
James A. Dyck, AIA, LEED AP Architect



Education

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Nebraska @ Lincoln (1967)
Montessori Teacher Training; Certificate, MECA / Seton (1974)
M.S. of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle
(Specialization in Educational Planning) (1976)
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, US Green
Building Council (2008)

Registration

Professional Architect
Nebraska, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Georgia, NCARB

Activities and Organizations

American Institute of Architects representative to the Union of International
Architects, Working Group on Spaces for Education and Culture (2006-2008)
Past President of Rotary Club No. 14, Lincoln, Nebraska (2005-2006)
Current Assistant Governor, District 5650
Past Treasurer, Board of Directors for Child Guidance Center
Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Member, The American Montessori Society (AMS)
Member, Flatwater Chapter of the USGBC (LEED AP)
Past Chair, AIA Committee on Architecture for Education
(CAE) National Leadership Group
Founder, Past Member, Board of Directors, Prairie Hill Learning Center
Founder, Past President, Lincoln Children's Museum
Past President & Member, Board of Directors, Youth Service System

Professional Experience

President, Educational Planner, Architect, The Architectural Partnership
Lincoln, Nebraska (1982-present)
Project Manager, The Clark Enersen Partners
Lincoln, Nebraska (1978-1982)
Instructor: Graduate Level, College of Architecture
University of Nebraska at Lincoln (1982)
Environmental Specialist, U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development (HUD), *Chicago Area Office (1977)*
Self Employed Architect/Consultant; Resource Person with the Illinois
Department of Education; Educational Environment Planning
Consultant *(1976-1978)*
Project Designer/Manager, Lester B. Knight Associates
Chicago, Illinois (1971-1972)
Project Designer, Perkins & Will
Chicago, Illinois (1969-1970)
Project Designer, Walter Hunziker, S.I.A.
Zurich, Switzerland (1969)
Architect in Training under Pierre Zoelly, A.I.A., S.I.A.
Zurich, Switzerland (1968)

Presentations

- 2008 "Classrooms that Support Achievement" on a panel for the American Association of School Administrators, Summer Leadership Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. He represented the American Institute of Architects, Committee on Architecture for Education.
- 2008 "Space, Light, and Color: Designing the Prepared Environment" National AMS Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 "Spatial Constructs That Support Learning" Union of International Architects; Working Group on Spaces for Education and Culture, Toronto, Canada
- 2007 "Ergonomics of Children and Educational Environments", School Building Expo, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2007 "From Idea to Reality: A Step by Step Approach to Facility Improvement" National AMS Conference, New York, New York
- 2006 "Fusion": School Community and Quality Urban Life" Union of International Architects, Working Group on Spaces for Education and Culture, Macau, China
- 2005 "Designing Effect Montessori Learning Enviroments" National AMS Conference Chicago, Illinois
- 2004 "Montessori Architecture", conference of the North American Montessori Teachers Association, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2003 "Montessori Architecture" MECA Clarendon Hills, Illinois
- 2003 "Dreams to Design, a Montessori Facility Planning Primer" American Montessori Society; Covington, KY
- 2001 "The Location (Place) of Learning in Society," AIA, CAE International Conference; Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2000 Rural Schools - A Public Process for International School Design, Schools at the Center; Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2000 "A New Millennium, Century, Year...A New Day," New England School Development Council; Sturbridge, Massachusetts.
- 2000 "Designing the Montessori Learning Environment", American Montessori Society, New York City, NY
- 1999 "Visioning and Planning Schools for the Future," Joint Conferences: AIA Committee on Architecture for Education/Pre-conference, National Association of School Boards, San Francisco, California.
- 1999 "Creating Learning Environments of the Future," Workshop Facilitator, AIA OECD International Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1998 "Changes in Work, Family, and Community - Their Impact on Learning Environments," Facilitator, Council of Educational Facility Planners, International; Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1997 Pre-conference Workshop, "The New High School Facility - Breaking the Box", Presenter, Council of Educational Facility Planners, International; Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1997 "Teaching Activities and Classroom Design", Co-Presenter with Dr. Doug Amedo (Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, University of Nebraska Lincoln), Environmental Design Research Association; Montreal, Canada.
- 1997 "Breaking Ranks", International Special Conference; Council of Educational Facility Planners.
- 1997 "Does the Fat 'L' Make a Better Classroom?", Presenter, National School Board Association; Anaheim, California.
- 1995 "The Case for the 'L' Shaped Classroom", National Association of Elementary School Principals, San Diego, California

Also served as a lecturer and guest critic at the College of Architecture, University of Nebraska Lincoln; College of Community and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkley, California; College of Education, University of Nebraska Kearney; and College of Education, Northwest Missouri State, and Iowa State University.

Attended by Invite

Re-Visioning School Facility Planning and Design for the 21st Century: Creating Optimal Learning Environments. Hosted by the California Department of Education: School Facilities Planning Division (October 2008)

National Symposium on School Design: Schools as Centers of Community. By special invitation from Vice President Al Gore, Washington, D.C.

"Great Schools by Design" The National Architectural Foundation, Washington D.C. (October 2005)

The Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture, Architecture in Education, San Diego, CA (February 2005)

Juries

2003 National Design Competition, American Association of School Administrators

2002 National NSBA Competition

1999 National Design Competition, American Association of School Administrators

1999 National Design Competition, AS&U

Publications

"Montessori Architecture", NAMTA Journal, May 2005

"The Architecture of "Flow"; Observations on what we know about learning and how to design spaces where it happens, Public School Montessorian Winter Issue, 2004

"Activity Enhancing Arenas of Designs: A Case Study of the Classroom Layout", Journal of Architecture and Planning Research, 2002

"Flow-Optimal Experience Theory and the Built Environment", CAE Net, April 2002

"The Built Environment's Effect on Learning: Applying Current Research", Montessori Life, Winter Issue and In. Form (UNL 2002)

"Creating a Learner-Friendly Classroom", Principal, March 1997

"The Case for the L-Shaped Classroom", Principal, November, 1994

A Study of Spatial Experience, 1977