

## **Kathryn Rogers Merlino**

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For over twenty years, Kathryn's work has centered on the intersection of historic preservation, building reuse design, and sustainability. As a leader in the field of sustainable preservation, she has taken on roles as both an historian and a consultant in historic preservation, actively contributing to regional projects through research, writing and preservation design consulting. Her expertise is in the successful and efficient navigation of the preservation processes at local, state, and national levels. She has served on the King County Landmark commission, state, academic and professional advisory boards and design juries. Her book, *Building Reuse: Sustainability, Preservation, and the Value of Design* (UW Press, 2018), along with dozens of invited professional and academic papers and presentations and courses taught on design, architectural history and adaptive reuse are the focus of her academic career, and as the founder and director of the UW's Center for Preservation and Adaptive Reuse (CPAR), which focuses on educational and applied research projects. She brings experience in the landmark process, a passionate knowledge of architectural history, experience on equity and historic preservation research and a background in architectural design, history and preservation across academic and professional contexts.

## **EDUCATION**

1999 Master of Architecture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

1999 Master of Architectural History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
*with distinction, M.Arch, with distinction & highest commendation, M.Arch. History; Valedictorian*

1988 Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies, University of Washington, Seattle

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & POSITIONS**

2018-pr Founder and Co-Director, Center for Preservation and Adaptive Reuse, College of Built Environments, UW

2014-pr Associate Professor, 1.0FTE, with Tenure, Department of Architecture, College of Built Environments, UW

2014-pr. Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, College of Built Environments

2005–14. Assistant Professor, .6 FTE, Department of Architecture, College of Built Environments, UW

## **SELECTED RELEVANT & GRANTS**

2023 *Mapping the Path to Equity and Inclusion in Historic Preservation* (pending), Royalty Research Fund, \$40,000

2023 *ASUW Shell House Sustainable Stormwater Feasibility Study*, Campus Sustainability Fund, UW. \$31,959

2023 *Preservation Equity Project*, Research Restart Grant, College of Built Environments. \$5,000.

2022 *ASUW Shell House Seismic Rehabilitation*, Saving America's Treasures Grant, National Park Service. \$500,000

2017 *Unreinforced Masonry Buildings in Seattle: GIS-based Strategies*, National Trust for Historic Preservation. \$4,000

2009 *Sustainability and Historic Preservation Report*, Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Washington. \$58,000

## **SELECTED RELEVANT SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Books**

2018 *Building Reuse: Sustainability, Preservation, and the Value of Design*. University of Washington Press.

## **Selected Professional Historic Preservation Consulting, Nominations, Consulting & Reports**

2021 Historic nomination report: The Hahn Building, Seattle. (client NDA), Seattle, WA.

2020 Eight historic building reports in Pioneer Square, in Seattle for BuildingWork Architects, Seattle, WA.

2020 Historic Preservation consultant, The Westland Building/Railspur, with Miller Hull Architects, Seattle, WA.

2019 Design Consultant, Architectural Historian for Rock Island Silicone Plant, East Wenatchee., with Graham Baba Architects, East Wenatchee, WA.

- 2018 Historic Preservation Consultant for the Grand Central Block, Pioneer Square with Graham Baba Architects, Seattle, WA.
- 2018 Expert Witness for Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, Providence Heights School, Issaquah vs. King County
- 2018 Historic Preservation Consultant for Building 18, Magnuson Park, with client, Outdoors for All.
- 2011 Executive Report on Preservation and Sustainability in Washington State, Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Olympia, WA.
- 2009 National Register of Historic Places Nomination Report, The Faculty Center Building at the University of Washington.

**Selected invited lectures, articles, publications**

- 2022 Invited Keynote, "Preservation and Sustainability in Main Street Towns" Preserve Iowa State Conference. Mason City, IA.
- 2022 Invited Keynote, "Density, Development and Preservation," City of Bozeman, MT.
- 2019 Invited Speaker: "Building Reuse as an Act of Environmental Resistance," for Historic Tacoma, Tacoma, WA.
- 2019 Invited Keynote, "Sustainability and Reuse of Buildings and Materials," Build Maine Annual Conference, Lewiston, ME.
- 2016 "The Aggregate City and Measuring Urban Resilience," presented to the Conference on Heritage and Sustainability, July 22, 2014. Guimeiras, Portugal.
- 2014 "[Re]Evaluating Significance: The Environmental and Cultural Value in Older and Historic Buildings in The Public Historian: A Journal of Public History (Summer 2014)," Vol. 36, No 2.
- 2011 "Urban grain and the Vibrancy of Older Neighborhoods: Metrics and Measures," in the Proceedings for ARCC 2011 - Considering Research: Reflecting upon current themes in Architectural Research (Spring 2011): 477-488.
- 2010 "Sustainability and the Transformative Value of Repair," in the Proceedings for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting, New Orleans: (Spring 2011): 525-532.
- 2013 "Changing the Conversation: Energy Efficiency and Historic Preservation," National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana. November 1, 2013.
- 2011 "Urban Grain and the Vibrancy of Older Neighborhoods: Metrics and Measures," accepted for ARCC 2011 - Considering Research: Current themes in Architectural Research, Detroit, Michigan, May 23, 2011.
- 2011 "Preservation and Sustainability: Washington's Future," invited speaker to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference "Revitalize Washington" Walla Walla, Washington, May 12-13, 2011.
- 2011 "Historic Preservation and Sustainability in Washington State: Making the Case," presented at the Annual Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Buffalo, New York, October 19-21, 2011.
- 2010 "Building Reuse and Sustainability," presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Public History (NCHP) in Portland Oregon, March 14, 2010.
- 2010 "Sustainability and the Transformative Value of Repair," presented at the Annual Conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 6, 2010.

**Professional Practice**

- 1995-96 Cardwell/Thomas Architects, Seattle, WA
- 1992-1995 Olson Sundberg Architects (now Olson Kundig Architects), Seattle, WA
- 1989-1992 Roger Newell Architects. Seattle, WA

**Selected Related Boards, Offices and Positions**

- 2019-pr Board Member, ASUW Historic Shell House, University of Washington
- 2018-20 Washington State Governors Task Committee for Unreinforced Masonry Buildings Advisory Board
- 2012-pr Sustainability and Research Sub-Committee, Association of Preservation Technology
- 2007-12 Commissioner, King County Landmarks Commission, King County Historic Preservation
- 2009 Jury Member, AIA Washington Awards for Civic Architecture, AIA, Washington Chapter