HARVARD UNIVERSITY, RADCLIFFE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, FAY HOUSE RENOVATION


Location: Cambridge, MA

Client: The President and Fellows of Harvard College (The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study)

Area: 20,584 sf

Construction Cost: $9,000,000 (est.)

Scheduled Completion: June 2012

Distinctions: LEED Gold certification targeted

Fay House is the original home of Radcliffe College and now the administrative building for the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. It was built in 1807 and expanded both horizontally and vertically over the years.

Following an initial programming study and scoping analysis, VSBA embarked on a renovation to preserve the most important historic features and character of the building while:

- creating more efficient, functional workspaces
- assessing and addressing structural deficiencies
- improving life safety
- making the building more accessible, in compliance with current accessibility codes
- improving comfort and efficiency through new building systems
- improving the building envelope and addressing deferred maintenance throughout the building
- replacing windows
- achieving a minimum goal of LEED Gold certification.

The Colonial/Federal Revival Sheerr Room was Radcliffe's first auditorium. A major goal of our renovation was to preserve its character while meeting the new audio/visual requirements. This multi-use, reconfigurable space now features a large screen and projection system, video teleconferencing system, overhead speakers, and amplifier.