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## BIOGRAPHY

EDUCATION	<p><b>Iowa State University; College Of Design, Department of Architecture; Ames, Iowa</b> <b>Bachelor of Architecture (with Distinction), 2001</b> Upper 2% of the University Minor in Entrepreneurial Studies Honors Program</p>
PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND ACCREDITATIONS	<p><b>Architect, State of Iowa</b> Registration No. 05898 (2006-present) <b>United States Green Building Council</b> Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (2006-present)</p>
WORK HISTORY/ ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE	<p><b>Substance Architecture</b>, Des Moines, Iowa Architectural Intern (2005-2006); Architect (2006-present); Firm Associate (2015-present) <b>Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck</b>, Des Moines, Iowa Architectural Intern (2001-2005) <b>OPN Architects</b>, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Architectural Intern, Summer (1998; 1999; 2000)</p>
PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE	<p> <b>American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter</b> President, 2016 (third woman to lead the Chapter in 110 year history) 1st VP/President Elect (2015) 2nd Vice President (2014) Secretary (2013) Membership Committee Chair (2013) Executive Committee (2013–present) Board of Directors (2012-present) Spring Conference (<i>Exposed: Design Process</i>) Committee Chair 2015 Iowa Construction Industry Forum (2014-present) Legislative Affairs Committee Liaison to the AIA Iowa Board of Directors (2014) Diversity Committee (2010-2012) Convention Committee (2002, 2003, 2008, 2010)  <b>American Institute of Architects, Central States Region</b> Leadership Development Committee (2013-2014) <b>Iowa Women in Architecture</b> Member (2011-present) Fundraising Committee (2011-2012) Executive Board Member, AIA Liaison (2011-2013) Board member during development of the <i>Best Practices</i> document <b>Iowa Architectural Foundation</b> Architecture in the Schools (2004-2006) Community Design Charettes in Estherville, Iowa and Sioux City, Iowa</p>
PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	<p><b>West Des Moines Historical Society</b> Secretary (2015-present) Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee (2014-2015) Board Member (2014-present) <b>Iowa State University</b> Guest Studio Critic (2002-present) Student Mentorship Program (2014-present) <b>Holy Trinity Catholic Parish</b> Faith Formation Volunteer (2014-present) <b>Des Moines Public Schools</b> Supervisor; Extended Learning for Gifted and Talented (2013-2014) Teaching Artist; After School Arts Program (2012) <b>Des Moines Community Playhouse</b> <i>Hollywood Halloween</i> volunteer (2003-2006)</p>

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### SELECTED AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITIONS



#### **AIA National Young Architects Award**

Recognition for contributions to the profession in the early stages of career, 2016



#### **AIA Iowa Citizen Architect, 2015**

Recognition for community leadership



#### **Merit Award, AIA Committee on Design and Committee on the Environment, 2006**

House for an Ecologist; Rural Virginia

### SUBSTANCE ARCHITECTURE

#### **American Architecture Award, Chicago Athenaeum, 2011**

Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse, Flood Recovery and Restoration; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### SUBSTANCE ARCHITECTURE

#### **Citation, United States General Services Administration, 2010**

Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse, Flood Recovery and Restoration; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK

#### **International Award, Royal Institute of British Architects, 2007**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK

#### **Silver Medal Team Award, *Building Design & Construction*, 2007**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK

#### **Best Regeneration Project: European LEAF Award, 2006**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK



#### **Honorable Mention, AIA Iowa, 2005**

Wells Fargo Financial Office Building; Des Moines, Iowa

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK



#### **Honor Award, AIA Central States Region, 2005**

Pappajohn Higher Education Center; Des Moines, Iowa

### HERBERT LEWIS KRUSE BLUNCK



#### **Honor Award, AIA Iowa, 2005**

Pappajohn Higher Education Center; Des Moines, Iowa

### PRESENTATIONS

#### ***Spreading your Influence: Designing your Career to Make an Impact***

Iowa Women in Architecture, 2015

Moderated a panel discussion about Fellowship, leadership, and mentorship

#### ***Architecture that Promotes Health***

Circle K Kiwanis, 2014

Delivered a lecture discussing the relationship between health and architecture

#### ***Health and Architecture***

*Des Moines Register*, 2014

Authored an opinion editorial discussing the relationship between health and architecture

### PUBLISHED DESIGN WORK

#### ***Iowa Architect*; Summer, 2014**

Hoak Family Golf Complex; University of Iowa; Iowa City, Iowa

#### ***Iowa Architect*; Fall, 2011**

Mansueto Residence; Pella, Iowa

#### ***Iowa Architect*; 10:273**

Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse, Flood Recovery and Restoration; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

#### ***GSA Design Awards 2010*; April, 2010**

Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse, Flood Recovery and Restoration; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

#### ***Greensource*; April, 2007**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

#### ***Building Design & Construction*; April, 2007**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

#### ***Des Moines Register*; August, 2007**

North Side Library gets modern look; North Side Branch Library, Des Moines, Iowa

#### ***The Plan*; November, 2006**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

#### ***Architecture*; July, 2006**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

#### ***Architectural Review*; June, 2006**

New Central Library; Des Moines, Iowa (w/ David Chipperfield Architects; London, England)

#### ***Contract*; February, 2006**

Pappajohn Higher Education Center; Des Moines, Iowa

#### ***Iowa Architect*; 05:253**

Pappajohn Higher Education Center; Des Moines, Iowa

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

### STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Through rigorous recognized design, professional dedication with an emphasis on mentorship and focus on community involvement, architect Mindy Aust uses her expertise to advance the profession in multiple contexts.

## LEADER IN DESIGN AND PRACTICE

### PASSION FOR PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE

- Currently leads the design team as Project Architect for the \$27 million renovation of Iowa State University's Marston Hall – the first complete renovation of the building since it opened in 1903. This student-focused renovation incorporates student services, student lounge and study spaces, and classrooms, along with administration space for the College of Engineering. The project is scheduled for completion in 2016 and anticipated to be LEED Gold Certified.
- In conjunction with the General Services Administration, led the design team responsible for the restoration and recovery of the historic Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse after the devastating floods of 2008. This award-winning renovation returned the building to better-than-pre-flood condition by removing decades of piecemeal "improvements". The team expeditiously brought the building back into operation with energy efficient equipment while reclaiming the historic interiors of the building ravaged by flood water. A project that normally would have taken years to plan, design, and construct was completed 13 months after the flood with a high level of design and energy performance.
- Led the effort to expand and renovate three branch libraries for the Des Moines Public Library system adding a children's area, integrating technology, and upgrading lighting. Upgrades also included improvements to patron experiences, such as drive-up book drops, entrance canopies, and new study rooms. Designs were seamless and in keeping with the existing architecture of the libraries, one of which is a National AIA/ALA award winning branch from the 1970s.
- Project Architect for James M. Hoak Family Golf Complex for the University of Iowa on Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, Iowa. The facility provides indoor training/practice areas as well as locker rooms, coach's offices, and a team lounge.
- Implemented Firm of Record interior architecture efforts for the award-winning Des Moines Central Library designed by David Chipperfield Architects. Worked collaboratively with library staff and design architects to program and implement flexible work spaces, library stacks and reading areas, as well as organizing the furniture appropriation process. In addition, designed a public exhibit documenting the design and construction process to the public. This exhibit was displayed at the Central Library for a year following the grand opening.
- Team member on the award-winning John and Mary Pappajohn Higher Education Collaborative while an intern at Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture. This unique program in downtown Des Moines offers higher education classes from seven different colleges and universities around the state of Iowa co-located in one high performance building.

### COMMITMENT TO ARCHITECTURE THAT PROMOTES HEALTH & RESILIENCY

- Developed a national award winning proposal for the joint Committee on the Environment/Committee on Design competition entitled "A House for an Ecologist." The ECO-KIT design was manufactured off-site and could be assembled and disassembled by two people. The form of the house was a direct result of unique sustainable features, including trombe wall bladders filled by the rainwater catchment roof form and moveable sun shading.
- Advocate for architecture that promotes healthy living. Delivered lecture on the relationship between health and architecture to Des Moines Kiwanis Circle K group membership of over 80.
- Authored *Des Moines Register* opinion editorial discussing the ways architecture can affect the public's health and how good design can promote healthy living using firm projects as examples.
- Successfully lobbied State Legislators at the Iowa State Capital to pass *Good Samaritan* legislation which gives Architects and Engineers the same liability protection as government employees when volunteering as first responders in times of natural disaster.

CONTRIBUTIONS

VALUE OF GIVING BACK TO THE PROFESSION

LEADER IN THE PROFESSION

- 2016 AIA Iowa President. Among the youngest AIA Iowa members to serve as President, and only the third woman elected in the chapter's 110 year history.
- Chaired successful AIA Iowa Spring Conference titled *EXPOSED: Design Process*, with over 200 attendees, the most in the history of the event. Organized event to explore the methods and processes behind making great architecture. National award-winning keynote speakers were Takashi Yanai, AIA from Ehrlich Architects and EB Min, AIA from Min/Day.
- Co-developed AIA Iowa's Young Architect's Award to mirror National's award, promote awareness of the Institute, and encourage involvement, in response to the low participation rate of emerging professionals at the state level.
- Maintained over 88% AIA Iowa membership saturation of licensed Architects in the State of Iowa as Chair of the Chapter's Membership Committee.
- Worked with members from across the statewide Chapter to develop the AIA Iowa Section Map. Through this work all AIA Iowa members became Section members. Services were aligned to maximize benefits to membership, Sections and the Chapter.
- Spearheaded the Iowa Women in Architecture (iaWia) successful fundraising campaign which raised over \$6,800, the first in the group's history. This funding supported three major initiatives: website and branding, leadership development, and the *Best Practice Recommendations for the Design Professional* whitepaper.
- Moderated Iowa Women in Architecture panel discussion titled: *Spreading your Influence: Designing your Career to Make and Impact*. Discussion shared experiences of five Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and American Society of Landscape Architects. Encouraged iaWia membership to take on leadership roles and submit for Fellowship.

MENTOR TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

- Actively seeks ways to diversify the architecture pipeline in Iowa.
- Mentors female minority architecture student at Iowa State University, giving periodic portfolio reviews and advice on how to prepare for entering the profession. Two year relationship, student is now moving into 4th year of program.
- Serves as Intern Development Program Supervisor and Mentor for two AIA Associate members. Periodically review IDP status with mentees and support staffing decisions to enable them to get experience type needed.
- Developed a cooperative learning experience with the Des Moines Public Schools Talented and Gifted Program involving a female minority student who earned high school credit through planned activities and in-office learning about the discipline of architecture. Served as mentor and supervisor.

VALUE OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

- Leading the restoration of two properties in the care of the West Des Moines Historical Society: the Bennett School, a one-room school house and the Jordan House, the National Register home of Statesman James Jordan, which have suffered from a decade of deferred maintenance.
- As West Des Moines Historical Society Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, developed the first comprehensive, three-year plan to spend capital contributions as they are received. Prior to this plan there was no method for determining how funds were distributed.
- Revamped and made digital literature for the 3rd grade downtown Des Moines architectural walking tour curriculum while serving on the Iowa Architectural Foundation's Architecture in the Schools Committee for many years.
- Co-taught After School Arts program session with a colleague. Responsible for developing lessons and teaching activities to introduce inner city elementary students to the discipline of architecture. Lecturing, model building, research and project tours were all part of the program.



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Members of the Jury:

Mindy Aust is an outstanding nominee for the Business Record's 2016 Forty Under 40 Award.

Her passion for public architecture was demonstrated to me when we worked as team members to build a new Central library for the City of Des Moines. The building, designed by architect David Chipperfield, was a 5 year \$32.3M project in the middle of Des Moines' Western Gateway Park. Mindy implemented the Firm of Record interior architecture efforts for the award winning design. She worked collaboratively with me and my staff at the library and the design architects to program and implement flexible work spaces, library stacks and reading areas. She was meticulous in her record keeping, which is much appreciated by librarians as we are used to accurate information in our daily work. She also made very constructive suggestions for how we might handle the placement of furniture, lighting, stacks, and space in this new 550 feet long floor plans on two floors.

When the project was finished and the Grand Opening event on April 6, 2006 opened the doors to the citizens of Des Moines, Mindy had created an exhibit of the design and the construction process of the project. It was displayed in the Central Library so the public could see how this wonderful structure had come to fruition.

We again used her talents on the renovation of three of our branch libraries as she lead the team to expand children's area, integrating technology with such things as self-check out machines for patrons' use, electronic book materials access, drive up book returns and meeting rooms/study room and kitchen facilities within the original architecture of the buildings, one of which was an award winning branch from the 1970's. This also included the reworking of public restrooms to update ADA requirements, including Handicap accessibility.

I recommend her for this award and look forward to working with her on a project again some day.

Sincerely,

Kay K. Runge  
Retired Director, Des Moines Public Library  
President KKRunge Associates Library Consulting