

ALEXANDRA SHEETS SAIKLEY

EDUCATION

- 1988 - 1990 **University of California, Berkeley**
Master of Architecture. Thesis on architecture for tourism and preservation. Focus on housing, health care facilities and third world development. Studied under Christopher Alexander, Michael Pyatok, Sandy Hirshen.
- 1980 - 1983 **Wellesley College / Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. Concentration in Photography at M.I.T.'s Creative Photography Laboratory.

ARCHITECTURAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1999 - present **Saikley Architects** **Alameda CA**
Principal and founder. The main focus is single family and small multi-family residential projects, both new construction and remodel/additions; other projects include childcare centers, commercial, office and industrial projects. Real estate development consulting and entitlement consulting. Built a collaborative team in-house and across an extended community. Developed all the project management and business systems of the firm. Saikley Architects has done over 500 projects in 50 Bay Area jurisdictions. See www.saikleyarchitects.com.
- 1997 - 1998 **The Cohousing Company and Spaces for Children** **Berkeley CA**
Project Architect/Project Manager: CoHousing projects throughout the US, childcare centers throughout the US, childcare furniture design, schools, and single-family residences. Detailed interior design, programming, and feasibility studies for childcare centers. Consensus-building meetings with client user groups at CoHousing projects, childcare centers and schools. Housing & childcare development consulting, site searches, feasibility studies, entitlement consulting and master planning.
- 1995 - 1996 **Carey & Co. Architecture** **San Francisco CA**
Project Architect/Project Manager. Historic preservation projects: San Francisco City Hall, San Francisco Department of Public Works at Civic Center, International House at UC Berkeley, Galileo High School in San Francisco, First Unitarian Church of Oakland, Lyndon Bandstand Cupola restoration in Los Gatos, single family residences. Research, manage team and writing of Historic Structures Reports.
- 1991 - 1994 **Lerner & Nathan Architects** **San Francisco, CA**
Project Architect/Project Manager: Affordable housing and mixed-use projects for Housing Development & Neighborhood Preservation Corporation in San Francisco, Tenderloin Housing Clinic in San Francisco, and San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. Homeless shelters in San Francisco for Mother Teresa's Catholic Sisters of Charity. Saint Paulus Church restorations and related social service center. Remodels at Saint Elizabeth's Infant Hospital, San Francisco. Consensus-building with client user groups and neighborhood groups. Site assessments, feasibility studies and master planning. Design for addition to the Alameda County Courthouse which received an award from the California Preservation Foundation. Specialties in historic preservation and design for disabled accessibility.

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- 1990 - 1991 **Burks-Toma Architects** **Berkeley CA**
Job Captain: Renovation and additions to single-family homes for Berkeley
Redevelopment Agency revitalization project for low-income housing.
- 1989 - 1990 **College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley**
Graduate Student Instructor for an introductory architecture studio and a drawing and
design studio. Led classes; ran reviews; gave lectures; programmed classes.
- 1983 – 1990 **Bill Coburn Architect (Berkeley CA)**
Morimoto Architects (Berkeley CA)
Shakespeare-Burns Architects (Berkeley CA)
Ancona & Associates, Exhibit Designers (San Francisco CA)
The Woods Group Architects (San Francisco CA)
Pisani & Associates Architects (Boston MA)
Job Captain at several firms: Multi-family and single-family residential, commercial,
industrial, hotel, restaurant, hospital and exhibit projects.

ADVOCACY, VOLUNTEER WORK & PERSONAL WORK

- Developing and managing a small residential rental property, 2018-present
- Letters and speaking to city and county officials on streamlining approval of affordable housing and modifications that result in lowering the carbon footprint of existing and new buildings, ongoing
- On Advisory Board, participate in student reviews, and advise students at Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill CA, 2018-present
- Mentoring high school and college students interested in architecture, ongoing
- Talk at American Institute of Architects (AIA), *Getting Beyond One: How to Grow a Small Practice*, 2019
- Participated in Agile ADU, an AIA research project to inform policy on ADU's, 2018
- Co-founded and administered an arts education program in the Alameda public schools, 2007-2010
- Construction work on renovation of own two houses, 1990-2002
- Teaching art and design to children in schools, camps, and social service centers, 1985-2015
- Qigong teacher at Wen Wu School, El Cerrito CA, 2001-present

Licensed Architect in California, 1992, #C.23195.