

## MEET THE JURY

### Rachel Adams

MANAGING PRINCIPAL, ARCHITECT OF RECORD  
A4E (ARCHITECTURE FOR EDUCATION)  
PASADENA, CALIF.

Rachel provides day-to-day leadership to the team at A4E. With 22 years of experience in educational architecture, she brings critical knowledge of the building and educational codes to all projects. Her management and planning expertise drives budget, schedule, and program compliance; she often says that A4E creates the framework for clients to confidently dream big. She facilitates stakeholder workshops, community presentations, and design coordination to ensure that an interactive and collaborative process is maintained.

Rachel continues to share her passion for learning as an ACE mentor, introducing high school students to the career opportunities within the fields of architecture, construction, and engineering.

### Katherine Berger

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL,  
DIRECTOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN  
SVIGALS + PARTNERS  
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Katherine has accumulated over a decade of design experience at firms in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Her keen ability to see potential where others may not has resulted in client accolades for reimagined spaces that foster well-being and productivity. Her diverse portfolio spans the education, civic, corporate, residential, and healthcare sectors. Her priority as a designer is to deliver spaces that improve the well-being of their users.

She pursued her WELL accreditation to develop this expertise of creating spaces that enhance the human condition through aesthetic accommodation and high-level functionality. She thrives during the programming phase of a project—interviewing end users on their needs and harnessing that information to create solutions that delight. This is what Katherine loves most about design — immersing herself at the intersection of science and art.

### Karen Jackson

EXECUTIVE SUPERVISOR OF FACILITIES  
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
(HOME OF THE KALAMAZOO PROMISE)  
KALAMAZOO, MICH.

With over 25 years of experience in facilities management, Karen oversees 35 buildings, all the district's capital improvement projects, and the maintenance, grounds, stockroom, community education, and custodial departments. She has assisted in identifying,

planning, communicating and carrying out more than \$600 million bond projects for the Kalamazoo district, including four new elementary buildings, one new middle school, an auxiliary gymnasium and an auditorium.

### Kandis Larsen

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, INTERIOR DESIGNER  
INTEGRUS ARCHITECTURE  
SPOKANE, WASH.

A design leader at her firm, Kandis is committed to nurturing a culture of trust and inclusivity in her interactions with clients, stakeholders, and across her project teams. Kandis is strongly influenced by her dual background in architecture and interior design, enabling her to provide integrated and holistic solutions to the most complex design challenges.

Her passion for design is grounded in her interactions with a diverse body of stakeholders and a process that begins with listening. Kandis' work is routinely recognized for striking a balance of function, experience, and beauty.

### Gerald Morgan

DIRECTOR OF SPACE PLANNING & MANAGEMENT  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
COLUMBIA, MO.

Gerald is an architect and the Director of Space Planning & Management at the University of Missouri. After graduating from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, he began his career as an intern architect with Black & Veatch Engineers & Architects in Overland Park, Kan. After additional stops working for the city of Kansas City, Mo., and the Department of Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Gerald joined the Design Services group at the University of Missouri where his main focus was on bringing the campus into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a construction project manager at the university, he managed \$125 million in new construction and renovation 16 years.

Gerald was promoted to Director of MU Space Planning & Management in April, 2015, and now is guiding the Mizzou Space Reduction and Strategic Relocation Initiative that is projected to save the university more than \$8.9 million in annual operating costs and eliminate more than \$218 million in deferred building maintenance and capital needs by 2024. Gerald is a past winner of the University of Missouri Chancellor's Outstanding Professional Staff Award and shares his experience in planning, design and construction by speaking at higher education facilities conferences regionally and nationally. ■