

Resumé:

Kim Yao, FAIA

Education

Princeton University, School of Architecture
Master of Architecture

Columbia College: Columbia University
Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, Cum Laude

Registration

Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Washington D.C., and
Washington State
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Experience

Architecture Research Office, Principal

Selected Teaching

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lecturer, 2023-2025.
Columbia University, GSAPP, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2016-2019.
Barnard College: Columbia University, Adjunct Assistant Professor,
2001-2011.
Parsons School of Design, Visiting Professor, Fall 2009 and 2010.

Selected Lectures and Talks

“Advocating for Practical Policy: A Conversation on All-Gender
Bathrooms.” AIANY Interiors Committee and LGBTQIA+ Alliance.
Panelist. December 2, 2025.
“Risk - What is it Worth?” AIANY Future of Practice Symposium.
Panelist. November 15, 2025.
“Architecture. Research. Office.” Oklahoma State University.
September 10, 2025.
“Two Timber Tales.” AIA Westchester/Hudson Valley. September 1, 2025.
“Curiosity with a Method.” AIA Tennessee State Conference Keynote.
August 6, 2025.
“Art & Landscape at Olana.” Frederic Church Center for Art and
Landscape, Olana. June 14, 2025.
“Architecture. Research. Office.” Drury University Librarium Lecture.
April 27, 2025.
“Dia Chelsea with Architecture Research Office.” Madame Architect
Presents. April 16, 2025.
“Scaling up Circularity.” Design for Freedom Summit. Moderator.
March 27, 2025.
“Architecture. Research. Office.” Syracuse University, NYC: In Practice.
October 29, 2024.
“Architecture. Research. Office.” Cornell University, L. Michael Goldsmith
Lecture. September 25, 2024.

“Architecture Research Office.” *I Would Prefer Not To Podcast*. Guest. June 17, 2024.

“Strengthening Campus and Community in Tacoma: Timber, History, and Mission.” Society for College and University Planning Pacific Regional Conference. March 2024.

“Curiosity with a Method.” Lawrence Technological University. February 13, 2024.

“Parallels and Intersections.” MIT Ahmad Tehrani Symposium. October 19, 2023.

“Principles in Practice.” Bakehouse Art Complex. October 12, 2023.

“Inquiry + Intuition.” University of Miami Tecnoglass Lecture Series. October, 11, 2023.

“Strengthening Campus and Community in Tacoma: Timber, History, and Mission.” Society for College and University Planning National Conference. July 31, 2023.

“Mithun, Firm of the Year.” AIA Conference on Architecture. Moderator. June 9, 2023.

“Sustainability and Community.” Building HueSpaces. Panelist. May 11, 2023.

“Dia Chelsea: Engaging Art and Architecture.” Building Museums Symposium. March 13, 2023.

“Nourishing Firms and Families Side by Side.” Disrupt Symposium. March 8, 2023.

“Alchemy of a Team: Achieving Collaborative Culture Gold on UW Tacoma’s New Interdisciplinary Building.” Design-Building Conference & Expo 2022. Panelist. November 3, 2022.

“Inquiry + Intuition: A Research-Based Model of Practice.” AIA Puerto Rico Conference. October 15, 2022.

“Two Timber Tales: Supporting Institutional Missions from Coast to Coast.” TimberCon. September 28, 2022.

“Dia Chelsea: Engaging Art and Architecture.” AIANY Cultural Facilities Committee. Panelist. February 3, 2022.

“A Place for Everyone.” *American Building Podcast*. Guest. July 12, 2021.

“Selling Sustainability to Your Clients.” AIA Conference on Architecture Keynote. Panelist. July 8, 2021.

“Transforming the Business of Design.” AIA Conference on Architecture Keynote. Panelist. June 17, 2021.

“ARO, Firm of the Year.” AIA Committee on Design. May 5, 2021.

“Strong Leaders in Tumultuous Times.” AIA Long Island. Panelist. December 18, 2020.

“NYLON #18: The Changing Face of Cities.” Panelist. November 18, 2020.

“Advocacy in Architecture.” AIANY Women in Architecture Leadership Breakfast. October 16, 2020.

“DesignBiz Instagram Live.” *Interior Design*, with Cindy Allen. October 8, 2020.

“NYCHA’s Blueprint for Change.” AIANY. Moderator. October 8, 2020.

“Principles, Process and People.” AIA Philadelphia Forum on Design. October 8, 2020.

“Visualize NYC 2021: Expanding Public Realm.” AIANY. Speaker. October 6, 2020.

“Advocacy in Architecture.” Perspective Virtual Conference 2020, *The Plan Magazine*. June 16, 2020.

“Practice, Pandemic and the Profession.” Columbia University Center for Buildings, Infrastructure and Public Space. June 2, 2020.

“Materials in Times of Change.” Knoll Design Days Panel. May 22, 2020.

“Allies for Women in Architecture.” AIANY Panel. Moderator. February 26, 2020.

“Terms of Engagement.” Dallas Architecture Forum. October 23, 2019.

“Leaning Out III: Women in Architecture and Education.” AIANY Global Dialogues. November 11, 2015.

“Thinking Making.” University of New Mexico. September 25, 2015.

“Architecture Research Office 2033.” AIANY Oberfield Lecture. September 9, 2014.

“Research in Practice.” AIA LA Design Conference. September 5, 2014.

Hong Kong & Shenzhen Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture, West Kowloon, Hong Kong. February 18, 2012.

Selected Professional Service

- Member, New York State Commission on the Restoration of the Capitol, 2024-Present
- Secretary, Center for Architecture Executive Committee, 2023-Present.
- Trustee, Center for Architecture, 2022-Present.
- Member, Design for Freedom, Working Group, 2021-Present.
- Member, AIANY Advocacy Committee, 2019-Present.
- Juror, AIA Brooklyn, 2025.
- Juror, Georgia Tech Portman Studio, 2025.
- Juror, Drury University Librarium Design Competition, 2024.
- Juror, AIANY Postcard Design Competition, 2024.
- Juror, AIA Seattle, 2024.
- Juror, AIANY Recipe for a Room Contest, 2024.
- Juror, AIA Central States Design Awards, 2024.
- Juror, IIDA Interior Design Competition, 2024.
- Juror, AIA Puerto Rico, 2022.
- Juror, AIA Cincinnati, 2022.
- Juror, AIA Connecticut, 2022.
- Juror, AIA Dallas Built Design Awards, 2022.
- Juror, AIA St. Louis Design Awards, 2022.
- Chair, AIA Pennsylvania Design Awards, 2021.
- Head Juror, AIA Potomac Design Awards, 2021.
- Juror, AIA Los Angeles Design Awards, 2021.
- Juror, AIA Houston Design Awards, 2021.
- Juror, Architect’s Newspaper “Best of Practice” Inaugural Awards 2021.
- Chair, AIANY Nominating Committee, 2021.

- Immediate Past President, AIANY, 2021.
- Chair, AIANY Honors & Awards Committee, 2020.
- Chair, AIA National Architecture and 25-Year Building Awards, 2020.
- Juror, Times Square Valentine Heart Design Competition, 2020.
- Juror, IIDA Best of Asia Pacific Design Awards, 2020.
- Opening Address, UN World Habitat Day, “Post-Pandemic Cities”, October 5, 2020.
- Juror, AIA Northwest and Pacific Region Firm and Emerging Firm Awards, 2020.
- Juror, AIA Illinois Honor Awards, 2020.
- President, AIANY, 2020.
- Chair, *Docomomo* US Awards, 2020.
- Advisor, Building Energy Exchange Architects Advisory Council, 2020.
- President-Elect, AIANY, 2019.
- Chair, AIANY Advocacy Committee, 2019.
- Juror, AIA San Francisco Design Awards, 2019.
- Juror, AIA Peconic, 2019.
- Juror, BWAf Built By Women Los Angeles, 2019.
- Juror, AIA Chicago Design Awards, 2019.
- Vice President of Public Outreach, AIANY, 2017-2018.
- Juror, AIA Minnesota Design Awards, 2018.
- Jury Chair, AIA St. Louis Design Awards, 2018.
- Juror, AIA California Council Design Awards, 2017.
- Juror, *Contract* Interiors Awards, 2017.
- Juror, *Architect* Magazine P/A Awards, 2016.
- Juror, AIA Birmingham, AL Awards, 2013.
- Juror, AIA Eastern TN Awards, 2013.
- Juror, AIA Peconic Awards, 2013.

**Selected Awards,
Exhibits & Publications**

- National Academy of Design, Elected 2025.
- *Architecture. Research. Office.* (Artbook | D.A.P. and DelMonico Books) 2023.
- AIA Washington Council Civic Design Merit Award, 2023 (UWT Milgard Hall).
- DBIA National Award of Merit, 2023. (UWT Milgard Hall).
- AIANY Architecture Honor Award, 2022 (Dia Chelsea).
- AIA DC Chapter Award, Interior Architecture, 2022 (Knoll DC).
- Residential Design Architecture Awards, Citation, 2022 (Bucks County Residence).
- Mentorship Award, Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, 2021.
- Medal of Honor, AIANY, 2021.
- *Maintaining Optimism*, Madame Architect, December 1, 2020.
- Architecture Firm Award, AIA National, 2020.
- AN Interior Top 50 Design Firm, *The Architect's Newspaper*, 2020.
- Firm of the Year Award, AIA New York State, 2018.
- Library Interior Design Award, ALA/IIDA, 2020 (Tate Library).

- AIA Baltimore President's Award, 2019.
- Primary/Secondary Education Award, NYCxDDesign, 2019 (Tate Library).
- Calibre Design Award, IIDA Southern California, 2018 (Knoll LA).
- *OfficeUS Manual*, Lars Müller Publishers, 2017.
- Award for Education, NYCxDDesign, 2017 (Upper Learning Building).
- Merit Award, AIA Rhode Island, 2017 (Applied Math Building).
- *Designed for the Future*, Princeton Architectural Press, 2015.
- Merit Award, AIA New Orleans, 2015 (Barabara Greenbaum House).
- *Letter to the Mayor*, Storefront for Art and Architecture, 2014.
- National Honor Award for Interior Architecture, AIA, 2014 (Knoll, Inc.).
- *Interior Design Best of Year Award*, 2013 (Knoll, Inc.).
- *Clog: Brutalism*, 2013 (Friedman Study Center).
- American Institute of Architects' *The Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*, 15th Edition, contributing author, 2013.
- Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Architecture, 2011.
- American Architecture Award, Chicago Athenaeum, 2010.
(Five Principles for Greenwich South).
- Architecture Award, The American Academy of Arts and Letters, 2010.
- P/A Award for Planning and Urban Design, *Architect Magazine*
(Five Principles for Greenwich South).
- Honor Award for Regional and Urban Planning, AIA National
(Five Principles for Greenwich South).
- American Library Association/International Interior Design
Association, Best of Category, Small Academic Libraries, 2008
(Friedman Study Center).
- Honor Award for Interior Architecture, AIANY, 2008 (Friedman Study
Center).
- Design Award, *Contract Magazine*, 2008 (Friedman Study Center).

Selected Projects

- Harvard Medical School, West Commons, Boston, MA, current.
- Saint Ann's School, 142 Pierrepont Adaptive Reuse, Brooklyn, NY,
current.
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Expansion, New York, NY, current.
- Innovation District Park Pavilion, Providence, RI, current.
- Dickinson College, Holland Union Building, Carlisle, PA, current.
- ARO Collection for FilzFelt, current.
- The Green-House at Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY, 2025.
- The Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape, Olana State
Historic Site, Hudson, NY, 2024.
- Barnard College, Center for the Study of Child Development, 2023.
- Pace University, 15 Beekman Street, New York, NY, 2023.
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York, NY, 2023.
- Dia Art Foundation: Soho, New York, NY and Beacon, NY, 2022.
- University of Washington Tacoma, Milgard Hall, Tacoma, WA, 2022.
- Knoll Showroom and Office, Washington D.C., 2021.

- Dia Art Foundation: Chelsea, New York, NY, 2021.
- Bucks County Residence, PA, 2019.
- Casper Headquarters, New York, NY, 2019.
- Casper San Francisco Labs, CA, 2019.
- Brown University, 164 Angell Street, Providence, RI, 2019.
- Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Tate Library, Bronx, NY, 2018.
- Connecticut House, CT, 2018.
- The Flea Theater, New York, NY, 2017.
- Four Freedoms Park Visitor Center, New York, NY, 2017.
- New York Quarterly Meeting, Planning Study, New York, NY, 2017.
- Mammoth House, CA, 2017.
- Knoll Showrooms and Offices: San Francisco, CA; Houston, TX; Los Angeles, CA; Philadelphia, PA, 2014-2017.
- Riverdale Country School, Upper Learning Building, Bronx, NY, 2016.
- Brown University, Applied Math Building, Providence, RI, 2015.
- Tulane University, Barbara Greenbaum House, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
- Knoll Showroom, Offices and Shop, New York NY, 2013.
- Lake House, MN, 2013.
- Rising Currents: A New Urban Ground, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, 2010.
- Greenwich South Study, Downtown Alliance, New York, NY, 2009.
- New York University, Institute of Fine Arts, New York, NY, 2008.
- Brown University, Friedman Study Center, Providence, RI, 2006.