

Curriculum Vitae



Having worked for small architecture firms over his entire 17 year career, I've been fortunate to gain broad experience working in a wide array of disciplines ranging from single family residential architecture, to multifamily residential architecture, to commercial retail design, to master plan design, to hospitality and resort design, and several other focuses. Often these projects are located in historically significant and sensitive areas.

I consider myself a student of strategies of proportion and pattern- making within architecture and its connection to a regional vernacular. As a practicing architect, I merge my expertise in traditional architecture with invention and total responsiveness to the demand for technological capabilities in today's world. The result is buildings which meet these requirements while honoring the traditional language of building in place and context.

Traditional design is also inherently sustainable, and proper execution of traditional work yields buildings that breathe well, provide ample light, conserve energy, and last for generations. For both residential and commercial projects, paying close attention to sustainability enhances the long-term viability and cost-effectiveness of the design.

Professional Experience

2009- present

Owner and Principal - The Luchair Company

2009 - 2011

Senior Project Manager - Madison Spencer Architects - Charlottesville, VA.

-Provided design, managed, and implemented high end classical architecture for both new construction and high profile renovations/rehabilitation of existing buildings.

2005 - 2009

Studio Director - The Highland Studio of Urban Design Associates- Charlottesville, VA

-Opened, grew and operated 4 person office in Charlottesville, VA focusing on sustainable architecture & urban design projects.

-Serviced several long tenured clients and created many additional client relationships.

1998 - 2004

Associate - Devlin Architecture- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

-Single family, multifamily residential projects, and commercial commissions.

-Part of team that grew from two people in 1998 to fourteen employees by 2004.

-Led project teams in office on design, production, and construction administration.

1996 - 1998

Intern - Merrill Pastor Architects, Vero Beach, Florida.

Intern Architect fully immersed in a monitored project management role within a variety of residential and mixed use projects in New Urban Communities in the Southeast.

Professional Affiliations

NCARB, USGBC, ICAA, Earchcraft Virginia, LEED AP & Registered in Virginia.

Recent Awards

National Housing & Rehabilitation Association- Beckstoffers Mill, 2013 Best Historic Rehab for Market Rate or Mixed Income Residential

AIA Pennsylvania - Old Dairy Community Center. 2010 AIA Adaptive reuse award

AIA Pittsburgh - Old Dairy Community Center. 2007 AIA Pittsburgh Honor Award.

Palladio Awards - Old Dairy Community Center. 2009 National Award for Adaptive Reuse in Traditional Design.

Valley Conservation Council - Old Dairy Community Center. 2009 Regional Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

Education

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, 1996. Five-year professional degree.

Community Involvement

Habitat for Humanity, St John the Evangelist Parish Council, St. Francis of Assisi Right to Life Garden, Elks Club, Chairman of Staunton GOP Committee.

Technical Skillsets

AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite, Sketchup, Office, adept at absorbing new technologies.

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About The Lúcháir Company



The Lúcháir Company was founded by Matthew J. Fitzgerald in 2009. Our work is seamless with its surroundings, durable in the materials and types used for construction, and beautifully humanistic in its feel and use. Sustainability is inherent in our process. It is a mindset that involves more than simply providing green materials, or saving energy. It is about being a good steward of our environment. This sustainable ethos relies on working with the sun, wind, water, and gravity... and not against it.

At The Lúcháir Company, our design solutions are highly intuitive- all of the parts and pieces go where they are “supposed” to be. Navigating through the spaces should be an effortless experience. The finished work is always a reflection of the patron, the builder, and the architect, and the built result is one that evokes a sense of appropriateness, durability, and timeless beauty.

Whether working with owners, contractors, other consultants, whether on fast track scheduling or traditional delivery, whether new light commercial construction or residential rehab, The Lúcháir Company tailors service packages to the specific needs of each client.

Matthew J. Fitzgerald, RA LEED AP Biography

As a practicing architect, Matthew couples his expertise in traditional architecture with invention and total responsiveness to the demand for technological capabilities in today’s world. He is a devoted student of strategies of proportion and pattern-making within architecture and its connection to a regional vernacular. For Matthew, sustainable design is an essential component found inherently within traditional architecture. For both residential and commercial projects, paying close attention to sustainability enhances the long-term viability and cost-effectiveness of the design.

Having worked for small architecture firms over his entire 17 year career, Matthew has gained broad experience working in a wide array of disciplines ranging from single family residential architecture, to multifamily residential architecture, to commercial retail design, to master plan design, to hospitality and resort design, and several other focuses. Often these projects are located in historically significant and sensitive areas.

Since coming to Virginia in 2005, Matthew has worked extensively on projects that have delicate environmental and historic parameters. Matthew has participated on environmentally sensitive projects that emphasize conservation-based development that concentrate on light imprint practices and landscape preservation. He helped prepare the guidelines for work in communities where sustainability and preservation of natural landscape are central to the overall character of the community. Among Matthew’s historic renovations include an historic adaptive reuse of a warehouse property into multifamily loft apartments, and the rehabilitation and conversion of a historic dairy complex into a community center, as well as several extensive historic residential rehabilitation projects. Matthew’s new residential work has focused almost exclusively on the use of light imprint sustainable practices.

Matthew’s past projects have been recognized by the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association, Traditional Building Magazine’s Palladio Awards, AIA Pennsylvania, AIA Pittsburgh, and the Valley Conservation Council. He is certified with Earthcraft Virginia, and with the US Green Building Council as a LEED accredited professional. He is registered in Virginia. He resides with his wife and family in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley.