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Employment

9/85 - present **Princeton Design Guild** | www.pdguild.com
Founder, Managing Partner, Director of Design

Education

1991 **Yale University, New Haven, CT**
MA - School of Architecture
Thesis: Design for an Arts & Crafts Guild, On a Farm in Rural New Jersey

1983 **Princeton University, Princeton, NJ**
BA - School of Architecture
Thesis: Collective Survival in the Manhattan Grid: A Plan for the Future of Off Broadway Theater

1975 **Trinity School, New York City, NY**
Diploma
Senior Project: Trinity Experimental Theater: Design and Construction (75 seat capacity)

Licenses

NJ Registered Architect # 21AI01299600
PA Registered Architect # RA407297
NCARB Certification #69611
NJ Certified Interior Designer # 21ID00022100
NJ Uniform Construction Code #4660

- Construction Official
- Building Subcode Official
- Building Inspector RCS

Home Improvement Contractor #13VH00639700
New Home Builder NJDCA #057557

Municipal

1991-1994 **Building Inspector, Princeton Township, Princeton, NJ**

2003 – 2006 **Architect, Princeton Township Affordable Housing Board, Princeton, NJ**

2008 – 2012 **Princeton Borough Councilman, Borough of Princeton, Princeton, NJ**
Elected Municipal Official
Council President 2011
Police Commissioner 2010-2012
Consolidated Princeton Mayoral Candidate 2012

Academic

2014 - 2017 **Princeton University, Princeton NJ**
Guest Lecturer
Art 250: Architecture, Globalization & the Environment
“Gentrification at Princeton”

Academic (cont'd)

- 2008 **National Institute of Health, Seventeenth Annual NICHD Fellows Retreat**
Airlie Center, Warrenton, Virginia
Friday Keynote Speaker: “Quark Park: The Solace of Vacant Spaces”
- 1986 - 2004 **New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ**
Adjunct and Special Lecturer, School of Architecture
Design Critic for Fifth and Second Year Studios
Coordinator of Second Year Core Architectural Design Studios 94-96
Lecturer in Construction II Spring 2004
- 1984 **University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture, Philadelphia, PA**
Visiting Lecturer
Seminar on Theater Architecture

Awards

- 2020 **Master Design Award - Gold**
Qualified Remodeler Magazine
Category: Whole House more than \$700,000 – Drakes Corner Road
- 2019 **Big 50 – Remodeling Magazine**
Princeton Design Guild was selected as one of the top 50 Remodeling firms in America, the only firm selected from New Jersey that year.
- 2010 **Eddie C. Moore Award**
For dedication and advocacy to improve the lives of persons with disabilities.
Community Options, Inc.
- 2008 **Citizen Architect – Recognition of Service**
For dedication and service to the Community and good work in the civic realm.
American Institute of Architects
- 2008 **Excellence in Redevelopment**
“*Quark Park*”, Princeton, NJ
Downtown New Jersey Inc.
- 2006 **Outstanding Implementation – Short Term Project**
American Planning Association / New Jersey Chapter
“*Quark Park*”, Princeton, NJ
- 2006 **Design Merit Award**
American Institute of Architects / New Jersey Chapter
“*Quark Park*”, Princeton, NJ
- 2005 **AIA NJ Smart Growth Award, Creative Initiative**
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
“*Writers Block*”, Princeton, NJ
- 2004 **Honor Award for Built Project,**
American Institute of Architects / New Jersey Chapter
“*Writers Block*”, Princeton, NJ

Awards (cont'd)

- 2000 **“Best of the Best” - Excellence Award**
“The Frog and the Peach Restaurant”
Downtown New Jersey, Inc.
- 1995 **Finalist, Competition for Architectural Services**
Edison National Historic Site, Visitor Center
- 1988 **Fellowship, Design Arts/Architecture**
New Jersey State Council on the Arts
- 1984 **Young Architects Competition, Honorable Mention**
Architectural League of New York
- 1984 **Third Place Winner**
Newport News Cultural Arts Pavilion

Publications

- 2023 “The Paul Robeson House: A community rallies around restoration, memory, and history”
The Daily Princetonian, January 11, 2023
- 2021 “Dramatic Solutions: Dramatic Exposure”
Design Solutions, *Qualified Remodeler Magazine*, February 2021
- 2020 “35th Anniversary for Princeton Design Guild”
Town Topics, February 19, 2020
- 2007 “Design Profile – Quark Park”
Context, Journal of ALA Philadelphia, Spring 2007, page 60
- 2006 “Science Comes to Life in a Park Full of Surprises”
The New York Times, Sunday, October 22, 2006
- 2006 “Art, Science Thrive in Garden”
The New York Times, Living Section, September 5, 2006, Front page
- 2005 “Remembrance Fountain”
Time Off – Packet Publications, September 30, 2005
- 2004 “Writers Block”
Architectural Record, October 2004, page 42
- 2003 “Building a Grand Veranda”
Best of Fine Homebuilding, compilation book and CD-ROM by Taunton Press
- 2001 “For the Love of Art”
Design NJ, Spring 2001, page 65-70
- 2000 “Building a Grand Veranda”
Fine Homebuilding, July 2000, Front Cover and pp. 106-109
- 1998 “Evolution of an Ideal: The Princeton Design Guild”
Nouveau, May 1998, Front Cover and pp. 98-103

Publications (cont'd)

- 1998 "Finishing Touches"
Fine Homebuilding Annual Issue on Houses, Summer 1998, p. 120
- 1997 "A New Jersey Teahouse"
Fine Homebuilding, June-July 1997, pp. 86-89
- 1989 "Kevin Wilkes: Double Life of a Princeton Prefab"
Architectural Digest, April 1989, pp. 102-106
- 1988 "Wilkes Awarded Grant to Design Housing"
Princeton Packet, 29 July, 1988, Front page
- 1985 *Modest Mansions: Design Ideas for Luxurious Living in Less Space*
Prowler, D., Rodale Press, 1985
- 1985 "Young Architect Turns a Nightmare to a Dream House"
Trenton Times, Living Section, 8 October, Front page.

Community Service

- 2024 – present **Nakashima Foundation for Peace**
Board Member
Chair – Peace Table Committee
- 2007 – 2021 **Paul Robeson House of Princeton**
Board Member
Architect for the Reconstruction of Paul Robeson's birthplace
- 2013 – 2019 **Princeton Senior Resource Center**
Board Member
Chair: Facilities and Building Committee
Completed Project – Moving PSRC into new facilities in 2022 at Poor Farm Road
- 2004 - 2022 **Princeton Future**
Director: Council of Princeton Future
President: 2016-2020
Chair: Development and Fundraising Committee
Co-Author: Witherspoon Street Corridor Study 2005
Convener: Merwick Planning Charrette 2006
- 2004 **Princeton Occasions, Inc**
A NJ non-profit
Founder - President
First project – Writers Block 2004
Second Project – Quark Park 2006
Design and construction of special event gardens featuring local art and architecture talent and collaborations with artists, academics, builders, landscapers and enthusiasts
- 2005 **Princeton Parks Alliance, Inc**
Co-Founding member
Civic group created to revitalize Princeton area parks.
Architect: Princeton Battle Monument Lighting Project