

# **Joseph A. Betz, Architect**

**Professor, Architecture and Construction Management at Farmingdale State College**  
Farmingdale, NY, US

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## **Biography**

Joseph A. Betz is an Ivy League trained architect and academic. He is Professor and former Chairman of the Department of Architecture and Construction Management at Farmingdale State College. He has been licensed to practice architecture since 1989 and has more than 20 years experience as a principal or partner of an architectural design firm. His area of expertise is in design theory, where he teaches the first-year architectural design studio sequence and a senior-level architectural theory course. He also teaches the History of Western Architecture, a course he has worked on for more than a quarter century, and has compiled an extensive image collection of buildings from living in Europe. Funded by the National Science Foundation, Professor Betz's current area of research is in design theory where he conducts behavioral experiments on design methodology to measure creativity. He has served a three year term as a member of the Brookhaven Town Planning Board. He has studied the appropriateness of how design solutions fit the surrounding context and the interrelationship between the regulatory process itself and the public's ability to effectively comment on the design solution. He was recently appointed to the Brookhaven Town Historic District Advisory Committee for his expertise in architectural history and styles.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Architecture and Planning, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Architectural Theory and Design, Architectural History, Historic Styles and Aesthetics, Planning Board decisions and analysis

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## **Education**

**Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation**  
M.S.Arch. Architecture & Building Design (1987)

**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), School of Architecture**  
B.Arch. 5-Year Professional Degree in Architecture (1984)

**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), School of Architecture**  
B.S. Building Science (1983)

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Registered Architect**

Professional License to Practice Architecture: State of New York, No. 20214, 1989/active; State of New Jersey, No. 11501, 1991/inactive; State of Connecticut, No. 7434, 1991/inactive

### **National Architectural Certification**

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards: Certification No. 39198, 1990/active

### **Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (2000)**

State University of New York

### **Certificate of Appreciation for Service on the Planning Board (2015)**

Given by resolution of the Supervisor & Town Board of Brookhaven

### **Farmingdale State College Presidential CARES Award (2016)**

Commendation And Recognition for Exceptional Service

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