



**BARRETT STUDIO** architects

**LAURA VARSAFSKY**

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*Intern Architect*

Laura holds a Master of Architecture and a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Colorado. She is a LEED accredited professional but believes strongly in the mantra that beauty is inherent in sustainable and lasting design. Laura grew up in Steamboat Springs, CO, immersed in the outdoors. She finds the natural world a constant source of inspiration and spends her time away from Barrett Studio painting outdoor landscapes. Laura also has a passion for education; most recently, she was a speaker at the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Educators 2009 annual conference and volunteered with other members of the studio to teach an architecture course to Boulder high school students.

Laura began at Barrett Studio in 2005, and, from interiors to master planning, she brings an organized, can-do attitude to work closely with project managers on an array of project types. Her background in both performing and fine arts brings a strong understanding of the creative process. Laura is always exploring new ways of processing and presenting information and is adept at identifying appropriate methods of visual communication for different clients. She successfully combines her eye for composition and design with the accuracy and rigor of technology, to produce 3D visualizations via a combination of computer models, physical models, and hand-renderings.

Laura brings her resourcefulness and myriad of visual communication techniques to every project she works on. She is a member of the design team for the Twin Buttes master planning project and has produced many of the hand-rendered graphics used as marketing and concept drawings presented to the community and City of Durango. She brings her passion for education to projects such as the Bluff Lake Nature Center and the Wild Bear Center for Nature and Discovery. Laura was a member of the design team on the Shepherd Valley Waldorf School, preparing design studies and presentation drawings. She also enjoys the smaller scope and personal relationships of working at a residential and interior scale. Laura rounds out her experience at the studio with software support for much of the staff and jumps at any chance to work on marketing endeavors.

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