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Introduction

Wright & Robinson Architects offer full architectural and interior design services, specializing in residential architecture, historic preservation, and sustainable Passive House design.

We integrate landscape, architecture, and interior design into a rich and satisfying whole, attuned to its place, its people, and our time. We enjoy working with fine old buildings and in historic contexts. Whether we are designing an entirely new structure or are improving an old one, our work is grounded in scholarship, craft traditions, and sound contemporary construction practice. We work closely with our clients to produce thoughtful architecture appropriate to the physical, cultural and economic context of each commission.

Our current work (as of summer 2011) includes houses in Glen Ridge, Ridgewood, and Montclair NJ, Brooklyn and Fort Montgomery NY. We practice in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, and maintain NCARB certification to expedite licensure in other states. The partners have worked on a variety of building types and at a range of scales throughout the eastern United States and abroad.

www.wright-robinson-architects.com

Awards and Publications

Honors for the firm

- 2011 **Gothic House in Glen Ridge NJ** in The Vintage House: A Guide to Successful Renovations and Additions, by Mark Alan Hewitt and Gordon Bock (New York: Norton 2011) **Our work featured as a case study**
- 2007 **Chapman Residence in Glen Ridge NJ** **Glen Ridge Historical Society design award**
- 2001 **Roadside Obelisk in Seaside FL** **Finalists in open international competition**

Honors for Karin Robinson

- 2002 **Highland Residence** Rye NY, New York Times, 24 Nov 2002 **"Habitats" feature**
- 1993 **Women In Architecture** NYIT Old Westbury and Pratt Institute **Juried exhibition featuring university libraries designed by Karin Robinson for The Hillier Group**
- 1992 **Salem Witch Trials Memorial** Essex Institute, Salem MA **Exhibited Finalist in open international competition**

Honors for Mark Wright

- 2010 **MacDowell Colony Fellowship** **Residency at the artist's colony**
- 2009 **H. H. Richardson's House for Reverend Browne, Rediscovered**
by Mark Wright, Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, March 2009 p.75-99
Original research and reconstruction published in peer-reviewed academic journal
- 2007 **Featured in** The Things They've Done: A Book About the Careers of Selected Graduates of the Rice University School of Architecture, by William T. Cannady (Architecture at Rice 43, 2007) **Featured biography and work**
- 1997 **Rural House** Metamora MI **Academy of Architecture Arts & Sciences XXXIX Award**
- 1996 **Two Small Houses in Ohio City** **Academy of Architecture Arts & Sciences XXXIX Award**
- 1995 **Two Small Houses in Ohio City** **AIA New York Chapter Project Award**

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Vitae — Mark Wright

Licensed Architect: New York, New Jersey and Connecticut
NCARB certification expedites reciprocity in other states and in Canada

Sustainability: Passive House training

Education: Rice University, Houston TX
BA 1980, B Arch 1982

Academic Honors: Teaching assistant to Professor Casbarian;
Served on the faculty committee for the the School of Architecture
building by James Stirling;
*Texas Architectural Foundation Jesse H. Jones Merit Scholarship,
Mary Alice Elliot Travel Award, the Alpha Rho Chi Medal, and the
American Institute of Architects School Medal.*

Professional: 1979 Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Houston)
1980 - 1981 R.M.Kliment & Frances Halsband Architects
1982 - 1992 R.M.Kliment & Frances Halsband Architects
1992 - 2002 Robert Lamb Hart Planners and Architects
2002 - present Wright & Robinson Architects

For ten years Mr. Wright was central to the development of Kliment & Halsband's work, collaborating with them on buildings that were published widely and won numerous design awards. He was named an Associate in 1986. In 1992 he joined Robert Lamb Hart Planners & Architects (now Hart/Howerton) as a senior design architect and later as Associate, assuming generative and management responsibilities on projects for private clients, clubs and developers. While with these firms he collaborated on the new town hall in Salisbury CT, on apartments and corporate interiors, on houses at every scale in suburban, rural and resort environments, and clubhouses for new and existing country clubs including a new golf clubhouse for The Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park NY. Mr. Wright began collaborating with Karin Robinson on independent projects of special interest in 1986. They continue to collaborate on all of the work of their firm, Wright & Robinson Architects.

Service: 1988 - 2008 Design Awards Committee, AIA New York Chapter
1993 & 1994 Chair of DAC AIA/NYC
2002 - present Glen Ridge Historic District Preservation Commission

Teaching: Guest design critic at Pratt Institute, NJIT, New York School of Interior Design, Morgan State University, Pratt Institute. Assistant to Frances Halsband at Columbia University.

Mr. Wright's article [H. H. Richardson's House for Reverend Browne, Rediscovered](#) was published in the peer-reviewed [Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians \(JSAH\)](#) March 2009 issue.

He is featured in the 2007 book [The Things They've Done: A Book About the Careers of Selected Graduates of the Rice University School of Architecture](#) by William T. Cannady.

Mr. Wright was awarded a residential fellowship at [The MacDowell Colony](#) in the fall of 2010.

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Vitae — Karin Robinson

Licensed Architect: New York and New Jersey

Education: Princeton University
BA, **Summa Cum Laude** 1982; M Arch 1984

Academic Honors: Teaching assistant to Professors Chimacoff and Plattus;
Served on the President's Advisory Committee on Architecture;
University Merit Fellowship;
Delaware Valley Masonry Institute Thesis Prize;
Alpha Rho Chi Medal.

Professional: Her early professional work included assisting professor Bernard Tschumi with his winning competition entry for the Parc de la Villette in Paris.

1985 -1987	R.M.Kliment & Frances Halsband Architects
1987 -1992	The Hillier Group
1993 -1996	Kevin Lichten Architects (now Lichten Craig Architects)
1997 - 2002	Karin Robinson Architect
2002 - present	Wright & Robinson Architects

At K&H, Ms. Robinson collaborated on the design of the Computer Science Building at Princeton University. In 1987 she joined The Hillier Group as a senior architect, responsible for the design of new library buildings for Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) and Hood College, in addition to buildings for Union Carbide and Rutgers University. In 1993 she joined Kevin Lichten Architects as a senior architect, where she was primarily responsible for the restoration and extension of several 19th century houses at the Onteora Club, an historic Arts & Crafts enclave in Tannersville NY. In addition to her work on houses in suburban and rural resort locations she renovated and restored a number of Manhattan apartments. Since 1986 she has collaborated with Mark Wright on independent projects of special interest. She founded her firm Karin Robinson Architect in 1997, continuing her work at the Onteora Club and building an active independent professional practice in New York and New Jersey. In December of 2002 she expanded her practice to become Wright & Robinson Architects.

Service: 2010 - present President of the Glen Ridge Historical Society
Chair of the Preservation Award Program
2008 - present Trustee of the Glen Ridge Free Public Library
Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Ms. Robinson's library building for Western Maryland College was published widely, recognized with an Excellence in Architecture Award by the New Jersey Society of Architects / AIA, and exhibited at Pratt Institute in 1993.

Her entry in the Salem Witch Trials Memorial competition of 1992 was featured in an exhibition at the Essex Institute in Salem MA.

Her house in the Indian Village neighborhood of Rye NY was featured in an article in the New York Times "Habitats" column, 24 Nov 2002.