BIOGRAPHY

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PHILOSOPHY | GOALS | OBJECTIVES

Emerging professionals are our present! Unleashing and empowering these individuals is vital to advancing the profession toward a resilient future. The key is strategic mentorship...identifying those who lead by example and engaging them in our AEP network. As a young professional I am lucky to count numerous mentors in my life, and have the opportunity to pay it forward by mentoring others, both through formal mentorship programs, where I mentor juniors in high school discovering architecture for the first time, or organic mentoring experiences, where I have helped colleagues realize their dreams for licensure and career, or life, confidence.

As VP of the Academy for Emerging professionals I will work to advance our key areas of support. Continued improvement of initiatives like our “AEP roadshows” will cultivate a culture of development, engagement and action where Emerging Professionals see their potential rather than search for their potential. California is a special place where our actions serve as a catalyst for the rest of the country. Our Emerging Professionals know the influence that they have, and it is our job to provide them the support they need to impart that influence onto the rest of the world and our profession.