



James Mary O'Connor, AIA
Principal

In his 30-year career, architect James Mary O'Connor, AIA, has demonstrated a steadfast, passionate commitment to design excellence. Born in Dublin, Ireland, James came to Charles Moore's Master Studios at University of California, Los Angeles in 1982 as a Fulbright Scholar. James received his Master of Architecture from UCLA, his Diploma in Architecture from the Dublin Institute of Technology, and his Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree from Trinity College, Dublin. He joined Moore Ruble Yudell in 1983.

As Principal-in-Charge, James has provided inspired design leadership for numerous large-scale, innovative master planning, urban design and campus planning projects throughout the United States and the world. The current **Grangegorman Urban Quarter Master Plan in Dublin, Ireland** provides world-class, innovative academic facilities for Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and primary care/psychiatric facilities for Ireland's national healthcare service (the HSE) on a new campus in the historic core of the city. Another prominent campus project is the **Shanghai Technology University in China**. This new campus will become an iconic symbol of the region's exciting growth in the high-tech field while simultaneously creating an innovative, memorable and humane place for study and research. Located nearby, the **Shanghai Theatre Academy—New Pujiang Campus Master Plan Design** creates a dynamic, state-of-the-art campus for this renowned dramatic arts training and performance university.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles,
School of Architecture and Urban
Planning, Master of Architecture II, 1984
Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland,
Diploma in Architecture, 1982
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor
of Science in Architecture, 1982
Fulbright Exchange Scholar, 1982

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/
REGISTRATIONS**

American Institute of Architects
American Planning Association
Registered Architect California

The **Fire Services Training School** project in Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, Hong Kong creates a strong sense of identity for the school, by designing a coherent sequence of public open spaces enclosed by carefully placed buildings. James's recent design involvement on embassy projects for the U.S. State Department has included work for the new **U.S. Embassies in Helsinki, Finland and N'Djamena, Chad**. James has also led Moore Ruble Yudell teams in national and international design competitions, such as the **Beijing Wanhao Century Center** and the winning design for the **Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park, Maryland**.

James has a special interest in projects with a strong sustainability component. The Master Plan design for the **COFCO Agricultural Eco-Valley Master Plan** Project outside Beijing envisions a state-of-the-art sustainable project that will become the first net zero-carbon project of its kind in the world. In Santa Monica, California, the **Ocean Avenue South housing development** in the Civic Center district is on track for LEED® Silver certification. The highly-sustainable **Tango Complex** for the innovative **Bo01 Housing Exhibition in Malmö, Sweden** has received numerous awards for design excellence, and was selected as "The Year's Building 2001" in Sweden.

For over twenty years, James has taught design studios, lectured, and been invited as guest critic at universities and academic institutions in the U.S. and throughout the world. He has participated as presenter/session speaker at numerous national and international lectures, conferences/exhibitions, including the World Architecture Festival, Greenbuild, the Society of College and University Planning (SCUP), and the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a Registered Architect in the State of California.

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Awards

James has been recognized with numerous national and international awards for his design leadership on projects. James' outstanding efforts as Principal-in-Charge on projects helped Moore Ruble Yudell win the coveted AIA National Firm Award in 2006— the highest award bestowed by the American Institute of Architects each year. For his outstanding achievements, James has also received the AIA Young Architect Award, cited as “a virtual ambassador for American architects... he brings excellence, humanity, and honor to his profession.”

SELECTED WORK

Campus and Master Planning

Grangegorman Urban Quarter for Dublin Institute of Technology and Health Services Executive Stage 2: Public Realm Elements Design & Implementation, Dublin, Ireland

Grangegorman Urban Quarter for Dublin Institute of Technology and Health Services Executive Stage 1: Masterplan Design, Dublin, Ireland

Campus Master Plan, Shanghai Technical University, Shanghai, China

Shanghai Theatre Academy Campus, Shanghai, China

Kao Shiung University Master Plan, Competition, Taiwan

Lewis & Clark University Expansion, Competition, Portland, Oregon

Master Planning Vision, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Campus Buildings

Business School Design Concourse, Competition, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Student Life Center, Shanghai Technical University, Shanghai, China

Cultural Meeting Exchange Center, Shanghai Technical University, Shanghai, China

Main University Library, Shanghai Technical University, Shanghai, China

Library Competition, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland

Graduate Student Housing, Shanghai Technical University, Shanghai, China

Cultural Buildings

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Design Competition, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Humboldt Bibliothek, Berlin, Germany

Golden Sea Lake Artists Studios and Exhibition Center, China

Housing

Amber Bay Resort, Dalian, China

AIT Win Sing Residential Towers, Taipei, Taiwan

Santa Monica Civic Center Housing “Ocean Avenue South” Santa Monica, California

2802 Pico Housing, Santa Monica, California

ChunSenBiAn Housing, Chongqing, China

Concordia Resort Development Coloane, Macau, China

Tango, Bo01 Exhibition Housing, Malmö, Sweden

Student and Faculty Housing Master Plan, University of California, Santa Cruz