

Philosophy

We believe that architecture must serve a public good by rooting buildings and spaces in their communities, by evoking moments of unexpected joy, and by respecting financial and environmental resources. Accessible to the widest possible audience, we challenge formalist doctrine and celebrate serendipitous discoveries.

Creating distinctive architecture that embodies the singular intent of each project arises out of an exploratory process that thoroughly investigates program needs, existing conditions, material applications and sustainability. In partnership with our clients, the cultural and physical context of each commission is translated into highly responsive and unique planning and design solutions. The resultant architecture achieves permanence and authenticity while transcending fashion. Our commitment lies in the creation of public spaces that inspire. In each a deliberate attempt to incite memorable experiences is found.

Holzman Moss Architecture is a successor firm to Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates founded by Malcolm Holzman, FAIA and Douglas Moss, AIA. In three years, we have grown to a staff of thirty-seven. We represent a continuity and advancement of HHPA's adventuresome spirit and delight in a decidedly personal way of design. Design methods originate with individual initiatives. Ideas advance through visualization, dialogue and inquiry, surpassing client aspirations to extend and enrich the built environment.

Services Provided

Holzman Moss Architecture offers a wide range of services including:

- architectural design
- interior design
- facilities programming and planning
- urban design
- feasibility studies
- design guidelines
- master planning
- site planning
- cultural planning
- needs assessment
- sustainable design
- historic renovation
- historic preservation
- interpretive restoration
- adaptive reuse

A Diversity of Projects

Holzman Moss Architecture continues a forty-year legacy of making memorable spaces. Our work celebrates public activity, using architecture to support and enhance community-building objectives, whether in a civic building, a campus setting, or city center.

In designing, restoring, and expanding public architecture we have focused our attention on creating environments that fire the imagination, luring visitors to discover first-hand the attractions and activities that await them within. We design spaces and places that transport people from the everyday world into special surroundings, where shared experiences and participant interaction are encouraged. Buildings which welcome public use are the mainstay of our practice.

Facilities for Student Life

Holzman Moss Architecture has developed a programming, planning, and design process that has resulted in building projects at over 150 campuses. The success of each is dependent on our ability to achieve consensus among diverse constituents, oftentimes including administration, faculty, staff, students, and interested members of the surrounding community. Our ability to combine planning and programming expertise with an understanding of architectural and technological requirements has resulted in buildings that achieve a high level of finished quality with minimum financial resources.

The foundation of our design philosophy is rooted in the belief that to create distinctive, memorable, and lasting academic buildings, the design process must be a genuinely participatory endeavor, achieved in conjunction with each client. We approach each project without preconceived notions or imagery – rather we rely on client interaction in the vigorous exploration of options and opportunities.

Addressing the program needs of students is paramount, yet no less important is the ability to impart a visible and compelling identity, particularly on such public building types as facilities for student life. Such places must encourage community activities, social engagement, cultural exchange, and intellectual discourse. Places that promote chance encounters through active, informal settings are an invaluable component of exceptional student-life facilities.

We offer a highly skilled team of professionals who understand facilities for student life. As frequent participants and presenters at conferences sponsored by Society of Campus and University Planners (SCUP), Association of College Unions International (ACUI), and other university organizations, we have enjoyed many opportunities to present, to listen, and to learn first-hand current trends in state-of-the-art student center design. Holzman Moss Architecture has a solid understanding of the programmatic needs of student union buildings, the positive impact they have on the quality of life and the increasingly sophisticated technological amenities they must provide.

A Selection of Some Recent Student Union Projects

- Barnard College, Nexus Mixed-use Building Program/Plan
- Borough of Manhattan Community College, Fiterman Hall
- Bowdoin College, David Saul Smith Union
- Central Connecticut State University, Student Center
- Colgate University, O'Connor Campus Center (design)
- Colgate University, Student Union (design)
- Delaware State University, Student Center
- Middlebury College, McCullough Student Center
- Northwestern University, Norris University Center (design)
- North Carolina State University, Student Life Master Plan, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Oklahoma State University, Student Union Master Plan
- Rutgers University, Livingston Campus, Student Center Renovation & Addition, Piscataway, NJ
- San Diego State University, Student Union Plan and Design
- Shaw University, Community Services Center
- Soka University, University Center
- St. Joseph's College, Student Union and Academic Building
- Texas Tech University, Student Union
- University of California, Riverside, Student Commons (design)
- University of Missouri, Columbia, Student Union
- University of Otago, Student Union Link
- University of the Pacific, University Center (design)
- University of Houston, University Center and Satellite Master Plan, Houston, TX
- University of Southern Indiana, University Center Expansion, Evansville, IN