

People often ask me how long I've known that I wanted to be an architect. I tell them, "As long as I can remember." I built elaborate wood block mazes for the hamsters in kindergarten, had the biggest collection of LEGOs in grade school and I still love to take things apart so I can put them back together. I'm fascinated with how things work and how they are then combined with other things to make systems.

After earning a degree in architecture, I was able to work for one of the largest commercial architecture firms in the world. I chose the company so I would have a chance to work with architects, engineers and other in-house people in closely related fields. It was a great opportunity to ask "our people" any questions I could think up. I worked on projects I probably would not have encountered otherwise with people I considered family.

Though our commercial work seemed (relatively) glamorous at the time, as I matured, my appreciation for the subtle details and client relationships quickly became most important to me. The scale of our typical commercial project demanded a team of architects specializing in practice areas. This made it difficult for the project manager working with the client to really know the details of the project. To address my concerns, I needed to change the scale of my practice.

By focusing on single-family residential projects (renovations, additions and new construction) I'm building stronger client relationships though I can still focus on the details of each project. The best practices I've brought from a sophisticated commercial firm make me a better advocate for my clients. The result is architecture more in tune with the requirements of each client.

Good architecture is only possible through the efforts of a team of people. I'm thankful for all the teams of which I've been a part and I look forward to many new relationships.



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Ryan Taylor's Bio



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ACTIVITIES

Communications Committee

American Institute of Architects, Atlanta Chapter

Course Instructor, "From Idea to Construction: The Process of Building"
Emory University's Center for Lifelong Learning, Two-Day Course

Course Instructor, "Building In Energy Performance"
2008 Remodeling Show, National Convention by Hanley Wood

Juror, 2008 National Award(s) for Excellence in Housing Design Curriculum
Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture

PRACTICE AREAS

taylor28design LLC provides a full compliment of architectural services exclusively for single-family residential projects. These projects include renovations, additions and new construction. Particular passions within the practice include: vernacular architecture, sustainable design, valuing of source, natural + artificial lighting, best use of the project site, infill development, accessible design for aging owners, coastal and island architecture, water conservation + management, construction waste management + recycling and equestrian communities.

PHILOSOPHY

As an architect and Owner's advocate, I prefer to work as a consultant to the Owner: helping the Owner develop and realize his/her vision for the project rather than driving the Owner toward the most obvious design solution. I provide candid comments, alternative solutions and guide the Owner through the process from programming through the end of the construction phase.

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects, National Council of Architecture Registration Boards, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, High Museum, etc.