

Thomas R. Brauer

Managing Principal

education

University of Illinois
Master of Architecture 1982

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Bachelor of Science in Architectural
Studies 1980

University of Illinois Study Abroad
Program, Versailles, France
1979/1980

affiliations

American Institute of Architects
Landmarks Illinois
National Trust for Historic
Preservation
Society for College & University
Planning (SCUP)
Urban Land Institute (ULI)

registrations

Registered Architect:
Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana,
Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts,
Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri,
Mississippi, North Carolina, New
Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio,
South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas,
Virginia, Wisconsin

National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards (NCARB)
Certified

During his 28 years in the profession Tom has worked on a broad array of project types. While his architectural experience includes hotels, health clubs, child care centers, courthouses, museums and residential projects, Tom has also worked on more than 50 office buildings and several million square feet of commercial interior design projects. He finds excitement in resolving the technical and design challenges inherent in architecture and seeing the design vision realized in built form. He also enjoys helping others to succeed and brings that mindset to his business relationships. As Managing Principal of the Chicago Studio, and one of 4240's founding principals, Tom is responsible for all aspects of the firm's practice in its Chicago office.

Having grown up in Chicago, Tom has been influenced by the thinking of the many great architects who have practiced in the city. His studies at the University of Illinois exposed him to modernist principles, which remain in most of Tom's projects today. His technical skills, analytical thinking, steady demeanor and the ability to foster communication have enabled him to effectively complete a large volume of projects and manage some of the firm's largest and most complex projects.

Having taught undergraduate design studios while a graduate student, and coming from a family of educators, Tom places a high value on education and passing knowledge on to the next generation. Tom has served as "Principal for a Day" in the Chicago Public Schools and has served as a juror in the Chicago Architectural Foundation's annual Newhouse Competition program for Chicago high school students interested in design. Tom has also served as a guest juror for U of I design studios and is a mentor to several young architects.

projects

Commercial Interiors:

Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee & Elm Grove, WI
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Itasca, IL
Brookfield Lakes Building, 1,3,8,9 & 12 Interior
Renovations, Brookfield, WI
Cabrera Capital Markets, Inc., Chicago, IL

CB Richard Ellis - Space Planning Contract
10 S. LaSalle, Chicago
Combined 400, Northbrook, IL
Chicago Manufacturing Center, Chicago, IL
Corporate Staffing Resources, South Bend, IN
Creo Scitex, Itasca, IL
General Electric Company, Charlotte, NC
Hammes Company, Brookfield, WI
Kerosene Creative Services, Chicago, IL
Law Office, Chicago, IL
National Marine Fisheries Service
Gloucester, MA
Poetry Foundation, Chicago, IL
Robert Half, Deer Park, IL
Sapient, Chicago, IL
Silverstream Software, Itasca, IL
Spencer Foundation, Chicago, IL
United States Cellular, Bensenville, IL;
Greenville, SC; Pewaukee, WI
USF Worldwide, Itasca, IL

Commercial:

10 South LaSalle, Chicago, IL
101 North Wacker, Chicago, IL
200 Fillmore, Denver, CO
200 West Jackson, Chicago, IL
5901 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS
Arboretum VIII, IX & X, Richmond, VA
Brookfield Lakes Building XVII, Brookfield, WI
Burlington Centre, Burlington, MA
Chancellory III, Brookfield, WI
Deer Park Office Building, Deer Park, IL
Esplanade Office Building, Downers Grove, IL
Galleria 700 (INPO), Atlanta, GA
Greenspoint III, Hoffman Estates, IL
Hamilton Lakes East, Itasca, IL
HFS/Cendant Corporation, Itasca, IL
Kennedy Block, Detroit, MI
Lake Point Corporate Center, Charlotte, NC
Law Office, Chicago, IL
Leighton Plaza, South Bend, IN
MCP II/UNISYS, Indianapolis, IN
North Falls I & II, Charlotte, NC
Overlook, Westborough, MA
Parkway Plaza, Greenville, SC
Reforma Plus, Mexico City, Mexico
Sears Logistical Services, Itasca, IL
Two Pierce Place, Itasca, IL

Multi-Family Residential:

2501 Larimer, Denver, CO
Chroma Lofts, Denver, CO
City House, Denver, CO
Karcher Artspace, Waukegan, IL
Mill Quarter, Bend, OR
Perico Island Condominiums, Bradenton, FL
Park Tower, Denver, CO
Promenade Lofts, Denver, CO
Sunbridge Assisted Living, Chicago, Lisle, Palos Park,
IL; Minnetonka, MN; Brookfield, WI

Urban Planning:

Campus Martius, Detroit, MI
Glow Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA
Hydrogenerator, Chicago, IL
Urban Open, Chicago, IL
Visible City, Web-based

Educational:

Child Development Center, Rock Island, IL
Gompers Lunchroom Addition, Chicago, IL

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Educational (continued):

Lunchroom Addition Prototype, Chicago, IL
Owens, Sheridan and Washington Schools Renovation,
Chicago, IL
School of Business Sogang University,
Seoul, South Korea
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
Ikenberry Commons Residence Hall West,
Urbana, IL (LEED Silver, pending)
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
FAR Oglesby/Trelease Renovation, Urbana, IL
University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
Illini Union Remodel, Urbana, IL
University of Illinois Life Safety Study,
Champaign & Chicago, IL

Institutional/Not-for-Profit:

Community Parking Garage, Oak Park, IL
Community Theater Feasibility Study, Highland Park, IL
DEA Office Building, Birmingham, AL
Department of Homeland Security – Citizenship and
Immigration Services, Irving, TX
Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border
Protection, Van Horn, TX
E. M. Dirksen Federal Courthouse Renovation,
Chicago, IL
Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, IL
Federal Bankruptcy Courthouse, Greensboro, NC
GSA Recovery State Street South, Chicago, IL
Healthworks! Kid's Museum, SouthBend, IN
IL State Supreme Court Building Renovation,
Springfield, IL
INS Feasibility Study, Minneapolis, MN
John Weld Peck Federal Building Feasibility Study,
Cincinnati, OH
Kinneary Federal Building Prospectus Study,
Columbus, OH
Kluczynski Federal Building Elevator Modernization,
Chicago, IL
Memorial Healthplex, South Bend, IN
Mixed Use Municipal Building, Highland Park, IL
Montclair Recreation Center, Denver, CO
New Mexico DOT, Santa Fe, NM
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast
Regional Office, Gloucester, MA
NORAD/US SPACE COM, Peterson AFB, CO
Peace Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL
Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse Prospectus
Development Study, Cincinnati, OH
Social Security Administration, Roanoke, VA
Stapleton Foundation, Denver, CO
U.S. Courthouse Prospectus Study, Fergus Falls, MN
U.S. Courthouse Prospectus Study, Toledo, OH
Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Oak
Park, IL

Retail:

108 North State, Chicago, IL
66 W. Washington Food Court, Chicago, IL
Grand Avenue Mall, Milwaukee, WI
The Grove Shops, Chicago, IL
The Shops at Tabor Center, Denver, CO
Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX
Steamboat Landing, Bettendorf, IA

Hospitality:

Casino Aztar Hotel, Evansville, IN
Crystal Springs Condo Hotel, Hamburg, NJ
Hidden Orchard Spa, La Porte County, IN
Hotel/Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

Luxor Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
Ramada O'Hare, Rosemont, IL
Silver Legacy, Reno, NV
Westin Tabor Center, Denver, CO

Entertainment:

Community Theater Feasibility Study, Highland Park, IL
Shanghai Entertainment Club, Shanghai, China

project awards

Hydrogenerator (revitalized 3 mile train line) a 4240/
Gensler collaboration, Chicago, IL
2009 International SPARK Silver Award
Customs and Border Patrol, Van Horn, TX
Chicago AIA Citation of Merit, Unbuilt Design, 2008
Glow Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA
International SPARK Design Award,
Top SPARK Award for Architectural Design 2007
West End Bridge Design Comp., Pittsburgh, PA
Honorable Mention, 2006
Chicago AIA Citation of Merit, Urban Design, 2006
200 Fillmore, Denver, CO
Building Design + Construction,
Silver Reconstruction Award, 2006
Grand Avenue Mall, Milwaukee, WI
SADI Honorable Mention, 2003
Convergence Center
HRACE Office Building of the Year, 2001
Hamilton Lakes East, Lake Pointe Corporate
Center, Parkway Plaza
2001 PCI Special Recognition
Brookfield Lakes Corporate Center XVII
BOMA Office Building of the Year, 2000
Leighton Plaza Office Building, South Bend, IN
MACMAI Excellence in Masonry Construction, 1999
Galleria 700,
BOMA Office Building of the Year, 1993
The Shops at Tabor Center, Denver, CO
AIA Regional Award, 1986

professional experience

4240 Architecture Inc.
Chicago, IL
2003 to present

Urban Design Group Inc.
Chicago, IL & Denver, CO
1982-2003