



Francis Resendes

Managing Principal
Director of Design

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Masters of Architecture,
Cranbrook Academy of Art
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Detroit
Architectural Technology, St. Clair College

YEARS EXPERIENCE

Twenty years architectural experience and three years as Assistant Professor of Design at the Kansas City Art Institute.

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Argonaut Building (former GM HQ) Master Plan
Chancellor Beacon Academies
Chandler Park Academy (former Notre Dame HS)
Davenport University, multiple projects
Detroit Medical Center | Wayne State Univ.
Detroit Public Schools, numerous
Genesys Regional Medical Center
Greater Essex County Public School Board
Greater Southeast Community Hospital, D.C.
Maritime Academy Master Plan, Belle Isle
Marygrove College, multiple projects
Memorial Health Care, Cancer Center
Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals
Sinai Educational Campus, 1st LEED in Detroit
Thompson Educational Foundation
8 Charter Schools in Detroit
University Yes! Academy, PSAD

ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers
Illuminating Engineering Society of North America
Society for College and University Planning
St. Clair Society of Architects

PUBLICATIONS

1994 The Presence of Mies
Princeton Architectural Press, New York
1994 The Making of a Museum in Five Chapters
Steve Whitacre & Matthew Patulski, coauthors
1994 Architecture Studio
Cranbrook Academy of Art, Rizzolo New York
1992 On Making, Pratt Journal of Architecture, NY

HONORS & AWARDS

AIA Detroit Honor Award-Howe Elementary
Design Award-Cranbrook Academy of Art
Design Studio Award-University of Detroit
Faculty Dev. Award-Kansas City Art Institute
Fellowship Award-Kansas City Art Institute
IESNA Illumination Design Award - DU Saginaw
Masonry Design Award-Howe Elementary

Francis Resendes is Managing Principal and the Director of Design for Resendes Design Group. He oversees the design work on all projects from schematic concepts to construction documentation. His role is to ensure that the development of design is consistent with the owner's expectations, and integrity remains centered around innovation. His diverse career includes working on numerous projects of K-12 schools, higher education facilities, healthcare, public libraries, municipal buildings, museums, auditoriums and philanthropic endeavors.

Davenport University's new Grand Rapids' campus is Francis' largest university project, involving the development of the master plan, design and construction of Phase I's new campus facility on a 133-acre site. The W.A. Lettinga campus' academic building will initially serve 2,000 students and includes "technology driven" classrooms, an information commons area, bookstore, and a fitness center. In addition, student housing has been provided for 200 residents.

In the Detroit Public Schools (DPS) Sinai Educational Campus, Francis developed the master plan to include the existing Randolph Vocational School, Foreign Language Immersion School, and is Principal in Charge for the 1,000 student Renaissance High School and special education facility for 330 SXI and SMI students.

He was recently given the opportunity to demonstrate his full design intelligence when converting a 1927 Albert Kahn parking garage into an enviable elementary school for the Thompson Educational Foundation. Francis has been an active supporter of philanthropic projects, connected most significantly to the work of Habitat for Humanity. He served as architect for the Detroit-area 2005 Jimmy Carter Work Project.

His work exploring the connection between art, design and architecture has been published and exhibited nationally. As a local design representative, Francis led a design team in the University of Michigan 2002 Detroit Design Charrette. Francis has juried on numerous boards; lectured and served as guest design critic for the undergraduate and graduate programs at the University of Michigan, University of Kansas, Cranbrook Academy of Art, College for Creative Studies, Lawrence Technological University, and the University of Detroit.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Detroit West Preparatory Academy
Cornerstone Charter School PK-8 & Health High School
Eastern Oil Company
Huron Academy
University Prep Science & Math Elementary