

Practice with Purpose: How to Radically Redesign the Practice of Architecture

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



Understand why we should redesign the practice of architecture to help address some of the biggest challenges of our time.



Learn from real-world case studies that Practice with Purpose is both achievable and economically sustainable.



Identify the practical benefits of Mission-Driven Design for recruitment, retention, and marketing your practice.



Discover the multiple benefits of public advocacy that promotes resilient, equitable communities.

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Practice with Purpose

How to Radically Redesign the Practice of Architecture

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NOW: Still protesting....

THEN: 1960's









A combined ecological / societal emergency



What can one person do?

Architects and designers are uniquely equipped to address this emergency

We have powerful tools, abundant imagination, and important work to do

But first, we must transform our design culture and change architectural practice

Redefine Design Excellence

Architecture isn't excellent unless it models an inclusive, zero-carbon future



Design Beyond The Property Lines

Practice with Purpose

Climate Action
Equity
Habitation
Education
Adaptation

CLIMATE ACTION

DESIGNING A ZERO-CARBOI FUTURE

Time is Running Out

The world is quickly depleting its 1.5°C carbon budget

1.5°C scenario CO₂ emissions (tonnes/sec) **Carbon Clock** time left until CO2 budget depleted month day Mercator Research Institute hour min year sec on Global Commons and 26 17 55 27 41 6 6 ½ YEARS TO GO Climate Change (MCC) CO₂ budget left (tonnes) 270'092'152'787



www.mcc-berlin.net

The Climate Emergency

Climate destabilization is accelerating



World still way off track on goal to keep global warming below dangerous threshold, UN says - Wed October 26, 2022

The United Nations reports that global warming will rise to between 2.1 and 2.9 degrees Celsius based on the world's current climate pledges

Agency with Urgency!



Office-wide Project EUI Tracking

Tracking Progress Across Our Portfolio







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AIA 2030 Commitment

Measure What We Value



Going All-Electric

Lead the transition



Embodied Carbon

Early design analysis



Option A: Retrofit Existing Building



Option B: Replace Existing Building



Option C: Hybrid, Partial Replacement



30 YEAR EMISSIONS - EMBODIED & OPERATIONAL CARBON



EMBODIED CARBON BY CATEGORY (30 YEAR)

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Project Based Research

Advance best practices through your work

Zero Net Energy Pilot Project (PGE)

Low Carbon Concrete Case Study (BAAQMD)

Mass Timber Grant (CA Govt. Ops Agency)







Sweetwater Spectrum Community Sonoma, CA Berkeley Way BRIDGE Affordable & BFHP Hope Center Berkeley , CA Sunnydale Community Center & Herz Recreation Center San Francisco, CA

Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation Modeling living and learning in a post-carbon future

Energy Reduction: 94% EUI: 7.4 kBtu/sf/yr















Post Occupancy Study Actual Performance Beyond Design Case

NET ELECTRICITY USE: May 2017-April 2018 UC Berkeley Jacobs Hall



Energy data c/o Bruce Chamberlain & Raul Abesamis, UC Berkeley Facility Services / Campus Energy * Includes modeled values for central plant usage (not submetered)



EQUITY

ARCHITECTURE ISFOR EVERYONE

Diverse Voices Fostering broad design perspectives


Design Dialogue Meaningful community engagement



Full Cycle Engagement

A Continuous Feedback Loop





Acid Etch Hard Trowel Class C Grind Hard Trowel Hard Trowel Class B Grind Class C Grind Grind with Aquapro 100

Class C Grind

Hard Trowe



Early design Student & stakeholder surveys, programming and spatial feedback

Design documents

Material selection, chemical sensitivity feedback, VR & daylight simulations

Construction phase Mock-ups for texture testing

Post Occupancy

Comfort and satisfaction surveys for fine tuning solutions

Universal Design

Welcoming everyone











Empathic Design

Understanding diverse experiences



Arrival Communicating Inclusivity



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Sweetwater Spectrum A new model for housing adults on the autism spectrum

Energy Reduction: 88% EUI: 6 kBtu/sf/yr



*ADDM (Autism and Development Disabilites Monitoring Network)

THE AUTISM COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Design for Adults on the Autism Spectrum







SITE PLAN

1 WELCOME BUILDING 2 PARKING 3 HOUSE 4 STORMWATER TREATMENT BIO-SWALE 5 COMMUNITY CENTER 6 THE COMMONS: PLAZA & LAWN 7 THERAPY POOL & SPAS 8 ORCHARD 9 TRASH 10 STORAGE BUILDING 11 IRRIGATION WELL 12 GREENHOUSE 13 ORGANIC FARM 14 FIRE ACCESS ROAD



SUSTAINABILITY DIAGRAM

1 ORGANIC FARM 2 IRRIGATION WELL 3 COOL ROOF 4 NATURAL VENTILATION 5 DAYLIGHTING 6 DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS 7 SOLAR HOT WATER PANELS 8 SOLAR PV PANELS 9 STORMWATER FILTRATION BIO-SWALE 10 SUN CONTROL 11 RADIANT FLOOR SYSTEM 12 POOL SOLAR PANELS 13 HIGH PERFORMANCE WINDOWS 14 SOLAR TUBE SKYLIGHTS 15 HIGH R-VALUE EXTERIOR WALLS & ROOF 16 PERMEABLE PAVING











HABITATION

HOUSING THE UNHOUSED

Housing the Unhoused

Dignified housing is a human right

Figure 1

People Experiencing Homelessness in California



Figure based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) January 2020 point-in-time homelessness count, before the onset of the coronavirus disease 2019. Recently, HUD released incomplete point-in-time data for 2021. The data reflected a count of sheltered people experiencing homelessness. Challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic means national data on unsheltered people experiencing homelessness will not be available for 2021. LA

Figure 2

Recent Trends in People Experiencing Homelessness



Edwin M. Lee Apartments Veterans and families joined in resilience

Energy Reduction: 77% EUI: 18.2 kBtu/sf/yr



"about one third of the 103,788 returning veterans seen at V.A. facilities between Sept. 30, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2005 were diagnosed with mental illness or a psycho-social disorder."

> "There have been over 1100 major or partial amputations during the Global War on Terror."

"Current estimates of PTSD in military personnel who served in Iraq range from 12% to 20%"

> "Two percent (5.3 million) of the US population currently live with disabilities from a TBI"

"Last month [June 2010] set a tragic record for suicides - more than one per day. Multiple combat tours, bad economy, and family troubles all create incredible stress on today's soldiers."

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POSTTRAUMATIC UNDERSTANDING

THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN



Design attributes

- Visual transparency
- Calming transitions
- Visible spatial order
- Garden access
- Views to nature
- Social privacy

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Credit: Perkins + Will

Design Concept Communities Integrated Through Nature



Aerial view of the Mission Bay Neighborhood from Third Street







HORACE BÉNÉDICT DE SAUSSURE and his cyanometer, an eighteenth-century instrument designed to measure the blueness of the sky, the result of the amount of water vapor in the atmosphere.



DESIGN FOR EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES

- EQ1. Generous ramp design for veterans, strollers, and multigenerational communities
- EO2. Integrated elements for children to play
- EQ3. Community garden area for residents
- EQ4. Community kitchen for broader Mission Bay/ SF community
- EQ5. Transit-oriented (Muni)
- EQ6. Bike parking & bike network
- EQ7. Pedestrian community: Walk score 91
- EO8. Electric car charging stations
- EQ9. Gender neutral restrooms in common areas

DESIGN FOR ECONOMY

- EM1. Prefabricated framing minimizes waste
- EM2. Durable finishes reduce maintenance
- EM3. Passive design allows low-cost operation EM4. Amenities and support services available for low income residents

Edwin M. Lee Apartments

- WE1. Generous courtyard offers opportunities for respite, healing, and play WE2. Units and corridors offer views and daylight from all cardinal directions
- WE3. Continuous filtered ventilation provided to each unit
- WE4. Heating controls and natural ventilation options allow for thermal comfort WE5. Biophilic finishes, green roofs, horizon
- views, and indoor-outdoor connections enhance a connection to nature
- WE6. Common areas feature art inspired by nature & community from local artisans

DESIGN FOR ECOLOGY

- EG1. Post industrial landscape restored with native habitat
- EG2. Dark sky compliant light fixtures
- EG3. Designed to bird safe standards
- EG4. High-reflectance paving for heat island
 - mitigation

DESIGN FOR ENERGY

- EN1. Orientation strategies reduce loads EN2. High performance building enclosure and
- windows reduce thermal energy loss
- facing windows
- used throughout the building
- EN5. Ceiling fans in common areas reduce cooling demand
- EN6. Roof top solar photovoltaic panel system generates electricity for all common areas
- EN7. Solar thermal panels reduce domestic hot water heating energy needs

DESIGN FOR RESOURCES

- RE1. 70% cement replacement in concrete
- RE2. Rapidly renewable bamboo plywood used in
- common area woodwork and corridors EN3. Exterior sunshades reduce heat gain from south RE3. Granite curbs and cobbles found on-site reused in landscape design
- EN4. LED lighting and Energy Star rated appliances RE4. Ground floor concrete slab polished and sealed to provide durable floor with minimal material use

DESIGN FOR DISCOVERY

- DI1. PV energy generation monitoring and energy disclosure ordinances allow for post-occupancy energy evaluation
- D/2. Future post occupancy surveys and thermal studies to be completed after first year of building use

- DESIGN FOR WATER
- WA1. Low-flow water fixtures WA2. Drip irrigation w/ smart sensors at green
- roofs & courtvard WA3. 100% stormwater managed on-site in
- bioswale planters

DESIGN FOR CHANGE

- CH1. Mission Bay soil settlement is mitigated with "hinge slab" entrances and ramps, allowing accessible access
- CH2. On-site renewable energy reduces demand on an increasingly strained energy grid
- CH3. Common areas are designed to be flexible and accommodate multiple uses over time
- CH4. Certain common areas include option for mechanical cooling in peak heat events
- CH5. Building is "purple pipe" plumbed to integrate future municipal recycled water system



EDUCATION

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SCHOOLS

Schools as a model for a low-carbon future

Nueva School Science and Environmental Center Zero Net Carbon learning spaces

Energy Reduction: 100% EUI: 0 kBtu/sf/yr

Figure 2: Annual Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/sf) comparison between Environment Science Building Design and ASHRAE Baseline















Life Cycle Impact Assessmen

New Construction vs Adaptive Reuse Case Study: Ortlieb's Bottling House, Philaden Kieran Timberlake

> Global Warming Potential (GWP) New construction vs Adpative Reuse



Source: Building & Environment: Comparative Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment of Renovation and New Construction (Hasik et al) June 2019

Life Cycle Impact Assessment: New Construction vs Adaptive Reuse Case Study: Ortlieb's Bottling House, Philadelphia – Kieran Timberlake



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"Where the choice is between demolishing to build new or retaining an existing structure, the default approach should be to retain and retrofit"

Retro First

Launched by AJ: Sept 2019 Signatory firms : >250 including 11 Sterling Award winners

UC Davis Walker Hall Adaptive reuse a 100 year-old structure

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Energy Reduction: 80% EUI: 26.4 kBtu/sf/yr Embodied CO² Reduction: 57%













Embodied Carbon Analysis – The CARE Tool

57% reduction in embodied carbon compared to all-new construction













Communicate Your Values







Surf the Bottom Half of the Wave

YOU CAN'T STOP THE WAVES BUT YOU CAN LEARN TO SURF





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Advance Best Practices

Sign on to the AIA 2030 Commitment / Use the AIA Framework for Design Excellence



MEASURE 1 DESIGN FOR INTEGRATION



MEASURE 6 DESIGN FOR ENERGY



MEASURE 2 DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY



MEASURE 7 DESIGN FOR WELLNESS



MEASURE 3 DESIGN FOR ECOLOGY



MEASURE 8 DESIGN FOR RESOURCES



MEASURE 4 DESIGN FOR WATER





MEASURE 5 DESIGN FOR ECONOMY



MEASURE 10 DESIGN FOR DISCOVERY

DESIGN FOR CHANGE

MEASURE 9

Advocate for Change Become a Citizen Architect



AB 1010 is the first state law passed in the nation that requires architects to take Zero Net Carbon Design Continuing Education classes to obtain or renew their license to practice.

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Adaptive Reuse, Efficient by Default: Projects with Embedded Energy Efficiency



Architects <u>Advocate</u> Action on Climate Change

As architects dedicated to healthy and livable communities, and guided by scientific consensus and reason, we <u>Advocate</u> for action on Climate Change.



We can't afford business as usual

It's no longer enough to meet our clients' programs and budgets on schedule, as difficult as that might be It's no longer enough to view architecture as an isolated work of experiential sculpture, as fascinating as that might be We must become innovative agents of change, providing vision and skill to lead our communities toward a just, climate-positive future for all No project is too small. We all have a role to play.

In the history of architecture there's never been a more important time to be an architect