

# Robert M. Steelman, AIA

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## **Education**

05/1979: B.ARCH University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture, Fayetteville, Arkansas

## **Employment History**

05/1979 - 02/1985: Intern Architect and Architect, Three firms in Dallas, TX & Little Rock, AR

02/1985 - 12/2021: Founding Principal, SCM Architects, PLLC, Little Rock, AR

## **Professional Registration**

01/1983 - present: Arkansas Architect, Certificate 1642

Previously licensed in Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas

## **Professional Affiliations**

Since 05/1983: National Council of Architectural Registration Boards - Cert. 28182, Record 32992

Since 07/1983: American Institute of Architects - 30019742

## **Work Experience**

Following a brief internship in Dallas and Little Rock, including work on several higher education projects, Mike founded SCM Architects in 1985. Under his leadership, SCM grew to include offices in Little Rock and Fayetteville with a total staff of 20. Though the firm has a diverse portfolio, their primary focus has always been on architecture for higher education. While at SCM, Mike worked with universities across the state of Arkansas and throughout the mid-south. He has gained extensive experience designing educational environments, from instructional spaces of all types, to laboratories, administrative facilities, service and operational functions, a variety of campus housing options, performance venues, facilities for intercollegiate sports, student wellness and recreation, a variety of dining opportunities, student services and campus life. Mike's experience also includes campus master-planning and the design of exterior spaces to support and enhance both the academic and social aspects of campus life.

For over thirty-three years, Mike and SCM worked together with Harding University in Searcy, Memphis, Rogers and North Little Rock to plan and develop the built environment on all four Harding campuses.

## **Education Experience**

From 2007 through 2021, Mike served on the Advisory Board for the Harding University Interior Architecture Program. The program was accredited by CIDA in 2008.

From 2015 through 2021, Mike taught Construction Systems for Interior Architecture as an adjunct at Harding University.

In January of 2022 Mike left professional practice to become a full-time educator, accepting the position of Assistant Professor and Director of Harding's new Architecture Program. He participated in the Substantive Change Request process with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to secure approval for the program. Mike continues to oversee the accreditation process through the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) for the program.

Mike currently teaches Architectural Graphics I & II for both Architecture and Interior Architecture as well as Construction Systems for Interior Designers and Advanced Studio Independent Study for Interior Design.

Ongoing duties as Director of the Architecture Program include student recruiting, faculty recruiting and curriculum development.