



Molly Smith, AICP, REFP Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Molly Smith is an educational planner, facilitator, writer, researcher, speaker, and community member. She is a Certified Planner – a designation awarded by the American Planning Association. Her consulting firm, thinkSMART Planning Inc., is committed to the creation of learning environments that support the latest thinking in teaching and learning. At the firm Molly provides expert leadership in creating the learning plans, educational specifications, master plans and strategic plans for educational facilities. Her broad-ranging experience includes facility programming, master planning, space utilization analysis, budget and financial analysis, and site selections for over 20 million square feet of educational space over the last 20 years. Ms. Smith is a nationally-recognized authority on all aspects of k-12 planning as well as career technical facilities and adaptive reuse for education. A natural presenter, Molly has addressed numerous practitioner-based audiences at national educational conventions. She has written and spoken extensively on school planning techniques and school facilities' connection to student improvement. Currently, she is collaborating with Robert Hershberger on a 2nd Edition to his book Architectural Programming and Pre-design Manager, co-writing new standards for the planning portion of the NCARB exam, and assisting Mr. Hershberger with a mini-monograph series on planning for architects.

A seasoned planner, she is the rare individual who can shift effortlessly between right and left-brain thinking – effectively connecting the abstract to the concrete. She is a natural extrovert with a passion for community involvement. Her skill as a facilitator allows her to generate discussion, separate extraneous information, and build upon collective input to create consensus. Molly is equally comfortable in the world of education and architecture, making her a valuable asset to both entities.

education

Master of Architecture

Florida A&M University 1993

Bachelor of Architecture

Florida A&M University 1991

certifications and affiliations

American Institute of Certified Planners, Certification #119786, American Planning Association

Council of Educational Facility Planners International, Past President SWR, Recognized Educational Facility Planner, REFP

Arizona Association of School Building Officials

America's Schoolhouse Council, Associate Member

employment history

thinkSMART planning, inc. March 2007- Present

Founder/ Senior Planner

BPLW Architect and Engineers, inc. Jan 1995 – March 2007

Principal in Charge/ Planning Division

Architectural Research Consultants, llc. July 1993 – August 1995

Facilities Planner

relevant project experience/ educational (selected)

Capital Plans

- Capital Plan, Tucson Unified School District, AZ 2016
- Capital Plan, Hutto Independent School District, TX 2015
- Capital Plan, Park City School District, UT 2015 (with VCBO)
- Capital Plan Update, Santa Fe Public Schools, NM 2014
- Capital Plan, Clovis Municipal School District, NM 2012
- Capital Plan, Artesia Public Schools, NM 2011
- Capital Plan, Carlsbad Municipal School District, NM 2009-10, and 2014.
- Capital Plan, Santa Fe Public Schools, NM 2009
- Capital Plan, East Valley Institute of Technology, AZ 2007
- Capital Plan, Rio Rancho School District, NM 2005
- Master Site Plan, Tustin Unified School District, CA 2008

Educational Planning

- Educational Planning, Gilbert Public Schools 2016
- Educational Planning, Lewisville Independent School District 2016
- Educational Planning, Alvarado School District, AZ 2016
- Educational Planning, Comal Independent School District 2015
- Educational Planning, Amphitheater School District, AZ 2014
- Educational Planning, Deming Intermediate School. NM 2014
- Educational Planning, Laramie County School District #1 5/6 Elementary Schools. WY 2014
- Educational Planning, Paloma School District New K-8 School. AZ 2013
- Educational Planning, Carlsbad School District New Elementary Schools. NM 2013
- Educational Planning, Red Mesa School District New CTE Center. AZ 2013
- Educational Planning, New STEM K-8 School, High Plains Environmental Academy. WY 2013
- Educational Planning, Mat Su STEM Career Academy. Mat Su School District. AK 2013
- Educational Planning, Hanna Elementary School WY 2012
- Educational Planning, HEM 6th-12th Middle/High School WY 2012
- Educational Planning, ASU Polytechnic Campus K-12 College Preparatory Academy. AZ 2012
- Educational Planning, Bernalillo High School. Bernalillo Public Schools. NM. 2012
- Educational Planning, King Career Center. Anchorage School District. AK 2012
- Educational Planning, Socorro Schools, San Antonio Elementary School. NM. 2012
- Educational Planning, District-wide Middle/High Schools. Santa Fe Public Schools. NM 2012.
- Educational Planning, New District High Schools, Leander ISD, Leander, TX. 2012
- Educational Planning, New District Elementary Schools. Gallup McKinley County Schools. NM 2011.
- Educational Planning, New District K-8 Schools, Tucson Unified School District. 2010.
- Educational Planning, New District Middle Schools, Leander ISD, Leander, TX 2010.
- Educational Planning, New District Elementary Schools, Roswell Independent School District. Roswell, NM 2009.
- Educational Planning, New District Elementary Schools, Clovis Municipal School District, Clovis, NM 2009
- Educational Planning, New District Middle Schools, Clovis Municipal School District, Clovis, NM 2009
- Educational Planning, NATIVE Vocational Technology Center, NATIVE SD, Flagstaff, AZ 2009
- Educational Planning, Citracado Biotech/Medical Sciences STEM High School, Escondido, CA 2008
- District Educational Planning, Elementary and Middle Schools. Lyon County School District, NV 2008
- Educational Plan, Chandler Preparatory Academy K-12, Arizona 2007
- Educational Planning and Charette, Washoe County School District Regional Technical Institute, NV 2007
- Educational Planning & Learning Plan, Leander Independent School District New Elementary Prototype, Texas 2007

- Educational Vision Plan, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Pre-K to Post Secondary, Washington 2007
- Educational Planning & Learning Plan, Prototype Career and Technical Schools, CCSD, Nevada 2006 (With VCBO)
- Educational Planning & Learning Plan, Rio Rancho High School, New Mexico 2006
- Educational Planning Loneman Indian Tribe K-8, South Dakota 2006
- Educational Planning, New Middle School Prototype, AJUSD, Arizona 2005
- Educational Planning, Queen Creek Middle School, QCUSD, Arizona 2005
- Educational Planning, Marc T. Atkinson Middle School, CSD, Arizona 2004
- Educational Planning, NW Career & Technical Center, CCSD, Nevada 2003
- Educational Planning, George W. Smith Junior High, MPS, Arizona 2002
- Educational Planning, Cesar Chavez High School, PUHSD, Arizona 2000
- Educational Planning, Abraham Lincoln Traditional School K-8, WESD, Arizona 2002
- Educational Planning, Bret Tarver Elementary School, CSD, Arizona 2002

Career/ Technical Education

- Red Mesa High School Career and Technical Education. Red Mesa, AZ 2013
- Career and Technical Schools, KCC. Anchorage School District. Anchorage, AL. 2012
- V. Sue Cleveland High School, RRPS, NM **MacConnell Award Finalist 2010**
- NW Career and Technical Academy, CCSD, NV **MacConnell Award 2008**
- Prototype Career and Technical Schools, CCSD, Nevada 2008
- New Career Tech Center, Henrico County Schools, VA 2008
- Del Lago Biotech/Medical Sciences Academy, CA 2008
- Washoe County School District Regional Technical Institute, Nevada 2007
- Health Sciences Addition, East Valley Institute of Technology, AZ 2005
- Campus Facility Master Plan, East Valley Institute of Technology, 2005.
- New Campus, East Valley Institute of Technology, AZ 1995

Higher Education

- University of New Mexico, Science and Technology Facility, NM, Strategic Planning
- New Mexico State University, Engineering Complex III, NM, Facility Planning
- East Valley Institute of Technology/ Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ, Capital Facilities Master Plan
- South Mountain Community College, Classroom Bldg Guadalupe Campus, AZ, Facility Planning
- Health Sciences Academy, East Valley Institute of Technology/ Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ, Facility Planning
- University of New Mexico, Science and Technology Facility, New Mexico, Strategic Planning
- New Mexico State University, Engineering Complex III, New Mexico, Facility Planning
- South Mountain Community College, Classroom Bldg Guadalupe Campus, AZ, Facility Planning

publications & presentations (selected)

- "Flipping for Student Success," with Jim Brady. School Planning and Management. January 1, 2015.
- "Tools for Planning Professionals" Council of Educational Facility Planners, Intl. Portland, OR. September 2014.
- "Tools for Planning Professionals" Council of Educational Facility Planners, Intl. Indianapolis, IN. September 2013.
- "What's in your Toolbox?" Alaska Council of Educational Facility Planners, Intl. Anchorage, AK. December 2011.
- "What's in your Toolbox?" Council of Educational Facility Planners, Intl. Nashville, TN. September 2011.
- "15 Things to Consider in Student Centered Schools" American Association of School Administrators Conference, Phoenix, AZ. February 2010.

"Agile and Appropriate: Northwest Career and Technical Academy"
CEFPI Midwest Great Lakes Regional Conference, Columbus, OH April 2009.

"Agile and Appropriate: Northwest Career and Technical Academy"
CEFPI Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, Vancouver, BC. May 2009.

"Planning Reaps Rewards in Clark County" Smith, Molly. School Planning & Management. Spring, 2009.

"NWCTA: 2008 MacConnell Award Winner" Smith, Molly. CEFPI Communicator. Spring, 2009.

"Planning Strategies to Incorporate Learning Styles into the Design Process", CEFPI High Performing Schools Conference. Tampa, FL. Feb, 2009.

"Learning Environment Matters", CEFPI Conference, San Diego, CA 2008.

"What Really Works: Clark County School District; Northwest Career and Technical Center", CEFPI High Performing Schools Conference. Scottsdale, AZ. Jan 2008.

Presentation "LISD Good to Great" TASB/TASA Conference. Dallas, TX. Sept 2007.

Jury Participant Planner of the Year, Council of Educational Facility Planners, Intl. 2007.

Presentation "LISD Good to Great" CEFPI Southern Region. San Antonio, TX April 2007.

"Adaptive Reuse for School Facilities." NSSEA Conference, Orlando FL. March 2006.

"Building Community: A Post-Occupancy Look at the Maryvale Mall Adaptive Reuse Project." Issuetrak CEFPI Journal, February 2006.

"Why Schools Should be Lean and Green." School Planning and Management, June 2004.

Presentation "Career and Technical Center for CCSD." CEFPI Chicago, IL. October 2004.

"Planning for Furniture and Fixtures to Last a Lifetime" School Planning and Management, October 2002.

"Computer Labs: A Sensible Solution for the Foreseeable Future" School Planning and Management, June 2000.

Peters, Ron and Smith, Molly. "New Schools from Old Space." The Education Facility Planner, 1998, V-34, No. 3.

Professional Seminars for the Council of Educational Planners, ASBO, NSBA, NSSEA, and ASU.

References upon Request