for the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, a 50,000 sf facility comprised of four contiguous townhouses (1986 – 1990).

Education

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture and Planning, Master of Architecture, 1984
University of California, Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, 1981

Certification

Architect, State of California, C 22856
Architect, State of New York, 018959-1
LEED Accredited Professional

Awards and Exhibitions

Small Firms Great Projects, Exhibition, San Francisco, 2007 and 2008
The Art of Architecture, Exhibition: Danville Fine Arts Gallery, Danville CA, 2005
Inspired Outcomes: Women Leading Change Exhibition sponsored by AIA San Francisco, 2004
Totem Design "Workplaces" Competition, Honorable Mention; New York, 2001
Dollhouse: The Designer Showcase in Miniature; Benefit Project, San Francisco; 2001
"Petchitecture", A Benefit Exhibition for PAWS; San Francisco, 1995
New Utah Housing Competition, Small Multi-Family Site; Winning Scheme, 1994
California Women in Environmental Design Exhibition; San Francisco, 1994

Projects and articles have appeared in California Homes; Small Firms Great Projects; Science & Spirit; Architectural Digest; The Sunset Book of Western Landscaping; San Francisco Chronicle Sunday Magazine; Sunset Magazine; The Sacramento Bee; The San Francisco Examiner Sunday Magazine; The New York Times; Zero Hour; Archives of the Avery Architectural Library; Interiors; and Oculus, The Magazine of the New York Chapter of the AIA.

Community

Board Member AIA, California Council, 2008
Board Member AIA, San Francisco Chapter, 2006, 2007
FAR Study Committee with San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno, 2000 - 2002