

# AIA Young Architects Forum

## AIA - Western Mountain Region YAF E-News August 2008

### Do you have an Existing Mentoring Program to Share with YAF?

The subject of *mentorship* persistently arises – in our region and on a national scene. Mentorship was the top priority at the national YAF15 Summit last year. The AIA's new diversity initiative cites mentorship as a strategy for increasing diversity as the AIA Diversity Action Plan is forming.

As YAF works to expand the availability of mentorship opportunities, we are taking inventory of existing mentorship programs. The YAF regional liaisons are compiling a list of existing mentorship programs across the country. To do this, we need your input.

1. **Do you have any AIA-sponsored mentorship programs underway in your component?**
2. **Are you aware of any formal firm-sponsored mentorship programs in any of the firms in your component?**
3. **Are there mentorship programs operating in the design community in your area?**  
(example: Kansas City's Women in Design organization sponsors a mentorship program, the ACE mentorship programs in Des Moines, Kansas City, and St. Louis, or AIA Atlanta)
4. **Is diversity a focus in any of these mentoring programs? If so, please describe.**

Please forward any information that you may have regarding existing mentorship programs to me by **August 30, 2008**. Provide a program description and contacts (name, email address, phone number and website, if applicable/ available).

This information will be compiled with information from other regions across the country and posted on the AIA's website as a network for those looking to start or strengthen mentorship programs.

The momentum continues to build for this topic. YAF has a working document that outlines the power of mentorship in architectural practice; it highlights the following:

- We believe that mentorship offers a bridge between unlicensed interns and seasoned professional;
- We believe that our early architectural careers need support and reinforcement as we are faced with any career options;
- We believe in the need to diversify our profession; and
- We believe that we will enhance our profession by fostering the historic culture of apprenticeship.

Thank you for any assistance you can offer to this effort. Please feel free to forward this request to others who you think would be able to provide information to help create our mentorship inventory.

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## WMR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Competition – **ENTRIES DUE 8/15**

### call for entries aia western mountain region 50th anniversary logo competition



the western mountain region is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is asking **associate** and **yaf** members to **design a logo** to help commemorate the occasion

the winner of the selected design will receive an **all expense paid trip** to the 2009 wmr conference hosted by AIA Colorado

go to **www.aiawmr.org** for submittal criteria

submission deadline is **august 15, 2008**. the winner will be announced at the 2008 wmr conference in santa fe, new mexico

questions? email **info@aiawmr.org**



## The Colorado Fellows Book

Since late 2006, Phillip H. Gerou, FAIA and AIA Colorado have been collecting essays and lessons learned by Fellows throughout the state of Colorado. The hope of the Colorado Fellows, is that this exciting collection of 36 essays will be a resource for students, interns and young architects alike.

The money collected, through the sale of these books, will help fund scholarships for the young architects in Colorado.

If you would like a copy of “The Colorado Fellows Book”, please contact AIA Colorado at 303-446-2266.

## Practice Management Fall Conference – Emerging Professional Scholarship

### Submission Deadline: August 18, 2008

The Practice Management Knowledge Community (PMKC) of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) is offering two scholarships for young professionals to attend the 2008 Practice Management Fall Conference, “Leveraging your Resources: Less is More” ([http://www.aia.org/ev\\_pmkc\\_2008\\_fall](http://www.aia.org/ev_pmkc_2008_fall)). The Conference will be held Wednesday October 15th to Friday October 17th at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza Chicago, IL.

Two scholarships will be awarded. Each scholarship will provide up to \$1,500.00 to cover the registration fees, per diem and travel expenses. Click here ([http://www.aia.org/pmkc\\_08conf\\_scholarship](http://www.aia.org/pmkc_08conf_scholarship)) for more information.

## Herman Miller Healthcare – Intern Architect Scholarship Program

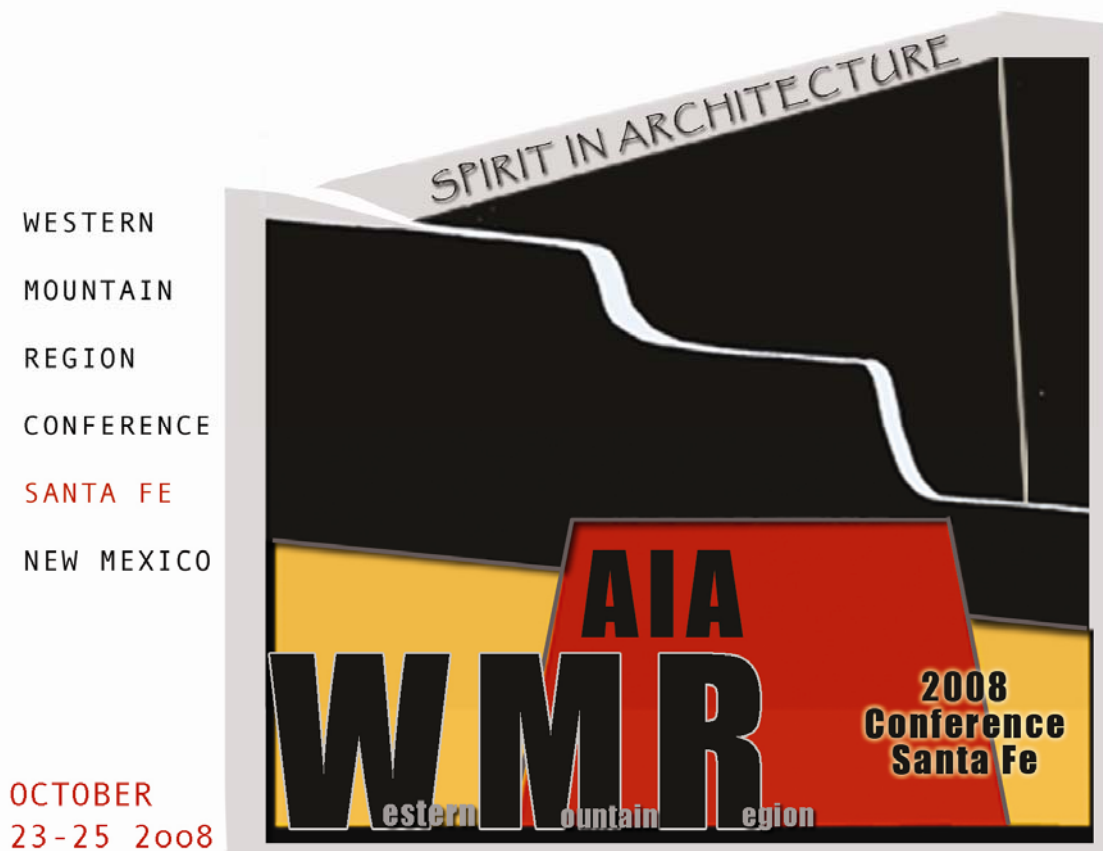
### Submission Deadline: August 22, 2008

Herman Miller for Healthcare will sponsor eight intern architects to attend the fall conference of the Center for Health Design/AIA Academy of Architecture for Health known as [HealthcareDesign.08](http://www.hcd08.com/ME2/Default.asp) (<http://www.hcd08.com/ME2/Default.asp>). The conference will be held November 8-11, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Each selected intern architect will receive up to a \$1,000 reimbursement to cover registration fees, air travel, and hotel room costs. (Note: This amount typically does not cover all the expenses one incurs to attend a conference.) [Click here](http://www.aia.org/aah_hermanmillerscholar) ([http://www.aia.org/aah\\_hermanmillerscholar](http://www.aia.org/aah_hermanmillerscholar)) for requirements, eligibility, and submission information.

This scholarship program is part of [Herman Miller's](http://www.hermanmiller.com/CDA/SSA/IP/0,1776,a9-c2054,00.html) (<http://www.hermanmiller.com/CDA/SSA/IP/0,1776,a9-c2054,00.html>) continuing commitment to excellence in healthcare architecture and support of young architects.

## 2008 AIA WMR Conference



## YAF 150 at 150 – Podcast Interviews

As a legacy of our YAF Anniversary and the AIA 150, the Young Architects Forum is interviewing 150 architects who are members of the College of Fellows. Our goal is to use the knowledge within the AIA to inspire the next generation of Emerging Professionals and highlight mentoring within the profession.

### July's 150 at 150 Podcast Interviews:

Bryce Pearsall, FAIA – AIA Phoenix Metro by Maryam Eskandari, Associate AIA

If you would like to be a part of this unique opportunity, please contact Virginia Marquardt, AIA, WMR's YAF Regional Liaison at [vmarquardt@dlrgroup.com](mailto:vmarquardt@dlrgroup.com) or 602-381-8580 to make arrangements for securing a digital recorder, the interview script and other additional information.

## Share Your Thoughts!

On the new AIA Archiblog at <http://www.aia.org/yafblog>. Current postings include the sharing of crazy work stories, a debate over architects in the movies, and a discussion of work/life balance. Other topics are definitely invited! Click here to join the discussion.

## Calendar of Events

August –

- 15**            **WMR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Competition – Entry Deadline**
- 18**            **Practice Management Fall Conference – Emerging Professional Scholarship Submission Deadline**
- 22**            **Herman Miller Healthcare – Intern Architect Scholarship Program Submission Deadline**
- 29**            **WMR's 2008 Young Architect of the Year Award – Submissions Due**
- 30**            **YAF's Inventory of Existing Mentorship Programs**

September –

- 15            Arizona's 2008 Young Architects Citation Announced
- 15            2009 Jason Pettigrew, Associate AIA Memorial Leadership Scholarship Award – Nominations Due
- 27            Nevada's 2008 Young Architect Citation Announced

October –

- 1            2009 Grassroots Program Recommendations to YAF Advisory Board
- 10            National's 2009 Young Architect of the Year Award – Submissions Due
- 22-25        AIA 2008 Western Mountain Region's Conference – Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 24            WMR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Competition – Announcement of Winning Design
- 25            WMR's Young Architect of the Year Announced

## Websites / Articles

- AIA – National’s YAF website: [http://www.aia.org/yaf\\_default](http://www.aia.org/yaf_default)
- The YAF Connection: [http://www.aia.org/yaf\\_nwsltr\\_current](http://www.aia.org/yaf_nwsltr_current)
  - Current Issue: April 16, 2008
  - Upcoming Issue: June 2008
- Suggested Books (click on the book title for a review):
  - Cradle to Cradle
  - The Eyes of the Skin: Architecture and the Senses
  - Adapting Buildings and Cities for Climate Change: A 21st Century Survival Guide
  - Finding (and Keeping) Work/Life Balance
  - Moving to Integrated Practice

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