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## American Institute of Architects elevates a local architect to the College of Fellows

Less than three percent of the architecture profession achieve AIA Fellowship.

Lafayette – **March 7, 2022** – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating an AIA member from AIA Louisiana to its prestigious College of Fellows, AIA’s highest membership honor, for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level. Architects who have been elevated to fellowship can be identified by the designation FAIA after their name.

Ursula Emery McClure FAAR, FAIA, LEED BD+C, NCIDQ is partner of emerymcclure architecture, an architecture firm based in Lafayette, LA. She is also currently a Visiting Professor at The University of Texas at Arlington. An AIA Louisiana member for 20+ years, she has defined her career as a fusion from the onset of her professional education. She melds a recognized design practice, sponsored research, and interdisciplinary teaching to focus on the resiliency between the constructed and the natural environments. Her advocacy and designs for intelligent adaptative preservation and reciprocity between the two environments have produced award-winning projects, research and sponsored learning environments scaling from exhibit installations to an entire state’s coastline. Through emerymcclure architecture’s research practice she challenges accepted conventions to propose more symbiotic relationships between nature and building.

Visit [AIA National’s](https://www.aia.org) website for more information on College of Fellows or to view the [complete list](#) of newly elevated architect fellows.

AIA Louisiana represents architects and those in the design and construction industry across the state; empowering its members to improve communities through the profession of architecture in the built environment.

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### ABOUT AIA

Founded in 1857, AIA consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through more than 200 international, state and local chapters, AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing.

AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation, and world. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards.