

# Public Service 2016 Award

A program that recognizes those individuals or groups who have enhanced the built environment, educated the public, or supported the architectural profession. The Public Service Award acknowledges the impact that an individual or group can have on the design process.

## Jurors

Margaret Chamber, AIA

John Franzen, FAIA

Laura Pirie, AIA

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## Mary A. Falvey

### Assistant Director, Hartford Preservation Alliance, Community Activist and Student Mentor



Mary A. Falvey has a longstanding commitment to the Connecticut architecture profession through architectural preservation and heritage conservation. A civic activist and historian, Mary's passion for historic preservation began years ago as a volunteer with Hartford Preservation Alliance. Currently the organization's assistant director, she enjoys a pivotal role in the administration of Hartford's 5,300 historic properties. However, her contributions to Connecticut architecture extend beyond her current administrative role. As her interest in local architecture evolved, she became an active scholar, delving into the history of Hartford, researching the lineage of both noted and obscure buildings, and becoming a key resource for homeowners, contractors, architects, and designers.

She is a volunteer mentor to architecture students at the University of Hartford, initiating the AIAS Heart-bomb intervention, and assisting students in preparing state nominations of historic structures. She is also a design resource, advising and reviewing students engaged in preservation via restoration, renovation, or new additions.

The Jury commended Ms. Falvey for the educational component of her contributions and activities and for her service to architects, especially in her capacity as a mentor to young architectural students. She has guided and informed students about the requirements that are at the core of designations within historic districts and helped them to see the importance of careful research in this endeavor. In her role of educating the public about the built environment, she has been a caretaker of the extensive properties under her purview and has shown total dedication to her responsibilities within the community.