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Burchell F. Pinnock, FAIA

For nearly 30 years, Burt Pinnock has been a profound voice for creative, compelling, and responsible design in Richmond’s urban landscape, using his career in architecture to tell the dichotomous story of Richmond’s past. Once the capitol of the Confederacy and an epicenter of the nation’s slave trade, Richmond was also home to thriving, independent black communities—and Burt’s body of work spans projects that seek to preserve and integrate those distinct identities into a more complete version that is contextual to both time and space. Burt’s passion and fingerprints can be found within a variety of cultural, master planning, residential, and adaptive reuse work for clients such as the city of Richmond, Black History Museum and Cultural Center, and the Richmond Slave Trail Commission (to name a small few).

Throughout his career, Burt has embraced opportunities to engage more deeply in the field, currently serving on the Historic Richmond Foundation Advisory Board, City of Richmond Board of Zoning Appeals, Venture Richmond Board of Directors, and Virginia LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) Advisory Board in addition to serving as Chair of the Commonwealth of Virginia Art & Architectural Review Board and Co-Chair of the Richmond 300 Advisory Council. He is also the creator and co-founder of Richmond-based Storefront for Community Design, a nonprofit that creates broader access to architecture and design services while also facilitating community engagement workshops for development efforts throughout the city.

Beyond the honors, accolades, and board involvements is Burt’s driving force: the work itself. He has thrown himself into the projects that have defined his career as both an architect and a leader. The relationships he has developed both in Richmond’s architectural community and among city leaders, innovators, creatives, and citizens, is a true testament to the charismatic nature that defines Burt.

This year, in recognition of his service, commitment, and contributions to the field, Burt was honored with elevation to the AIA’s prestigious College of Fellows—a fitting tribute to a man widely known and beloved for his dedication and devotion to design. Congratulations Burt!
WE TRANSLATE COMPLEX DESIGNS INTO DYNAMIC BUILDABLE STRUCTURES.

LYNCH MYKINS, an AIA Richmond Platinum Sponsor, was founded in 1974 and has over 4 decades of experience in providing high quality structural engineering services all over the Southeast for these and other building types:

- High-rise, Transit
- Entertainment and Arts
- Federal and Healthcare
- Higher Education and K-12
- Historic Restoration
- Hospitality
- Libraries
- Sports and Entertainment

Dedicated to creative approaches, collaborative processes, and integrated design, Lynch Mykins is headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, with offices in Richmond, Virginia and Virginia Beach, Virginia. We strive to be at the forefront of computer technology and maintain the hardware and software tools necessary for state-of-the-art, high-speed analysis and efficient design. Our goal is the same on every project—achieve our client's vision while making the most of each dollar. Our engineers' ability to interpret challenging project requirements into creative yet cost-effective designs is second to none in the industry.

What Makes Us Different:

1. We Look at the Whole Picture.

With over 45 years of experience working on projects of various sizes and budgets, our team has developed a vital project approach—and it doesn’t just look at structural engineering. We’re looking at the ever-changing market, current design trends/best practices, schedule, and of course cost to make the most informed decisions for each project. We like to be at the table early so we can fully understand all the considerations before choosing a structural system. Bottom line? Fewer change orders and hiccups in the field, faster occupancy, and more money in your pocket. We view every project as an opportunity to build a long-term relationship.

2. We Think Outside the Box

We believe great design comes from challenging the status quo so we’re constantly looking for new and improved ways to engineer our structures. When faced with a new idea, we don’t just say "no", we say “how?”

We take the most complex design challenges and transform them into incredibly detailed and accurate plans so your vision is properly executed from start to finish.

3. We Make Life Easier

Time and time again our clients commend us on attention to detail, seamless communication, and our ability to take complex designs and turn them into creative, efficient structures. We like to call ourselves right-brained engineers because although we are meticulous in our calculations, we contribute to the creative process. Our philosophy is that functionality and aesthetic complement each other, and our team works to make sure every structure we touch encompasses both.

Ultimately, we make your life easier. Is there a better reason to work with us than that?
YAF Richmond hosted another Hard Hat Tour at Gather at 309 East Broad Street on March 21, 2019.

Thanks to the project team of Dodson Development, Hickok Cole, UrbanCore and Walter Parks Architects.
Uniting Richmond through Community Design

AIA Richmond’s Young Architects Forum solicited a design challenge in hopes of bringing the design community together to respond to and raise awareness for areas of opportunity in our city.

Richmond has invested in its infrastructure through the implementation of the Pulse in order to connect its people, promote smart urban growth and enhance our walkable communities along Broad Street.

The challenge was to identify a site along this Pulse corridor and propose opportunities for impactful, practical, and lasting environmental solutions that benefit the Richmond community. See the results of this challenge and a video of the Jury Review here:

http://www.aiarva.org/yaf.html

Thank you to all who participated!

1st Place
Finding Fulton
Team: Zach Wolk, Divya Nautiyal, Philip Miller + Nick Cooper; HKS

2nd Place
The Richmond Spine
Jacob Sherry
NEW HIRES

Shannon Mackenzie is now the Marketing Coordinator at Commonwealth Architects.

Matson Roberts Jr. has joined Quinn Evans Architects as an Architectural Designer. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and also received a certificate in Historic Preservation.

Peter Russell has joined Quinn Evans Architects as a Landscape Architect. He had been with Shimp Engineering, P.C.

Kyle Butler has joined Quinn Evans Architects as an Architectural Designer. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech.

Fred Esenwein, Ph.D., AIA, joined Glavé & Holmes Architecture as Project Architect. He earned his B.Arch and MS in Architecture degrees from Virginia Tech and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

PROMOTIONS

Melinda Jeffries has been named an associate with SMBW. She has degrees from James Madison University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Shari Perago has been named a stockholder at Commonwealth Architects. She is the Director of Interior Design.

IN THE NEWS

Andrew Moore, AIA, a principal with Glavé & Holmes Architecture, and Rob Comet, AIA, a principal with Quinn Evans Architects, have been appointed by the Virginia House of Delegates to serve three-year terms on the Capitol Square Preservation Council.

HKS Richmond had 5 projects featured by AIA National in the annual Emerging Professionals Exhibit - Design for Equity:
1 North Texas Food Bank
2 Dupont Underground Uncovered for All
3 Pivoting Transitional Housing
4 Social Waters
5 Rubik’s Square

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noelker and Hull Associates, Inc. - Julie Filges has become a registered architect after completing the ARE.

Glavé & Holmes Architecture is pleased to announce two newly minted architects now licensed in Virginia: Tim Hayes and Michael Hammon.

Ryan Griffin from HKS is now a licensed architect.

Allie Jarett of Quinn Evans Architects has officially finished all her licensing exams.

The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design, located at 2501 Monument Avenue, is featuring the exhibit Sixty Years of Italian Design 1940-2000 from July 12 - September 15. General Admission is $5 and hours are 10-5 Tues-Fri, 10-4 on Sat and 1-5 on Sun.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Have news to share with your AIA Richmond community? Please send your news to the Public Relations Committee Chair, Luis Huertas: Luis@sustaindesign.net

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