

Ruchira D. Nageswaran

Senior Architect

Education

University of Notre Dame, Bachelor of Architecture, 1992–1996

- Curriculum emphasis in classical & traditional architecture
- Ralph Sollitt Award, best design solution to thesis problem, 1996
- Ray Stuermer Award, most improvement and excellence in design, 1995
- Architectural Study in Rome, Italy, 1993–1994

University of Colorado, Boulder, College of Environmental Design, 1991–1992

- Hewlett-Packard Scholarship, 1991

Qualifications

- Architect, California License No. 29131 (October 2002)
- Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for Architecture and Historic Architecture
- CSI, Certified Construction Documents Technologist (2003)
- NCARB Certificate No. 56,561 (2003), IDP (completed 2001)

Experience

Knapp Architects, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Senior Architect, Historic Preservation, New Construction, July 2008 – present

Cearnal Andrulaitis LLP, Santa Barbara, CA

Project Architect, New Construction, April 2005 – June 2007

450 Architects, San Francisco, CA

Project Architect, Existing and New Construction, November 2004 – April 2005

Page & Turnbull, Inc., San Francisco, CA

Project Architect / Designer, Historic Preservation, June 1996 – March 2004

Historic American Buildings Survey: The Mark Twain House, Hartford, CT

Architectural Technician, Measured Drawings, May 1995 – August 1995

Skills

- Existing and New Construction, Historical Research and Assessment, Residential, Commercial, Private, Public, and Higher Education
- Expertise in Classical, traditional, vernacular architectural styles; in-depth knowledge of building materials, systems, and construction techniques; relevant histories of San Francisco and Bay Area region
- Small to large multi-disciplinary projects from design through construction administration; planning entitlements and building department permit processing; survey, documentation, historical research, and written architectural and historical assessments; site and building design; code analysis; as-built and design drawings, details, and specifications; sustainable materials; sketches and renderings in watercolor, pen, pencil
- Client, staff and consultant coordination; preparation of proposals and presentations; management of tasks, budget, schedule; contracts, invoices
- Experience with Microsoft and Adobe Suites, AutoCAD, Vectorworks, WordPress

Professional Activities

- American Institute of Architects
- California Preservation Foundation, Presentations
- AIASF Historic Resources Committee, Presentations
- Bay Area Young Architects (Secretary-1998, Member-1996-2000)

Volunteer Experience

- Habitat for Humanity, Malawi, Santa Barbara, San Francisco
- AIA San Francisco Mentorship Program
- Boys & Girls Club, Corvallis, Oregon
- California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco
- LEAP Sandcastle Competition for architecture in schools, San Francisco
- Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together, San Francisco

Awards

- Bayview Opera House, San Francisco
2017 CPF Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Historic Preservation
2017 AIASF Community Alliance Revitalization Award
- Lovelace Property, Montecito, CA
2017 ASLA Northern California (PGAdesign)
- 50 United Nations Plaza (GSA Pacific Rim Region Headquarters)
2014 U.S. GSA Honor Award for Historic Preservation
2014 California Preservation Foundation Award for Rehabilitation
- Kelly Cullen Community (Historic Central YMCA, San Francisco)
2013 AIA SF Historic Preservation Honor Award
2014 AIA/HUD Housing and Community Design Award
National Trust for Historic Preservation - National Preservation Honor Award
Office of Historic Preservation Governor's Historic Preservation Award
California Preservation Foundation - Preservation Design Award
National Housing & Rehabilitation Association - J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation
- Blum Center for Developing Economies (Historic Naval Architecture Building), University of California, Berkeley
2013 Berkeley Design Advocates for Design Excellence
2011 California Preservation Foundation Preservation Design Awards

Projects

Knapp Architects

48 Gold Street, San Francisco - façade rehabilitation
111 Townsend, San Francisco - tax credits
113-115 Belgrave, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
143 Laidley, San Francisco - historic and design assessment
201 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco - research, marquee rehabilitation
217 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco - storefront design
246 Grove, Fremont - evaluation of new residence design at historic property
519 Ellis Street, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
537 Grove Street, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
825 DeHaro Street, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
1066 Market Street, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
1365 Grant Road, Los Altos - historic resource evaluation, façade rehab
1835 38th Avenue, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
2100 Mission Street, San Francisco - historic resource evaluation
2626 Hyde Street, San Francisco - historic yard wall and basement rehab
2820 Broadway, Oakland - façade rehabilitation
Acheson Commons, Berkeley - façade rehabilitation
Alma College, Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, Santa Clara County - conditions assessment & rehabilitation
Alumni House, UC Berkeley - historic resource evaluation
Anna Head Art Room, UC Berkeley - skylight rehabilitation
Arata Ranch, Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve - historic evaluation, conditions assessment, dairy barn mothballing
Bayview Opera House, San Francisco - rehabilitation, accessibility upgrades
Beatty Ranch/Bear Creek Stables, Santa Clara County- historic evaluation
Blum Center for Developing Economies, UC Berkeley - historic Naval Architecture Building rehabilitation
Dominican Sisters Rosary Building, Fremont - window rehabilitation
Kelly Cullen Community, San Francisco - rehabilitation of historic Central YMCA, tax credit documentation
Edwards Stadium, UC Berkeley - historic structure report
Federal Building at 50 United Nations Plaza, San Francisco - rehabilitation
Fort Mason, Quarters 4S, San Francisco - wood walkway reconstruction
Fort Mason, Quarters 36, San Francisco - dry rot and stucco repairs
Garcia Residence, San Jose - new addition to historic residence
Giannini Hall, UC Berkeley - interior renovation, structural upgrades
Hawthorns Ranch, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Santa Clara County - conditions assessment
Hearst Building, San Francisco - rehabilitation for adaptive reuse
Hilgard Hall, UC Berkeley - historic structure report
Hoberg Residence, Santa Cruz - drawings
Knoll Hall, Stanford University - window and door rehabilitation
Lafayette Downtown Specific Plan - cultural resources survey, description
Lennar Homes, Lafayette, CA - historic resource assessment

LePort Montessori School at 50 Fell Street, San Francisco - adaptive reuse
Lovelace Property, Montecito, CA - HALS drawings for buildings
Mare Island, CA - analyses for demolition per specific plan
Marines Memorial Building, San Francisco - egress diagram
Marshall Hotel, Sacramento - façade rehabilitation
Masonic Lodge, Burlingame - minor renovation drawings
Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco - significance analysis for master plan
North Gate Hall Windows, UC Berkeley - window rehabilitation
Pier 31, Embarcadero, San Francisco - concrete and window rehabilitation
Pigott Hall, Stanford University - egress diagram
Presidio Building 210, Presidio of San Francisco - façade repairs
Presidio Theatre, Presidio of San Francisco - rehabilitation for adaptive reuse,
tax credit documentation
Proper Hotel, San Francisco - rehabilitation of historic hotel (Renoir/Shaw),
tax credit documentation
SF General Hospital Buildings 80 & 90 - accessibility upgrades
San Mateo Arboretum Society - watercolor renderings of renovated space
Shaiq Residence, Fremont - reconstruction of house wing
Sunol Water Temple, Sunol, CA - concrete and polychrome rehabilitation
Hay Barn, UC Santa Cruz - reconstruction for adaptive reuse
USGS, Menlo Park, CA - historic resource assessment
Walnut Creek BART TOD West Downtown Specific Plan - cultural resources
survey and description
Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley - historic structure report
Women's Faculty Club, UC Berkeley - historic structure report

Cearnal Collective, LLP (formerly Cearnal Andrulaitis, LLP)

Bungalows at 412 Mallory Way, Ojai - new residential development design
121 W. De La Guerra, Santa Barbara - design for new multi-family housing
Kass Residence, Montecito - details for new residence
Mar-y-Cell, 24 E. Santa Clara St, Ventura - residential block façade design
Orfalea Children's Center for Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara - complex of
three new buildings for children of hospital employees
Santa Barbara Bank & Trust Security Gate - new wrought iron gate

450 Architects

Round Valley Elementary School, Covelo, CA - accessibility upgrades
Sherman Elementary School, San Francisco, CA - accessibility upgrades
Vican Summer Residence, Croatia - detailing of stone house

Page & Turnbull, Inc.

One Powell, San Francisco - exterior survey
1st & Howard, San Francisco - historical study
730 Market, San Francisco - color study
Asian Art Museum, San Francisco - rehabilitation for adaptive reuse
Blue Wing Inn, Santa Cruz - measured drawings
737 Bryant Street, Palo Alto - design watercolor renderings for new addition
Bank of America, San Francisco - exterior study
Chronicle Building, San Francisco - conditions survey
San Francisco City Hall - Section 106 peer review
Colombo Building, San Francisco - building report, neighborhood survey
Columbia Mine State Historic Park - repairs
Conservatory of Music, San Francisco - window survey
Empire Mine State Historic Park - repairs
Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco - exterior terra cotta and granite rehabilitation
Fox Residence, San Francisco - kitchen design
Hall-Wald House, San Francisco - as-built drawings
Herrington House Garage - design
Hillel Foundation, Stanford - watercolor rendering
Turnbull Residence, San Francisco - renovation
La Purisima Mission, Santa Barbara County - rehabilitation
LBGT Center, San Francisco - as-built drawings
Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park - rehabilitation
Monadnock Building, San Francisco - paint selection
Montgomery Hotel, San Jose - marquee design and drawings
Muni Substation, San Francisco
Oakland Uptown - historic resources survey
Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco - storefront

McLaren Pergola (Chamberlain/Cassell House), Hillsborough - reconstruction
Pond Farm, Guerneville - measured drawings
Rengstorff House, Mountain View - porch repairs
Stanford Mansion Roof, Sacramento - rehabilitation drawings
Storey Avenue Duplexes (8 units), Presidio of San Francisco - rehabilitation
Williams Building, San Francisco - masonry survey