



JESSICA ROGERS

Jessica Rogers brings a wealth of expertise as the Office Administrator and Marketing Coordinator at Peacock Architects, where she harmoniously blends her architectural acumen with administrative finesse. Armed with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree from Syracuse University, Jessica's career trajectory includes a notable stint as a Program Manager at the American Institute of Architects National Headquarters in Washington D.C.

In her current role, she navigates seamlessly between crafting project proposals, overseeing the project pipeline, and ensuring the overall efficiency of office operations. Jessica's unique ability to straddle the worlds of architecture and administration positions her as a valuable communicator, adept at both client interactions and anticipating internal needs.

Beyond her professional commitments, Jessica champions diversity and empowerment in the AEC industry through her "She Builds Podcast," a platform that sheds light on the untold stories of women in the AEC field. With her unique skill set, passion for people, and dedication to fostering inclusivity, Jessica is poised to make significant contributions to the Peacock team, perfectly aligning with the essence of the firm's mission.



Lourdes Solera, FAIA, NOMA
Principal, MC Harry & Associates

Lourdes Solera, FAIA, NOMA, RID is a Principal at MCHarry & Associates, a third-generation owner of the 65 + year old architectural firm that specializes in public sector work. With 30+ years of professional practice, Lourdes' experience in both the private and public sector has given her a clear understanding of the intricate relationships and coordination needed to successfully deliver projects that fulfill the client's needs and budget. Her firm focuses on public agency clients; and she focuses on educational projects as well as historic preservation & restoration.

Lourdes is highly regarded as an architect committed to both public service and advancing the cause of architecture. She has been a dedicated leader at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for many years leading the institute in many positions and was elevated to the AIA College of Fellows in 2012. At Florida AIA, she was Miami State Director, Vice-President for Communications and Professional Development and the AIA Florida 2022 President. At AIA Miami, Lourdes was Chapter Director, Secretary/ Treasurer and Chapter President in 2004. She is co-founder of AIA Miami's Women in Architecture Committee and founder of AIA Florida's Women in Architecture Committee. Through her activities, Lourdes has elevated the public awareness of the power of design and the influence of architects through leadership and community initiatives.

Lourdes holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Mississippi State University and has a Master of Architectural History from the University of Virginia. She is a Florida registered Architect, Florida registered interior Designer and a LEED Accredited Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council.



Natividad "Nati" Soto, FAIA, LEED AP^{BD+C} is a Florida registered architect and interior designer. As President of Ferguson Glasgow Schuster Soto, Inc. she leads the Firm's practice in health care, parks & recreation, libraries, and other institutional works with designs that reflect the client's unique identities and withstand the test of time.

For over 40 years Nati has served on AIA local, state and national components, including 2022-2023 College of Fellows Regional Representative, AIA Florida 2019 President and 2020 Strategic Council Chair, founding Board member and President of AIA Miami Center for Architecture & Design, co-founder of AIA Miami's Women in Architecture Committee, 2013 AIA Florida's Women in Architecture Task Force Chair, FAPAC Board Member/2015 Chair, AIA Miami 2009 President, 2013-14 AIA Diversity Council/2014 Women's National Network Chair, and many other activities recognized in her elevation to AIA Fellowship in 2015.

Nati is a visiting lecturer and involved alumnus of the University of Miami School of Architecture, where her Firm established a scholarship that benefits African-American architecture students.

Nati is passionate about architecture, mentorship, advocacy, diversity/equity/inclusion, and resilient communities, and is professionally and personally dedicated to leading efforts that result in positive outcomes for all.



KRICKET SNOW, AIA

A Principal at Perkins&Will's Miami studio, Cricket brings more than 25 years of experience as an architect and project manager. Her expertise spans project types from highly customized interiors to multi-acre site developments, with a focus on large-scale, complex building projects. She has led interdisciplinary, multi-office teams on domestic and international assignments, guiding work from programming and conceptual design through construction closeout.

As a Managing Principal, Cricket directs and mentors key personnel within an integrated, cross-disciplinary team structure that emphasizes collaboration and transparency. This approach ensures consistent communication with clients and project teams alike, resulting in efficient delivery and high-quality design solutions. Deeply engaged in Miami's design community, Cricket has served on the City of Miami Planning Board, as President of AIA Miami, and on the Board of Directors for the Miami Center for Architecture and Design.



Elizabeth G. Camargo, AIA is the founding principal of EC Architecture + Design, a Miami Beach-based architecture and interior design firm. A dedicated leader within the American Institute of Architects (AIA), she has served in numerous capacities at the local, state, and national levels. In 2017, she became only the fifth woman to serve as president of the AIA Miami Chapter since its founding in 1929. She is currently the 2025 president of the Florida Association of the

American Institute of Architects, following her tenure as chair of the Resilience Committee. Nationally, she contributes as a member of the AIA Resilience and Disaster Recovery Committee. She continuously faces the challenges imposed by climate change on all her projects, integrating resilience and sustainability into her work.

Before establishing EC Architecture + Design, Elizabeth honed her skills at several nationally recognized architectural firms in New York, Los Angeles, and Miami. She earned her degree in Architecture and Planning from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, before relocating to the United States to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she earned a Master of Science in Architectural Studies with a concentration in environmental design.

Committed to education and community engagement, Elizabeth has served as an adjunct professor at the Florida International University School of Architecture and as a guest juror for design studios at FIU and the University of Miami School of Architecture. She currently serves on the Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board and is a past member of the Bal Harbour Architectural Review Board.



Neyda S. Otero AIA, LEED AP BD+C | Vice President, Sr. Project Manager, HKS

Neyda Otero, AIA, LEED AP BD+C is the Vice President, Sr. Project Manager for HKS focusing on educational projects for K-12 and Higher Education clients. Neyda has more than 30 years of professional experience in all aspects of large- and small-scale construction in the management of healthcare, corporate workplace, and educational projects. She graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree. Prior to HKS, she was Practice Leader and Senior Associate with the Perkins&Will Miami studio.

As Senior VP for HAKS Engineers, she managed strategic growth in Florida, overseeing operations, and business development. As Vice Provost, Facilities Management for Miami Dade College, Neyda led the Facilities team in planning and executing capital improvements and deferred maintenance construction programs totaling over five hundred million dollars college-wide across 8 campuses. As Director of Project Management and Construction for a private school, she oversaw all facilities management projects for the \$98 million dollar capital improvement bond program for two campuses. Prior to joining Pine Crest, Neyda was Director of Physical Plant for the Broward Campuses of Florida Atlantic University; Director of Design for the Broward County School Board; and project architect for various architectural firms in the South Florida area.

Neyda serves on the AIA Documents Committee, creating and revising AIA Contract Documents®. Neyda led the task group responsible for developing the recently released Volumetric Modular Documents, which reflect the AIA's first comprehensive suite of contracts

intended to address the growing modular construction industry in the United States. These documents were successfully launched in April 2025 with educational content and webinars available to the public. In 2018, she became the 6th female AIA Miami President and has served all board positions for the chapter and various committees for AIA Florida. Neyda is a member of USGBC Florida, the Florida Educational Facilities Planner Association, and AIA Miami Women in Architecture and has participated in several professional panels and webinar Presentations.



GIA ZAPATTINI, AIA

Gia Zapattini is a licensed architect and design executive with over 16 years of international experience shaping luxury developments across the globe. Practicing as both an architect and interior designer, she brings a multidisciplinary, human-centered approach to her work. Her expertise extends beyond architecture into brand storytelling, guest experience innovation, and strategic design thinking, positioning her as a sought-after leader in the evolution of high-end hospitality.

She is the **Head of Architecture and Design for Ytech** and serves on City of Miami's **Urban Design Review Board**, guiding large-scale developments that shape the city's future. A past **President of AIA Miami (2019)**, she has been recognized as *Young Architect of the Year*, *Architect of the Year*, a *40 Under 40 Design honoree*, and as a *Kansas State University Alumni Honoree of the Year*.

Gia holds Master's degrees in Architecture and a Master Degree in Interior Architecture & Product Design, and an Executive Master's from **Harvard Business School**, where she was selected as **Lifetime Class Representative**.



Daphne Gurri, AIA, RID, NCIDQ, NCARB, LEED AP, is the Owner and Principal of Gurri Matute PA, an award-winning architecture and interior design firm based in Miami, Florida. A registered Architect and Interior Designer with more than 31 years of experience, she has led a career defined by design excellence, technical precision, and fearless leadership. A Miami native, Ms. Gurri earned her Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Miami in 1988 and a Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design from Columbia University in 1992. She went on to teach architectural design as an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University's School of Architecture from 1992 to 2000, mentoring the next generation of designers. In 1996, she launched her own practice, which grew into Gurri Matute PA after being joined by her husband and partner, José G. Matute, AIA, in 2000. Today, the firm is recognized for its award-winning work in civic, education, federal, healthcare, and transportation design.

Throughout her career, Ms. Gurri has been honored with numerous accolades, including the Young Architect of the Year Award from the City of Coral Gables Mayor's Office, multiple Historic Preservation Awards from organizations such as Dade Heritage Trust and AIA Florida, and recognition from the Builders Association of South Florida. In 2020, she was named AIA Miami's Architect of the Year.

Passionate about design's power to shape communities, Ms. Gurri is also a strong advocate for sustainability as a LEED Accredited Professional. She champions women in STEM and actively mentors young architects, inspiring them to excel both in the profession and in leadership roles. Her fearless determination, boundless energy, and commitment to mentorship have made her both a trailblazer in architecture and a role model for future generations of women in the field.



Amanda S. Barton, AIA, a Vice President at HKS Architects Inc, specializes in coastal hospitality design, works on projects from master planning through documentation. When not designing, she volunteers in local AIA and NOMA chapters, as a former AIA Miami president and current SoFloNOMA vice president. She is a strong advocate for sustainable design and promoting environmental resilience through education and advocacy. Amanda is one of the authors of Resilience Design Toolkits, co-published with AIA, helping integrate resilience design into architectural practice. Amanda has earned numerous awards, including the ENR Texas & Southeast 2025 Top Young Professionals and the AIA Florida Anthony “Tony” Pullara Individual AIA Service Award. Amanda is a graduate of the University of Miami, where she was awarded the prestigious Alpha Rho Chi Medal of Architecture in 2013.



Vanessa Smith Torres is a Puerto Rican-born architect based in Miami, FL. She received a Bachelor's from Northeastern University and a Master of Architecture from Tulane University.

Vanessa acts as Project Architect at Perkins&Will Miami. She has worked on award-winning projects across various market sectors, including Hospitality, Education, and Healthcare. Vanessa specializes in building design for performance and wellness, and is knowledgeable in various building certification programs, including LEED, WELL, SITES, and the Living Building Challenge.

Committed to building a more equitable profession, Vanessa is a mentor for Arquitina and SoFloNOMA's Project Pipeline Summer Camp. She has served on the National Organization of Minority Architects Chapter boards in South Florida (SoFloNOMA) and Louisiana (NOMALA) and was the 2022-2023 co-chair of the AIA Miami Women in Architecture Committee. Vanessa was the 2021 President of SoFloNOMA and 2025 President of AIA Miami.



Sara A. Jimenez, Int'l. Assoc. AIA
Senior Project Manager, Arquitectonica

Born and raised in Mexico, Sara attended Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana where she obtained a bachelor's degree in architecture.

In 1999 she moved to Miami, where further her education at Florida International University. Although a master's degree in architecture was a natural path forward, she took a turn and obtained a master's degree in construction management.

With vast Project Management experience, she works hand in hand with architects, engineers and construction professionals, emphasizing the discipline interrelations during the design and construction phases on education, healthcare, hospitality, commercial and mixed-use projects.

Sara looks at every opportunity to mentor emerging professionals and she's an active member of Women in Architecture, Miami Chapter.

She likes to take on challenges as an avid triathlete, runner, and two time Ironman finisher she follows through the words of Ayn Rand "The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who's going to stop me"