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Welcome to the newsletter for the Richmond, Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Our chapter is based in the Greater Richmond area and represents over 60 firms with over 400 members.

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MEMBER NEWS



NEW LICENSES

Thomas Vick
Gresham, Smith and Partners

Erika Malanoski
Glavé & Holmes Architecture

NEW HIRES

Rachel Ramey
Interior Designer
Commonwealth Architects

Peter Malanoski
Construction Administration Assistant
Glavé & Holmes Architecture

AWARDS

Krystal Reid, AIA, reviewed the Gresham, Smith and Partners Community Impact Award in recognition of an employee who has positively impacted his or her community and possesses stand-out leadership, passion, self-motivation and commitment to service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANstruction

The 20th Annual CANstruction event will be July 21-August 11 at Chesterfield Town Center. The theme is Animated Cartoons! This national community service project benefits the Central Virginia Food Bank. Learn more at: www.canstruction.org

Paddleboarding

The AIA Richmond and RWiD annual Paddleboarding Event and After Party is at James River Landing on July 27th!

4:00 Paddleboard Set Up
5:30 Paddleboarding Race
6:30 Dinner and Drinks
(Tazza Kitchen - Midlothian)

Engagements

Congratulations to Allison Throckmorton at Commonwealth Architects on her engagement!

Congratulations to Keiza McDuffy at Commonwealth Architects on her engagement!

NEW FELLOWS

Nick Serfass, FAIA
AIAS Executive Director

Robert Steele, FAIA
BOB Architecture

NEW MEMBERS

Ryan K. Alkire, Assoc. AIA

Chris L. Neveu, Assoc. AIA

Kara A. Abbott, Assoc. AIA
(transferred from AIA Massachusetts)

PROMOTIONS

Robert Parise, AIA, has been promoted to a Director of Higher Education at Glavé & Holmes Architecture.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

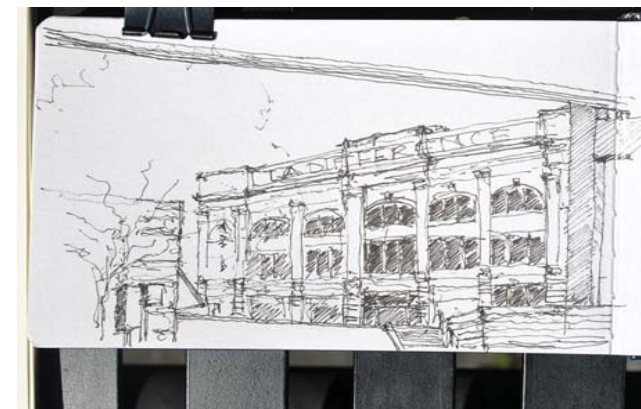
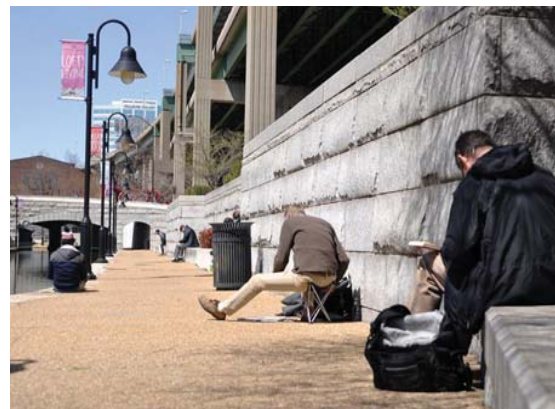
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Please send your news to the Public Relations Committee Chair, Luis Huertas: Luis@sustaindesign.net

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SKETCHING RVA



On April 5th we kicked off Architecture Month by sketching around our iconic Main Street Station before we head out to enjoy the weather along the canal walk. Jeannie Welliver even made a guest appearance to talk about everything that is Main Street Station. Thanks to Andrew Moore and Charles Piper for taking the time to teach us how to do some amazing speed sketching! Till next time.





Richmond Women in Design (RWiD) was pleased to host a lecture by historian Sarah Shields Driggs. Driggs is the author of *Richmond's Monument Avenue*. The book traces the history of Monument Avenue, of its buildings and statuary, and of the people who helped create one of America's great streets. With degrees in art history, American studies and architectural history, she has worked in Richmond her entire career as a curator, editor, author and conscience. She is also a member of the Monument Avenue Commission created by Mayor Levar Stoney on June 22, 2017 to solicit public input and make recommendations to the Mayor's Office on how to best tell the story of Monument Avenue. The lecture was followed by a thoughtful and engaging question and answer session.



Monument Avenue Victory Garden during World War I

HONORS AND AWARDS



On April 12, AIA Richmond celebrated the 2018 Honors and Awards winners at the University of Richmond's Student Activities Complex – The Web.

The evening was sponsored by:
University of Richmond Facilities
Lighting Virginia

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Honors Awards
2018 Marcellus Wright, Jr. Award
Louis J. Wolf, AIA

2018 Richard L. Ford, Jr. Award
Emely M. Taveras, AIA

2018 AIA Richmond Chapter Citation
Preservation Virginia

2018 AIA Richmond Honorary Member
Robert W. Vaughn, Hon. AIA Richmond

For the full list of 2018 award winners please visit: <http://www.aiarva.org/awards/2018-award-winners>



Honorary Member: Robert Vaughn



Chapter Citation: Preservation Virginia



Richard Ford, Jr. Award: Emely M. Taveras, AIA



Marcellus Wright, Jr. Award: Louis J. Wolf, AIA



ALLIED MEMBER BASEBALL GAME

April 30th, AIA Richmond joined our Allied Members to watch the Flying Squirrels of Richmond battle the Altoona Curve at the Diamond. A great day at the ballpark for members and their kids (even though the Squirrels didn't win)!



WELCOME TO RICHMOND



The Welcome to Richmond event was held at Ardent Craft Brewery in Scott's Addition on May 31st. This annual event, organized by AIA Richmond's YAiF (Young Architects Forum), is an opportunity for recent architecture grads and emerging professionals to meet and mingle with architects and designers from numerous local firms and allied AIA Richmond members. Thank you to our Gold Sponsor, Integral Group and our Silver Sponsors, BCWH and Riverside Brick & Supply Co.



GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 15th Annual AIA Richmond Golf Outing & Social took place at the Willow Oaks Country Club on Monday, June 25th.

No rain on the rescheduled date to dampen the fun! Thank you to everyone who participated and cheered on the golfers.

Check out all the photos on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/aiarichmond



FEATURED PROJECT



Project: Washington and Lee University
Colonnade Rehabilitation
Owner: Washington and Lee University
Architect: Glave and Holmes Architecture
Contractor: Kjellstrom and Lee
Project Type: Historic Rehabilitation
Market: Higher Education
Phasing: Five buildings, 8 years
Completion: 2018

**2018 Honor Award Recipient, SCUP /
AIA-CAE Excellence in Architecture
for Rehabilitation, Restoration, or
Preservation**

Washington and Lee University's front campus was designated a National Historic District in 1973, described by the Interior Department as "one of the most dignified and beautiful college campuses in the nation". Glave and Holmes Architecture was tasked with returning the Colonnade to being the fully functioning heart of the University. Over the course of nearly a decade of planning and construction, the design team sought to:

- Preserve the iconic character of each building, adhering to Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
- Integrate technology in classrooms and collaboration spaces to enhance current, evolving pedagogies.
- Optimize space used for work rooms, classrooms, and offices.
- Obtain Historic Tax Credits through Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Prioritize sustainability.
- Make intermediate building levels handicapped accessible.
- Introduce comprehensive MEP systems increasing comfort, safety, and efficiency.



FEATURED ALLIED MEMBER

You may already be familiar with the name of our featured Allied Member in this issue. Vandeventer Black LLP is a law firm that represents many architecture and engineering firms in Virginia and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Sean Golden and Brandon Sieg, two attorneys in Vandeventer Black's Richmond office, are also actively involved in AIA Richmond as Allied Members.

Sean is a partner at the firm, and he has extensive experience defending architects and engineers against professional malpractice claims. But Sean has also handled a variety of other interesting types of cases for architects. For example, he had a lead role in *Harvester, Inc. v. Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio, LLC*, a significant case addressing copyright protection for architectural works.

Brandon is an associate at the firm. He graduated from Georgia Tech with a B.S. Architecture, and he worked at Glavé & Holmes Architecture for 4 years before deciding to go to law school. Like Sean, Brandon spends most of his time representing architects and engineers in litigation in Virginia, as well as in Washington, D.C.

Both Sean and Brandon say that architects are often surprised to learn what other services they can provide outside of the courtroom. "We are a full-service firm of attorneys with broad experience," said Brandon, "which means we can help with most legal issues, or even just legal questions, that an architecture firm might encounter." For example, Sean and

Brandon have provided advice on business topics such as limitations on the types of services that a professional corporation may legally provide. They have also helped architecture firms register copyrights, advised firms about employment issues, assisted with various professional licensing issues, and helped firms collect unpaid fees. "Beyond defending claims, I spend a lot of my time reviewing architects' contracts before a project even begins," Sean explained. The language of your contract will play a critical role if a project turns sour, so Sean and Brandon are both happy to assist at the very beginning of a project. This is particularly important in cases where an Owner insists on using its own contract rather than standard AIA language, or suggests terms that may lead to a refusal of coverage by the architect's professional liability insurer.

What are some litigation trends they are seeing?

Brandon and Sean said they have noticed a rise in ADA and FHA claims against architects. They have also noticed an increased interest among architects in legal issues surrounding copyright law.

What are some best practices to consider: for instance, how might the quality of specifications impact a case?

Apart from the obvious risk of a bad specification independently spawning a lawsuit, both attorneys said that inconsistency between drawings and specs, or even internally within the specs, can generally lead to problems. They said that every case is different, but it is always helpful to have a good set of specifications

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~Sean Golden



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supporting the design and helping to show that you met the applicable standard of care.

If you haven't met Sean or Brandon through a legal representation, you might have seen them present seminars on topics such as professional liability pitfalls or contract negotiation tips. You might also have seen articles they have written, such as an article about copyright law for architects that was re-published by AIA Virginia a few years ago. They have strong ties to Richmond's A/E community, and they are always looking for opportunities to get more involved. Feel free to give either of them a call not only if you have a specific legal question, but also if you are looking for a speaker or author about a legal topic relating to architecture.



Brandon Sieg



FEATURED MEMBER



Robert A. Steele, FAIA, is the founder and Principal Architect of Beyond Ordinary Boundaries Architecture, a thriving small firm located in downtown Richmond, Virginia. A 1982 graduate of VPI & State University, Bob has put “Ut Prosim” (That I May Serve) at the heart of the journey of his practice, balancing service with excellence in architecture. A testament to this significant balance, in its 30 years of work, B.O.B. Architecture projects have been awarded 14 AIA Richmond Design Awards and received numerous local, regional, and national awards.

Outside of his practice, Bob is an active and engaged member of many boards and committees both within the design community as well as in the larger domain of Richmond. Bob currently serves as a Trustee for The Branch Museum of Architecture & Design, and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Bon Air Community Association. Bob has also served on the City of Richmond Public Art Commission, the Monument Avenue Centennial Committee, and presided as President of the 1708 Gallery Board of Directors. Bob is also an active member of AIA Richmond, which he lead as President from 1995-1997. In recognition for his many contributions Bob was awarded the AIA Virginia Distinguished Achievement Award in 1994 and the AIA Richmond the Marcellus Wright, Jr. Award in 2009.

Beyond his practice and civic involvement, Bob is an outdoors enthusiast, active in tennis, cycling and skiing, and an ardent supporter of the CAUS and Hokies Football.



Robert A. Steele, FAIA