

**Rehabilitation of Georgia Tech College of Architecture's
Hinman Research Building Earns International Accolades**









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The restoration and adaptive reuse of the historic Hinman Research Building at Georgia Tech has received more than a dozen awards from local, national and international design trade organizations. The \$9.5 million project was a collaboration between Lord, Aeck & Sargent's Historic Preservation Studio and Office dA as the architects and The Beck Group as construction manager. Since its completion in early 2011, the work has captured top prizes including *Interior Design Magazine's* 2011 Best of Year Award and *ARCHITECT* magazine's venerable P/A (Progressive Architecture) Award Citation.

The full portfolio of commendations includes:

- *Architect Magazine* 2011 P/A (Progressive Architecture) Award Citation
- American Institute of Architects 2012 Committee on Arch for Education, Educational Facility Design Awards, Merit Award
- American Institute of Architects - New York Chapter Design Awards 2012, Honor Award, Interiors Category
- American Institute of Architects – Georgia Chapter, 2011 Design Awards Program, Honor Award
- Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, 2012 Excellence in Rehabilitation Award
- *Interior Design Magazine*, 2011 Best of the Year Award - Domestic Education category
- *Building Design & Construction Magazine* 28th Annual Reconstruction Awards - Platinum Award
- University System of Georgia Sustainability Award
- American Institute of Steel Construction 2011 IDEAS2 Awards Program, National Certificate of Recognition
- Associated General Contractors of America - Georgia Branch, 2011 Build Georgia Award
- Construction Management Association of America - South Atlantic Chapter, 2011 Project Achievement Awards, Honor Award, Renovation/Modernization Category
- American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment - Atlanta Chapter, Showcase Winner for the 2012 Greenprints Conference
- *I.D. Magazine*, 2011 Annual Design Review - Honorable Mention Environments Category

Designed in 1939 by P.M. Heffernan, architect and later director of the Tech School of Architecture (1956-1976), the Hinman Research Building was the first freestanding research facility on the campus. It is characterized by its mid-century design and materials, as well as a 50-foot high-bay laboratory. The newly rehabilitated space includes graduate level architecture studios, computer labs, interdisciplinary research labs, high-fidelity simulation and planning labs, administrative offices, galleries and space for large-scale events.

Read more about the project and its design.

About the Georgia Tech College of Architecture

The College of Architecture at Georgia Tech has been a leader in design innovation since 1908. Students, faculty and researchers in the Schools of Architecture, Building Construction, City and Regional Planning, Industrial Design and Music work across boundaries to advance knowledge of designed environments at all scales, producing new realms of experience and creativity. The College of Architecture applies cutting-edge research in partnership with corporate, government and nonprofit agencies through the Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access

(CATEA), the Center for Geographic Information Systems (CGIS), the Georgia Tech Center for Music Technology (GTCMT), the Center for Quality Growth and Regional Development (CQGRD) and the Digital Building Lab (DBL). For more information, visit www.coa.gatech.edu.

About Lord, Aeck & Sargent

Lord, Aeck & Sargent is an award-winning architectural firm serving clients in scientific, academic, historic preservation, arts and cultural, and multi-family housing and mixed-use markets. Its Historic Preservation Studio has a national reputation for quality and champions collaboration between preservation and design. The firm's core values are responsive design, technological expertise and exceptional service. In 2003, The Construction Specifications Institute awarded Lord, Aeck & Sargent its Environmental Sensitivity Award for showing exceptional devotion to the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly materials, and for striving to create functional, sensitive and healthy buildings for clients. In 2007, Lord, Aeck & Sargent was one of the first architecture firms to adopt The 2030 Challenge, an initiative whose ultimate goal is the design of carbon-neutral buildings, or buildings that use no fossil-fuel greenhouse gas-emitting energy to operate, by the year 2030. Lord, Aeck & Sargent has offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Atlanta, Georgia; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For more information, visit the firm at www.lordaecksargent.com.

About Office dA

Office dA was a Boston-based design firm led by principal partners Nader Tehrani and Monica Ponce de Leon. The firm's work ranged in scale from furniture to architecture, urban design and infrastructure, with a focus on craft, detailing, and precision. Office dA seized on the challenges unique to each project—the peculiarities of a site, requirements of program, and cultural specifications—as the catalysts for transformation in architecture. An investigation of the potentials of materials and construction techniques, sometimes imported from fields outside of architecture, WAS the foundation for every design. Much of the firm's research WAS dedicated to an exploration of how to improve on contemporary modes of construction, investigating both industry standards as well evolving technologies derived from digital manufacturing processes. The firm's focus on detailing, materials, and technology established a unique design process that encourages architectural invention and the production of knowledge.

About Nader Tehrani

Nader Tehrani is the founder of the newly formed "NADAAA." In collaboration with Dan Gallagher and Katie Faulkner, Tehrani will oversee the design of a range of new projects, including two new schools of architecture, a model home gallery in Korea and the Bridge Barriers projects at Cornell University.

Tehrani is a Professor of Architecture and the head of the School of Architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received a B.F.A. and a B. Arch from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1985 and 1986 respectively, and continued on to the Harvard Graduate School of Design where he received his M.A.U.D in 1991. Tehrani has taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Rhode Island School of Design, and Georgia Institute of Technology, where he served as the Thomas W. Ventulett III Distinguished Chair in Architectural Design. His area of research is focused on innovations in building systems, material application, and the transformation of the building industry, with an emphasis on digital

fabrication. While a principal at Office dA, Tehrani received numerous awards, including the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award in Architecture, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Architecture Award, the Harleston Parker Award, and 13 Progressive Architecture Awards. His work has been exhibited widely, including such venues as the Museum of Modern Art, the Venice Biennale and the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

About The Beck Group

Founded in 1912, Beck is a full-service design and construction company with its' Eastern Division headquarters being located in Atlanta since 1939. Beck is in the business of devising solutions for clients needs through the development of real estate, the design of architecture and interiors and the construction of buildings. In addition to greenfield developments, Beck has become a leader in complex renovation and building re-use projects. Beck serves a wide range of industries in the private and public sectors, including arts, corporate, healthcare, entertainment, religious, higher education, retail, and hospitality. Beck has more than 500 employees, many of whom are LEED-accredited professionals, working from a network of offices in Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth, Mexico City, San Antonio and Tampa. For more information, go to www.beckgroup.com

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