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Kirksey Announces Newest Executive Vice Presidents, Associate Vice Presidents, and Promotions

Kirksey Architecture adds three EVPs, five AVPs, and promotes 21 staff

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Kirksey Architecture is proud to announce the promotion of three new Executive Vice Presidents, five new Associate Vice Presidents, and 21 staff members. Deepening Kirksey's leadership capitalizes on the proven strengths of our firm, and our greatest resource — our people. The promoted staff are proven leaders within the firm, the A/E/C industry, and/or community. Their design talent and expertise contributes to the long-term success of Kirksey.

Further details on the experts promoted to Executive Vice President:

Kathleen Jircik, AIA, LEED AP | Director – Central Texas

Kathleen has more than 20 years of experience at Kirksey, providing in-depth research and critical analysis through client-tailored design solutions. Understanding the inherent complexities in building forensics, materials, and functions, Kathleen possesses expertise in creative building envelope solutions and historic preservation. She manages complex, large-scale projects with ease. Kathleen has been critical to the opening and strategic growth of Kirksey's Austin Office.

Nicola Springer, AIA, LEED AP | Director of pK-12 Projects

Nicola is an expert in 21st-century learning environments and educational design. She has created state-of-the-art public and private schools and developed PlayTheory, an exercise that engages stakeholders in a fun, collaborative way to gather quantitative and qualitative information used during design. Nicola's talents and expertise are often utilized on projects throughout the firm, including higher education and community projects.

Janis Brackett, AIA, LEED AP | Director of Community Projects

Janis' experience and dedication to the collaborative process is the key to Kirksey's Community Projects Team leadership. Those same qualities are applied to Kirksey's Management Committee to which she was selected to serve by her peers. Besides her proven ability to keep projects in budget and on schedule, she is enthusiastic about developing relationships with her clients and realizing their ideas and goals. Having held numerous leadership positions within American Institute of Architects (AIA), including 2014 AIA Houston President, Janis was elected to AIA National's "think tank" as 2017-2018 Strategic Councilor at Large. She is a longtime advocate of resilience, serving with Council Member David Robinson, FAIA on the City of Houston/AIA Houston 2020 Visions Steering Committee, past Chair of Gulf Coast Green, and Editorial Committee for GreenWorks Houston.

Overview of Kirksey's 2020 promotions is provided below.

**Individual headshots are available upon request.*

PROMOTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Kathleen Jircik Nicola Springer Janis Brackett

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT



Emily Winters Necia Bonner Jon Ward Avian Caruso Jason St. Julian

PROMOTED TO SENIOR ASSOCIATE



Andrew Tyler Carrie Lust Steve Nguyen Skye Smith Trace Saenz
Dillard Delafosse Edgar Alvarado Alfonso Pena Kalpna Patel Linda Camacho

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE



Hicham Ghoulem Jamie Newcomb Cullen LeBoeuf Ian Boyd Liz Garcia
Cristina Brown Rachel Theurer Zenia Velazquez Rosa Villanueva Dolores Knigge Lauren Buffington

LIST OF 2020 PROMOTIONS

Promoted to Executive Vice President

Kathleen Jircik, AIA, LEED AP
Nicola Springer, AIA, LEED AP
Janis Brackett, AIA, LEED AP



Promoted to Associate Vice President:

Emily Winters, AIA, LEED Green Associate
Necia Bonner, RID, NCIDQ, IIDA, CHID, LEED AP
Jon Ward, AIA
Avian Caruso, AIA
Jason St. Julian, AIA

Promoted to Senior Associate:

Andrew Tyler, AIA, LEED AP
Carrie Lust, LEED AP
Steve Nguyen, LEED AP
Skye Smith, LEED AP
Trace Saenz, LEED AP
Linda Camacho, Intl. Assoc. AIA
Dillard Delafosse
Edgar Alvarado
Alfonso Pena
Kalpna Patel

Promoted to Associate:

Hicham Ghoulem, LEED Green Associate
Jamie Newcomb, RID, IIDA
Cullen LeBoeuf, AIA
Ian Boyd, AIA, NCARB, LEED Green
Liz Garcia
Lauren Buffington, AIA
Cristina Brown
Rachel Theurer, IIDA, LEED Green Associate
Zenía Velazquez
Rosa Villanueva
Dolores Knigge

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