

Laura Lee, FAIA, Hon FRAIA, is a registered architect and Professor of Architecture at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh where she served as Head of the School from 2004-2008. Laura has also taught at the Higher Institute of Architecture Henry van de Velde in Antwerp, Belgium; the Royal Danish Academy in Copenhagen, Denmark and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. In 2009-2010, she was the Cass Gilbert Visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota.

Laura is an international leading voice for integrated design education, practice and research. Her work focuses on the development and implementation of integrated design strategies and collaborative programs between the academy, government, industry and the profession. She has lectured globally on issues concerning the relationship between design education, practice and research. For many years, Laura has served on award juries and has been an accreditation chair, advisor and an international consultant for numerous academic institutions and professional organisations.

Currently, Laura serves as an advisory board member for Places Journal / Design Observer in the USA and the UK-based Ecological Sequestration Trust. She is Co-chair of the Lee Family Foundation in Canada.

In 2009 - 2010, Laura was the 16th "Adelaide Thinker in Residence" in South Australia, a program inviting global experts and leaders in their field to generate visionary and actionable recommendations for the government. Focused on the value of design and the impact of the built environment on the quality of life, Laura published an "Integrated Design Strategy for South Australia - Building the Future." Two of her key recommendations were immediately adopted: a Commission for Integrated Design, the first of its kind in Australia and an Integrated Design Strategy for the City of Adelaide as a design-led vision based on a model of Intelligent Investment for design, planning and development.

As a consultant to the American Institute of Architects and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, Laura created the "Emerging Professionals Companion: A Resource for Architecture Education and Experience," a 16-chapter, 500+ page web-based / print resource serving interns, students, educators, and practitioners. She has devoted years to the advancement of a knowledge base for architecture and design through the development of comprehensive case studies.

Laura's teaching expertise includes Professional Practice and Ethics, Architecture and Urban Design Studios, and Interdisciplinary Design Workshops relating architecture, art, design, drama and music. She has designed and developed intercultural design courses, curricula and programs at Carnegie Mellon University and abroad, conducting projects, studios and workshops in Adelaide, Antwerp, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Doha, Gdansk, Istanbul, Rome and Zurich. She has received several grants to advance design education, practice and research in a global context.

Laura is the recipient of Carnegie Mellon's highest teaching honour, The Ryan Award, in 2002. Nationally, she earned the American Institute of Architecture Students National Educator Award and was elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) in 2004 for advancing the art and science of building through her contributions to architectural education, internship and practice. In 2005, Laura was presented with the Henry van de Velde Institute Award for Architecture Education in recognition of her development of intercultural design programs. Laura was elected, in 2008, a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council, a global network of design community professionals who explore trends, changes, and new opportunities in design, architecture, engineering, and building technology. Most recently, she was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Australian Institute of Architects (Hon FRAIA).

**ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE****APPOINTMENTS****GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

2009–2010 ADELAIDE THINKER IN RESIDENCE, DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS****CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY\_ SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS; PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, USA**

2004–Present PROFESSOR WITH TENURE

2004–2008 HEAD OF SCHOOL

1988 –2004 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE, COORDINATOR OF FIRST YEAR DESIGN PROGRAM

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA\_ SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, COLLEGE OF DESIGN; MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA**

2009 CASS GILBERT VISITING PROFESSOR

**HIGHER INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE, HENRY VAN DE VELDE; ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

2005–2007 GUEST PROFESSOR Concluding Summary Presentation

2002, 2003, 2004 GUEST PROFESSOR Design Triangle; Face to Face; The City as Perceived and Imagined

**THE ROYAL DANISH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS; COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**

1996 Fall GUEST PROFESSOR City(e)scape: Study Tour for 54 students to Gdansk, Poland

1995 Summer GUEST PROFESSOR Design Studio (second year, 7 week program)

**EIDGENÖSSISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE [ETH], ZURICH, SWITZERLAND**

1989 – 1990 ASSISTENTIN CAAD teaching and research

**RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- November 2013 **BIM AS AN INTELLIGENT INVESTMENT : IMAGINE THE FUTURE** Dublin, Ireland
- September 2013 **CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION AND MODERATOR FOR MAKING URBAN PLACES** Lund, Sweden
- June 2013 **LEADING BUSINESSES TOWARD 2050 : DESIGNING THE FUTURE** Barcelona, Spain
- June 2013 **INTEGRATED DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATION** Belgrade, Serbia
- February 2013 **MISSION : USER CENTERED DESIGN - BUILDING THE FUTURE** Stockholm, Sweden
- September 2012 **INTEGRATED DESIGN: POSITIONING ARCHITECTS AND THE PROFESSION FOR THE FUTURE** London, United Kingdom
- September 2012 **EDUCATING ARCHITECTS INTO THE FUTURE** Dublin, Ireland
- September 2012 **STRATEGIES FOR INTEGRATING DESIGN** London, United Kingdom
- February 2012 **TENDENCIES IN ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH: PRACTICE-BASED USE-INSPIRED ALLIANCES** Lund, Sweden
- November 2011 **IN SEARCH OF LOST HUMANISM: ARCHITECTURE + URBAN DESIGN AS CULTURAL AGENTS** Einsiedeln, Switzerland
- May 2011 **COLLABORATIVE ACTION: SERVING COMMUNITIES BY DESIGN** Dublin, Ireland
- April 2011 **POSITIONING INTERNS AND RECENT GRADUATES FOR THE FUTURE, PART 2** Venice, Italy
- February 2011 **POSITIONING INTERNS AND RECENT GRADUATES FOR THE FUTURE, PART 1** Dublin, Ireland
- June 2010 **INTEGRATED DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATION** Istanbul, Turkey

**SELECTED BOOKS / JOURNALS / PROCEEDINGS**

- 2011 **AN INTEGRATED DESIGN STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA : BUILDING THE FUTURE**  
AUTHOR ISBN 978-0-9807470-2-7 Adelaide, Government of South Australia, 2011
- 2008 **BRINGING THE WORLD INTO CULTURE : COMPARITIVE METHODOLOGIES IN ART, DESIGN, SCIENCE**  
EDITOR with Professor Dr Piet Lombaerde for the Liber Amicorum of Richard Foqué

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- 2009 **HONORARY FELLOW OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS [HON FRAIA]**
- 2008 **ELECTED AS SENIOR FELLOW, DESIGN FUTURES COUNCIL**
- 2005 **PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**
- 2005 **HENRY VAN DE VELDE INSTITUTE AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION**
- 2004 **FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS [FAIA]**
- 2002 **WILLIAM H. AND FRANCES S. RYAN AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS TEACHING, CARNEGIE MELLON**
- 1999 **AIAS NATIONAL EDUCATOR HONOR AWARD**
- 1999 **AIA NATIONAL EDUCATION HONOR CITATION**
- 1998 **HENRY HORNPOSTEL TEACHING AWARD, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY**
- 1995 **AIA PITTSBURGH DESIGN HONOR AWARD (OPEN PLAN CATEGORY)**

**RECOGNITION**

- 2008 **"MENTOR, TEACHER, PROFESSIONAL: LAURA LEE, FAIA"** (IN ARCHITECTURE: 150 YEARS OF THE AIA)
- 2008 **LISTED AS ONE OF THE 25 MOST ADMIRRED EDUCATORS IN ARCHITECTURE IN THE US, DESIGN INTELLIGENCE**
- 2005 **HONOR ROLL: RANKED 4TH OF 30 LEADERS IN ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION IN THE USA, DESIGN INTELLIGENCE**

**SELECTED SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

- 2012 - Present **THE ECOLOGICAL SEQUESTRATION TRUST, UNITED KINGDOM** Advisory Board
- 2012 - Present **LEE FAMILY FOUNDATION, CANADA** Co-chair
- 2010 - Present **WERNER OECHSLIN LIBRARY FOUNDATION, SWITZERLAND** Member