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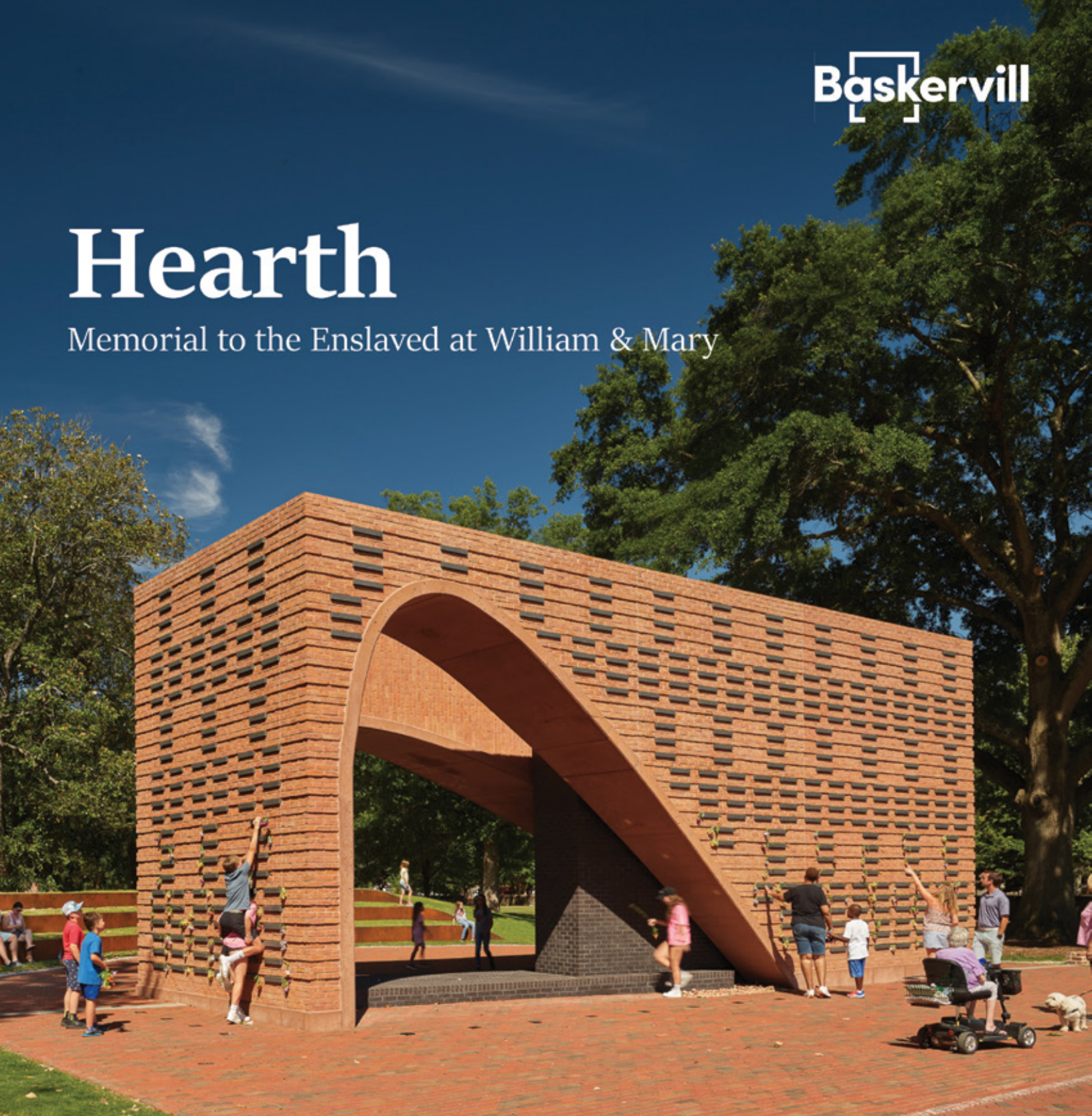
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After over a decade of research, we know more about the people who walked these grounds, but we may never know them all. What we do know is that this monument is a permanent marker of their existence. **They will never be swept under the archives again.** We will no longer ignore the past because we understand that willful ignorance hinders progress.

Jody Lynn Allen, Ph.D
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Greetings and welcome to Nashville! The entire leadership team and local NOMA chapter are excited to host all our valued members, allied partners, and sponsors during our annual NOMA conference. This is the first time we've reunited to follow our traditional conference format since the pandemic, and I'd like to thank the national conference planning team and the local NOMA chapter, NOMAnash, for their tremendous efforts and commitment towards making this year's conference a huge success.

This conference is special for me as it marks my last few days proudly serving as your NOMA President. During the Phil Freelon Design Awards Banquet, I will ceremoniously pass the NOMA President's staff on to my successor, Pascale Sablan, and with it the leadership reins for the organization as we excitedly prepare for her presidency to begin at the start of next year.

Looking back, I've been blessed to serve NOMA at every level of this amazing organization. As student chapter President at Howard University to President of the Illinois NOMA chapter, and eventually on the national board as a Regional University Liaison, Regional Vice President, President Elect, and ultimately, as your NOMA President.

Together with the support of an amazing leadership team, we've set out to Educate, Elevate, and Empower NOMA's valued membership base at every tier of our organization. We've focused on our communications, accessible resources, and programming to create tangible value in your NOMA membership at both the national and local chapter level, continued to raise the awareness and thought leadership of both the organization and our members, and have strengthened partnerships with allied organizations and firms across the building and design industry. In some areas we've made tremendous progress and exceeded our goals, yet there remains work to do. Through it all, the leadership team has been remarkably resilient and creative, working tirelessly to serve our growing and record-breaking list of professional and student members across the country.



As we all know, it takes a village to accomplish great things. The same is true for NOMA. Without the support of our dedicated staff and consultants, our phenomenal Executive Director, Tiffany Brown, and the entire NOMA Executive Committee, Board of Directors, NOMA Council and appointed chairs, none of this is possible. Serving on NOMA's Executive Committee and Board is one of the highest honors for this organization, but it requires a large time commitment and is 100% volunteer. Our leadership team steps up to be the first in the line of fire when there are challenges and are typically the last ones acknowledged when programs are successfully executed without a hitch. THANK YOU for your dedication and service to NOMA.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank both my predecessor, AIA's incoming President Elect, Kimberly Dowdell, along with my successor, your next NOMA President, Pascale Sablan. I'm honored to have the privilege of calling both trailblazing women my close friends, and I've learned so much about what it takes to be a good leader by watching them over the years. A huge part of NOMA's growth and success has been the love and lineage across our leadership and ensuring that our focused mission and strategies dovetail across each presidential platform. THANK YOU for your loving support, encouragement, and counsel over the years.

Last, I'd like to thank my firm, Gensler, our firmwide leadership and Co-CEO's

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT FALL 2022

Diane Hoskins and Andy Cohen, and the Chicago office leadership for their unwavering support and dedication to NOMA's mission. THANK YOU for providing me with the space and grace to effectively serve within this demanding leadership role to my highest capacity. Being a leader within NOMA over the years positioned me well outside the organization to serve on several firmwide committees within Gensler, and ultimately prepared me for my most recent appointed role within the firm as the new Global Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

I look forward to continuing to serve NOMA on the national board as the Immediate Past President, and I leave the organization in excellent hands. Today, NOMA's size, influence and reach across the architecture and design industry is the greatest it has ever been in the history of our organization. We have well over 3,200+ members and are poised for continued growth beyond our 36 professional and 90+ student chapters across the country. The proposed amendment to our national bylaws supports expansion for international chapters and recognizes license equivalency for new foreign NOMA members. I remain confident we can continue to move the needle towards the founder's original mission set more than fifty years ago, and I look forward to the next fifty years ahead as we charge forward towards a more just and equitable design profession and community for all.

Your NOMA President,



JASON PUGH, NOMA, AIA, AICP, LEED AP
2021–2022 NOMA National President

#YOUR NOMA PREZ

LEADERSHIP ON THE MOVE

Serving as NOMA President has given me great opportunities to advance the mission of Elevate, Educate, and Empower. Whether it was a speaking engagement or joining in a local chapter event, I have been honored to represent NOMA—its achievements and milestones, and share our legacy on a national platform. I remain inspired by the creativity, commitment, and community of NOMA. Let's continue to make our small individual efforts make a large collective impact. Follow #yourNOMApres at [instagram.com/jpugh15](https://www.instagram.com/jpugh15)



← #yourNOMApres, Episode 63
Easily the highlight of the **A'22 Conference in Chicago** was meeting our 44th U.S. President, Barack Obama. As national leaders of NOMA, Tiffany Brown and I were invited by AIA to meet him backstage before his keynote address.

He left the crowd with some inspiring words as he shared his thoughts and opinions on leadership and EDI, all while challenging us to provide quality design for all to combat not only "food deserts" but "design deserts" across all communities.



← #yourNOMApres, Episode 67
I had a chance to volunteer for the last two days of **I-NOMA's annual Project Pipeline Architecture Summer Camp** on IIT's campus. Once again the local NOMA chapter did an amazing job organizing and running the 5 day camp which hosted 60+ students (grades 6-8th) and over 40+ amazing volunteers as we introduced the students to career opportunities in architecture and design. It's been amazing to see the continued growth and evolution of Project Pipeline over the years as the transition of leadership exchanges hands, all while I-NOMA's ongoing relationship with IIT grows stronger.

Special shout out to I-NOMA's current President Ashlen Williams, President Elect Imani Dixon, I-NOMA Project Pipeline Director Parshe Washington, Cordaroe Oscar, Mustapha Williams and NOMA's National Project Pipeline Chair, Richie Hands, for your continued dedication and impactful work to change the future face of architecture.



↑ #yourNOMApres, Episode 69
Congratulations once again to my brothers and sisters of Arquitectos for hosting another amazing hybrid symposium: great panels; educational seminars; and amazing social events both online and in-person. **This is the second year Arquitectos has hosted the Colectivos Symposium**, and I'm so excited to see it taking root, expanding in participation and support, and being established as an annual must attend industry event!

Arquitectos is an amazing champion of NOMA and our local Illinois chapter. Our longstanding partnership serves as a great example of how two unique minority-focused organizations with similar missions can work together, amplify our voices, and build strength in numbers to advance our collective causes. I look forward to continued support, collaboration, and partnership!



← #yourNOMApres, Episode 52
While attending the AIA LFRT Spring Meeting, I was also able to meet up with both the **NOMA NW and NOMA PDX chapter leaders** while visiting Seattle and Portland. It was such a pleasure to see my beloved mentor and legacy NOMA member, Henry Hardnett, as well as longtime friend, Rico Quirindongo. It was also great to meet some new NOMA members from both chapters for the first time and learn firsthand about some of the great programs and initiatives springing up in each city.

↑ #yourNOMApres, Episode 66
I had the chance to connect with various AIA leaders and national committee members during the **2022 Climate Action & Equity Committees Leadership Meeting** held in Washington D.C. For the last two years I've been an active member of AIA's EQFA Committee which has had a steady focus on DEI initiatives and the Future of Architecture, so it was great to cross connect with other committees and explore the intersectionality of equity across a much wider industry spectrum and lenses.

↑ #yourNOMApres, Episode 20
Had a blast hanging out with **the local Illinois NOMA chapter during the annual Summer Cookout in Washington Park**, which always coincides with the Bud Billiken Day Back-to-School Parade. The summer cookout is a long standing tradition here in Chicago with NOMA, easily one of my favorite social events, and gives all of the local I-NOMA members and extended family and friends a chance to unwind, reconnect, and share some laughs over great food and strong drinks.

↑ #yourNOMApres, Episode 55
I had the pleasure of speaking at the **2022 National Planning Conference in San Diego, CA**. I introduced my boy Mike Ford, The Hip-Hop Architect, as the Opening Keynote, followed by a Q&A and podcast. We also celebrated the AICP Fellowship induction of my good friend and former Gensler client, Angela Brooks, who's also the incoming National President of the American Planning Association (APA), the very FIRST Black female to be elected and serve in this leadership role.



← #yourNOMApres, Episode 26
Had a great time serving as a keynote and panelist for the **Texas Chapter USGBC Summit in Houston**. I was able to give an overview of NOMA and the important work we're doing across the country to lead the diversification of the building and design industry, as well as share my thoughts and ideas around climate change, its devastating impacts on marginalized communities of color, and design strategies Gensler is exploring to protect the neighborhoods and communities who need help the most.

Right: The mural at the **National Center for Civil and Human Rights** pays homage to the graphics of rights movements.

Below: The pattern cast into the 3,600 bronze-colored corona panels at the **National Museum of African American History and Culture** alludes to the ornate ironwork found in southern cities typically designed and fabricated by Americans of African descent.



William Stanely III



Jason Pugh

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ARCHITECTURAL INNOVATION AS HUMAN INNOVATION

A Conversation about Our History and Future

As NOMA's membership convenes in Nashville and starts its 51st year as an organization, NOMA President **Jason Pugh**, sat down with **William Stanley III**, FAIA, NOMAC, founding principal of Stanley Love-Stanley Architects in Atlanta to discuss how the industry has changed and stayed the same. As someone close to NOMA's founding, Stanley and Pugh wanted to ground the present moment to learn from the past and plan for the future.

Jason Pugh, President, NOMA: We talk about the rich legacy and history of NOMA, and you have been a part of it from the beginning. Will you highlight your journey and some of the hurdles and challenges that you faced starting your practice 45-plus years ago in Atlanta? What pushed you, at 30, to start your own practice?

William Stanley III: I knew that as an entrepreneur, that was the route I needed to take. [Early in my career,] I was very happy working with John Portman Associates. They were a development and architecture company. However, I knew that just because my name was on the letterhead, I would never own that company—I would never necessarily even be a partner. I needed to look at a serious business for myself.

In a 30-day period of time, Ivenue Love-Stanley and I got married, moved into our house, I left my job, and we started our new practice. We have a partnership that works. I tell people that I am Paris and she is Berlin in terms of our approaches. She is a mathematician and a scientist; I'm more the artist, business developer and conversationalist.

We didn't have the wherewithal to contribute to campaigns, so for a long time we didn't get city work. We ended up doing work for churches and universities in Atlanta. We did some joint venture work early on and I found out the rules about joint ventures: If it's not a sound and equitable relationship, somebody's gonna get the "joint," and the other person's gonna get the "venture." And usually, it's not the Black firm that's gonna get the "venture." You have to be very careful about the politics and the economics of doing work with other people.

Pugh: What do you think has changed today within your practice in terms of the clients you serve and the projects and communities that you're serving?

Stanley: It's a different world in terms of how you communicate. I still draw and do things by hand because I'm much faster than any machine in terms of getting concepts down, getting ideas across. We collaborate with people who have great talent and really understand how to handle the machines. One of the

things that we think about very seriously is the positive experience of young people who come through our doors and have gone on to start their own practices. Giving back and helping them understand how they can make the change themselves is very important.

The environment has changed, too. If you have a good client and that client allows you to continue to work with them, it makes a lot of sense. But you find that there are political subdivisions that don't do what they could to encourage Black architectural firms. You have colleges that don't necessarily hire Black architects. You have counties that have a significant number of Black people, but only appropriate 2 to 3% of the work to minority communities. Part of what we have to figure out is: How do we slice this pie? What do we do to make sure that people have access to not just federal projects, but private projects as well?

Pugh: We focus on increasing the number of licensed minority architects. We also need to focus on creating more Black and brown firms. How can we support that entrepreneurial spirit to launch more minority firms?

Stanley: You have to recognize the firms that have toughed it out and are in places of volatility because the principals are older and they need to have some younger people become engaged with them. Those younger people need to understand that there are risk. But, there are also tremendous rewards in being an entrepreneur and having a practice that you have considerable control over. There needs to be a call to arms for young people who want to do something more than be a draftsman or be a registered architect at a major firm for the rest of their lives.

It is getting better because some young people recognize that they have the talent, they have the drive, and they have the desire to do different kinds of projects. You can do that with an entrepreneurial practice that allows

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“The next innovation is a human innovation. Innovation that allows us to live in an environment that is safe, regenerative, and equitable—and that is beautiful.” —WILLIAM STANLEY III

you to come in and have some ownership or eventually own the whole thing. That is the conversation we have to have at NOMA and other places so that young people realize that it is tough, it is a sacrifice, but they can do it.

Pugh: We are in Nashville for our conference this year. NOMA’s legacy is being carried out by NOMAnash. Why is Nashville important to NOMA’s legacy?

Stanley: John Lewis went to Nashville to go to school. John Lewis got the fire in Nashville to become a civil rights activist. He knew that this was a place of learning, a place where you could transport that idea to people who would understand it and also catch fire. You had Tennessee State, Fisk, and Meharry—schools of great substance that have served the public exceptionally well. Nashville has always had a caché for Black people. Tennessee State turned out architectural designers, builders, and people who really knew how important it was to have their own land, to build their own buildings, to record their own history—and for that history to be revered. So many very important people have come from Nashville and gone into the rest of the world to make it a better place.

Pugh: And one of the founders, Jeh Johnson had a connection to Nashville.

Stanley: Jeh’s father, Charles Spurgeon Johnson, was the first Black president of Fisk University—a sociologist and a learned man. Jeh told me that his father talked to him about being an architect and said to him, “You gotta just choose your poison, and decide how you want to do it.” Jeh told me that his father drove him across the country so that he could work with Paul Williams. Jeh struck out and eventually ended up doing work in New York, but he always came back to Nashville.

Pugh: Nashville is also one of the places where we see the most combative and discriminatory discourse around the political climate. How can NOMA leaders and members, and the industry at large, respond to these discriminatory policies? How can we support our colleagues who live in regions where these policies are enacted?

Stanley: The biggest right that we as socially conscious people insist upon is the right to free speech. That means that this whole notion of banning books or Critical Race Theory or seeking to erase the history of this country is ludicrous. The challenge that we have is making sure that people think clearly. People are afraid that they are gonna lose out if somebody else advances. That is unfortunate. We have to get the message across that even though you may not have succeeded, and though you have had an opportunity to do so literally all of your life, it does not mean that you need to stand in the way of somebody else by blocking them from succeeding.

We as architects need to stop and realize that the next innovation is a human innovation. Innovation that allows us to live in an environment that is safe, regenerative, and equitable—and that is beautiful.

Pugh: You’ve been championed for more NOMA advocacy work, similar to the work NOMA did in the 1970s and 1980s. We have a lot of members doing amazing work around the JEDI conversation, but there’s policy issues where we haven’t been able to get a strong foothold. How do you see NOMA being able to tap back into advocacy?

Stanley: Our backs were against the wall back in the 1960s and 1970s. We had no choice but to join forces with people who were trying to make life better for us. We had just seen the laws passed that would allow us to achieve our objective. We knew who our friends were; we knew who our advocates were; and, we worked with them to help change the minds of people in their community at the same time that we lent a hand to those in our own community who needed help.

Now, the laws are being passed the other way. Wake up. This is a zero-sum game. If we do not stop and do something now, I can tell you things could get a lot worse in the future. Young people and older people have to recognize that we have to go back to our roots as advocates. If you want to talk about gentrification, buy a house; create a community design center there. Do not leave it up to the government or a university to do it. Join forces with a sociologist, a developer,

a contractor, and anybody else you need as a part of your cadre and say: “This is a community that is sacred to us. We built it. We have to protect it. And this is the way that we can make a serious contribution to it.” Everything that you touch, that you walk around; that you move in has had some kind of engagement with an architect or designer. The more young people who are accustomed to what we do, the more likely we are to have people who will join us—people who will become our partners. We need a movement that says: “We’re in this and we’re leading this effort. We’re not just sitting back and waiting for it to happen for us.”

Pugh: What role do you believe architecture has in telling our country’s history, both good and bad, in terms of our divided history as it relates to the built environment?

Stanley: Part of that has to do with ‘the so called’ Critical Race Theory. You have to know that in the South, Black people built many of the buildings pre-1930. If a building has been around for a long time, we built it because we were the craftspersons. Find a community, find out who built it; find out who sustained it; and, make that strong argument for people that this is their heritage.

We are a young country. Atlanta is only a couple hundred years old, and we have torn down half the buildings of consequence in the city just because we needed the development. Before you start to lose buildings, you need to take a hard look at who and what was substantial about that building. Take a look at the courthouses: Who laid the stone? Who cut the curb? Break it down that way. Let them know that we are very creative; and, some very strong Black and brown people made these spaces. They did the hard work. Let people come to a very basic understanding of why an architect does what he does and why that is so important to the sustainability of the community.

Pugh: Powerful words. Thank you, Bill, for being a counselor, and mentor, and leader.

Stanley: One parting shot: NOMA is a family—not an institution, a family. You have old brothers like me—and I consider myself to be not an OG gangster, but an old griot. I can tell the stories because I remember them. But you have a larger cadre of individuals who can give you the inside story and the broader picture and impart some wisdom as well. Family members always do whatever they can do to enhance their situation.

Pugh: That it is. NOMA’s definitely a family.

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In celebrating our legends and echoing the NOMA core value of legacy, the Historian Committee is proud to elevate the identities and contributions to our NOMA Founders. Featured here are the twelve men highlighted for the NOMA 50 celebration and two recently discovered Forgotten Founders who we now recognize for their contribution to NOMA's origin.



Wendell Campbell

Nationally recognized architect and urban planner Wendell Campbell, the fourth of six children, was born April 27, 1927 and grew up in East Chicago working with his father, a carpenter. Upon graduation from high school in 1945 as a National Honor Society Scholar, he was sent to Japan during WWII where he served as Master Sergeant of a combat engineer regiment that designed roads and bridges. Following 14 months of service, Mr. Campbell was honorably discharged and returned to Chicago to study architecture. A recipient of several scholarships, he graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1957 with a B.A. in Architecture and City Planning.

Known for his quiet, tenacious will and unwavering vision, Mr. Campbell was instrumental in diversifying the canvas of professionals practicing architecture. He began his architectural career in 1956 working as both an architect and urban planner before launching his own firm, Wendell



William M. Brown, Jr.

William M. Brown Jr. was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. He attended Barringer High School and went into the Navy during his senior year of high school before his graduation in 1943. He served

Campbell Associates, in 1966. The firm, later named Campbell and Macsai (1971–1975) and re-named Campbell Tiu Campbell (in recognition of partners Domingo Tiu and Campbell's daughter Susan's contributions to the firm), was an incubator of architectural talent, an office that brought young professionals and veterans to produce 40 years of award winning residential and commercial design. Projects included: The McCormick Place Expansion; DuSable Museum of African American History; the New Bronzeville Military Academy, Metcalf Federal Building; Trinity United Church; restoration of the Michigan Avenue Bridge; residential plans for U.S. embassies in Saudi Arabia and Gabon; and redevelopment plans for such cities as New Orleans, Las Vegas, Detroit, Chicago, Gary, IN, and Milwaukee.

Faced with a business climate that largely excluded substantive minority participation in private and public projects, Mr. Campbell raised the profile of minority architects within the industry and created greater educational and economic opportunities for minority design firms. In 1971 Campbell was the first president of NOMA. He was awarded the prestigious AIA Whitney Young Medal of Honor in 1972 for his "significant contribution to the social responsibility of the architectural profession" and designated as an AIA Fellow in 1979. Mr. Campbell died July 9, 2008.

in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1946 serving as a Quartermaster Second Class on a patrol boat in the Pacific Ocean. In 1947, Mr. Brown enrolled in Howard University in the School of Architecture, first finding mechanical drafting too rigid but liked how using his imagination could be utilized in architecture.

After graduating from Howard University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Architecture/Construction degree, he ventured into the field of architecture working for several architectural firms, including Frank Grad and Sons of Newark, NJ for twelve years.

In 1953, Mr. Brown married

Wilhelmina Dorsey-Brown and had three children: William M. Brown III, Leslie M. Brown-Joyner, and Lisa A. Brown-Freeman.

In 1962, Mr. Brown and his friend Reginald C. Hale, a Howard University School of Architecture alum, partnered to open the first African American architectural firm in Newark, NJ, Brown and Hale Architects. The two partners became a strong, respectable, and talented minority architectural team, designing many projects for the state of New Jersey including Thirteenth Ave. School, Raphael Hernandez School, Bethany Baptist Church, St. Luke AME Church, Newark Public Health Services Building, Clinton Arms (a 73-unit townhouse project) and Bethel AME Church of Morristown, New Jersey (designed and built in the early

1970s), just to name a few.

Mr. Brown served his community with pride and distinction. He was the first African American President of the Newark and Suburban Architects in 1973 and of the American Institute of Architects in New Jersey in 1986, a member of the Construction Specification Institute, Trustee of the North Jersey County Blood Bank, Essex County Boy Scouts of America (Past District Chairman, Weequahic/Clinton Hill District, a Silver Beaver Award recipient), a Lifetime NAACP Member of the Newark Chapter, member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Newark and Trustee Board Chairman in 1975, appointed by New Jersey Governors, New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board and New Jersey Institute of Technology Board of Trustees.



John S. Chase

John Saunders Chase was born Jan. 23, 1925 in Annapolis, Md. He attended Hampton University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1948, and moved to Austin, Texas, with the university's job placement program where he worked as a draftsman and contractor and met and married Drucie Rucker Chase, whom he referred to as "the wind beneath his sails."

On June 7, 1950, at the University of Texas in Austin, Mr. Chase became the first African American to enroll at a major university in the South and the first African American graduate of the University of Texas. He had to submit an appeal to the State of Texas to sit for his licensing exam without the required apprenticeship hours because no one would hire a black man to work in an architecture firm in the south in the 1950s.

Mr. Chase went on to establish his own practice in Houston while working at Texas Southern University. On the weekends, John and Drucie Chase would travel around the state with their two young sons, attending church services and meeting people. This relationship building would eventually lead to projects that would help to build Mr. Chase's practice. Projects designed by Chase's firm include: the George R. Brown Convention Center, the Washington Technical Institute, Links, Inc., National Headquarters, Delta Sigma Theta National Headquarters, the Harris County Astrodome Renovation, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Humanities at Texas Southern University. Chase was later awarded a commission to design the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia, a \$50 million complex.

Mr. Chase was the first African American licensed to practice architecture in the state of Texas, and later was the first African American to be admitted to the Texas Society of Architects, and the Houston Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Chase was also the first African American architect from Texas to be elevated to the AIA College of Fellows in 1977. When President Jimmy Carter selected him in 1980, Mr. Chase became the first African American to serve on the United States Commission on Fine Arts.

Mr. Chase died March 29, 2012.

Leroy M. Campbell

Leroy M. Campbell was born July 5, 1927 in New York City, attended Rock Castle High School in Virginia and graduated from the school of architecture at Howard University in 1951.

After working with several firms in the Washington DC area, Mr. Campbell met John D. Sulton while working with Hillard Robinson, FAIA, and in 1964, they formed the firm of Sulton Campbell & Associates, Chartered. Once one of the largest firms in the area with offices in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, much of Mr. Campbell's work consisted of large-scale housing developments, institutional architecture, transportation projects and medical facilities.



Mr. Campbell's tenacity and dedication made him a leader in the roles of businessman/practitioner, educator, innovator, leader in the quest for recognition of black practitioners and servant of the community. He worked hard to bring the architectural profession to aspiring minority students and felt his projects could help community groups develop their own neighborhoods and benefit the poor and underprivileged.

Mr. Campbell believed that "each generation has an obligation to the following generation." So, he was a member and Past President of the National Technical Association, a group of minority professionals in engineering and the physical sciences, and a member of the Commission on the School of Architecture and Planning at Howard University. He worked to obtain accreditation for six predominately black colleges in addition to Howard; three obtained accreditations.

Since he believed that architects cannot think only of building "... We must communicate with people if we are to be effective as architects," many of the projects built by his firm were a direct result of Mr. Campbell's tireless efforts to work with and help community groups develop their own neighborhoods. He was a member of the AIA Housing Committee; a member of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Washington planning and Housing Association; and a member of the Board of the Washington Planning Workshop (a CDC).

Mr. Campbell died August 28, 1977.



Nelson A. Harris

A native of Youngstown, Ohio and born January 11, 1922, Nelson Arthur Harris, Sr. was a witness to racism in the U.S. As a young boy, his family was threatened by local Klu Klux Klan, and from this dramatic event, Mr. Harris was inspired to combat discrimination and violence through education, conducting himself with grace and respecting the dignity of others.

Mr. Harris enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school at the beginning of World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater for four years under the command of General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines rising to the rank of 1st Sergeant. Following the war, he married and continued his education at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, where he pursued architecture.

Mr. Harris left Cleveland given the intense discrimination he faced building his career and moved to Chicago where he continued his professional development as an engineer in the 5th Army Reserve Corps and as an architecture student at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He met Frederick Isensee, AIA, who became a mentor and later invited him into his practice. By the early 1960s, Mr. Harris became a partner at Isensee and Harris Architects. He passed his licensing exams and at the death of Isensee, he became the principal. The practice became Nelson A. Harris and Associates, the first Black owned practice in Illinois. He was also licensed across the Midwest and Northeast, from Minnesota to Maryland, and joined the AIA. In 1970 he opened a second office in Youngstown, Ohio.

Early in his career, Mr. Harris designed residential properties, while institutional buildings were his focus. He designed HUD complexes, churches of several denominations and apartment buildings.

Mr. Harris supported several civil rights organizations including the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and was on the boards of directors of Operation Breadbasket and Operation PUSH. He was a Mason, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and mentored many young professionals.

Mr. Harris died February 10, 1990.



James C. Dodd

James C. Dodd, known as Sacramento's first African American architect, was born in Texas and served as an Army lieutenant in World War II. He used his G.I. Bill to study architecture at UC Berkeley and worked as a draftsman for the state and local firms before opening his own firm in Sacramento called James C. Dodd and Associates.

Mr. Dodd practiced in Sacramento for more than 40 years. Architectural drawings and specifications by Dodd and Associates of Sacramento area buildings include Del Paso Heights Schools, McClellan Air Force Base remodels, Saint Hope Academy, Netta Sparks Women's Civic Improvement Club, and private residences such as the Edna Wright house, Hill House and James Jones house. He was recognized for his leadership by the AIA and by the NAACP for outstanding work in the field of Architecture.

In addition to his work in architecture, Mr. Dodd was involved in politics and education. Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him to the board of governors for California Community Colleges.

Jeh V. Johnson

Professor and architect Jeh Vincent Johnson was born in Nashville, Tenn. on July 8, 1931 and graduated from Pearl High School in 1949. He received his A.B. degree from Columbia University in New York in 1953 before being drafted to serve in the Counter Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army until 1954. He then earned his M.A. degree in architecture in 1958 from Columbia University.

In 1956, Mr. Johnson was hired by Paul R. Williams as a designer. After graduate school, he received the William Kinne Fellows Fellowship and traveled throughout Europe studying architecture. He later joined the architectural firm of Adams and Woodbridge Architects in 1958.

In 1962, Mr. Johnson co-founded Gindele and Johnson, along with William Gindele, where the focus of their work was on single and multi-family housing, community centers, churches and schools. Two years later, he accepted a faculty position in architecture and design at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Mr. Johnson was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to serve on the National Commission on Urban Problems in 1967 and also served as chair of the National Committee on Housing for the AIA. In 1977, he was elected to the AIA's college of fellows. Mr. Johnson served as partner at the architectural and design firm of LeGendre, Johnson, McNeil Architects from 1980 to 1990. His many architectural projects include the former Poughkeepsie Day School building, the Susan Stein Shiva Theater, the Poughkeepsie Catharine Street Center and Library and the ALANA Center on the Vassar College campus. He retired from Vassar College in 2001 after 37 years of teaching.

In 1997, Mr. Johnson was awarded a special citation from the New York chapter of the AIA for his advocacy on behalf of equal opportunity and housing issues.

Mr. Johnson died January 27, 2021.



Kenneth G. Groggs, FAIA

Kenneth Gene Groggs, born January 2, 1931, was the first African American person to serve as Illinois State Architect.

He was a member of AIA Chicago's Board of Directors in the late 1970s and early 1980s and served as the Illinois Council Delegate. His service to NCARB began in 1976 as a regional grader for the design exam. He served in various capacities through the mid-1980s.

Mr. Groggs was a senior designer on many projects including the iconic FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C., Architect of Record – C.F. Murphy Associates. The Sloan Valve Building, Chicago Filtration Plant, Mercy Hospital and Chicago Civic Center are all also listed as part of his architectural achievements on his FAIA application. He was granted that recognition in 1984.

In addition to NOMA, his organizational efforts include the Council of Educational Facilities Planners, The Chicago Architectural Assistance Center, the Black Architects Collaborative, the Industrial Advisory Committee of Chicago and the Chicago Construction Coordinating Committee. A native of Kansas, Mr. Groggs was president of Groggs & Associates, which he founded in 1983.

Mr. Groggs died May 2, 1987.



Robert J. Nash

Robert J. Nash was born in Memphis in 1929 and moved to Washington, D.C., to attend Howard University, where he graduated in 1952 and won the AIA Gold Medal for his class.

After graduation, Mr. Nash launched his architectural career in Nigeria using indigenous materials and experimental construction techniques to design low-cost housing and schools. After two years in Africa and another two years with the Army Corps of Engineers, he opened his own office in Washington, D.C. Always socially active, he firmly believed in close ties between architecture and the community—a stance further reinforced following the 1968 riots in the nation's capital.

The inaugural recipient of the AIA's Whitney Young Award, Mr. Nash was the first African American architect elected to national AIA office, and was named to the AIA Task Force on Equal Opportunity following Whitney Young's 1968 public challenge for architecture to chart a more socially-responsible path.

Mr. Nash later served as the first co-chair of the AIA Human Resource Council with Nathaniel Owings, FAIA, implementing

the organization's three main equal opportunity initiatives: Establishing community design centers, improving the design and construction of affordable housing, and increasing diversity within architectural education. He also became an AIA liaison for the Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program, facilitating African American professionals to visit architectural schools at historically black colleges and universities.

Mr. Nash designed more than 100 churches and other religious facilities, including Washington-based St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Peoples Congregational Church, Second New St. Paul Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

Other facilities designed by Mr. Nash include the U Street Metro station in Washington, the ambulatory-care research facility at the National Institutes of Health, an addition to the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, and several projects at Howard University. He also did design work on the regional rapid-transit system in Baltimore and at the Museum of African Art in Washington.

Mr. Nash died December 5, 1999.



E. H. McDowell

E.H. McDowell was a practicing architect and engineer for nineteen years, sixteen of those in private practice. He was the first Black architect registered in Kansas and accepted by the AIA in the state of Kansas and was a registered architect

in 11 states and two territories.

Mr. McDowell was a vigorous force behind the establishment of the Virgin Island Chapter of the AIA whose charter was granted on Dec. 5, 1967. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the V.I. Chapter since its inception and during his four presidencies he has helped to formulate policies for guiding activities for community services.

In 1968, as the AIA chapter's Education and Research Committee chairman, Mr. McDowell planned and designed a program for architectural and engineering technicians or paraprofessionals. This work was one of Mr. McDowell's primary areas of focus. This tremendous undertaking covered recommended programs by community colleges, the design of a facility for housing the technical program and finding the sources for the initial costs of the program.

Harold Louis Williams, FAIA, NOMAC

Harold Louis Williams was born in Flemingsburg, Ky. on August 4, 1924, raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from the School of Architecture at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1952. He pursued graduate studies in Urban Design at University of Southern California and resided in Los Angeles since 1955 where he practiced architecture for over 50 years. He was the 9th African American architect licensed in California in 1958.



Mr. Williams established the firm of Harold Williams Associates (HWA), Architects & Urban Planners. He was the chief architect on public buildings projects including the Compton City Hall (1976); the South Central Los Angeles Multi-service and Child Development Center, Los Angeles (1976); Compton Civic Center (1977); California State Office Building, Civic Center, Van Nuys (1982); the Fire Station Number 3, Compton (1989); and the King Drew Medical Magnet High School (1996).

Mr. Williams provided leadership and active participation to address some of the issues confronting the African American community. He was the organizer, founder and first president of the Southern California Association of Minority Architects & Planners (MAP) in the 1960s, an organization that sought equity and justice and participation in the public built environment. He served as the NOMA National President from 1981–1982 and was a charter member of the NOMA Foundation and served as its president and treasurer.

Concern for the community and its artistic and cultural environment led him to become the first African American member of the Committee for Simon Rodia Towers in Watts, an L.A. neighborhood, in August 1963. Under his dedicated leadership as chairman, a new Watts Towers Art Center building was built in 1967. The foundation he laid is the basis for the current community arts program.

Mr. Williams' contributions and talents have been recognized locally and nationally. Awards for excellence in design were received from the Society of American Registered Architects and NOMA. The L.A. NOMA Chapter awarded him for Humanitarian Service in 1991. He was elevated to the prestigious AIA College of Fellows in 1994, "for outstanding service to the nation and the architectural profession".

Mr. Williams died June 21, 2015.



Robert L. Wilson

A native of Tampa, FL and born in 1934, Robert L. Wilson was a graduate of Columbia University with a Master of Science Degree in Architecture / Urban Design and Planning.

His business career began in 1955 in New York City where he worked for naval architecture, architectural and engineering firms. In 1966, he started The Wilson Group of Companies, which included commercial and residential development, asset acquisition-enhancement-disposition, architecture, urban design & planning, construction management, program management, interior design, and space planning.

Certified to practice architecture in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., Mr. Wilson planned, designed, developed and built projects with an aggregate value of several billion dollars. His projects are located throughout the U.S., Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.

In service to his profession, Mr. Wilson held many AIA offices. He served on numerous local and national AIA committees such as the Housing Committee, the Design Committee, and the Construction Industry Committee. He served on several AIA task forces including a 1972–1973 study on "The Policies and Economics of Urban Rebuilding."

He directed seminars on real estate development and financing of center-city projects for organizations including the AIA, the National Association of Home Builders, and the Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

Mr. Wilson served on architectural design juries for Progressive Architecture Magazine, U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy Department, and numerous AIA local chapters.

Mr. Wilson died in 2009.

SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON NOMA'S FORGOTTEN FOUNDERS

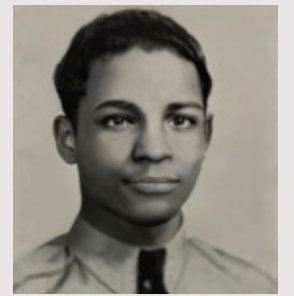


On November 12, 1971 at the Paradise Island Hotel in Nassau, Bahamas, a group of licensed architects were in attendance at

what is documented to be the first official meeting of what would become the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). As NOMA approached its 50th Anniversary in 2021, the organization did a series of Founders Highlights which honored twelve NOMA Founders. It was during this research that there was a revelation that there had been historical inconsistencies that dated back over 20 years which led to the identification of two new important NOMA Founders that attended the 1971 meeting in the Bahamas. These two Forgotten Founders were Pedro Frank Lopez, AIA, NOMA and Louis E. Fry Sr., FAIA, NOMA.

We honor these two important individuals as the Founders they have always been and will continue to research our founding history to ensure accuracy and transparency.

If you have additional information or photos regarding these Founders, please do not hesitate to email us at historian@noma.net.



Pedro Frank Lopez

Pedro F. Lopez was born February 25, 1925. He served in WWII as a Corporal in the U.S. Army Air Force before graduating from Hampton Institute in 1949 with a B.S. in Architecture and Columbia University in 1963 with an M.S. in Urban Planning. Mr. Lopez was a licensed architect in the states of New York and New Jersey and, as a firm owner, was listed as the architect of record on multiple religious and community based buildings such as Ebenezer Baptist Church in Flushing, Queens, New York and St. Anargyrol Greek Orthodox Church in Washington Heights, Manhattan, New York.

Mr. Lopez also practiced architecture in the state of Florida as well as in the Virgin Islands. During his time in the Virgin Islands in the late 1990s–2000s, he was an active member of the Rotary Club of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. He was also a member of the AIA from 1964–1973 (Brooklyn, NY Chapter) and again from 1999–2000 (Virgin Islands Chapter).

Mr. Lopez died October 31, 2018.



Louis Edwin Fry Sr., FAIA, NOMA

Black licensed architect Louis Edwin Fry Sr. was born January 10, 1903 in Bastrop, Texas. The youngest of two sons, he attended Emile High School and graduated from the twelfth grade in 1918 at age fifteen. Following graduation, Mr. Fry attended Prairie View State College where he received a B.S. in 1922. He attended Kansas State University and received a B.S. in Architectural Engineering in 1927, and Master's degree in architecture from Harvard University in 1945.

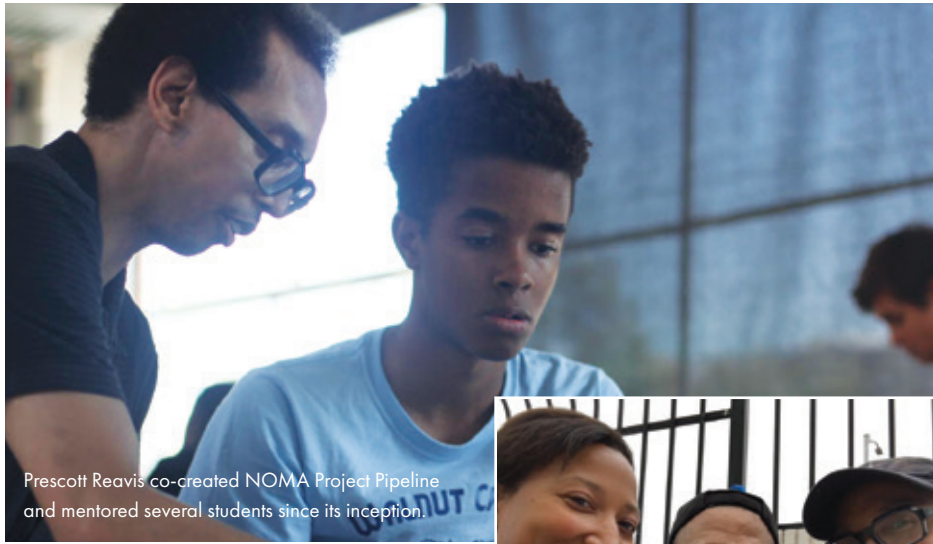
Mr. Fry was the chair of the architecture departments at Lincoln University in Missouri, Tuskegee University in Alabama, and Howard University in Washington, D.C. After leaving Howard in 1954, he founded the firm Fry and Welch which is credited for multiple educational institutions, public agencies, and governmental buildings including Founders Library and Douglass Hall at Howard University. He retired from the firm in 1972.

Mr. Fry was a member of the AIA from 1948–2000 and became a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA) in 1968. He also received the 1995 AIA Centennial Award and was a mentor to hundreds of African Americans who studied and trained to practice architecture.

Mr. Fry died June 10, 2000.

IN MEMORIUM

Several beloved NOMA members have passed this year. We would like to take a moment to honor and thank them for their tremendous contributions to the profession of architecture through education, design and activism. Their legacy will continue.



PRESCOTT REAVIS, NOMA, NCARB, LEED AP, SEED

Mr. Prescott Reavis had been a positive change-agent in NOMA and the greater architecture community for decades. An Oakland-based Spatial Activist, architect, planner, and award-winning educator, Mr. Reavis merged over 20 years of experience in architecture, planning, and education to develop and construct inclusive communities, focusing on equitable design and planning justice.

A graduate of Howard University, he received a Bachelor's degree in Architecture with a minor in Education and attended San Jose State University where he completed Master's Certificates in Applications Technology in Planning & Community Design and Development.

As one of the creators and Program Director of the NOMA Project Pipeline Architecture Summer Camp in the Bay Area, Mr. Reavis was passionate about architectural education and encouraged our young people to be design solutionists and spatial activists. He was a true champion for youth autonomy in design and an inspiring example of what a mentor can be within the architecture community.

Mr. Reavis was the Founder and Director of Kulima, an Oakland-based community design, planning, and educational practice empowering everyday citizens of all ages to use their collective knowledge and voices to shape the physical environment to their visions by engaging them in their spaces. Kulima implemented a two-way education process to understand the root problems, co-creating inclusive solutions through participatory planning and design. Kulima



Prescott in 2016 with Kim Dowdell and Steven Lewis.

worked to develop the next generation of youth spatial activists through customized community planning, architecture, and design programs in collaboration with nonprofits, community based organizations, governmental agencies, and schools throughout the U.S.

Mr. Reavis' previous experiences include serving as The Director of Community Planning and Project Manager for the nonprofit AND Architecture + Community Planning (AND A+CP), in San Francisco, where he provided community engagement, planning, design services, and advocacy for nonprofits, small business, and community based organizations. His completed projects include the design for Urban Ed Academy headquarters, SOMA Asset Mapping Youth and Family Zone, several Community Clinics for San Francisco Department of Public Health, and The Hunters Point Community Youth Park: Youth Master Plan. Before AND A+CP, Mr. Reavis was an associate and director of student internships for the internationally acclaimed design firm Ashen+Allen now known as Stantec where he focused on Healthcare and Academic projects for 13 years. His completed projects include buildings for UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, University of Missouri and Santa Clara County Medical Facilities.

The architecture community will miss Mr. Reavis and his spirit and attitude for being an action of change.

DR. RICHARD K. DOZIER, AIA, NOMA

A native of Buffalo, New York, Dr. Richard K. Dozier served honorably in the U.S. Navy. His interest in architecture began while attending the Los Angeles Technical College. After working for a small architecture firm in Royal Oak, Michigan, he was recruited to attend Yale University's ground breaking immersion program for young Blacks to increase diversity in the profession. Dr. Dozier received his master's degree from Yale, taught for several years, and developed a lifelong interest in the history of architecture, especially the works of Blacks in the profession. This interest sharpened his focus and directed his path toward Historically Black Universities (HBCU's) which eventually led to Tuskegee Institute where he became the Chair of the Architectural Program.

Dr. Dozier took some time to travel to Rome and Africa where he studied restoration techniques. He then returned to Michigan to attend the University of Michigan and earn a PhD in Architecture to then move to Morgan State University as a full professor and guide the school to its first NAAB accreditation.

Dr. Dozier traveled extensively throughout the South uncovering and photographically documenting virtually every church and significant building by Black Architects—a work that has been published and exhibited widely especially at the National Smithsonian Institute.

He was sought out by Florida A&M University to become full Professor and Associate Dean of Architecture, mentoring, lecturing, and continuing as the seminal agent for the recognition, preservation and restoration of Black Historical Places. He was compelled to return to Tuskegee to champion the reinstatement of its accreditation and spearheaded the effort to rename the school the Robert R. Taylor School of Architecture at Tuskegee University in honor of the country's first Black architect.

Dr. Dozier continued as a volunteer and activist and mentor throughout his life contributing significantly to the National Museum of African American History and culture in Washington, D.C. He was a great pioneer in the profession of architecture and a champion for Blacks in the profession—past, present and future.



Dozier

Johnson

Ray-Lynch

NATHAN JOHNSON

Mr. Nathan Johnson was an architect whose firm designed multiple buildings in Detroit's landscape and paved the way for architects of color. Born in Kansas, he was encouraged to pursue a career in architecture by a white teacher when, in the eighth grade, she shared with him a magazine photograph of Paul Revere Williams, an architect from California who was the first licensed African-American architect west of the Mississippi (1921) and the first African-American member of the American Institute of Architects.

After high school, Mr. Johnson spent three and one-half years in the U.S. Navy. In 1950, he came to Detroit with an architectural degree from Kansas State University and got his start in architecture as a draftsman in Detroit for Donald White, the first Black architect to be licensed in Michigan at White & Griffin. In the 1950's Johnson started his own firm.

Because race impacted so many decisions in Detroit at the time, Johnson made his mark working on Black churches and smaller retail projects. Johnson's projects are some of the city's most eye-catching innovations to this day using modern concepts such as a spiked tower in place of a traditional church steeple. Among Johnson's designs are the landmark Second Baptist Church in Greektown, the modernist Historic Bethel AME church in the Midtown area and Stanley Hong's Mannia Café in the New Center area.

In 1980, Mayor Coleman Young tapped Johnson to design the city's new People Mover stations. Not only did he design many of the stations, but for those he didn't design, he subcontracted to several other Black architects including Roger Margerum of the Sims Varner firm, and Aubrey Agee.

Mr. Johnson will be remembered as a true pioneer in the city of Detroit and as one of the nation's leading Black architects.

LEOPOLD RAY-LYNCH, AIA, NOMA

A proud born-and-raised Jamaican, Mr. Ray-Lynch was a principal at WLC Architects, Inc. with offices serving the greater San Francisco/Bay Area, Sacramento metropolitan areas, and the greater Los Angeles and San Diego area. For over 30 years his focus was to provide sustainable, innovative, adaptable and exciting spaces for his clients.

He was the Deputy Master Architect for the Bond Management team that was responsible for managing all of the West Contra Costa Unified School District's Bond Program Measure D and Measure M Bond Funded projects (including elementary, middle and high schools) with an estimated project budget of \$500 million dollars.

Prior to joining WLC Architects Inc., Mr. Ray-Lynch held various project and construction management positions at the Oakland Unified School District, the City of Oakland, the Haagen Development Corporation, and as a Principal of AEP and LR/Architecture design and planning firm. He has provided design, planning, and development services for a variety of educational, commercial, retail, civic, and housing projects throughout California.

Mr. Ray-Lynch laid the foundation for NOMA's West Region to become the largest and most active of NOMA's regions. He had held the role as West Region Vice-President of NOMA and was a member of the AIA East Bay Board of Directors. His legacy will continue through the chapter's continued commitment to NOMA's mission to educate, elevate and empower.



MEET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Susan Ackermann

TIFFANY D. BROWN: ARCHITECTURE ADVOCATE FOR ALL

We are like family, and we carry out a mission we all care about,” says Detroit-based professional, Tiffany D. Brown.

Brown was formally appointed as Executive Director of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) in January, 2021, after serving in the interim role during the midst of the pandemic in 2020. After the loss of a third executive director in as many years, the NOMA Board ultimately decided what was needed was a strong internal candidate who knew the ins and outs of the organization, was dedicated to its mission, and could strategize NOMA’s future and ever-expanding membership. Brown was already serving on the task force to find a new executive director when then-NOMA President Kim Dowdell approached Brown about taking on the role. “Ultimately, I saw this as an opportunity to bring my voice and experience to the table.”

Interested in art from an early age, it wasn’t until a recruiter from Lawrence Technological University (LTU) visited Brown’s high school that she saw architecture as a potential career path. She enrolled in LTU and received her bachelors of science and master of architecture degrees in 2004 and 2007, and completed her MBA in 2015, while managing full-time employment at Hamilton Anderson Associates.

Brown’s unique combination of business administration and architecture allows her to strategize, organize, and mobilize in ways that

those with only architectural backgrounds might not be able to. Her priority is finding solutions that lead to justice and change. Working toward this, Brown founded 400 Forward, which creates opportunities for girls to discover the ways architecture influences their lived environments. Through mentorship, scholarships, and exposure, these young women can envision themselves as potential members of the profession, and show them the possibilities they can bring about, individually and collectively. Brown says, “I want to work with our profession—and our youth—on imagining the future we need, and providing the access to make it happen.”

Brown is a founding member of the NOMA Detroit chapter and has been active at the local and national levels since 2008. She served as University Liaison (Midwest Region) on the NOMA Board from 2015–2020 and was the 2012 NOMA Conference Co-Chair. Her commitment to NOMA and elevating the organization, the mission, and creating the necessary infrastructure to maintain a membership base which has tripled since 2020, is what Brown sees as her primary role as Executive Director.

“My top three goals are strengthening commitments at the board level, increasing our fundraising efforts, and strategically planning staffing needs to support NOMA efforts,” said Brown.

Brown sees this appointment as a culmination of her professional achievements and goals, a way for her to extend her passion for bringing architecture to all. She put it best



when sharing her announcement as NOMA Executive Director on LinkedIn:

“Sometimes navigating your career can be tough. Finding your purpose and your voice doesn’t always present itself clearly. During the tough times of the past year, I began to reflect on my values and convictions and what else I can do to make impactful change.

“I’m grateful for the experiences, challenges, opportunities, mentors, allies, and advocates that continue to play a part in my career goals. I’m honored to be able to live out my purpose and help lead the charge on evolving our profession alongside my peers Jason Pugh, Pascale Sablan, Kimberly Dowdell, and countless others in this capacity, on behalf of an organization that I love. #StillALLin”

NOMAS CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



Left: Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC, speaking on the importance building a network of support.
Below: cNOMAS conference organizers



CLEMSON UNIVERSITY NOMAS CHAPTER: ADDRESSING HISTORY AND CELEBRATING CHANGE

The first NOMAS chapter at Clemson University's School of Architecture started in 2015 by student Julian Owens, M.Arch '19, with the help of fellow minority architecture students and the support of Prof. Robert Hogan. And in less than 10 years, this chapter (cNOMAS) has much to be proud of. With its 40+ members, the chapter has grown to be a significant organization to students, faculty, and alumni and continuously advocates for inclusive, just, equitable, and diverse approaches to building a stronger Clemson community.

cNOMAS strives to promote diversity, unity, and professionalism, but specifically within Clemson's community, seeking to have an impact not only on the School of Architecture but also throughout its campus.

This purpose is important given the history of Clemson University. The school of architecture, the only program in South Carolina, was established more than 100 years ago. Many of the buildings on campus today were constructed by the hands of convict laborers and sit on the land that once

operated as a plantation with enslaved labor. Harvey Gantt was the first black student to be admitted to this university in 1963. He graduated from the school of architecture in 1965 and surely felt the pressure of being othered when his achievements made history. The Charleston-born architect and former mayor of Charlotte, N.C. (1983-87) met his wife Lucinda Brawley at Clemson University, the first black woman who attended in that same year. The University named the Harvey and Lucinda Gantt Multicultural Center in their honor, and the Center is part of the Division of Inclusion and Equity. Ray Huff, FAIA of Huff+Gooden Architects who followed the Gantts in 1966, is also a Charleston native and the retired director of the Clemson Architecture Center of Charleston (CACC).

To recognize this history and the role architecture plays in telling history, the cNOMAS chapter hosted a conference addressing racial and social injustices within architecture March 17-20, 2022 called Addressing Erasure: Designing our Future. Charleston's rich history and its current urban conflicts made it the perfect location for a conference discussing racial and social injustices within architecture.

Perspective from cNOMAS on the Conference

BY cNOMAS LEADERSHIP

In the summer of 2020, the Clemson NOMAS chapter released a statement to the Clemson University School of Architecture (CUSoA) promising to be more vigorous advocates for social and racial justice as well as diversity within the school. Meetings were conducted, the curriculum was critiqued, courses were developed and revised, and increased student aspirations to discuss race, injustice, and social contexts through design began. With support from the Dean of the College of Architecture, Arts, and the Humanities, the Director of the CUSoA, and the Clemson Architecture Foundation, cNOMAS realized the dream of hosting a conference based on these issues could become a reality.

Planning for the conference began in the fall of 2020. The cNOMAS Conference planning team, including faculty advisers Clarissa Mendez and David Allison, worked tirelessly to plan the conference and determine its theme. cNOMAS knew that Charleston, with its devastating history of enslavement and social issues, typically veiled and romanticized, would be an appropriate setting to address the present issues of inequality, injustice, racial discrimination, and bigotry. The Clemson Design Center in Charleston (CDC.C), Mother Emanuel AME Church, and the new

International African American Museum would spatially encapsulate the conference theme: *Addressing Erasure: Designing our Future*.

The keynote lecture was held at Mother Emanuel AME Church, the site of the racially motivated murder of nine parishioners in 2015, with speaker Michael Murphy, Founding Principal and Executive Director of MASS Design Group. This sparked discussions about the social and ethical responsibility architecture should operate within and the participatory act of remembrance. Society must acknowledge the past to actively engage in the present to design a better future. Each lecture built on the next; Dr. Rhondda Thomas, Calhoun Lemon Professor of Literature, discussed her Call My Name, Clemson project, emphasizing the importance of recounting the history of the Black experience at Clemson. Michael Allen, CUSoA Alumni and Founder of MOA Architecture, shared his experience growing up as a young Black creative and his path to opening his architecture practice. Ray Huff, CDC.C Emeritus and Co-founder of Huff + Gooden Architects shared his experience in the profession and several works that aimed to be contextually rooted and socially aware. Kimberly Dowdell, President Emeritus of NOMA and President-Elect of

AIA, discussed the importance of building a network of support and guidance through your career and how she has found that through NOMA. Michael Arad addressed the process of remembrance through design by sharing the Emanuel Nine Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial. Memorable moments also included visiting the new International African American Museum and experiencing Professor Ufuk Ersoy's studio's W'All Exhibit.

The conference was an excellent opportunity for current cNOMAS members to network with practitioners and fellow students, something we had been unable to do given the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that this conference serves as an example and enables other NOMAS chapters to host similar conferences and continue critical conversations about social and racial justice.

This year, cNOMAS, in collaboration with the CUSoA, is planning a series of events January 27-February 3, 2023 to discuss Clemson University integration and celebrate the legacy and impact of architect Harvey Gantt, FAIA. The events will honor his admission as the first African American student to attend Clemson University and the impact his opening of the University has had on generations of subsequent students and alumni.

NOMA PROFESSIONAL CHAPTERS SPOTLIGHT

By Tiara Hughes

NOMA recognizes and celebrates our chapters for their contribution to the national organization, the industry, and our communities.

NOMA's mission, rooted in a rich legacy of activism, is to empower our local chapters and membership to foster justice and equity in communities of color through outreach, community advocacy, professional development and design excellence. Our spotlight recipients highlight those that serve as examples of the meaning behind NOMA's Mission. We asked our chapters: "How does it feel to be selected as a featured NOMA Spotlight?"

HNOMA

HOUSTON CHAPTER

"It is very exciting to be featured in the NOMA Spotlight to bring more exposure to the wonderful members that we have in HNOMA and in turn reach a broader audience to share about the impact that we are having in and around Houston! We have a lot of great momentum that has been building the past few years and this feature only adds to our upward trajectory."

JUSTIN TAPLET, NOMA, AIA, NCARB

Recognized for building a network of design professionals whose interests include the promotion of urban communities and responding to the concerns that affect marginalized communities and people.

I-NOMA

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

"Despite the challenges COVID brought, we have persevered in keeping our members engaged and giving them the space to regroup in their personal lives. We provided our members with tools they could use to succeed during these trying times, by hosting virtual and hybrid events, sending job postings, and creating grants and scholarships for our young professionals and students. As our leadership continues to grow and evolve our chapter, we are intentional about keeping our legacy alive and engaging the members that have paved the way for us. We are proud to have strong multigenerational representation and plan to continue this in our path forward. This acknowledgement means a lot to us and we thank our national leaders for their continued support."

Recognized for elevating and supporting local chapter members, and setting the bar high with outstanding programs throughout the year, including: NextGen Career Fair, Firm Tours, Project Pipeline Summer Camp, Construction Tours, Annual Design-Build Project, Black History Month Panel Discussions, NOMAS Scholarship, AIA ARE Grant, Legacy Map Project and ARE Pep Group.

NOMA COLORADO

COLORADO CHAPTER

"NOMA Colorado completed our inaugural year in 2021 and incorporated as a Chapter of NOMA National during the pandemic in 2020. The pandemic still raged on in 2021, but we managed to host a few in person events as well as virtual webinars. We also partnered with AIA Colorado on several webinars featuring issues involving Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. We are fortunate to have a very robust relationship with the AIA Colorado Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (J.E.D.I.) Committee and the AIA Colorado Board of Directors. We thank NOMA for their continued support in our efforts."

Recognized for welcoming fellowship and friendship to all members. In 2021, this chapter hosted the NOMA National Board's second quarter meeting and the NOMA Inaugural Ski Weekend in 2022. NOMA Colorado desires for the profession to show inclusiveness to all members no matter location, age, or walk of life.



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“NOMA began as a grassroots initiative in response to the need for amplified representation. When we reflect on our stellar trajectory over the last 51 years, the impact that a seed of advocacy can have on our combined future is empowering and pivotal.”

Danei Cesario, AIA, RIBA, NCARB, NOMA
 Associate at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
 AIA New York State Board Representative
 Founder of WALLEN + daub / #GlobalGrassroots

“NOMA’s shared history and resiliency complete with a vast knowledge of architecture will carry the future generations of architects. Our strength not only as a profession but as a people will be the backbone of an even stronger and more knowledgeable group of leaders. To know that I had a hand in shaping the world physically and mentally is a legacy I’m proud to pass on to my sons and other young people.”

Bryan L. Cook, RA, NOMA Detroit President
 Principal and Founder of developARCHITECTURE

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NOMA HOMECOMING DETROIT 50

NOMA Celebrates 50 Years and Record-Breaking Membership at 2021 Annual Conference

NOMA hosted its national annual conference, NOMA Homecoming: Detroit 50, October 20–23, 2021, celebrating 50 years of design excellence in social, economic, and environmental national leadership.

The organization also celebrated approaching a record-breaking 3,000 professional and student memberships.

The online conference and in-person gala weekend in Detroit allowed NOMA members, architects, allied professionals, emerging professionals, and students to connect and plan for the future in a supportive environment, leaving with a mission to increase focus on the diversification of the architecture profession.

“We knew we had to celebrate our 50th anniversary in Detroit, to honor our founding and gain inspiration for the next 50 years,” said Jason Pugh, NOMA, AIA, AICP, LEED AP, NOMA President and Gensler Principal Architect and certified urban planner. “The number of licensed minority architects and minority-owned architecture firms is still too low. It was the challenge of our founders and will remain ours until we can say, with complete confidence, that we have fulfilled their initial mission.”

The 50th Anniversary conference included organizations such as Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, American Institute of



Architects, American Institute of Architecture Students, National Architectural Accrediting Board, and National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, along with more than 100 program sponsors.

“It’s been great to be able to connect and gather in person,” said Pugh. “We all realized how much we missed being around people in general, but more so being around our extended NOMA family. To be able to do that now while celebrating this historic moment makes it even more special. Once you come to the NOMA conference you are hooked because it truly is a family reunion.”

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

Kim Dowdell, AIA, LEED AP, HOK Principal, and **Curt Moody**, FAIA, Moody Nolan Founder and Board Chair, were both elevated to the National Organization of Minority Architects Council (NOMAC), the highest level of recognition within NOMA. NOMAC members are elevated to fellows within the council.

New Board Members

Bryan C. Lee, Jr., NOMA South Region Vice President

Julian Owens, NOMA Parliamentarian, Assoc. AIA

Julia Witherspoon, NOMA Recording Secretary, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP, BD+C

Catherine Chatergoon, NOMAS, Pratt University, Student Representative

Leadership Awards

NOMA Founder's Award: **Michael Rogers**, NOMA, AIA, NOMA Illinois

NOMA President's Award: **Lance Collins**, AIA, SoCal NOMA

Members of the Year

Eletrice Harris, SoCal NOMA (West)

Zakiya Wiggins, NC NOMA (South)

Paolo Campos, NOMA CT (East)

LaBarbara James Wigfall, NOMA KC (Midwest)

NOMA Chapters of the Year

NOMA Virginia State (large)

NOMA Kansas City, MO (small)

NOMA Most Improved Chapter

NOMA Dallas-Fort Worth

NOMA 2021 Five-Star Chapters

Virginia NOMA

SoCal NOMA

NOMA Student Awards

Every year, NOMA recognizes leadership excellence in their student chapters. Led by NOMA professionals across the country, the liaisons work with the NOMA Board to identify emerging talent in their student chapters. The 2021 National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) Student Member of the Year was **Henry Chu** for his work as an undergraduate student at Cal Poly Pomona.

NOMAS Chapter of the Year

Cal Poly Pomona



2021 CONFERENCE RECAP

NOMA RECOGNIZES ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE, INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AT ITS ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

The National Organization of Minority Architects held its annual awards gala on October 22, 2021, which honors exceptional leadership and award-winning work of NOMA professional and student members. The evening's mistress and master of ceremonies were NOMA Executive Director **Tiffany D. Brown, MBA, NOMA, Assoc. AIA**, and **Antoine Bryant, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, APA**, City of Detroit Director of the Planning & Development Department respectively. The evening honored the 12 founding NOMA members with

reflections and remarks from NOMA Council President **William J. Stanley, III, FAIA, NOMAC** and AIA President **Peter Exley, FAIA, NCARB**.

"The NOMA annual award ceremony is always an opportunity to learn something new and different from former NOMA leaders," said **Jason Pugh, NOMA, AIA, AICP, LEED AP**, NOMA President and Gensler Principal Architect and certified urban planner. "There's so much history and legacy. We have generations of members—seniors, professionals, young professionals and students—who connect to provide us with our rich legacy. The ceremony allows us to look at our past in the context of present design work, including the awards and new leadership."

The acknowledgement of outstanding work by NOMA members is critical as we continue to advance the NOMA mission. **Jimeca Sims, NOMA, Assoc. AIA**, and NOMA Awards Chair, and her team of volunteers do an outstanding job leading the NOMA awards and recognition programs. They have facilitated more than 60 awards over the past nine years, and we're thankful for their dedication to NOMA. For those interested in joining the Awards Committee, please reach out to awards@noma.net.





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NOMA 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION
 by your tremendous silence and your complete irrelevance.”

SAY IT LOUD

“To see our faces, hear our voices, feel our impact within the colorful tapestry of our heritage.” —**PASCALE SABLAN**, FAIA, NOMA, LEED AP

The first night of the NOMA 50th anniversary conference opened with a keynote panel and the opening of *Say It Loud: NOMA 50th* exhibition at the Detroit Historical Museum on October 21, 2021. The exhibition remained on view through January 9, 2022.

Say It Loud: NOMA 50th celebrated the professional achievements of NOMA’s diverse designers and the founding of the organization in Detroit. The exhibition featured the work of 55 of NOMA’s founding and current Black Indigenous Persons of Color (BIPOC) members,

demonstrating designed and built work across the globe.

The exhibition was curated by **Pascale Sablan, FAIA, NOMA, LEED AP**, NOMA president-elect (2023–2024), Adjaye Associates Architects, and Beyond the Built Environment LLC founder and executive director and was funded by the Graham Foundation Advanced Studies for the Fine Arts.

NOMA has much to celebrate, from the creation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture on the National Mall.

However, there is still opportunity for growth, as the African American architecture licensure rate has hovered at two percent for decades. All of NOMA’s founding members’ legacies are alive today in structures that are finally coming to fruition, ideated decades ago. The exhibition celebrates the past and looks to the future to empower generations of BIPOC architects. More can be viewed online by visiting www.beyondthebuilt.com/say-it-loud.

The keynote panel opened with welcome remarks by **Jason Pugh, AIA, AICP, LEED AP**, NOMA President and Gensler Principal. The

NOMA MEMBERS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION INCLUDED:

- ANTHONY AKINDELE, IL
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panel, moderated by Detroit-based architect **Imani Day, AIA**, RVSN Studios founder, reflected on the legacy of NOMA and diverse designers within the field of architecture and design as we look to the next era in the profession. NOMA member panelists included: **Rod Hemni, FAIA, LEED AP**, HKIT Architects design director; **Sandra Little, FAIA, LEED AP**, Quinn Evans Architects principal; **Maya Madison, AIA, NCARB**, formerly Moody Nolan project manager and currently Robert P. Madison International Inc. project manager; and **Paola Moya, Assoc. AIA**, Moya Design Group CEO and founder.

The panel opened with video remarks made by **Curt Moody, FAIA, NOMAC**, Moody Nolan’s founder and board chair. Founded in 1982 by Moody, who joined forces with the late engineer Howard E. Nolan, Moody Nolan is the largest African-American-owned architecture firm in the country.

NEWLY LICENSED ARCHITECTS

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OMA is honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members who achieved architecture licensure in 2021 and 2022. Congratulations to those pictured and listed here who reached this achievement.

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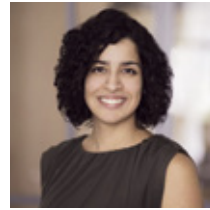
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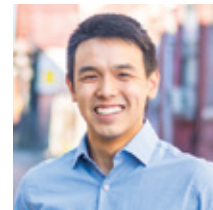
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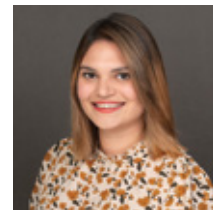
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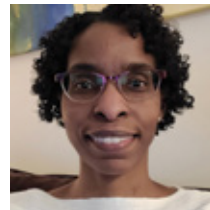
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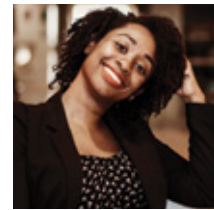
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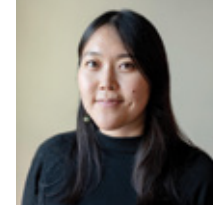
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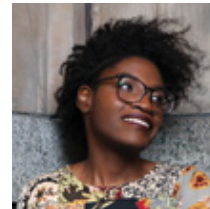
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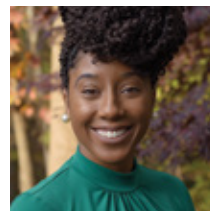
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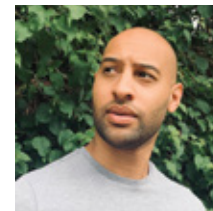
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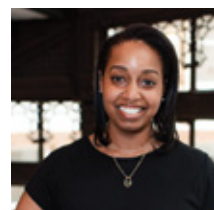
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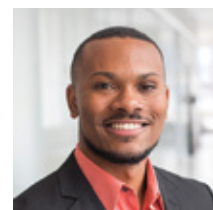
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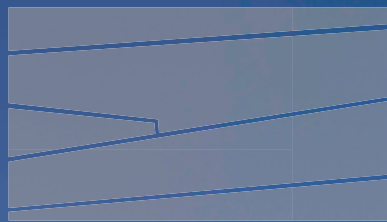
The National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) announced the winners of one of its most anticipated awards, the Phil Freelon Professional Design Awards, at the NOMA Awards Gala hosted in Detroit, October 22, 2021.

With a legacy of recognizing outstanding architectural design work, NOMA renamed the decades-old prestigious design awards in honor of Phil Freelon's notable career, recognizing him as one of the most influential African American architects of our time.

Entries could include new construction, rehabilitation, restorations, additions, adaptive reuse, or conceptual work in the following award categories: Built Work; Unbuilt Work; Vision; Historic Preservation, Restoration and Renovation; and Small Projects.

NOMA presented awards to a number of NOMA member firms whose work you can enjoy on the following pages. >>

- The 2021 Phil Freelon Professional Design Awards Jurors**
- RUSSELL BALTIMORE**, AIA, NOMA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DESIGN REVIEW, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF DETROIT
 - ADAEZE CADET**, AIA, NOMA, NCARB, LEED BD+C, SR. PRINCIPAL, DESIGN PRINCIPAL, HOK
 - NICOLE HOLLANT-DENIS**, AIA, NOMA, NCARB, PRESIDENT, AARIS DESIGN ARCHITECTS, PLLC
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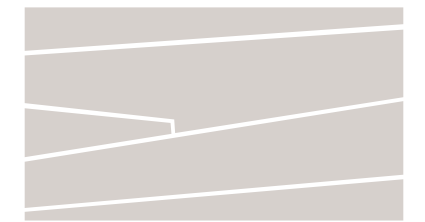


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RON STELMARSKI, FAIA, LEED AP
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**Singing Hills Recreation
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Dallas, Texas



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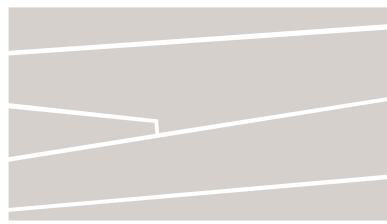
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GEETI SILWAL, AICP, LEED AP BD+C
Urban Design Architect

Sacramento Valley Station Area Plan
Sacramento, California





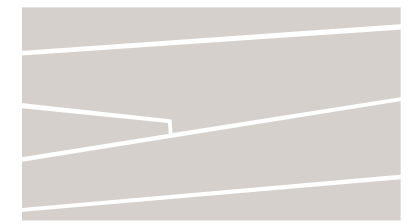
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VISION CATEGORY

HONOR AWARD

HINES ARCHITECTURE+DESIGN

DAIMIAN HINES, NOMA, AIA
Principal Design Architect

The Harlem Maritime Center & Museum
Harlem, New York



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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
RESTORATION & RENOVATION
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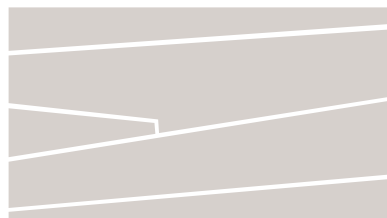
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Principal Design Architect

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HONOR AWARD

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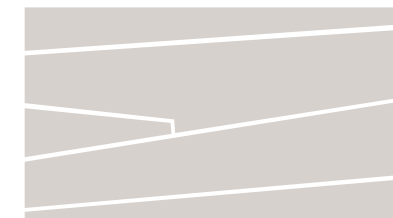
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VISION
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Architect of Record, Design Architect

Excelsior Jazz Club, Hotel and Museum
Charlotte, North Carolina

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION,
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Architect of Record

UCLA Pritzker Hall Modernization
Los Angeles, California

2021 CONFERENCE RECAP

2021 NOMA STUDENT AWARDS

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The NOMA **Barbara G. Laurie Student Design Competition**, sponsored by SOM, was focused on a project that envisioned establishing a NOMA Legacy Headquarters and Resource Campus in Detroit. Detroit, rich in history and ripe with opportunity, is America's first appointed UNESCO City of Design. The prompt asked students to design a Detroit campus and master plan to serve the organization, its members, and the hometown community. Over 20 NOMAS chapters from colleges and universities entered the competition. Featured here are those who received top honors.

EMBODYING LEGACY

Creative, Cultural, Connectives

Detroit is America's first appointed UNESCO City of Design. Our site, within the previous footprint of the Brewster Douglas project, was once a thriving black community. Although the program members of the Detroit Black Business Development Center and the University of Michigan have been instrumental in the revitalization of the area, the site remains largely vacant and underutilized. To inspire economic growth, physical and mental health, creative living, sustainable environments, and a sense of organizing Detroit, the Embodying Legacy Detroit is designed to promote art and creativity. A series of compartmentalized spaces are organized around, culminating at the outdoor public park that accommodates NOMA's core values. Public nodes are connected via gentle pedestrian pathways that establish a network and tightly connected other landscapes. The public realm operates as the connective tissue of the whole district, facilitating ease of mobility throughout the site. Architecture often influences the ways in which a person experiences art. It is designed to evoke different senses rooted within the art's nature—such as sound, touch, smell, taste and to encourage people to sit, meditate, reflect, remember. We believe that this design is a way to celebrate the legacy of a once thriving and vibrant black Detroit community and create a new foundation for uplifting emerging talents, supporting minority groups of all abilities, restoring communities of color.

Brush Park vs. Detroit Household Income

Income Level	Brush Park (2019)	Detroit
\$100,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$75,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$50,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$25,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$10,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$5,000+	0.0%	0.0%
\$0-\$4,999	100.0%	100.0%

Median Income of Brush Park (2019): 19.9k
 Median Income of Detroit: 30.9k
 Median Income of Brush Park (2019): 53.3k
 40% of residences will be offered at lower than market price.
 Prices start at \$400-\$700 per month and are aimed at people whose making \$10,000-\$20,000.

More affluent people are coming into the community because of the new Brush Park Development. They want to retain the original residents to invest in their rather than displace them.

PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

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- Education
- Retail
- Public Space
- Commercial
- Housing
- Health

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 Yellow (C) - tactile landscape condition that play areas
 Orange (G) - sensory stimuli
 Ends day in public space following to the performance

CULTURAL PROGRAM

- Performance Studio
- Performance Studio
- Public Art Area Street
- Art Exhibition Area
- Outdoor gathering

ECONOMIC DISTRIBUTION

- Multi-Tenant Retail
- Large Store Street
- Management Office
- Micro-Product Street
- Business

SENSE + EXPERIENCIAL ZONES

- Touch
- Smell
- Taste
- Sound
- Visual



FIRST PLACE
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 "Embodying Legacy"

The competition and jury was organized by NOMA's Regional University Liaisons:

- NORTHEAST **Melanie Ray**, NOMA, AIA, LEED Green Associate, NCARB
- MIDWEST **Andreea Vasile-Hoxha**, Assoc. AIA, Assoc. ASLA, NOMA
- SOUTH **Afianna Cordova**, NOMA, AIA
- WEST **Jamilla Afandi**, NOMA Associate AIA



NOMA LEGACY 50

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Legend

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- 2 Retail Headquarters
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NOMA COMPLETES ITS FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS SUMMER 2022 COHORT

Program helps progress 2030 Diversity Challenge

The National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) completed its fourth class of 20 architecture students as the 2022 summer cohort of the NOMA Foundation Fellowship (NFF).

The NFF is a two-month summer fellowship hosted at leading architecture firms across the country where fellows engage in design research and benefit from firm mentorship. NFF provides professional experience to underrepresented students to connect them to the profession and provide a pipeline to eventual employment, supporting the 2030 Diversity Challenge which aims to increase the number of licensed Black architects.

“The NOMA Foundation Fellowship is one of our most impactful programs to build and develop the next generation of Black and minority architects and designers which highlights the importance of mentorship,” said Jason Pugh, NOMA, AIA, AICP, LEED AP, NOMA President and Gensler Principal Architect and Certified Urban

Planner. “To date, more than 80 students have been awarded fellowships since the program began in 2020, and many of those enter into full-time design and architect positions, demonstrating the value of making professional connections. As a practicing architect and urban planner myself, I support the opportunity to bring in new talent to learn from professionals while also making connections to break down industry barriers.”

The NOMA Foundation Fellowship program was the first initiative launched since the announcement of the American Institute of Architects Large Firm Round Table (AIA LFRT) 2030 Diversity Challenge, which called for the industry to increase the number of licensed Black architects from 2,300 to 5,000 by 2030, expanding representation from 2 percent to roughly 4 percent Black licensed architects in the U.S.

“We are pleased with the participation we’ve received from students and architecture firms since the program began in 2020 and look forward to doubling our fellowship

participation in years to come,” said Tiffany Brown, MBA, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, NOMA Executive Director. “The students bring passion and energy to the field, and the professionals who mentor the fellows are making a major contribution to the direction of our industry.”

The fellowship’s application process for the fourth cohort was open to any National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS) members in good standing. The summer program ran for eight weeks from June 6–July 29, 2022. Fellows receive a salary of \$7,040, a \$1,000 travel assistance or relocation stipend and \$1,000 licensure stipend if fellows become a licensed architect within five years of completing the fellowship. The program and application process is managed by Melanie Ray, AIA, LEED Green Assoc., NOMA, NCARB, NOMA Northeast University Liaison and an Associate at Hord Coplan Macht.

For more information visit noma.net/nff.

The 2022 summer fellowship cohort included the following architecture students and graduates placed at design firms across the U.S.

Uyiosa Aimufua
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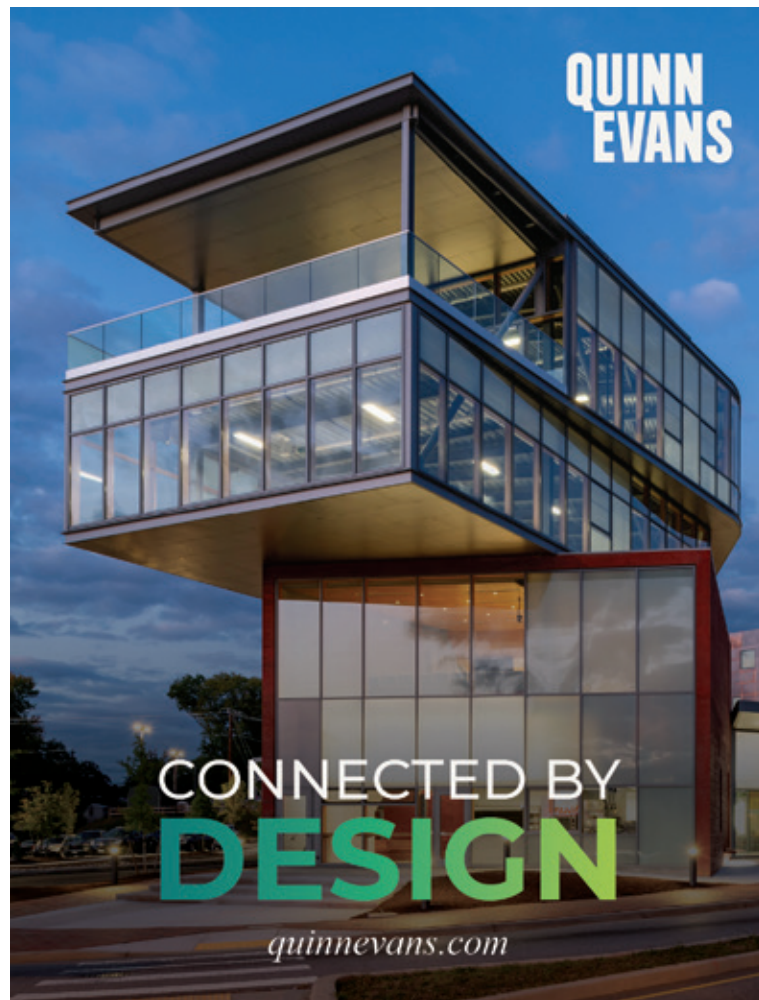
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“The NOMA Foundation Fellowship was an amazing opportunity. It connected me with a firm that is truly invested in my development within the field, and those connections that I made last summer allowed me to continue working with them throughout my final school year. I’m happy to say that I was offered a full-time position with the firm prior to graduation and celebrated my one-year anniversary a few weeks ago.”

MONIQUE DORROH, graduate architecture student at Pennsylvania State University and NOMA NFF alumna



“Project Pipeline is a hands-on way to connect and positively influence minority students who didn’t think design and architecture was an industry for them ...but it is.”



RICHIE HANDS

NOMA National Chair of Project Pipeline

PROJECT PIPELINE

PROJECT PIPELINE CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

SUMMER 2022 PROJECT PIPELINE

BY THE NUMBERS

21

CHAPTERS PARTICIPATED

AROUND

700

STUDENTS ATTENDED

RANGING FROM ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOL

MORE THAN

500

MENTORS MADE THIS YEAR A SUCCESS

AVERAGE CAMP SIZE WAS

20-50

STUDENTS AND 3 DAYS LONG

Majority of camps were located at a local university or college

Established 20 years ago at the NOMA Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Project Pipeline is one of NOMA’s cornerstone programs connecting youth to real-world architects and planners to foster the next generation of design professionals and increase interest in minority students entering architecture and design careers. The first camp was held in 2006 in Cincinnati by the South West Ohio NOMA chapter and in 2012, a formalized curriculum was implemented nationally. Since then dozens of camps have been held in more than twenty cities with more than 10,000 students participating in the program in the last decade.

“Introducing students at an early age to the role architecture and design plays in a very applicable way is important,” said Richie Hands, NOMA National Chair of Project Pipeline. “Project Pipeline is a hands-on way to connect and positively influence minority students who didn’t think design and architecture was an industry for them...but it is, and we want to encourage them to follow their career aspirations at a young age.”

Project Pipeline programming guides students through all stages of design using provoking and fun exercises. Students investigate through drawing and model building, analyze through diagramming and research, and engage through interviews and site visits. By the program’s conclusion, students present a fully realized project that addresses an issue in their city. Project Pipeline serves a diverse population of students, all of whom are underrepresented in the design field and helps young people grasp the significance of architecture in their daily lives, as well as the broader cultural, social, and historical implications. They develop skills and tools to contribute to their community critically and constructively.

“Reenergized and inspired are how I describe my experience co-managing the Project Pipeline program,” said Bryan Bradshaw, NOMA, Assoc. AIA and NOMA National Co-Chair of Project Pipeline. “I’m amazed at the energy and genuine interest that these young people have in our profession and look forward to how this program will continue to evolve and grow over the next 20 years.”

Thank you to Mr. Hands and Mr. Bradshaw for their continued leadership on this important NOMA program and to the countless volunteers who commit time and energy into each camp curriculum. To learn how to support Project Pipeline programming, please reach out to pipeline@NOMA.net.

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