

Lauren Dunn Rockart, AIA, LEED AP

Lauren Dunn Rockart is a principal at architecture firm Lord Aeck Sargent (LAS). She has more than 25 years of architectural experience in all phases of the design process, from programming through construction administration.

Located in the firm's Chapel Hill, North Carolina office, Rockart specializes in management, design direction and decision-making for higher education projects, including residence halls, academic facilities and research laboratories. She helps to ensure that the office is serving clients with responsive, durable and economical design solutions that exceed their expectations and enhance their campus environment. In addition, she mentors and supports the development of LAS staff architects and creates a seamless bond with the firm's other offices in Georgia, Kentucky, Virginia, Michigan and Texas.

Rockart joined LAS as an architect in 2005. Before coming to LAS, she worked for architecture firms in Boston, London and New Jersey.

Rockart has played major roles on many Chapel Hill office projects, among them:

- The comprehensive renovation of the Mary Ellen Jones Building, a 220,000-square-foot, 11-story research laboratory facility at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill;
- Up-fit of 135,000 sf of Durham's historic Chesterfield Building for the Duke University School of Medicine and Pratt School of Engineering;
- A newly revitalized home for performances and lectures at Duke University's Page Auditorium, an 1,100-seat theater on the historic West Campus;
- A black box/multi-form theater for Carolina Performing Arts: CURRENT Artspace + Studio;
- Transformation of Duke University's Paul M. Gross Hall to accommodate academic and collaboration spaces for interdisciplinary initiatives, along with a large student-focused makerspace;
- Renovation of Duke University Medical Center's Clinic and Research Laboratory (CaRL) building and a range of other research laboratories;
- North Carolina Central University's Shepard Library renovations;
- Two LEED silver-certified facilities at the world renowned Duke Lemur Center at Duke University;
- The LEED gold-certified Chidley North Residence Hall at North Carolina Central University;
- UNC Greensboro's Spartan Village Housing, Phase 1, a new mixed-use student housing development that creates a new "front door" for the campus;
- The Applied Propulsion and Power Laboratory at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, a new research building that will house a variety of combustion and engine research projects.

Among her current projects are:

- Renovation of Duke University's Old Chemistry Building, on the historic West Campus Quad;
- The Convergent Sciences building at UNC Chapel Hill; a home for innovation and discovery across the campus;

- A Research and Clinic Building for the Duke Lemur Center;
- Transformation of North Carolina State's DH Hill Library into a vibrant center for academic success and technology innovation and instruction.

Rockart earned her master's degree in architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and her Bachelor of Arts degree in architecture (magna cum laude) from Princeton University.

Rockart is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Society for College and University Planning, for which she is a frequent presenter. She has written articles for publications such as ALN magazine, and her work has appeared in magazines including Architectural Record, Lab Manager Magazine, College Planning & Management and Woodworks. She also has received LEED accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council and is a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certificate holder.

Rockart, her husband and three daughters reside in Chapel Hill. In their leisure time, they enjoy traveling, skiing and spending time at the family's Northern Vermont lake house, which Rockart has renovated at least twice.

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