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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MILWAUKEE

Masters of Architecture • 1978

Bachelor of Science, Architectural Studies • 1974

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Architect / Design Architect, American Design, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI, (January 1995 to present)

Principal / Design Architect, James Piwoni Architects & Planners

Milwaukee, WI, (August 1993 to present)

Principal / Design Architect, Schroeder Piwoni Architects, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI, (April 1988 – July 1993)

Principal / Design Architect, Hoeh Schroeder Piwoni, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI, (January 1986 – March 1988)

Principal / Design Architect, Planning & Design Partnership, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI, (January 1982 – December 1985)

Urban Design Consultant and Presentation Specialist, Park West Redevelopment Task Force

Milwaukee, WI, January 1979 – January 1982

Design and Presentation Specialist, Milwaukee Redevelopment Corporation

Milwaukee, WI, May 1978 – January 1979

LICENSURE

State of Wisconsin, 1985; No. A-5765.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture, Undergraduate and Graduate Design Studios, Building and Urban Scale
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee—School of Architecture and Urban Planning, 1985 - 2002

ORGANIZATIONS and CIVIC APPOINTMENTS

American Institute of Architects

AIA Wisconsin

Mayoral appointment as Commissioner to Historic Third Ward Architectural Review Board 1990-Present

PUBLICATIONS -- Author or Coauthor

Design Guidelines for the Historic Third Ward District, 1990 - Coauthor

Riverwalk Design Guidelines for the Historic Third Ward District, 1998 - Author

Third Ward Neighborhood Planning Guidelines, 2001 - Author

Westtown Design Guidelines, 2003 - Coauthor

Third Ward Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan, 2005 - Coauthor

Third Ward Neighborhood Design Guidelines, 2006 -- Author of 2006 edition

Southeast Side Area Plan, 2008 - Coauthor

DESIGN AWARDS

Winner of the Jefferson Block Housing Competition, Milwaukee, WI, 2000

Mayor's Design Award, Kosciuszko Pool Bathhouse, 1998

Merit Award, AIA Wisconsin, Palomas Restaurant / International Building, 1995

Merit Award, Wisconsin Society of Architects, Lion House Adaptive Reuse, 1988

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Design Architect and Project Manager, American Design, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI January 1995—Present

Pre-design Study for Health & Human Performance / Recreation Building, UW River Falls (2009), River Falls, WI.; Campus recreation and athletics fields study and building, (200,000 s.f.), program statement prepared for Division of State Facilities, (DSF). Status: in process.

Williams Fieldhouse Addition – Phase I, UW Platteville (2008-2009), Platteville, WI.; New two story 18,000 s.f. Student Wellness Center designed for DSF. Status: Construction

Lakefront Condominium Study (2005), Milwaukee County, WI.; Study of site capacity for 57 condominiums with parking. Status: project abandoned.

Lakeside Village Square (2004), St. Francis, WI.; Two story retail and office complex, 30,000 s.f. new construction. Status: schematics.

MPS Neighborhood Schools Initiative – Kluge Elementary (2003), Milwaukee, WI.; Minor addition, 7,000 s.f., of four kindergarten classrooms. Status: opened in fall of 2005.

MPS Neighborhood Schools Initiative – M. L. King Elementary (2003), Milwaukee, WI.; Major addition, 30,000 s.f., of nine classrooms, gymnasium, science, art, and computer classrooms, library and administrative offices. Status: opened in fall of 2005.

Café Lulu (2003) – Milwaukee, WI.; Renovation / reuse of retail space on shopping street in the city. Status: completed.

MPS Neighborhood Schools Initiative – Hi-Mount Elementary (2001), Milwaukee, WI.; Schematic for 70,000 s.f. middle school new construction with nine classrooms gym, science, art, and computer classrooms, library and administration, kitchen, cafeteria, daycare center. Status: not executed.

General Mitchell International Airport – Retail Concessions Renovation (2001), Milwaukee, WI.; Design development thru C.A. of airport retail mall. Status: Completed.

St. James Court (1999) – Milwaukee, WI. Historic apartment building renovations including new elevator, and ground floor commercial office usage. Status: completed.

James Anderson Elderly Apartment (1999) – Milwaukee, WI. Restoration of 1930s mixed use retail / residential building, 32 units and retail space. Status: completed.

Avastarr - Carmen Court Renovation (1998) —Milwaukee, WI; Renovation of 72 apartment interiors / new construction of Club House. Status: completed.

Kosciuszko Park Pool Bath House (1997) - Milwaukee, Wisconsin. New aquatics center's gateway building. 1998 Mayor's Design Award. Status: completed.

ICRC Phase II LS Beauchamp Housing (1997) - Milwaukee WI.; Infill duplex housing, 24 units on traditional City neighborhood lots, Status: completed.

Tannery Loft Condominium (1996) Milwaukee, WI. Loft space conversion to contemporary individual residential unit. Status: never executed.

Compuware Training Facility at The Tannery (1996) - Milwaukee, WI.; Industrial loft space conversion to 40,000 s.f. contemporary corporate office space for high tech software / service company. Status: completed.

Design Architect only, American Design, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI January 1995—Present

Downtown Milwaukee Plan Update (2008-2009), Milwaukee, WI;
Tasks in support of RTKL Team included Stakeholder interviews and Focus Group meeting.
Status: Study continues.

KRM=Commuter Transit Study (2005 thru 2009), Milwaukee, WI;
Tasks in support of Team led by AECOM included Southeast Station area plan, (Bay View), and conceptual design of 12 transit station sites with passenger platforms, vehicular access and parking and pedestrian site amenities for locations in 9 communities between Kenosha and Milwaukee.
Status: Work is part of a current alternatives analysis study for SEWRPC.

Milwaukee Connector Transit Study (2006), Milwaukee, WI;
Tasks in support of Team led by HNTB. Conceptual design of mixed use transit interchange station with retail and three upper floors of office space. Status: Work was part of alternatives analysis study.

General Mitchell International Airport Concourse "C" Stem Expansion and Hammerhead Addition (2003), Milwaukee, WI;
Design team member responsible for plans, elevations, sections and detailed models of new forms. Contributed his design expertise through all phases: daylighting studies, schematic design, design development and construction documents.
Status: Expanded and remodeled Concourse "C" stem completed.
Status: New Concourse "C" Hammerhead Addition completed.

Central City Cyberschool (1998), Milwaukee, WI.
A New 400 student K-8 school with 16 classrooms. All rooms including Art, Music, Science, Library, LD and ED for specialized instruction are equipped for server-based laptop delivered instruction. Administrative offices and cafetorium with kitchen complete the space program. The school is connected to an existing YMCA to share gymnasium facilities. First elementary school in Wisconsin with all laptop curriculum delivery. Status: opened in fall of 2000.

New Headquarters for Housing Authority City of Milwaukee - (1998) Milwaukee, WI.
Exterior elevations and entry vestibule design for new office building. Status: completed.

Parklawn Neighborhood Plan for Housing Authority City of Milwaukee (1998);
Planning to introduce new streets, public spaces and market rate single family residential into a 1930s public housing project. Also upgrading unit entrances transitions along the new streets. Status: completed under Federal Hope VI grant.

Project Manager only, American Design, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI January 1995—Present

MPS Neighborhood Schools Initiative – Hi-Mount Elementary (2004), Milwaukee, WI; Major addition, 30,000 s.f., of nine classrooms, gymnasium, science, art, and computer classrooms, library and administrative offices. Status: opened in fall of 2005.

Miller Park Site Package (2001) – Milwaukee WI;
Point person managing team of architects, civil and structural engineers, landscape architects, and electrical consultants. Coordinated client requirements and construction management value engineering issues through the site construction document and construction administration phases. Status: completed

Four sections of Downtown Riverwalk, (1996) - Milwaukee, WI.
Construction Administration for Riverwalk with pedestrian amenities. Status: completed.

Selected Projects

Design Architect and Principal, James Piwoni Architects and Planners, Milwaukee, WI

301 N. Broadway (2007-2009) - Milwaukee, WI

Complete architectural services for adaptive reuse of and additions to Third Ward Commission Row loft building with new storefront and interior rehab for office and retail use and basement parking. Also new office penthouse and elevator / stair tower additions. Status: nearing completion.

234 W. Florida (2008) - Milwaukee, WI.

Complete architectural services for adaptive reuse of 100,000 s.f. historic Fifth Ward mixed-use loft building for upper floor office and artist studios, street level retail use with basement and site parking. Status: construction completed. LEED certification pending.

252 E. Menomonee (2007) - Milwaukee, WI

Complete architectural services for adaptive reuse of Third Ward garage building with new storefront and interior rehab for office and retail use. Status: complete.

Southeast Side Area Plan (2008)—Milwaukee, WI.

Urban design and co-authored neighborhood plan. Status: adopted by City, 2008.

Third Ward Neighborhood Design Guidelines (2003) - Milwaukee, WI.

Authored new edition of former Historic Third Ward Design Guidelines. Status: adopted by City, 2005.

Third Ward Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan (2003) - Milwaukee, WI.

Urban design and co-authored neighborhood master plan. Status: adopted by City, 2005.

Jefferson Block Competition - Milwaukee WI.

One of the two design architects for this competition winning full city block 256 unit housing development. This apartment complex includes structured parking and street level retail space in a contemporary style designed to complement the historic district architecture and urban street character of Milwaukee's Third Ward neighborhood.

Western Leather Lofts - Milwaukee WI.

Four section industrial loft conversion to 53 condominiums with over a dozen unit floor plan configurations. Units take advantage of the building's character while maximizing the given space and volume and providing access to natural light. Status: complete.

International Building - Milwaukee, WI, see awards.

Complete architectural services for renovation of an historic 75,000 sq. ft. mixed-use building for upper floor office, and ground floor restaurant and retail use. This project won a State of Wisconsin AIA award in 1995 and was selected for the awards issue cover. Status: complete.

Wehr Nature Center Expansion Project, Whitnall Park - Franklin, WI

Assembly hall addition to 1970's environmental education center. Status: complete.

South Shore Park Pavilion Façade Restoration, South Shore Park - Milwaukee, WI

Façade restoration of lakefront assembly hall for Milwaukee County Parks. Status: complete.

The Lion House - Milwaukee WI., see awards.

Adaptive for reuse of this stately but fire damaged residence as office space. Status: complete.

231 E. Buffalo - Milwaukee, WI.

Complete architectural services for new storefront and reuse of an historic Third Ward mixed-use loft building for upper floor office and artist studios, and street level retail use. Status: complete.

333 N. Broadway - Milwaukee, WI

Design services for adaptive reuse of Third Ward Commission Row loft building with new storefront and interior rehab for office and retail use. Status: completed.