

2019 Emerging Professional Award Winners

Excellence



**Andrew Gorzkowski, Associate AIA
Pickard Chilton**

Building upon his award-winning academic career at Cornell University, Andrew has been a dynamic presence not only within the Pickard Chilton studio, but in the professional community as well as the community at large.

For the new WHO Headquarters Expansion in Geneva, his concept was selected by his peers as the firm's competition entry. He is passionate about sustainable design; he was awarded the Pickard Chilton Greenbuild Fellowship to attend Greenbuild in 2017 and is the coordinator for the firm's annual report for the AIA 2030 Commitment program. Active in recruiting, he often travels to universities to meet students. Andrew's efforts were integral in the firm being recognized as an AIA New England 2018 Emerging Professional Friendly Firm. Most recently, Andrew was named the winner of the 2019 Pickard Chilton Travel Fellowship.

Andrew has been an active mentor with the ACE Mentor Program and has personally mentored over 40 students. Personal experience informs Andrew's understanding of the importance of guidance to licensure and, as a member of the AIA Connecticut ARE/AXP Task Force, he strives to ensure that young professionals are properly mentored. He often returns to Cornell to serve as a Guest Critic.

As an Eagle Scout, commitment to community has been foundational to Andrew's character. He currently serves the Boy Scouts of America as a merit badge counselor for Architecture as well as other disciplines. He is a life-long parishioner, active member, and Eucharistic minister at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Norwalk.

Nominated by William Chilton, FAIA

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Emilia Baker
Atelier Thompson Cho

In a stressful occupation, Emilia is a breath of fresh air, approaching her work with an intelligent grace and an incisive mind. Emilia is helping Atelier Thompson Cho redefine the boundaries of architecture, carrying out multidisciplinary work that blends architecture, interior design, and graphic design. She is leading a project in Boston to reimagine the corporate lobby space, creating a new model for restaurants in New Haven, and leading a team to create tools for cutting-edge teachers in NYC. Her approach to her career is more quiet than that: one of immense care for clients, immense ethical concern for our work as architects, and immense joy to create good work for our public.

Nominated by Ming Thompson, AIA



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Kelsy Janus
Point One Architects

Kelsy received an undergraduate degree at Keene State University and went on to earn a Graduate Degree in Architecture at the University of Hartford. She has recently completed her IDP requirements and is now looking to schedule her professional licensure exams.

Kelsy has brought much needed new technology to Point One Architects in migrating the firm from AutoCAD to REVIT. With one year of professional experience, Kelsy successfully managed a Five Million Dollar Health Center, from start to finish including all aspects of design, including Schematic, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Negotiations, and Construction Administration phases, the first REVIT based project for the firm.

Nominated by Gregory E Nucci, AIA



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Emily Ky
SLAM Collaborative

Emily Ky, a born and raised Nutmegger, earned her BS in Architecture at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and returned to Connecticut to pursue her Master of Architecture at the University of Hartford. Emily was the recipient of multiple scholarships, including the Tai Soo Kim Traveling Fellowship, for which she spent 4 weeks in Cambodia conducting research on the ancient Khmer civilization, architecture, and other recent discoveries made using LiDar scanning technology.

At the SLAM Collaborative, Emily is a key member of the Education Studio and contributes to the design and documentation of large-scale higher education projects from the beginning of design through substantial completion. Her current primary role is Construction Administration representative on the University of Iowa Pharmacy Building, a 250,000 SF project including spaces for active learning, immersive learning, research, and administration. In addition to her project responsibilities, her commitment to sustainability has led to her involvement in compiling SLAM's reporting data for the AIA 2030 Commitment. Emily is also the co-chair of the AIA Connecticut Women in Architecture committee. She recently completed the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE) process and is in the final stages of pursuing licensure in Connecticut.

Nominated by Richard Connell, FAIA