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## **AIA Connecticut 2016 Award for Emerging Architects**

This award, sponsored by the AIA Connecticut Emerging Architects and Design Committees, recognizes and supports emerging, graduate architects who have made outstanding, innovative contributions to their practice or profession or have rendered distinguished service in the public realm. Candidates must have attained an architectural degree from an accredited architectural school, be working toward licensure in Connecticut, and be employed by a state-based AIA Connecticut firm or by an allied professional firm or institution.

### **Alyssa Kent**

Becker + Becker, Fairfield, CT



Having joined Becker + Becker in 2005, Alyssa Kent completed the management of construction administration for 360 State Street, a 32-story, 500-unit mixed-use building in New Haven, CT. Alyssa was the project manager for the design and construction administration of the adaptive re-use of the mid-century modern former Hartford National Bank tower into a 286-unit apartment building and has been involved in several other mixed-use and multi-family residential projects. She has been at the forefront of integrating green building practices into Becker + Becker's projects. Alyssa earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and is currently working towards her architecture licensure.

Alyssa's community involvement includes her chairmanship of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive-care Unit (NICU) Family Advisory Council. She has also served as an Ex-Officio board member of Under One Roof, an intergenerational facility that includes affordable senior housing and child day care in Norwalk, CT.

### **Adrienne Nelson, Associate AIA**

Pickard Chilton, New Haven, CT



Adrienne Nelson has been a leader in the AIA and AEC communities. She has been a committed advocate for women architects and has a deep passion for mentoring future architects. As a graduate student at Iowa State University, Adrienne served as the AIAS liaison, organizing opportunities for students to become more involved with the local chapter. She was also actively involved in *Iowa Women in Architecture*, to promote and encourage women in the profession and recently established a similar group in New Haven.

This May, she participated in the AIA Emerging Professionals round table at the National Convention in Philadelphia and in 2013 was a participant in the AIA Women in Leadership Summit in Phoenix. A mentor with the ACE Mentor Program, she has become a leader of Pickard Chilton's ACE team, and, in her tenure and has personally mentored over 40 students, while serving as an ACE New Haven Board Member. Adrienne has demonstrated impressive project leadership and has continually brought intelligence and passion to her work, the team and her clients. At Iowa State University, she was recognized with the Miller Fellowship and the Graduate AIA Medal.