

David Baker FAIA, LEED AP



Principal / David founded David Baker Architects in 1982 and is considered an industry leader in urban and affordable housing design.

David has guided and overseen the design of more than 13,000 homes, including a pipeline of more than 1,500 modular units. Led by David in collaboration with co-Principals, DBA has received more than 450 architectural design honors, including two national AIA COTE Top Ten awards. David was elevated to the AIA College of Fellows in 1996 and designated by AIA California as the 2012 Distinguished Practice. In 2009 he received the Hearthstone Builders Humanitarian Award, honoring the 30 most influential people in the housing industry of the past 30 years.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Master of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1982
Bachelor of Philosophy,
Thomas Jefferson College, 1974
Phillips Exeter Academy, 1967

Registration

CA Licensed Architect #012506

Affiliations

Fellow, AIA
SPUR Board Member
Lambda Alpha International, Member
ULI, Full Member
Factory_OS, Chief Design Officer (advisory)
SF Bicycle Coalition (former Board Member)
Livable City, Member
Walk SF, Member

Honors + Awards

University of California, Berkeley,
CED Distinguished Alumnus, 2017
Curry Stone Design Prize—Social
Design Circle, 2017
Livable City Livability Innovator,
Architecture and Urbanism, 2014
NPH Visionary and Innovative Leader
in Design, 2014
Hearthstone BUILDER Humanitarian
Award, 2009
SFHAC Housing Hero, 2008

CONTACT

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SELECT EXPERIENCE

Keynote Addresses

AIA CC Housing Forum: Driving Solutions for Attainability, 2019
AIASF Housing Forum: Envisioning San Francisco in 2100, 2017
British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association, 2016
AIA Seattle Urban Housing Forum, 2016
AIA Colorado 2014 Practice + Design Conference, 2014
Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute, Los Angeles, 2014
AIA Oregon Design Conference: Regeneration, 2014
CNU21 Living Community, Salt Lake City, 2013
Banff Session, "Scale" Keynote, Banff, Alberta, 2010

Juries

AIA Chicago Disruptive Design, 2018
AIA Washington DC Residential Design Awards, 2016
AIA LA Residential Design Award, 2016
UC Berkeley CED Affordable Housing Competition Studio, 2015
AIA Arizona Design Awards, 2015
HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Competition, 2015
Gold Nugget Awards, Pacific Coast Builders' Conference, 2014
UNC Urban Housing Studio Jury Chair, Charlotte, 2011

Teaching

University of California, Berkeley, James R. Boyce Affordable Housing Studio, 2019, 2018
University of California, Berkeley, Joseph Esherick Visiting Associate Professor, 2013
University of Oklahoma, Bruce Goff Creative Visiting Chair, 2009
University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Associate Professor, 2007, 1981
Georgia Institute of Technology, John Portman Visiting Critic, 2006
California College of the Arts, San Francisco, School of Architectural Studies, 2001, 1999

Exhibits + Publications

9 Ways to Build Community with Urban Housing, SPUR Urban Center Gallery,
San Francisco, 2017
For the People, Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, New York, 2016
Baker, D., & Price Patel, A. (2015). "11 Strategies for Building Community with Affordable
Housing." *Urban Land Magazine*.
Baker, D., & Loper, A. (2014). "Focus on the First 20 Feet." *SPUR The Urbanist*.