

Lauran Drown | Associate II



EDUCATION

- University of Cincinnati
 - Bachelor of Science, Architecture, 2007
- McGill University
 - Master of Architecture, 2012

PRACTICE AREAS

- Building Enclosure Consulting
- Architectural Testing
- Design
- Peer Review
- Construction Troubleshooting
- Historic Preservation
- Historic Structures Reports

REGISTRATIONS

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Registered Architect in TX

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- Earthen Construction Initiative (ECI)
- National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certificate (NCARB)
- Project Management Institute (PMI)
- Vernacular Architecture Group

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EXPERIENCE

Lauran Drown joined WJE in 2018 with more than ten years of experience in the areas of architecture, construction, and urban design. She also taught interior design for more than a year at The Art Institute of San Antonio. Her courses included Programming and Space Planning, Building and Mechanical Systems, and 3-D Design Basics.

Prior to WJE, Ms. Drown owned her own practice, where she provided design and construction-related services for clients in the San Antonio region and beyond, and focused on projects involving earthen construction. She continues to lead the way in this field as Vice President of Earthen Construction Initiative, a nonprofit organization, where she has had a significant impact in changing the City of San Antonio's building code to include provisions on earthen construction. Through ECI, her involvement includes technical research on and developing codes and standards for earth construction concerning structural and thermal envelope performance. Ms. Drown also has experience coordinating the design, building, repair, and weatherization of single-family homes, as well as the design and construction administration of commercial projects, including heritage conservation projects.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Building Enclosure Consulting

- Linda Pace Foundation, Ruby City Museum - San Antonio, TX: Construction phase observation of curtainwall assembly and performance testing
- University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), Rec Complex Fieldhouse - TX: Roof coping renovation design for water tightness
- Hurricane Harvey Recovery - Rockport, TX: Construction phase observation for numerous re-roof projects

Architectural Testing

- IBC Stone Oak Assessment - San Antonio, TX: Investigation into moisture distress during renovation
- UTSA, Chaparral Village - San Antonio, TX: Investigation of leakage through masonry and stucco clad wall

Projects with Previous Firms

- Mujer Artes Clay Cooperative - San Antonio, TX: Construction management assistance and masonry performance for compressed earth block subcontractor
- Habitat for Humanity - San Antonio, TX: Construction site supervisor for single-family homes from framing to punch-list
- Sandy River Residence - Sandy, OR: Design of custom two-story home on sloped riverfront site
- Earthen Architecture of South-central Ontario - Greater Toronto Area, ON: Research and report of findings of more than two hundred 19th century mudbrick dwellings
- Elgin County Courthouse - St. Thomas, Ontario: Conservation plan update
- Centre Block Parliament Building - Ottawa, ON: Heritage envelope rehabilitation involving masonry, copper roofs, windows, and foundation stabilization
- Canadian High Arctic Research Station - Cambridge Bay, Nunavut: Developed construction details and specifications
- Prototypical Multifamily Housing - Various locations, Nunavik: Design and construction documentation for four- and six-plex structures on remote permafrost sites
- Nunatsiavut Weatherization Retrofits - Nunatsiavut, Labrador: Conditions assessment, scope definition, and repair and weatherization design for thirty dwellings
- Solar Decathlon Competition - Washington, D.C.: Design and construction of an 800-square-foot off-grid solar home