



CHRISTOPHER C. GIBBS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
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Division of Architecture
Professional Advisory Board

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**Current employer:**

Benham
14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Suite 500
Oklahoma City, Ok 73134

Position:

Senior Architect

Affiliations:

AIA, NCARB

Professional interests:

Internship & mentoring
Professional Training & Development
Staff Development
Construction Administration
Building Codes
Preservation of Historic Building & Urban Fabric
Qualifications Based Selection
Federal Design-Build
Architects in Government

Brief personal history:

- Born and raised in Nebraska
- University of Nebraska - Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, 1989
- University of Oklahoma - Bachelor of Architecture, 2000
- Currently licensed in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Arkansas
- Currently serving as AIA Oklahoma State Licensing Advisor, and AIA OK Board member.

Recent community involvement:

AIA Eastern Oklahoma - President, 2014

AIA Oklahoma – Architect Licensing Advisor, 2012-Current

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture - Member, 2011-Current

Preservation Oklahoma - Member, 2011-Current

Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce - Member, 2011-Current

Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce – Member 2014-Current

OKC Chamber Board of Advisors – 2014-Current

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

With 25 years of experience in the profession of Architecture, I have a very technical approach to solving issues associated with project delivery and feel that this along with my passion to mentor and create opportunities for graduates on their path to licensure will be a benefit to the Professional Advisory Board.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

I believe that as Architects, our primary role is to transform the information we gain from our clients into a physical representation of the ideas conveyed. We need to be very versed in the art of visual and vocal communication in order to perform this role well. My desire is to share the benefits of my experience with a new generation of graduates and help them succeed in their pursuits as Architects.

Robert Elliott

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Current employer:
Elliott Architects, Inc.

Position:
President

Affiliations:
AIA

Professional interests:
Real Estate Entrepreneurship
Retailing/Marketing
Affordable Housing
Anthropology

Brief personal history:

- OU 1973 Barch ; BSED.
- Married 1974; 2 sons.
- Oklahoma License #1703 – 1978
- President : OKCOC AIA 1993/ OKAIA 1994

Recent community involvement:

Classen SAS - PTSA President

Habitat For Humanity - Environmental Consultant

OKC Asian District – Committee Member

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Small firm (4)
- Varied project type practice
- 30 years professional practice (from hand drafting to BIM)

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

Architects create buildings and environments in response to needs and issues of our communities; we need to be involved in these issues in order to gain awareness and be able to respond with success. With so much ahead for students to learn and experience, architectural education should focus on the artistic and functional elements of architecture, but students need to have awareness of the profession's process and needs in order to be a viable participant at graduation.

Collin Fleck

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Current employer:
Bockus Payne

Position:
Partner | Architect

Affiliates:
AIA

Professional interests:
Architecture, city planning, urban design
Design trends and innovations
Sustainable design
Branding & Marketing Collateral
Business Development & Client Relationships

Brief personal history:

- University of Oklahoma graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture (2009).
- Licensed Architect in Oklahoma
- I've worked at Bockus Payne since 2008 and have recently joined as partner, focusing primarily on design and business development.
- I live in Oklahoma City with my wife, 4 year old daughter, and 2 year old son.
- I enjoy traveling, sketching, and the outdoors.

Recent community involvement:

- OKC Beautiful
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Freedom Center

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Local architect with experience in nearly every market sector, focusing primarily on the communities around the OKC metro.
- Experience designing local projects with budgets from \$60k – \$60m
- Marketing experience, including project acquisition, formal presentations, firm website design, social media implementation, graphic design, and project photography.
- Lead designer on the winning team of a local \$50m design competition (built 2016)
- Firm modernization and future planning including design aesthetics, branding, web/social media, software training and implementation, and data harvesting + analytics.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

Architecture is at its core about people; the clients who develop projects, the end users, the local community it interfaces with, and the teams of people who design it. Architecture is a reflection of these relationships, the times they live in, and how they work together to solve complex problems.

Aaron Fox

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**Current employer:**

Benham (2007 – Current)

Position:

Director of Architecture

Affiliates:

AIA
NCARB

Professional interests:

Design + Functionality	Business Development
Technology + BIM	Design-Build + Construction
Technical Detailing	Project Management

Brief personal history:

Grew up in Moore, Oklahoma
Married with 2 children

Education:

University of Oklahoma, B. Arch 2009
Minor in Construction Science

Registered Architect:

State of Oklahoma, 2014 License # 6246
States of Arkansas, New Hampshire, Mississippi,
Pennsylvania, Idaho

NCARB Certified

Recent community involvement:

Habitat for Humanity – Volunteer

University of Oklahoma COA Mentorship – Mentor

Stop Hunger Now - Volunteer

Ronald McDonald House Charities - Volunteer

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Nine years of experience in the field of Architecture and design including administrative offices, military facilities, higher education, healthcare, and sporting arenas.
- Experienced in scope development, site investigations, feasibility studies, client reviews, construction administration, and preparation of construction plans and specs for a multitude of clients.
- Played a key role with the integration of BIM technologies and the training of current staff.
- Enjoys mentoring current OU COA students.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

As Architects we are hired to be listeners. We listen to our client's needs, wants and dreams. It is our duty as Architects to take those dreams and transform them into something beautiful that not only provides for their current needs but also plans for the future.

Mark Gandy

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Current employer:
Integrated Architecture

Position:
Vice President

Professional interests:
Urban Design and Planning
Faith Based Architecture
Higher Education and Campus Planning
Technical and Research-Related Architecture
Leadership and Public Speaking

Brief personal history:

BSED, University of Oklahoma 1985

Alpha Rho Chi Gold Medal for Leadership 1985

MArch, University of Oklahoma 1987

University of Oklahoma College of Architecture Grad.
Assistant for Graphics and Design 1986-87

Howard and Porch Architects 1987– 1994

Thomas Davis Architects 1994-1995

Miles Associates 1995 to 2018

Integrated Architecture 2018-Present

Recent community involvement:

American Institute of Architects

Central Oklahoma Chapter – President 2017
Central Oklahoma Chapter – Board Member 2018
AIA OK – Board Member
AIA OK Government Affairs Committee Member
Leadership AIA – Class of 2015

Toastmasters International

Noon Express Toastmasters - Past President

Baptist Village Communities

Ministries Committee – Advisor

Quail Springs Baptist Church

Music Ministry – Worship Team Percussionist
Connect Team – Middle School Leader

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

I have nearly thirty years of experience working in the field of architecture in Oklahoma. During the last several years, I have given my time mentoring incoming architects. Allowing young architects to participate with the decision-making process in all aspects of the project will help them become invested in the work. Through this process, I help men and women become leaders on our architectural teams.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

Architects are problem solvers. It is important to teach the architectural problem-solving process in our colleges and schools of architecture.

Elizabeth A. Glasgow

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**Current employer:**

SDG Architects

Position:

Principal Architect

Affiliations:

AIA, NCARB

Professional interests:

AIA Member, 2009-Present

NCARB Member, 2009 – Present

Oklahoma Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers, 2015 – Present

Leadership AIA – Class of 2015

Brief Resume:

- Brooks College, Long Beach, CA – AA Interior Design, 1998
- University of Oklahoma, Norman OK – Bachelor of Architecture, Minor in Construction Science, Summa Cum Laude, 2003
- Herman Miller for Healthcare Scholarship Recipient, 2004
- Oklahoma Registered Architect, 2009 (OK 5742)

Recent community involvement:

Girls on the Run of Southern Oklahoma (2012-present) – Board Member, Past President and Volunteer Coach. Girls on the Run is a physical activity based positive youth development program for 3rd – 8th grade girls. We teach life skills through running games and encourage girls to complete a celebratory 5K as part of the curriculum. I am a founding member of this organization in the Carter/Love County Area.

OU College of Architecture Professional Advisory Board (2010-present) – Board Member, Academic Committee Member. Provide guidance and fundraising to the faculty and students of the College of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma.

Leadership Ardmore - Class of 2009/2010 Participant

Brief Professional History:

Since graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 2003, I have worked for both a medium architecture firm in Oklahoma City and for myself. I own a small design firm and work mainly in residential design and construction for private sector single family homes and affordable multi-family housing. My firm has expanded and is branching out into commercial and hospitality work in Southern Oklahoma. I also do consulting work for Miles Associates (OKC, OK) on their local projects and am involved in portions of the projects ranging from pre-design through construction administration. I have a unique skill set gained from working in varied backgrounds.

Simon Harris IV

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**Current employer:**

Dunaway

Position:

Regional Development Director

Professional interests:

Healthcare Planning & Design
Integrated Project Delivery
Preconstruction Services
Business Development

Brief personal history:

- Hometown – Midwest City, OK
- University of Oklahoma – Bachelor of Architecture 2002
- LEED AP
- Married 18 years, 16-year-old daughter and 9-year-old daughter
- We've lived in the DFW area the last 7 years

Recent community involvement:

Leadership Oklahoma City – Alumnus – Loyal Class III
Trinity Park Conservancy – member
Greater Dallas Planning Council – member

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

I've been fortunate over my career to see architecture from several vantage points. Having spent 11 years at Rees Associates, 7 years as a general contractor and now working on the engineering/planning landscape architecture side, my appreciation for the built environment and how it truly comes together has been very rewarding personally and professionally. True collaboration is very special thing when it happens often.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

I believe the best architecture should be a reflection of the people that interact with the spaces every day. It takes a great ear and a spirit of collaboration to fully bring the power of architecture to life.

Larry Herzel

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Current employer:

HSE Architects

Position:

Principal

Affiliations:

AIA

Professional interests:

Design

Building Code Development

Firm Management

Brief personal history:

Grew up in Shawnee, OK

Bachelor of Arch. University of Oklahoma 1971

Licensed in Oklahoma 1973

2009 COC AIA William Wayne Caudill Honor Award

Married, 3 children, 3 grandchildren

Recent community involvement:

Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

Commissioner on State Commission to adopt new building codes.

Allied Arts

Chamber of Commerce

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

Involved with mentoring emerging professionals in our firm.

Broad experience in every aspect of project delivery and arch. firm management.

Very interested in arch. school education in terms of what graduates and hiring firms should expect.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or

architectural education: Architecture should first and foremost serve the functional and safety needs of the users. It is after that, the responsibility of the architect to provide a well designed, contextual, sustainable, and inspirational environment in which the users may be lifted above the common place.

Meenakshi S. Krishnasamy

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**Current employer:**

W Design
608 E 3rd Street
Tulsa, OK 74120

Position:

Architect, Director of Commercial Department

Affiliations:

AIA

Professional interests:

Architecture, Urban Design & Planning, Architectural Project Management, Business Development, Marketing, Client Relations, Architectural Design Process and Technology, and Sustainability

Brief personal history:

- Birthplace – Madurai, India
- University of Madras, Chennai, India - Bachelor of Architecture, 1998
- University of Oklahoma - Masters of Architecture, 2002
- Licensed Architect in Oklahoma.
- Living in Tulsa since 2002 with my wife and two kids.

Recent community involvement:

AIA Eastern Oklahoma – *Board Member*
Oklahoma Tamil Sangam – *Past President*
Tamil School of Greater Tulsa – *Founding member and Secretary*
Tulsa Regional Chamber – *Active participant in Small Business Connection programs*
City of Tulsa – *Monthly Mayor's Meeting with Development Community*
Tulsa Small Business Connection BUILD program Graduate – *Class of 2019*
Leadership AIA Graduate – *Class of 2019*

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Experience in wide variety of projects types and roles. Projects ranging from 1/4 million square feet to small interior remodel.
- Experience in leading a team of designers and architects.
- In-depth understanding of Building Codes and Regulatory agency rules and construction methodologies.
- Marketing experience including project acquisition, proposal creation, client relations management, design presentation and photography.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

I believe architects are creative problem solvers. We solve a variety of problems include resolving the design for the client, coordinating with engineers, getting approval from regulatory agencies, to provide a safe built environment for the public. I am passionate to transfer my real-world architectural experiences to the next generation of architects.

Kyle Lombardo

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**Current employer:**

Rees

Position:

Senior Associate

Professional interests:

Ecological Sustainability
Technology in Architecture
Mission Critical Facilities

Brief personal history:

I am acting Director of Architecture at Leidos Engineering's Oklahoma City office. A 1980 graduate of the OU College of Architecture, my career has included positions in both the private and public sectors, including Vice President of a notable local design firm and Project Manager for the State of Oklahoma. Licensed in thirteen states, I have completed many mission critical projects in numerous communities across America.

Recent community involvement:

Board of Appeals Building Code – City of Oklahoma City – Member

Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Building Committee – Past Member

Christmas in April – Oklahoma City – Past Area Director

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

I hope to share my love of mentoring in a way that helps the College of Architecture foster stronger ties within the professional community, providing better preparedness for all of our graduates.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

On architecture: It is every architect's duty to understand the power of nature and fragility of the environment; everyone is an architect of sorts and as such, should strive to lighten mankind's footprint on the planet.

On education: The irony of wisdom? It is the most valuable thing anyone can obtain, yet worthless unless given away.

Travis Pawley

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**Current employer:**

Populous

Position:

Architect

Affiliates:

AIA

LEED AP

Professional interests:

Architecture, planning, & urban design

Design trends and innovations

Sustainable design

Architectural technology and documentation

Brief personal history:

- University of Oklahoma grad with a Bachelor of Architecture.
- Licensed Architect in Oklahoma
- LEED AP
- I've worked for a large A&E firm for several years, followed by several years at a smaller local firm, and am now at the Norman office of Populous, a global architecture firm focused on sporting and event design.
- I live in Norman with my wife and two boys. We enjoy traveling and being active in our community.

Recent community involvement:

- Norman Public Schools Foundation, Board of Directors
- McFarlin United Methodist Church, Board of Trustees & Facilities Committee
- Leadership Norman

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Experience in a wide variety of project types, firm types, and roles. Projects ranging from half a billion square feet to home additions.
- Experience as the lead design architect of a firm, including the design of several projects in the Norman and OKC metro area, and overseeing design work of other projects.
- LEED project and staffing experience.
- Marketing experience, including project acquisition, firm website design, social media implementation, graphic design, presentations, and project photography.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

As architects, we wear many hats, but ultimately our goal is to provide the client and users a facility that meets their needs, and hopefully exceeds their expectations by improving their quality of life, work, performance, etc. Beyond this, creating a piece of architecture that is not only beautiful but responsible and sustainable is the task that makes our job special.

Christopher Pritchard

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Current employer:

Beck Design

Position:

OKC Design Lead

Professional interests:

Building Design
Urban Planning
Campus Planning
Computer Technology
Illustration

Brief personal history:

Bachelor's from the University of Oklahoma in 2003. Have worked within the state for the past 20 years for 4 different firms. Focus of career has been primarily in design and master planning. Areas of experience include: higher education, corporate, government, healthcare, lab technology, broadcast, performance, senior living, aviation, civic, and correctional.

Lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Married since 2012 to wife Jenifer. Proud father of two daughters: Wren (5) and Penelope (3).

Recent community involvement:

AIA Central Oklahoma – Member

Greater Oklahoma City Chamber – Beck Design Representative

Planetary Society – Member

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

Experience in design, coordination, and construction of a wide array of project types.
Have experienced multiple firm's leadership styles and business/hiring strategies.
Understanding of current industry software.
Have mentored younger staff early in their careers.
Excited to bring new ideas to the table.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

The best architects tend to be the best listeners. Always design for the client and not yourself. Never be satisfied, there is always more to learn. Lead by example. Find balance in life and work.

Ted Reeds

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Current employer:

Ted Reeds Architecture, LLC

Position:

President

Affiliations:

AIA

Professional interests:

Architecture

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture

Spotlight Theater

Planning

Politics

Brief personal history:

- Master of Architecture - University of Oklahoma 1980
- Bachelor of Arts, European History and French – Washington and Lee University 1976
- Graduate Aspen High School 1972
- Fluent in French
- Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma 9.30.53
- Licensed in the 48 Continental States and the District of Columbia

Recent community involvement:

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture – Trustee/Tour Guide

Tulsa Preservation Commission

Tulsa Metropolitan Planning Commission – Commissioner

Blue Rose Café River Development – Partner

Spotlight Theater – Vice President of Development

AIA Eastern Oklahoma – Member, Past President

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

Having had the good fortune to live, work and play all over the globe I bring to the Board thoughts beyond O.U. You can make your world small through action.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

Reconciliation between civic ideals and more prosaic economic objectives, two motives commonly seen in opposition, is a central focus of my work. The result has been an identifiable pattern of designs which have proven responsible and profitable in the broader social context as well in the immediate commercial sense. I believe that buildings have soul, and a good building has a good soul. Architectural education is for the testing and development of personal design ideals. Learning to question and learning how to ask a question are essential to real world success because they imply that you want to make a difference.

Fred Schmidt

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Current employer:

Frankfurt Short Bruza Associates

Position:

Principal/Partner

Professional interests:

Architecture: mentoring, programming, design, client management, practice management

Architectural Learning: the application of architecture as a vehicle to teaching core competencies in K-12; creative thinking, creative writing, problem solving, math, science, and art

Brief personal history:

- Grew up as a military dependent, lived in: USA, Japan, France, Spain
- Norman resident for 35 years; wife Kathleen, 3 children
- Graduated University of Oklahoma, Bachelor of Architecture
- Inducted into the AIA College of Fellows in 1993
- Oklahoman of the Year 2003 – State Capitol Dome DB Team (Chief Architect)
- Past President AIA/COC, Chair
- Past President-Oklahoma Architectural Foundation
- Past Chair of AIA National Environmental Education Committee

Recent community involvement:

Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce - Board of Advisors

Leadership Oklahoma City - Alumnus - Class XXII

Leadership Oklahoma - Alumnus - Class XXI

University Lutheran Church - Chair of Facilities Management Committee

Boy Scouts of America-Troop 792 Norman - Adult Volunteer

Community Outreach Initiative at FSB - Leader

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board:

- Familiarity with teaching environment and course content development as adjunct Instructor at OU/COA
- First Year Design Lab
- Third Year Design Lab
- Professional Practice - Project Documents
- Owner of an architectural/engineering practice
- Responsible for Leadership Development at FSB

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education:

I believe that architecture and therefore every architect has a responsibility to both their local community and the world community. Architecture touches the life of world citizens on a daily basis; they are born in it, live in it, learn in it, work in it, worship in it, recreate in it, and die in it. The quality of architecture (and the lack thereof) directly affects the quality of our lives and our communities. As architects, we are the stewards of the built environment and must be diligent in creating public awareness of the positive virtues of a quality built environment and of the value of the architect's role and contribution to that environment.

Providing quality training whether in the classroom or in the work environment to architecture students, interns, and emerging young professionals is a critical component to the future of the architectural profession and will be a key factor in defining the architect's future role in society. We must teach future architects to be holistic thinkers and to be creative and compassionate problem solvers. Architectural students also need an educational background in other key components to the profession; marketing, business, finance, human resources, management skills, organizational skills.

Heath Tate

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**Current employer:**

MA+ Architecture, LLC
4000 Classen Blvd., Suite 100N
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Position:

Principal / Architect

Professional interests:

Photography
Construction Detailing
Structural Design
Design of Athletic and Event Facilities

Brief personal history:

Entered the University of Oklahoma College of Architecture in January of 1997. Started working at MA+ Architecture in 2000. Graduated from the College of Architecture in May of 2002. While still working for MA+ Architecture began assisting/ teaching the Mechanics and Structures courses at the College of Architecture in August of 2002 and continued this through the spring semester of 2005.

In 2014 became a partner at MA+ Architecture and works with a variety of clients through design and construction to find solutions for their needs.

Recent community involvement: A graduate from the Leadership Norman class of 2014. An active member in the Norman Chamber of Commerce and work with several non-profit groups in Oklahoma City for improving student athletic participation at the middle school and high school levels.

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the Professional Advisory Board: Experience in a wide variety of project types, project design, contract negotiations, construction administration and the necessary coordination between the various trades. Working with university personnel in efforts to improve the quality of education for students.

I have had the opportunity to work with students that I also taught at OU. This experience has equipped me with an understanding of both the academic and professional challenges of preparing students for architectural practice.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or architectural education: Architecture is centered on the use of space by the people it is designed for. The client must be fully involved in the design process to ensure that the final product is a viable addition to the community. The use of space by people is what separates architecture from sculpture, therefore end users must be fully embraced by the design for it to be a success.

Architectural education must strive to close the gap between academia and the real world. Often, the student is unprepared to enter the architectural community. Preparation can be achieved through close cooperation between the professional and academic communities. Early on, students must be involved with real world applications and problem solving making them better able to have immediate impact and involvement in the professional community upon graduation.

Rachel White

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Current employer:

PBK Architects

Position:

Project Manager

Professional interests:

Sustainability

Marketing & Business Development

Brief personal history:

Rachel grew up in Norman, Oklahoma and knew she wanted to be an architect the first time she saw floor plans at the age of 5. She went to OU on a National Merit Scholarship and graduated summa cum laude with a B. Arch in 2008. She started her architecture career at Miles Associates in OKC, where she worked for four years on small teams for multiple \$15 mil+ projects for hospitals and universities, including as a Senior Project Coordinator for the Mike Samis Education Center at OU Children's Hospital. In 2012, Rachel moved to NY so her husband could pursue graduate study at Columbia. While in NY, she studied to earn her architecture license and worked for a building systems engineering and sustainability consulting firm as a subject area expert and marketing consultant. Rachel now works in Houston as a project manager for PBK, designing K-12 schools. She is mother to Nathan (5) and Patrick (2), a licensed architect and a LEED Accredited Professional.

Recent community involvement:

The Shlenker School, Jewish Day School – Parent Volunteer, Arts Festival Committee (2018-Present)

AIA Houston Women in Architecture Committee – Member (2018-Present)

University of Oklahoma College of Architecture Division of Architecture Professional Advisory Board – Secretary/Treasurer, Mentoring Program Co-Coordinator (2009-2012)

Unique skills and experiences that you bring to the

Professional Advisory Board: Having been a low-income student who benefitted from need-based scholarships, I have a special appreciation for the board's work in funding scholarships. I also have a passion for mentoring, knowing that exposure to professionals is essential to ensuring the long-term success of students who may not have an equivalent role model in their personal lives. I bring writing, proof-reading, marketing, and graphic design skills, as well as previous experience on the board as secretary/treasurer.

Brief philosophy regarding architecture and/or

architectural education: I believe that the ability of architecture to touch every realm of the human experience—from social to political, spiritual and environmental—makes it an essential, though often under-valued, factor in solving many of the world's problems. I hold great hope in the architecture students of today, knowing that the creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills they bring to the world tomorrow will propel us toward a brighter future.