



MELINDA SHAH AIA, LEED AP

Principal-In-Charge, Schooley Caldwell

ABOUT MELINDA

Melinda is an architect with Schooley Caldwell who has spent 18 years working on historic buildings and projects for public and private clients. Through this experience, she has gained valuable knowledge of how to work with existing buildings to preserve them while bringing them to life for new uses. She is also experienced at working with the various requirements for buildings listed on historic registries, in districts with design review, and buildings with historic tax credits.

Melinda received both her Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of Cincinnati, where she had the opportunity to co-op with other design firms and gain significant experience in preservation design. In addition, she received a Certificate of Historic Preservation from the University of Cincinnati.

TITLE

Architect, Principal, COO, Vice President

EDUCATION

M.Arch, University of Cincinnati

BS.Arch, University of Cincinnati

REGISTRATION

Registered Architect; #ARC.0814590

AFFILIATIONS + AWARDS

Certificate in Historic Preservation, University of Cincinnati

LEED Accredited Professional

American Institute of Architects

Former Member, Ft. Hayes Preservation Program Committee

Former Member, Clintonville Area Commission Preservation Committee

Chair of the Volunteers Committee for the Columbus Arts Festival

Girl Scout Leader

SELECT PROJECTS

Slocum Hall at OWU | Delaware, Ohio*

Melinda is the Principal-in-Charge overseeing the entire design team for the renovation of this 1898 building. The project will include repurposing and reconfiguring existing spaces while making them accessible, repairing the building envelope, and modernizing the mechanical and electrical systems including the addition of air conditioning. This work will be accomplished while preserving the historic fabric of the building. Melinda has been heavily involved in determining how to preserve the building's historic elements, such as the 70'x20' leaded glass ceiling on the 2nd floor.

Ohio Statehouse, Architect of the Capitol | Columbus, Ohio*

Melinda is currently serving as Project Manager for a number of projects at the Statehouse as part of Schooley Caldwell's ongoing role as Architect of the Capitol. Melinda meets with CSRAB to coordinate the projects with the State's program, budget, and schedule needs. Recently, Melinda completed the rearrangement of the Governor's portrait; plans for a window/service door and Memorial/fountain repair; Room 113 House Hearing Room renovation; and plans for a House Press Room.

Delaware County Courthouse | Delaware, Ohio*

Melinda was the Project Manager for the renovation of this historic courthouse. Schooley Caldwell's scope included physical assessment and conceptual design to assist the County with developing a scope and budget, followed by full design services for the renovation work. Melinda was Delaware County's main contact and coordinated the work of the internal team of architects and interior designers, as well as the engineers.

Carlisle Building | Chillicothe, Ohio*

Melinda was the Project Manager for this renovation and restoration of an 1885 landmark building; she served as the main point of contact for the client and was responsible for architectural design as well as managing the entire team of designers and consultants to compile a thorough and clear set of construction documents. This project required significant historic preservation expertise, which Melinda brought to the team. The building now houses offices of Adena Health System and 32 residential units for medical residents and students. She also helped coordinate and submit the Part 2 and Part 3 Historic Tax Credit applications.

Columbus Museum of Art, Beaton Hall | Columbus, Ohio

Schooley Caldwell renovated Beaton Hall to house 50 staff members, freeing up space in the main building for public spaces. Melinda provided architectural support and worked on door, window, and interior details. Among the exterior renovation efforts were restoring existing steel windows and cutting in six new windows. Non-original exterior doors were replaced with sensitive and appropriate doors. Schooley Caldwell also designed a roof replacement and a new ADA ramp.

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Current Projects

- Columbus Historical Society - Engine House No.6 | Columbus, Ohio*
- Delaware Train Depot | Delaware, Ohio*
- Front & Fulton | Columbus, Ohio*
- Inn on the Park | Gallipolis, Ohio*
- Lakeside Ohio housing inventory | Lakeside, Ohio*
- Mechem Building | Nelsonville, Ohio*
- Nelsonville Eagles Building | Nelsonville, Ohio*
- Newark Arcade | Newark, Ohio*

Past Projects

- Atlas Building | Columbus, Ohio*
- Chillicothe Majestic Theater addition | Chillicothe, Ohio*
- Columbus City Schools - old North HS* and Dominion MS | Columbus, Ohio
- Columbus City Schools - West High School cupola restoration | Columbus, Ohio*
- Defiance County Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence | Columbus, Ohio*
- First Congregational Church | Columbus, Ohio*
- Fort Collective | Chillicothe, Ohio
- Franklin Park Conservatory - Palm House Additions | Columbus, Ohio*
- Hubbard Park Place | Columbus, Ohio
- Indianola Junior High assessment | Columbus, Ohio*
- Kinney Federal Courthouse, various projects | Columbus, Ohio*
- Lakeside Chautauqua Assessments | Lakeside, Ohio*
- Lakeside School feasibility study | Lakeside, Ohio*
- Lazarus Building | Columbus, Ohio
- LeVeque Tower | Columbus, Ohio*
- Licking County Historic Jail Master Plan | Newark, Ohio*
- Minnesota State Capitol | St. Paul, Minnesota*
- Ohio Governor's Residence, Carriage House | Bexley, Ohio*
- OSU Cooke Castle - Exterior Stabilization | Gibraltar Island, Ohio*
- OSU Holiday Inn renovation | Columbus, Ohio
- OSU South Highrises | Columbus, Ohio
- OSU Stone Lab Master Plan | Gibraltar Island, Ohio*
- OU Ridges - Roofing & Masonry Repair | Columbus, Ohio*
- OWU Stuyvesant Hall | Columbus, Ohio*
- Oxford Cultural Arts Center | Oxford, Ohio*
- Scioto Mile Ballustrade Restoration | Columbus, Ohio
- Tuscarawas County Courthouse dome resotration | New Philadelphia, Ohio*
- Utah State Capitol | Salt Lake City, Utah*
- Wayne County Courthouse Exterior Restoration | Wooster, Ohio*

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SPEAKER

Heritage Ohio Annual Conference - 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020

AIA Ohio Annual Conference - 2016

Design Columbus - 2020

MISCELLANEOUS

Ohio History Fund Grant reviewer 2020/2021