

Alexander Shelly, AIA, NCARB

Principal | Director of Architecture



Alexander Shelly, AIA, NCARB, is a Principal and the Director of Architecture at DAAM. He has comprehensive experience in design, planning, and construction management, and has directed projects in Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Australia and Germany. He has also managed and operated an in-house digital fabrication lab focused on the production of prototypes for advanced and experimental construction techniques. His work to date has negotiated the translation of progressive architectural concepts into built reality. Mr. Shelly has been an adjunct faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an invited design critic at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, SAIC, University of Miami, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston Architectural College, and Northeastern University. He is NCARB Certified and a licensed architect in the State of New York.

EDUCATION:

Master of Architecture | Harvard University Graduate School of Design | Cambridge, MA | 2013

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture with Highest Honors | Lehigh University | Bethlehem, PA | 2006

CERTIFICATIONS:

Licensed Architect, State of NY
No. 038119-1

NCARB Certified, National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
No. 82772

AFFILIATIONS:

American Institute of Architects (AIA),
Member

Boston Society of Architects (BSA),
Member

AIA-UIC Mentorship Program,
Mentor

SELECTED PROJECTS & RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Rail Yard Innovation District Lofts | Green Bay, WI | Adaptive reuse, renovation and addition to a former industrial warehouse for conversion into luxury loft residences

Guild Row | Chicago, IL | Multi-purpose commercial venue with workshop, flexible events spaces, a teaching kitchen, membership clubhouse as well as a full commercial kitchen

LYTE Lounge | Chicago, IL | Recreation, education, and employment center for youth in need

The Starter Home Project | Chicago, IL & Kansas City, MI | Real estate development initiative created to offer well-crafted, uniquely-designed, affordable housing options in city centers

2x3x5 | Chicago, IL | Complete renovation and adaptation of a 3-unit condominium building in Chicago's Historic Wicker Park neighborhood

Triangle House | Chicago, IL | Addition and remodel to a private residence

Shell House | Roxbury, NY | Renovation to kitchen, living room, entry way and HVAC system for a retreat home in the Catskill Mountains

*Wellesley College | Wellesley, MA | Global Flora Botanical Conservatory

*University of Rochester | Rochester, NY | Wegmans Hall / The Goergen Institute of Data Science & Engineering

*Harvard University | Cambridge, MA | Tozzer Anthropology Library

*Gallaudet University | Washington, DC | Shape Gallaudet International Design Competition Finalist

*Northeastern University | Boston, MA | Renovation and adaptive reuse of Forsyth Hall

*Chrysanthemum Building | Boston, MA | Low-Carbon Residences

*Saugus Mixed-Use Multi-Family Residence | Saugus, MA | Multi-Family Mixed-Use Development (62 Beds)

*International Bauausstellung | Hamburg, Germany | Soft House – Smart Material Housing (PassivHaus)

*Beaver Country Day School | Chestnut Hill, MA | Beaver Vault Installation

*Meister Consultants Group | Boston, MA | US Corporate Headquarters

*Eastman Theatre Landmark Building | Rochester, NY | Historic Renovation & Performance Hall Addition

*South + Hickory | Rochester, NY | Multi-Family Mixed-Use Development (45 Beds)

*Strong Museum of Play | Rochester, NY | Electronic Game Exhibit Design

*Hobart and William Smith Colleges | Geneva, NY | Library Renovation

*Pope John Paul II High School | Philadelphia, PA | New High School

** Experience prior to DAAM*

SELECTED ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

School of the Art Institute of Chicago | Lecturer | 2018
GSD Fabrication Lab | CNC Teaching Assistant | 2010-2013
GSD Fabrication Lab | Wood Shop Teaching Assistant | 2009-2013
Lehigh University | Studio Teaching Assistant | 2005

SELECTED AWARDS:

DAAM

Architectural Record | Design Vanguard 2021

Shell House | Roxbury, NY

AIA Chicago Small Projects Design Award (2019)

Rotch Traveling Fellowship Finalist | Boston Society of Architects (2019)

Tozzer Anthropology Library | Harvard University

Boston Society of Architects Harleston Parker Medal Shortlist (2017, 2018)

AIA New York Design Merit Award (2017)

American Architecture Prize, Bronze Award - Educational Buildings (2016)

Boston Society of Architects Hobson Honor Award for Design Excellence (2016)

SCUP Honor Award: SCUP/AIA-CAE Excellence in Architecture for a New Building (2016)

North American Copper in Architecture Award (2015)

Brick in Architecture Award, Higher Education (2014)

Goergen Institute of Data Science at Wegmans Hall | University of Rochester

AIA New York Design Merit Award (2019)

Brick in Architecture - Gold Award, Higher Education (2017)

Global Flora Greenhouse | Wellesley College

Holcim Design Award for Sustainable Construction - Bronze Award, North America (2017)

Chrysanthemum Building | Boston, MA

Holcim Design Award for Sustainable Construction - Acknowledgement Prize, North America (2014)

Soft House | IBA Hamburg, DE

Boston Society of Architects Housing Design Award (2014)

Architizer A+ Awards Jury Winner, Residential Low-Rise (2013)

Boston Society of Architects Honor Award for Design Excellence (2013)

AIA New England Award for Design Excellence (2013)

Eastman Theatre Renovation & Expansion | University of Rochester, NY
AIA NY State Design Merit Award (2012)
Preservation League of NY State Excellence in Historic Preservation Award (2102)
Rochester Regional Community Design Center, Robert Macon Award for Innovation (2011)
Landmark Society of Western NY Barber Conable Award (2011)
AIA Rochester Design Excellence Award (2011)
AIA Rochester Design Mayor's Award (2011)
AIA Rochester Design Citation of Merit (2010)

Williams Prize Laureate | Lehigh University
Outstanding Work in Writing and Performance (2006)

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

GSD PLATFORM 5 Exhibit | Harvard University Graduate School of Design (2013)
Off-Line/On-Point: GSD Pavilion Program Finalists Exhibit | 40 Kirkland Gallery (2012)
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(Re)Fabricating Tectonic Prototypes | Harvard University Graduate School of Design (2012)
Juried Student Exhibition | Lehigh University Department of Art & Architecture (2006)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Shell House | Roxbury, NY
Dezeen.com
AIA Chicago Architect (May 2020)

Tozzer Anthropology Library | Harvard University
Best 100 Contemporary Buildings, Taschen (2017)
Ecological Urbanism, 4th Revised Edition, Ed. Moshen Mostafavi, Harvard GSD & Lars Muller Publishers (2016)
Modern Steel Construction (2016)
Harvard Gazette (February 2016)
Architizer (September 2015)
Architect's Newspaper (August 2015)
ID+C Magazine
Details, Korea (Issue #40)
ArchDaily.com
Bustler.com
Dezeen.com
Gooood.hk
Chrysanthemum Building | Boston, MA
ArchDaily (September 2014)

Architect (September 2014)

Bustler (September 2014)

Meister Consulting Group | Boston, MA

DesignBoom.com (April 2016)

Soft House | IBA Hamburg

Architecture Magazine (February 2015)

Bracket [Goes Soft], Actar Publishers (2012)

Architecture & Detail Magazine (2015)

Architect Magazine (April 2013)

Architecture Magazine (March 2013)

Architect Magazine (August 2011)

DesignBoom.com

GSD Platform 5 (2012)

Featured Project

VIEW on Harvard (2011)

Featured Project

VIEW on Harvard (2010)

Featured Project

The Lehigh Review (2006)

“Complexities, Contradictions and the Vanna Venturi House”

PAST PROFESSIONAL:

Kennedy & Violich Architecture | Boston, MA | 2012-2017

CJS Architects | Rochester, NY | 2008-2009; 2010

L.R. Kimball | Philadelphia, PA | 2006-2008

Mitchell Construction | Rochester, NY | 2005; 2006