

Michael W. Folonis Architects

About Michael W. Folonis, FAIA

Counter to the throw-away culture of today, MWFA establishes a permanent architectural character, grounding each structure to the land and responding to a project's unique set of conditions. Design is not begun with preconceived assumptions. Rather, design solutions are discovered in response to a project's unique constraints and issues. Scale, mass, function, sustainability, city and neighborhood fabric, planning and zoning codes, and the process of building are all factors that can inform organic, original solutions. MWFA uses these opportunities and limitations to create significant, signature buildings.

Michael W. Folonis, FAIA, is known for his thoughtful, dedicated approach to regional modernist design. His clients select him because they want a signature building design that is simultaneously efficient, elegant, sustainable and responsive to our Southern California landscape. He approaches his work with a generous spirit of inquiry, infusing each project with an awareness of environmental responsibility, context, theory, function, and the maximal use of form, materials and natural light.

Mr. Folonis has over 30 years of experience in design, programming, construction and management and founded his own firm, Michael W. Folonis Architects, in 1983. Mr. Folonis leads every project from conceptual design through full realization. His broad base of experience ranges from mixed-use, multi-family residential, medical, commercial, and single-family projects. He also has extensive experience in the restoration of historically significant Modernist architecture.

His office establishes itself as one of the leading innovative architectural firms in Los Angeles. His work received more than 50 design awards from the National, State and Los Angeles chapters of the AIA, the Society of American Registered Architects, the Westside Urban Forum, the Southern California Development Forum, the Los Angeles Business Council. His architectural work is published nationally and internationally, and exhibited in Japan, France, Italy, and Germany.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture from the University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Architecture from the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, American Institute of Architects (AIA) College of Fellows, 2008

Board Member, Santa Monica Conservancy

Lecturer, Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)

PAST AFFILIATIONS

Member, Board of Directors for the California Chapter of the AIA.

Representative, California Chapter of the AIA.

Chairperson, Architectural Review Board of the City of Santa Monica, 2004 to 2012

Lecturer and Associate Professor, California State Polytechnic University in Pomona

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