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## **AIA Connecticut 2017 Award for Emerging Architects**

This award, sponsored by the AIA Connecticut Emerging Architects and Design Committees, recognizes and supports emerging, graduate architects who have made outstanding, innovative contributions to their practice or profession or have rendered distinguished service in the public realm. Candidates must have attained an architectural degree from an accredited architectural school, be working toward licensure in Connecticut, and be employed by a state-based AIA Connecticut firm or by an allied professional firm or institution.

### **Aaron Trahan, Associate AIA**



Aaron Trahan, Associate AIA, of Centerbrook Architects and Planners, has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Emerging Architects Award. In addition to his contributions within the firm with a variety of project types including: research laboratories, religious institutions, mixed use, residential, and higher education institutions, he has supported the architectural profession by working with NCARB and has served the cities of New London and Hartford as an advocate for historic landmarks and community design.

At NCARB, Aaron served on the NCARB Education Committee, where he reviewed state-by-state education requirements for licensure and seminar certification for continuing education. At the NCARB Intern Think Tank, he evaluated the current state of the Intern Development Program and the licensure process to develop a path towards a more integrated licensure process. Work from the Think Tank correlated directly to changes in IDP and the new ARE 5.0.

Aaron has also served on the Board of Directors for the New London Landmarks where he has helped to plan programs in New London focused on the history and architecture of the City, while integrating local arts and culture and promote preservation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

At the Architecture for Humanity/ Open Architecture Collaborative, Aaron has helped to develop concept design for a mixed-use project in Hartford incorporating offices and retail space for a farmer's market, grocery store, cooking demonstration space, and outdoor greenspace.