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American Institute of Architects Elevate Four AIA Minnesota Architects to the College of Fellows

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA - The 2014 Jury of Fellows from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) elevated four AIA Minnesota members to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession.



2014 Fellows from AIA Minnesota are: *(photo above left to right)* **Michael J. Bjornberg, FAIA**, HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA); **Ted Davis, FAIA, RSP**; **Chip Lindeke, FAIA**, Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson Lindeke Architects (RRTL), and **Julia Williams Robinson, PhD, FAIA**, School of Architecture, University of Minnesota

Out of a total national AIA membership of more than 80,000, there are more than 3,000 distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship. 139 Fellows nationally are being elevated this year. 2014 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the 2014 National AIA Convention and Design Exposition in Chicago in June. To learn more, visit <http://www.aia.org/practicing/awards/2014/fellows/index.htm>

The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

The elevation to fellowship is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA in one or more of the following five nomination categories: 1. Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession; 2. Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training, and practice; 3. Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA and other related professional organizations; 4. Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment; and 5. Made the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

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Michael J. Bjornberg, FAIA, NCARB, HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA) is a project manager with more than 35 years of experience focused on historic preservation and cultural work. His projects include the Union Depot Multimodal Transit Center in St. Paul; the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul; the University of Notre Dame Main Administration Building (Golden Dome) and Football Stadium in South Bend, Indiana; Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; and the Nelson Cultural Center at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. Bjornberg has won numerous design awards, including most recently the 2013 AIA Minnesota Honor Award for the Union Depot. He has a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Minnesota and is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He is an assistant adjunct professor of preservation at the University of Minnesota. Bjornberg joined HGA in 2005.

Ted Davis, FAIA, IIDA, LEED AP, Design Principal, RSP. Fusing architecture with interiors and artistry with practicality, Davis has designed complex educational and corporate environments that inspire and transform the organizations they serve. As RSP Architect's Design Principal, Davis leads major projects, including corporate work for Target, Mortenson, Maurices, the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix, and University of Minnesota's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research Expansion. Davis' experience also includes LaSalle Plaza, a mixed-use project in downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, and work for the Mayo Clinic, Best Buy and Hewlett Packard.

Chip Lindeke, FAIA, President, Rafferty Rafferty Tollefson Lindeke Architects (RRTL). Lindeke Minnesota native with more than 35 years experience covering a broad range of project types. He was a recipient of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota Young Architects Citation in 1993 and is considered a leader in the design of churches. From the nation's oldest cathedral to contemporary religious spaces, his orchestration of diverse art forms and disciplines contributes to the architectural profession and its reputation nationwide. He also has worked a great deal with educational communities - primarily higher education institutions in Minnesota. Lindeke coordinates RRTL's overall project management efforts and is actively involved in numerous local and national professional and civic organizations

Julia Williams Robinson, PhD, FAIA, School of Architecture, University of Minnesota. As the first female architecture instructor and faculty member at the University of Minnesota, Robinson has been inspired by a desire for architecture to address the needs of people and society. Her studio teaching has covered a wide variety of topics, concentrated around urban design, dense housing, and architectural programming, while consistently engaging community members and members of the architectural profession. Her monograph *Programming as Design* (with J Stephen Weeks, 1984) introduces a research orientation to the design process. The *Discipline of Architecture* (co-edited with Andrzej Piotrowski, University of Minnesota Press, 2001), promotes the role of the University as a site for knowledge development in collaboration with the profession. Her book *Institution and Home: Architecture as a Cultural Medium*, (Techne Press, 2006) presents a body of knowledge about the effects of architecture on people inhabiting a range of residential settings. The book she is currently writing, *Dutch Complex Housing*, explores the lessons to be learned from the Dutch approach to housing and urban design from the 1990s until today.

*The American Institute of Architects Minnesota, founded in 1892, is dedicated to strengthening our communities, improving our built environment and providing exceptional design. For more information on the organization and Minnesota architectural firms, reference our Web site at www.aia-mn.org, visit www.facebook.com/aia-minnesota, and pick up a copy of *Architecture Minnesota*, the award-winning architectural magazine of the Midwest.*