



John Shoemith

AIA, LEED® AP, NCARB

registration

WA, OR, NJ, MI, NCARB

education

North Dakota State University

BS, Bachelor of Architecture

University of Washington

Master of Architecture, Design for Aging

accreditation

National Council of Architectural

Registration Boards (NCARB)

USGBC LEED® Accredited Professional

affiliations

AIA (American Institute of Architects)

Leading Age

Washington State Pioneer Network

Society for the Advancement of

Gerontological Environments

Alzheimer's Association

John strongly believes that the design principles behind making better places for elders are the same ones underlying all good design. After witnessing his grandmother's struggle with Alzheimer's disease, John became interested in design for aging. Over the past 24 years, John has dedicated his career to improving the environments in which elders live. He is a partner at Shoemith Cox Architects in Seattle, and has gained national recognition for his work, including:

2017 AIA/LeadingAge Design for Aging Review Merit Award -- North Ridge at Tacoma Lutheran; 2015 Leading Age Washington Outstanding Advocacy Award; 2009 AIA/AAHSA Design for Aging Merit Award -- Hope Houses at Hope Meadows; 2003 Contemporary Long Term Care Order of Excellence -- Carlson Boyd Place at Mather & Mary's Woods at Marylhurst; 2001 AIA/AAHSA Design for Aging Merit Award -- Mary's Woods at Marylhurst; AIA Design for Aging Publication -- 2003, Hillside & 1999 St. Anthony's Village

publications

American Institute of Architects Design for Aging Review: 8th Edition. Mulgrave, Australia: The Images Publishing Group, 2006. John Shoemith jury chair/editor.

"Creating the Ideal Person-Centered Program and Environment for Residential Dementia Care", Alzheimer's Care Quarterly 2005; 6(4): 316-324.

speaker (partial listing)

"AIA Design for Aging Review", LeadingAge, Philadelphia, 2018

"The Power of Purpose in Memory Care Design", LeadingAge Washington, Spokane, 2018

"Top 5 Things Overlooked in Creating Better Memory Care Environments", Alzheimer's Association Discovery Conference, Seattle, 2016

"Codebusters", SAGE Townhall Webinar, 2016

"Congregate and Intergenerational Housing for Aging in Community", UW Gerontology Conference, Lynnwood, 2015

"Being the Voice in Creating Better Memory Care Environments", Leading Age WA, Blaine, 2015

"Functional Programming and Conceptual Design: Where Innovation is Created", LeadingAge WA, Pasco, 2014

"Top 5 Things Overlooked in Creating Culture Change Environments", Pioneer Network, St. Charles, MO, 2011

juror / panelist

"Guidelines for Design and Construction of Residential Health Care and Support Facilities", 2022 & 2018 Co-Chair, 2014 Member - Residential Health Care and Support Facilities Task Group

"Advancing Quality: Developing & Testing Person-Centered Measures in Assisted Living", Center for Excellence in Assisted Living (CEAL) and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2011-2013 Invited peer reviewer

"Design for Aging Review: 8th Edition", American Institute of Architects and American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Washington DC, 2005-2007

senior living

Bethany Skilled Nursing Additions, Everett, WA

The Kenney Rowhouses, Seattle, WA

Vineyard Park AL, Covington, WA

Chelan Sr. Initiative IL/AL/MC, Chelan, WA

North Ridge at Tacoma Lutheran, Tacoma, WA

The Kenney IL and Common Upgrades, Seattle, WA

Vineyard Park AL & Memory Care, Covington, WA

Lithia Springs Memory Care, Ashland, OR

Wellspring Intergenerational Community, Farmington Hills, MI

Provident Americana AL / Memory Care, Baton Rouge, LA

Franke Tobey Jones Master Plan, Tacoma, WA

Summit View Health Center, Yakima, WA

Tacoma Lutheran Harbor Cafe, Tacoma, WA

The Parkinson's Project, Seattle, WA

Cascade Plaza Alzheimer's Renovation, Redmond, WA

Reutlinger Master Plan, Danville, CA

Cascade Vista / Plaza Master Plan, Redmond, WA

St. Mary's on the Lake, Bellevue, WA

Masonic Retirement Center, Des Moines, WA

Wynnwood Allenmore PT Suite, Tacoma, WA

Union Park Allenmore PT Suite, Tacoma, WA

Queen Anne Health Care PT Suite, Seattle, WA

Hope House, Rantoul, IL

Plaza at Mililani, Mililani Mauka, Oahu, HI

Village Manor CCRC Master Plan, Bowling Green, KY

Carlson Boyd Place at Mather, Evanston, IL

Mather LifeWays Dementia Master Plan, Evanston, IL

Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, Lake Oswego, OR

Hillside Retirement Community, McMinnville, OR

St. Anthony's Village, Portland, OR

Tacoma Lutheran AL Renovation & Addition, Tacoma, WA