

Robert B. Simmons AIA LEED AP

EXPERIENCE

Founding Principal | SimmonsSTUDIO Architects LLC

1987 to Present

Founded a new idea-based practice focused on an innovative methodology for creating and designing places and buildings. The firm employs a goal-based strategy that seeks measurable results in the end product and explores new ways to create outstanding architecture and to go beyond the standards of the profession.

Principal + Partner | Shepley Bulfinch

2017 - 2019

Principal for national higher education and healthcare design firm, responsible for expanding the firms strengths in the campus life sector, and focusing on high-performance sustainability+wellness.

Principal + Partner | Bruner/Cott and Associates Inc

1987 - 2016

Key member of the firm's nationally recognized higher education practice, with a strong focus on campus life projects in all phases of design as well as leadership. Served as a Principal for five years and an Owner for three. Guided the higher education team's creative development and execution. Participated in the strategic decision-making and management of the firm. Played an extensive role in business development and marketing efforts, and contributed significantly in creating the firm's national campus life design presence and reputation.

REGISTRATIONS

MA TX TN NCARB

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture, Carnegie Mellon University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AIA American Institute of Architects

LEED AP Leadership in Energy + Environmental Design

WELL (pending) International WELL Building Institute

ILFI International Living Futures Institute

SCUP Society of College + University Planners

NACAS National Association of College Auxiliary Services

ACUI Association of College Unions International

NACUFS National Association of College and University Food Service;

NCARB National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

MAJOR WORKS

Higher Education | Campus Life

2018 • University of Massachusetts, Student Union, Amherst MA

2017 • University of Tennessee, West Campus Dining Commons, Knoxville TN

2015 • University of Massachusetts, Blue Wall Dining Commons, Amherst MA

2015 • University of Georgia, Bolton Dining Commons, Athens GA

2014 • Vanderbilt University, Alumni Hall, Nashville, TN

2012 • Dartmouth College, Class of 1953 Dining Commons, Hanover NH

2010 • Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Allentown PA

2007 • Vanderbilt University, Commons Center, Nashville TN

2005 • Colby College, Roberts Hall Dining Facility, Waterville ME

2002 • University of Chicago, Bartlett Dining Commons, Chicago IL

2000 • Vanderbilt University, Sarratt Student Center, Nashville TN

- 1999 • Harvard University, Kirkland & Eliot House Dining Renovation
- 1996 • Harvard University, Memorial Hall Renovation (with VSBA)
- 1992 • MIT, Walker Memorial Dining Hall, Cambridge MA
- 1991 • MIT, Faculty Club, Cambridge MA

Commercial | Healthcare

- 2016 • Brigham & Women's Hospital, Garden Cafe@ 75 Francis, Boston MA
- 2015 • Brigham & Women's Hospital, Historic Rotunda, Boston MA
- 2015 • Channel Center, Fort Point Channel, Boston MA
- 2000 • Landmark Center, Boston MA (1.5M sf)
- 1998 • The Watertown Arsenal, Watertown MA

Arts | Performance | Cultural

- 2011 • Seattle Pacific University, New Hall, Seattle WA (with Miller Hull)
- Various • Mass MoCA Museum, Various, North Adams MA

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Housing

- 2015 • The Viridian at 1282 Boylston Street, Boston MA (342 units)
- 2004 • Channel Center, Fort Point Channel, Boston MA (120 units+ retail)
- 1997 • Anna Bissonette House, Boston, MA (40 units)
- 1992 • Golda Meir House I and II, Newton MA (199 units)
- 1989 • Mystic View, Somerville Housing Authority, Somerville MA (215 units)
- 1988 • Evergreen Condominiums, Quincy MA (1,000 units)

UNBUILT WORK | INVITED COMPETITIONS

- 2018 • Dartmouth College, Irving Institute for Energy+ Society
- 2018 • Bowdoin College, Arctic Museum+ Academic Building
- 2015 • Emory University, Campus Life Center, Atlanta GA
- 2015 • University of the South Sewanee, University Commons, Sewanee TN
- 2014 • Lehigh University Commons, Lehigh PA

MEDIA: TALK + PRINT

- 2017 • **Healthcare Symposium and Expo** • Orlando FL • Food for Health: A Major Medical Campus' Long View of the Food Experience
- 2017 • **National Association of College Auxiliary Services** • San Antonio TX • FutureFood: Designing the Future of the Campus Dining Experience
- 2015 • **HX The Hotel Experience** • New York, NY • Bienvenu: Foodservice Pioneering Concept of the Year
- 2015 • **National Association of College Auxiliary Services** • Montreal, CA • A Tale of Two Campuses: Vanderbilt and UMass Amherst
- 2014 • **ABX: Architecture Boston Experience** • Boston, MA • Strategies for Transformative Reuse: Vanderbilt and Lesley University

2009 • **SCUP** • **Society of College and University Planners** • Montreal, CA • The Commons at Vanderbilt: An Innovative First-Year Living and Learning University Community

AWARDS | HONORS

IIDA New England • BlueWall Commons, UMass Amherst • Educational Interiors Award

American School & University • UMASS Amherst, BlueWall Dining Commons • Top Collegiate Design Award, Educational Interiors

College Planning & Management • UMass BlueWall Dining Commons • Outstanding Design Award

College Planning & Management • Univ. of Georgia, Bolton Commons • Outstanding Design Award

HX: Hotel Experience 2015 • Bienvenu • Winner, Foodservice Pioneering Concept

Learning by Design • Univ. of Georgia, Bolton Commons • Outstanding Project Award

Learning by Design • UMass Amherst, BlueWall Commons • Outstanding Project Award

Nashville Metropolitan Historical Commission • Vanderbilt University Alumni Hall • Preservation Award

ACUI • Vanderbilt University, Alumni Hall • Facility Design Award of Excellence

Building Design & Construction • Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union • Silver Award, Reconstruction

Urban Land Institute / ULI Nashville • Vanderbilt University, Commons Center • Excellence in Development Award

ACUI • Vanderbilt University, Commons Center • Facility Design Award

Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation • University of Florida, Ustler Hall / Center for Women's Studies • Preservation Award

USGBC • Vanderbilt University Commons Center • Green Star Award for Sustainable Design

American Institute for Architects • University of Chicago, Bartlett Commons • Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture

Boston Society of Architects • Channel Center • Housing Award Citation

Boston Society of Architects • Landmark Center • Honor Award Citation

ACUI • University of Chicago, Bartlett Commons • Facility Design Award

Boston Society of Architects • University of Chicago, Bartlett Commons • Higher Education Facilities Award

Boston Society of Architects • University of Chicago, Bartlett Commons • Honor Award

Massachusetts Historical Commission • Landmark Center • Preservation Award

American Institute of Architects • Watertown Arsenal • AIA New England, Special Award for Excellence in Architecture

Boston Preservation Alliance • Landmark Center • Preservation Achievement Award

AIA • Vanderbilt University, Sarratt Student Center • Middle Tennessee Chapter, Architectural Design Award

AIA • Harvard University, Memorial Hall • AIA Honor Award for Architecture

Boston Society of Architects • Anna Bissonnette House • Honor Award for Design Excellence

AIA • Mystic View Apartments • AIA New England for Excellence in Architecture

CONCENTRATIONS

Campus Life and Dining

Transformative Re-Design

High-Performance Buildings

Urban Housing

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