

Jennifer Rittler

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Associate Principal, Project Architect
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Jennifer believes the built environment has the power to profoundly impact the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. With more than 15 years of experience, she translates stakeholder vision into design solutions through a collaborative and equitable engagement process.

As the first African American female President of the AIA Columbus Chapter, Jennifer demonstrates her commitment to leadership and inclusivity. Her passion for mentoring extends to academia, where she previously served as a lecturer at the Knowlton School of Architecture, inspiring the next generation of architectural talent. Recognized for her exceptional leadership and advocacy, Jennifer is a recipient of the 2022 American Institute of Architects Young Architects Award

Education

MArch, Illinois Institute of Technology,
2011

BS, Architecture, The Ohio State University,
2008

Registrations

Registered Architect: IL

U.S. Green Building Council LEED
Accreditation, Building Design
and Construction

National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards

WELL Accredited Professional

Fitwel Ambassador

Affiliations

American Institute of Architects,
Columbus, Past President, 2023

Recognition

Charles Marr Citation, American Institute
of Architects, Ohio, 2023

Young Architects Award, American
Institute of Architects, 2022

**Full Affiliations, References,
and Publication on Last Two Pages*

Key Project Experience

**Auraria Higher Education Center,
Tivoli Student Union Feasibility Study**
Denver, CO

343,000 SF Study exploring opportunities to
maximize event capacity and create spaces for
innovative amenities and new programs
Project Architect

**East Tennessee State University,
D.P. Culp Center**

Johnson City, TN
126,000 SF renovation converts a brutalist
building into an open and flexible student cen-
ter designed to elevate the transparency of the
center's activities
Project Architect

**Forsyth Community College,
Learning Commons Study**

Winston-Salem, NC
Various academic resources offering advanced
technology, collaborative spaces, and compre-
hensive student services under one roof
Project Architect

**Meharry Medical College,
Living-Learning Center**

Nashville, TN
165,000 SF housing and academic learning
center, with 126 units designed to ease the
financial burden on the next generation of
diverse healthcare professionals
Project Architect

**Morehouse College, New Campus Center and
Student Housing Renovations and Additions**
Atlanta, GA

An 87,800 SF transformational building, bring-
ing students and faculty together in a hub of
social gathering and student services
Project Architect

Morgan State University, Thurgood Marshall Hall
Baltimore, MD
40,000 SF residence hall with 670 beds and on-site, mixed-use amenities
Project Architect

Queens University of Charlotte, Everett Library Building
Charlotte, NC
34,000 SF reimagination of the Everett Library to a 21st century information hub
Project Architect

University of Maryland, Facilities Master Plan
College Park, MD
Engagement and planning process with stakeholders recommends a new academic, residential and recreational facilities lined upon the new green spaces
Project Architect

University of North Texas Dallas, Student Learning & Success Center
Dallas, TX
153,000 SF center with media production services, testing facilities, distance learning, a tutoring center, an event space, and accessibility services
Project Architect

Wilberforce University, Framework MasterPlan
Wilberforce, OH
Conducted information gathering sessions with stakeholders to develop a vision for the University
Project Architect

Cheyney University, Cope Hall Additions and Renovations
Cheyney, PA
Expanded 150,000 SF athletics, recreation, special events facility with a full-size indoor turf field, three outdoor turf fields, an outdoor track, and a 10-court basketball fieldhouse
Project Architect

Jacksonville State University, Student Recreation Center
Jacksonville, AL
105,000 SF center including a climbing wall, high-energy studio, and an overhead jogging track
Project Architect

Michigan State University, Health and Wellness Center
East Lansing, MI
300,000 SF nexus for health and well-being unifying fitness, athletic, and recreational services
Project Architect

Mount St. Joseph University, Centennial Field House
Cincinnati, OH
89,000 SF recreation and fitness center with field house components and indoor turf for baseball, softball and lacrosse
Project Architect

Penn State University, Intramural Recreation Building, Phase 3
State College, PA
75,000 SF final phase of multi-phased addition wraps around existing building offers training studios and rock
Project Architect

Penn State University, Panzer Stadium
State College, PA
1,400-seat soccer stadium
Project Architect

Columbus Recreation and Parks, Linden Park and Facility Improvements
Columbus, OH
55,000 SF center for opportunity for underserved communities
Project Architect

Dublin City Schools, Jerome High School
Dublin, OH
58,000 SF allows for two additions to classroom wings and 5,000 SF renovations to increase dining and faculty support spaces
Project Architect

KIPP: Columbus, Athletics and Wellness Complex
Columbus, OH
Complex accommodates football, soccer and track programs, seating nearly 600
Project Architect

Norton Healthcare, Sports and Learning Complex
Louisville, KY
128,570 SF sports and community services development featuring a 5,100-seat venue with a retractable 200-meter track, LEED Silver
Project Architect

Oklahoma City, Health and Wellness Center 3
Oklahoma City, OK
45,000 SF senior center promoting wellness with a therapy pool, fitness center, demonstration kitchen and garden
Project Architect

Oklahoma City, Pete White Senior Health and Wellness Center
Oklahoma City, OK
39,000 SF serves seniors with aquatics, fitness, social and learning areas, adult daycare center, health clinic and pharmacy
Project Architect

Violet Township, Recreation Center Feasibility Study
Violet Township, OH
Feasibility study for a new recreation center holding community and focus group meetings
Project Architect

YMCA of Middle Tennessee, Brentwood YMCA
Brentwood, TN
76,000 SF consolidated operations expands and improves YMCA for the next generation
Project Architect

The City of Virginia Beach, Kempsville Recreation Center
Virginia Beach, VA
87,000 SF state-of-the-art recreation center includes programs for all ages, LEED Silver
Project Architect

Howard University, Wonder Plaza Redevelopment
Washington, DC
Fusion building creating a new epicenter for student engagement and activity with recreation, residential and retail
Project Architect

Project Bear, Parking Garage
Raleigh, NC
Five Story precast parking garage to accommodate approximately 3,700 cars
Project Architect

Personal References
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Affiliations
American Institute of Architects, Columbus: President, 2023; President-Elect 2022; Executive Committee Treasurer, 2021; Director, 2017; ARCHway Program Co-founder, 2018

Columbus Downtown Commission, Commissioner, 2021

American Institute of Architects, National Center for Leadership Committee, 2020

American Institute of Architects, Columbus, Diversity by Design, Committee Co-chair 2015-2019

Awards
Charles Marr Citation, American Institute of Architects, Ohio, 2023

Young Architects Award, American Institute of Architects, 2022

40 Under 40 Honoree, Columbus Business First, 2020

Midwest Top Young Professionals, Engineering News Record, 2019

Emerging Professionals Award, American Institute of Architects, Ohio, 2020

Columbus Chapter President's Award, American Institute of Architects, Ohio, 2018

Design Futures Council DuPont Emerging Leaders, 2014

Teaching

Lecturer at The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture, 2020–2021

Presentations

“Live, Dine, Thrive: Fueling Futures with a Nexus of Transformative Resources,” Society of College University Planning, Philadelphia, July 2024

“Chapter Operations Session: Assessing Chapter Effectiveness through Good Governance,” AIA National Leadership Summit, Washington, DC, February 2023

“Access To Wellness: Designing for Equitable Communities,” Athletic Business Conference, Orlando, FL, November 2022

“Empowering Communities through Virtual Interaction,” National Organization of Minority Architects, October 2021

“Campus Rec Design Trends, Reality, What's Next?,” Athletic Business Conference, October 28, 2021

“Next Generation Leadership,” Panelist, National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) National Conference, 2021

“Diverse by Design,” The University of Oklahoma, College of Architecture, 2021

“Architectural Teaming: Collaboration in Innovative Practice,” NOMA National Conference, 2020

“Webinar: Campus Rec Design Trends, Reality, What's Next?,” Campus Rec, 2020

“Diversity and Inclusion,” Oklahoma State University, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology, November 2020

“Become the Next Expert: a Research-Based Workshop,” AIA Ohio Valley Regional Conference, Cincinnati, OH, September 2019

“Rec it Well: A Place for Well-being in Recreation Facilities,” National Organization of Minority Architects Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2018

“Proactive Collaboration,” B1G Ten Collegiate Recreation Conference, State College, PA, May 2018

“Career Journeys Beyond Design,” AIA Columbus ARCHway Program, Columbus, OH, April 2018

“Foster the People, Not the Band,” AIA Ohio Valley Region Conference, Indianapolis, IN, September 2017

Exhibitions

“SAY IT LOUD,” Beyond the Built Environment, AIA Ohio, Cleveland OH 2020

“SAY IT LOUD”, Beyond The Built Environment Exhibit, AIA National Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2019

Publications

Brand Voice, Campus Rec Magazine, November/December 2022

“Competing with Giants,” Campus Rec Magazine, Sole Author, May 2018