



KIRSTEN KENT CARANGI, RA, MIES

CO-FOUNDER | DESIGN FIRM PRINCIPAL

A registered architect, Kirsten has developed a keen eye for lighting design. After more than 28 years in private practice, her interest, a complete integration of lighting, architecture and interior design, “came to light”; thus, this is now where she focuses her design work. At the helm of BEAM, Kirsten leads the studio to create innovative lighting design solutions for a variety of projects. Prior to creating BEAM, Kirsten was an Associate at a well-known architectural firm in Center City and spent more than 10 years honing her architectural skills. She has extensive experience on renovations, additions and adaptive reuse projects and this experience contributes to a strong understanding of lighting transforming architectural spaces. Kirsten is an active member of the architectural and neighborhood community. She served on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Chapter of AIA for three years and participated on various committees. She also served on the Board of Trustees for The Waldorf School of Philadelphia, as the Treasurer for 5 years. In the past, she has sat as a juror for the IALD Design with Light Competitions, and involved with the AIA Women in Architecture Committee and Philadelphia’s Women In Lighting Design (WILD) IES committee, as she has changed the direction of her career from traditional architect to principal of a lighting design firm.

FEATURED LIGHTING PROJECTS

Christ Church. Philadelphia, PA
18th century Anglican sanctuary renovation
IES National Certificate of Merit, 2010
IES Philadelphia Certificate of Merit, 2010
Preservation Alliance of Philadelphia Preservation Achievement Award, 2009

Pop Hall Rotunda. Lawrenceville, NJ
Rotunda renovation and historic bronze statue illumination
at The Lawrenceville School

Harrison Commons. Harrison, NJ
Mixed-use development including, residential units, a hotel, and retail space

Rittenhouse Hotel. Philadelphia, PA
Lobby renovation for condominium on Rittenhouse Square

Southside Bethlehem. Bethlehem, PA
Streetscape lighting study

EVO Tower at Cira Centre South. Philadelphia, PA
Class A student housing high-rise

Merrick Hall Northern Children’s Services. Philadelphia, PA
Adaptive reuse for a nonprofit residential facility
Preservation Alliance of Philadelphia Preservation Achievement Award, 2015

EDUCATION

North Dakota State University, B. Environmental Science	1991
B. Architecture	1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal, BEAM	2002–present
Associate, Project Architect, Cecil Baker & Associates	1995–2002
Staff Architect, Richard E. Brown & Associates	1993–1995

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS + LEADERSHIP

Member, IES (Illuminating Engineering Society)	2014–present
Allied Member, Philadelphia Chapter of AIA	2010–present
Member, NCARB	2000–present
Member, WBENC (Women’s Business Enterprise National Council)	2005–present
Member, MBEC (City of Philadelphia Minority Business Enterprise Council)	2005–present
Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Alumni (Cohort B, Philadelphia)	Summer 2017
Treasurer and Board Member, The Waldorf School of Philadelphia	2011-2016
Member, American Institute of Architects	2000–2009
Board of Directors, Philadelphia Chapter of AIA	2001–2003

ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION/LICENSE

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New Jersey