



Yvonne Szeto FAIA, LEED Partner

Yvonne Szeto joined the firm in 1977 and became a partner in 1999. Over four decades of service, she has played a central role in advancing the firm's tradition of well-crafted public works, gaining national recognition as a designer of academic and cultural institutions while extending the firm's global reach with major corporate projects in Asia and Australia. Her extensive and diverse portfolio of built work illustrates her commitment to creating buildings that engender meaning and identity, respect the human scale, and serve their users.

Ms. Szeto has served as lead designer of numerous civic, institutional, cultural, academic, and corporate headquarters projects, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, OECD Headquarters in Paris, NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, and Charles Darwin Centre, the Paspaley Pearls headquarters in Darwin, Australia. Her Minmetals Financial Center is currently under way in Shenzhen, China.

Ms. Szeto's Spencer Museum of Art project, recently opened at the University of Kansas, reinvents the museum's galleries, study center, and public spaces to further its mission as a teaching facility and community resource. Her most recently completed headquarters project—the award-winning Bank of China at 7 Bryant Park in New York—has been celebrated for engaging the public realm even as it fulfills its exacting corporate program. And her latest academic buildings—CUNY BMCC's Fiterman Hall and Fordham University's School of Law & McKeon Residence Hall—have advanced thinking about the vertical academic campus: both projects received the Excelsior Award for Public Architecture from the AIA New York State chapter.

SELECTED PROJECTS

1271 Avenue of the Americas—Rockefeller Center Concourse Repositioning New York, in progress

200 West Street Entry Upgrades New York, in progress

Georgetown University Law Center Washington, DC, in progress

Project Unicorn Kansas City, Missouri, in progress

Spencer Museum of Art Renovations, The University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas, phase I completed 2016, phase II 2022

Minmetals Financial Center Shenzhen, China, 2020

SXSW Center: South by Southwest Headquarters Austin, Texas, 2019

Melbourne Intergenerational Living/Learning Center Melbourne, Australia, design completed 2019

Curtis Suzhou Suzhou, China, schematic design completed 2019

Bank of China at 7 Bryant Park New York, 2017

The Charles Darwin Centre Darwin, Australia, 2015

School of Law and McKeon Residence Hall Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus New York, 2014

Daniel K. Inouye Center for Democratic Leadership, University of Hawaii at Manoa Honolulu, conceptual design completed 2014

Miles and Shirley Fiterman Hall, City University of New York, Borough of Manhattan Community College New York, 2012

Registered Architect

Connecticut, Hawaii, Georgia, Kansas, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington D.C., NSW (Australia)

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects, Fellow

United States Green Building Council:
LEED-Accredited Professional

National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS

AIANY Design Awards Committee, 2013–14

AIANY Nominating Committee, elected by
chapter members, 2011

Harvard Graduate School of Design Alumni
Council, 2010–

Harvard Design Magazine, Practitioners'
Advisory Board, 2005–12

University of Minnesota School of
Architecture, Advisory Board, 2005–07

ACADEMIC AWARDS

AIA Medal & Certificate of Merit, 1977

R. Czerny Thesis Award, 1977

SELECTED DESIGN AWARDS JURIES

The Chicago Athenaeum, International
Architecture Awards, Jury, 2013

AIA Cleveland, Ohio Chapter Honor Awards,
Jury Chair, 2003

AIA Charlotte, North Carolina Chapter
Honor Awards, Jury Chair, 2000

200 West Street: Goldman Sachs Global Headquarters New York, 2010

NASCAR Hall of Fame Charlotte, North Carolina, 2010

Spencer Museum of Art Expansion, The University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas, master plan completed 2010

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Kansas City, 2008

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Headquarters Paris, 2008

Institute for Critical Technology & Applied Science, Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Virginia, 2008

ABN AMRO Bank Head Office Amsterdam, phase I: 1999, phase II: 2006

International Monetary Fund Headquarters 2 Washington, 2005

Edmund D. Bossone Research Enterprise Center, Drexel University Philadelphia, 2005

Beijing Central Business District Core Beijing, master plan completed 2004

Illinois State Museum Springfield, Illinois, conceptual design completed 2003

United States Postal Service Redevelopment: Keating Master Plan Philadelphia, master plan completed 2001

Cedar Springs Property Development Dallas, master planning completed 2000

Centura Master Plan Development Dallas, master planning completed 2000

Matsushita Investment & Development: Kyoto Master Plan master plan completed 1997

Third at Mission at Yerba Buena Center San Francisco, design completed 1996

Beatrixkwartier The Hague, preliminary design completed 1996

John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA Los Angeles, 1995

Capella Tower (originally First Bank Place) Minneapolis, 1992

Guggenheim Pavilion, Mount Sinai Medical Center New York, 1992

Friedrichstadt Passagen Berlin, competition, 1991

Grand Louvre Modernization Paris, phase I: 1989

Columbia Square Washington, 1987

Fountain Place (originally Allied Bank Tower) Dallas, 1986

IBM Corporate Office Building (now MasterCard International Global Headquarters) Purchase, New York, 1984

Sunning Plaza Hong Kong, 1982

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Roundtable: Emergence of a Modern Practice
Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2017

Ten Years after 9/11: The Rebirth of BMCC's Fiterman Hall
Society for College & University Planning North Atlantic Regional Conference, 2012

The Art of Place Making
Keynote Speech, Beijing International Conference on Tongzhou New Town Planning, 2010

Sustainability: Aesthetics and Pleasurability
Harvard Design Magazine, New York, 2008

Women Design Principals
AIA Women in Architecture Committee, New York, 2008

The Museum Experience: A Public Forum
City of Charlotte, Charlotte Convention Center, 2006

Forum on Gender Bias in Architectural Practice
Harvard Graduate School of Design, 2005

Old Walls, New Walls, Climate Walls
High Performance Green Building Salon, U.S. Green Building Council, New York, 2003

Big & Green: Sustainable Buildings for the 21st Century
National Building Museum, Washington DC, 2003

Exporting High Rise Sustainability
AIA Committee for the Environment, New York, 2001

Why is the Netherlands a Leader in Sustainability?
Panel, AIA Committee on the Environment, New York, 2000

Bilbao: The Transformation of the City
The Art Institute of Chicago, 2000