

Kathy Webb Achelpohl, AIA

Principal

With over 20 years of experience in architecture, Kathy has extensive experience leading complex projects and multi-disciplinary teams on high profile projects in both Kansas City and beyond. A skilled communicator, one of Kathy's many strengths is her ability to improve communication both on her project teams and within the firm. Kathy is a registered architect and holds Bachelors degrees from the University of Kansas in both Environmental Design and Architecture; she also received training in Edinburgh from Heriot-Watt University as a Ewart Scholar.



Kathy currently serves as a team leader for the Bloch Building Addition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (in collaboration with Steven Holl), and has proven management and project architecture skills on projects for University of Texas, Montana State University, The City of Austin, and the Austin Independent School District. Before joining BNIM Architects, Kathy served as a project architect for a number of projects including the Hoechst Marion Roussel North American Headquarters in SE Kansas City (in collaboration with the Hillier Group), and various museum projects while with Edward Larrabee Barnes in New York City.

Kathy is active in the community and is a member of the KCAIA Committee on the Environment, the Kansas City Business Committee for the Arts, and is a recent graduate of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program. She currently serves on the Volunteer Council for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee.

EDUCATION

University of Kansas

Bachelor of Architecture, 1984, With Highest Distinction

Bachelor of Environmental Design, 1983, With Distinction
Design Curriculum, School of Fine Arts, 1976-79

Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Ewart Scholar, 1981-82

REGISTRATIONS

Registered Architect, 1988, Missouri

LEED® Accredited Professional, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Institute of Architects: Kansas City Chapter, 1984-87 and 1996-present

Kansas City AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE), 2002-present

Member, American Institute of Architects, New York City Chapter, 1987-89

Guest Critic, Pratt Institute, 1991

Guest Critic, University of Kansas, 1986, 1997

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES + AWARDS

Thayer Medal – Recognition of Design Excellence

AIA Scholastic Award, AIA Certificate of Merit

Editor, Schemata, Annual Publication of Student Work, 1983-84

Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Delta Gamma Fraternity

CIVIC + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Council at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 1996-present

Immediate Past Chair, present

Chair, 2002-04

Vice Chair, 1998-2002

Long Range Planning Committee Member, 2002-present

Member, Kansas City Business Committee for the Arts, 2001-present

Committee Chair, Family Events Committee, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 1996-2000

Advisor, Delta Gamma Fraternity, Columbia University, 1988-92

Central Exchange, Kansas City, MO, 2004-present

Centurion, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Class of '04

Neighborhood Block Captain, Armour Fields Homes Association, 2002-present

Network Trust and TMC Behavioral Health Network, Fundraising Steering Committee, 2004-present

PUBLICATIONS + PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Williams, Berkebile, McLennan, Achelpohl, Svec. The NIST Report for the MSU EPICenter, Washington, DC: National Institute for Standards and Technology, September 2000.

Guest Lecturer, University of Kansas, School of Architecture, Building Technology course, Lawrence, KS, April 2000

Conference Presenter, Labs of the 21st Century (Sponsored by DOE), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 1999

Conference Presenter, Society of College and University Planners (SCUP), Atlanta, GA, July 1999

Conference Presenter, Green Building Forum, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, October 1998

Conference Presenter, Texas Society of Architects, Austin, TX, September 1998