

James Stewart Polshek FAIA

James Stewart Polshek's distinguished career as practitioner, educator and public advocate is in its fifth decade. He is Senior Design Counsel to Polshek Partnership Architects, which he established in 1963. The firm currently numbers 150, and has been recognized internationally for its artistic, managerial and technical virtuosity and for the vitality of its multi-generational approach.

The firm has consistently created beautiful buildings that explore new ground formally, technically and functionally and has created new models in response to advances in the scientific, technological, social, cultural and political spheres. These buildings and urban designs acknowledge the importance of traditional architectural values and at the same time, speak to the future in ways both technically sophisticated and expressive. They recognize the socio-political obligations of the architect with respect to the preservation and enhancement of our cities and natural environments and demonstrate the critical social role that architecture serves in weaving together our collective past and present.

Projects include *William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Center, Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History, Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall, The New York Times Printing Plant, National Inventors Hall of Fame, Santa Fe Opera* and the *Newseum/Freedom Forum Foundation Headquarters*. Current projects include the *National Museum of American Jewish History, The Joseph Papp Public Theater Entry and Lobby Redesign*, and the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center*.

Mr. Polshek received a Master of Architecture degree from Yale University Graduate School of Architecture in 1955, and in 1956, was a Fulbright Fellow at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen. He holds Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degrees from Pratt Institute (1995) and the New School University Parsons School of Design (1995) and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from New Jersey Institute of Technology (2002). In 2002, he was honored with the Municipal Art Society's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal, and was also inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2005, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

From 1972 to 1987 Mr. Polshek was Dean of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation and Special Advisor to the President for Planning and Design at Columbia University, where he is a tenured Professor of Architecture. While at Columbia University, he established the Temple Hoyne Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, on whose Executive Committee he served for ten years. During this period, he co-founded Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility. He currently serves on the advisory boards of the New York School of Interior Design and the Lycée Français de New York.