PARTNER RESUMÉ

Laura Shagalov

Architect

PROFESSION

- Architect, Licensed in the State of MN, CA, WI
- Certified Passive House Consultant (2021-present)
- LEED BD+C Accredited Professional (2009-2025)
- HERS Rater (2012-2015)

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley; Master of Architecture
- Cornell University; B.S. Urban and Regional Studies, Honors

FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

Laura is a partner at VMWP and leads the Minneapolis office, which she opened in 2019. Laura engages with Architecture projects from feasibility and concept design through construction, including affordable multi-family housing, mixed-use, supportive housing, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse. Laura also provides technical assistance for emerging developers and oversees urban design projects in the Minneapolis office including design standards, station area, and downtown studies.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Laura is committed to creating sustainable, inclusive, healthy and beautiful communities for people of all incomes and abilities. She leads collaboratively to address the needs of clients, residents, stakeholders, and communities. She has over 15 years of experience in housing and mixed-use development, universal design and green building. At VMWP, Laura has educated developers on a variety of topics including wellness in housing, modular housing, construction types, site considerations, and Passive House design principles. Prior to joining VMWP in 2013, Laura worked with a community design studio in coastal Mississippi. She has worked on universally designed single and multi-family housing, and has contributed to several grant-funded research projects on topics including energy-efficient affordable housing, energy retrofits for low-income homeowners and the evaluation of temporary disaster housing.

VMWP ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE

- LOMA Apartments, Minneapolis, MN - *affordable senior housing, mixed-use*
- Maple Hills Apartments, Red Wing, MN - *affordable family housing, rehab*
- Viva Apartments, Minneapolis, MN - *affordable family housing, mixed-use*
- EPIC+R Apartments, Minneapolis, MN - *affordable family housing, mixed-use*
- 1020 Terra Bella, Mountain View, CA – *affordable family housing, all-electric*
- Eureka Motel, Eureka, CA - *rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, affordable, supportive*
- Luna Vista, Mountain View, CA - *affordable, supportive for disabled adults*

VMWP URBAN DESIGN EXPERIENCE

- Shady Oak LRT Station Area Development Strategy Update, Hopkins, MN - *vision plan, transit-oriented development*
- Downtown Golden Valley User Experience Framework, Wayzata, MN - *downtown vision, placemaking*
- Wayzata Boulevard Corridor Study, Wayzata, MN - *corridor plan, master plan*
- Wayzata Design Standards, Wayzata, MN - *standards and guidelines, housing*

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LECTURES & ENGAGEMENT

- Speaker, ULI Minnesota: Rehab Realities Roundtable - Unlocking Potential in Small Properties, 2024
- Guest Critic, University of Minnesota M.Arch program (2024), Dunwoody College B.Arch program (2022-2024)
- Mentor in Practice, Dunwoody College B.Arch program, 2022
- Speaker, "Case Studies of All-Electric Bay Area Midrise Affordable Housing", Redwood Energy Zero Carbon Retreat, 2022
- Panelist, "Community Engagement Across Practice Models", Dunwoody College Design + Construction Conference, 2022
- Moderator: "COVID & Resilience: Wellness Design Considerations" Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County Affordable Housing Month, 2021
- Panelist: "Alphabet Soup: Getting Smart About Changing Codes" Non-Profit Housing (NPH) Northern California Conference, 2017

COMPETITIONS

- The next EPIC Challenge: Reimagining Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future, State of Califronia Energy Commission, 2021 "Apple Valley Senior Housing"