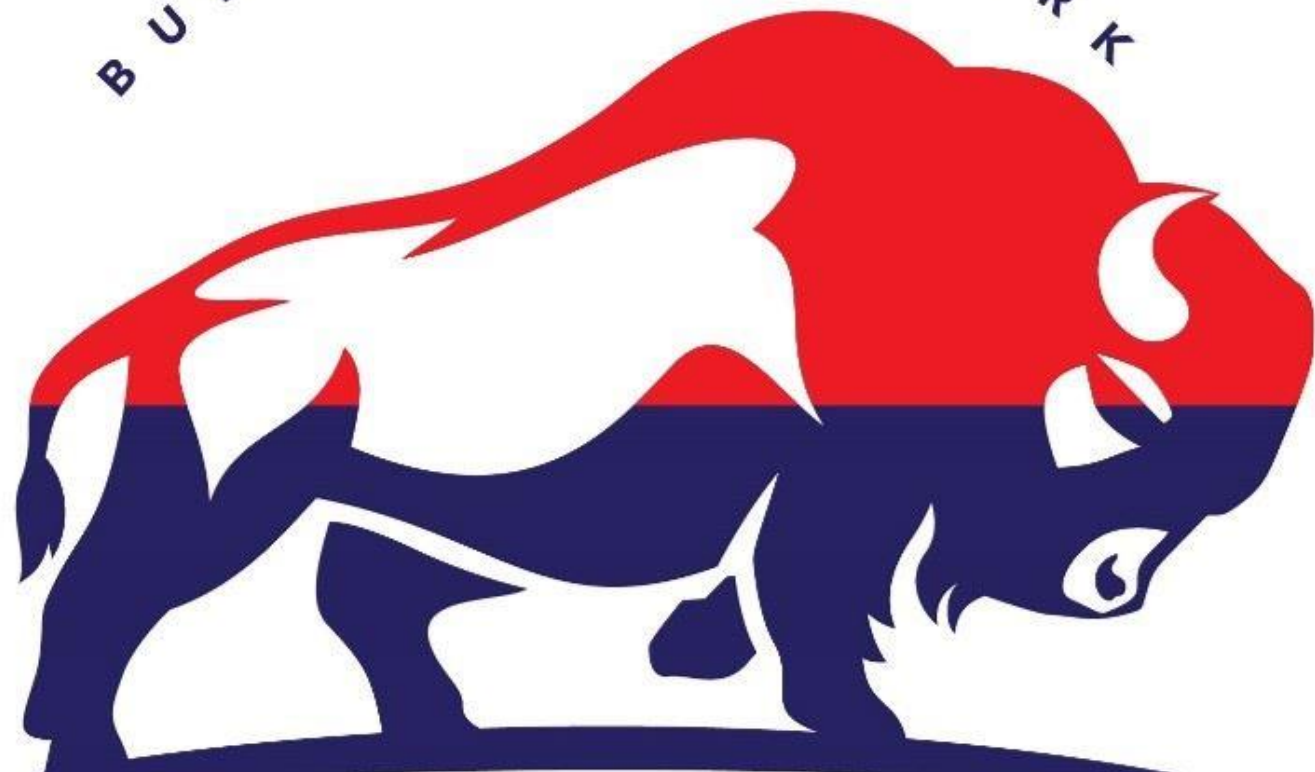
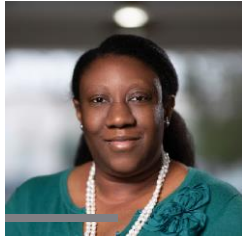


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KRISTEN LOCKE

Partner | Beehyyve

Kristen Locke currently serves as a Partner in Beehyyve, also working part-time as an adjunct professor of Interior Architecture at Queens University, in Charlotte. She studied at Tuskegee University and Auburn University, where she earned her B.Arch degree and a Master of Landscape Architecture Degree. Kristen deeply values community advocacy, and volunteers with several community organizations in hopes of giving back to her community and fostering the next generation. She serves as the Outreach Director for the AIA Charlotte Board, works with a local girl scout troop, The Westside Land Trust, and conducts a weekly Architecture Camp With Do Greater Charlotte. Kristen's Father is a native of Buffalo, and has instilled in her a love for the city, the food, culture and the Illustrious Buffalo Bills.



DEON LUCAS

Partner | Beehyyve

Deon Lucas currently serves as the managing partner of Beehyyve and President of E.G. Woode. He is responsible for establishing the firm's creative strategy, and developing budgets & schedules for key design projects. His role also requires him to directly mentor and supervise creative teams while challenging and introducing new and innovative methods of creative execution. Throughout his life, Deon has been given great opportunities to develop and enhance his personal and professional skills, which have greatly influenced his concept of learning. Thus, Deon has chosen to seek the necessary resources that will propel our society into its next phase of social and economic prosperity, a path that will provide the programmatic information needed to ensure that society benefits as well as contributes to the world's economic and social well-being.



BRYAN HUDSON

Partner | Beehyyve

Drawing on over 20 years of experience in architectural design and construction, Bryan Hudson assists Deon Lucas in driving the design direction of the firm as a licensed Architect in the state of Illinois. In 2009, he founded and is President of SOMA Design Consultants, an architectural design and construction management firm which specializes in residential design, small to medium commercial design, and religious and educational development. Bryan is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, obtaining his bachelor's in architecture in 1997. Always looking to give back and help other minorities achieve success, Bryan serves on several organizations geared to educating minority youth in Architectural practices.



NOORA ALJABI

Founder | Libr Ink

Noora is the founder of Libr Ink, an independent creative practice operating at the intersection of art, architecture, design, research, and activism. With experience as a licensed architect in North Carolina, serving as Assistant Professor of the Practice at NC State University, a practicing designer at the Goldin Institute, Studio Gang, and alt32, as well as a frequent collaborator with Beehyyve, she has worked on publications, competitions, and architectural and urban projects of various scales, including a radical abolitionist community hub, a community-directed neighborhood safety initiative, and a nature-inspired micro-unit hotel, among other projects. She holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Kentucky and received her M.Arch at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she first developed an interest in advancing issues of spatial justice in relation to the political dimension of architecture.



NYAH TSAI

Associate Partner | Beehyyve

Nyah Tsai, a 2023 graduate of the UIC Bachelor of Science Architecture program, is a young professional from Chicago, channeling her passion for community building and design skills into the field of architecture and design. She is dedicated to contributing towards the development and enhancement of Black and Brown communities through design, aiming to participate in the creation of spaces of the highest quality, and aligning with the aspirations and deserving nature of its residents. Nyah envisions architecture as a tool for thoughtful, purposeful and creative design, and positive social change with a commitment to innovative and sustainable design. She volunteers with multiple community organizations, hoping for meaningful contributions, aspiring to leave a lasting legacy in the communities she serves.



Example of work from Beehyve

E.G. WOODE HOSPITALITY HUB
WEST MORGAN STREET & WEST CARPENTER STREET | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



OWNER:
E.G. Woode
1122 West 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 60621

PROJECT STATUS
Under Development
Anticipated Completion 2025

OBJECTIVE:
The redevelopment of the entire block between West Morgan Street and West Carpenter Street in Chicago, including four properties totaling 45,420 sf, into an entrepreneurship hub.

REFERENCE:
Justin Essig
jessig@beehyve.com

The E.G. Woode Hospitality Hub seeks to create a destination that, in conjunction with other development projects in the area, will showcase local entrepreneurs and businesses as proof that the Englewood community is alive, vibrant, and thriving. To achieve this, we look for ways to transform the existing storefronts and tie each business to multiple lifestyle priorities for the community. For instance, we propose to build a micro-hotel of 8-12 rooms that will not only serve as a destination for visitors to Englewood, but also create a work force development opportunity for students studying hospitality management to gain experience with guidance from a leading hotel developer. Additionally, by bringing in multiple restaurants, in addition to the hotel and a proposed lounge and event space, we are creating a place that will not only serve the needs of the community, but also attract consumers from outside of the neighborhood. The project aims to fill vacant spaces along a commercial corridor and contribute to the economic and strategic goals of the

R.A.G.E. HEADQUARTERS
1158 WEST 59TH STREET | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



OWNER:
R.A.G.E. Resident Association of Greater Englewood
6622 S Union Ave
Chicago, IL 60621

PROJECT STATUS
Under Development
Anticipated Completion 2024

OBJECTIVE:
Exterior and interior remodel of a 7,000 sf building into 4 spaces including the headquarters for R.A.G.E., a culinary services restaurant, and retail space.

REFERENCE:
Asiaha Butler
abutler@ragenglewood.org

R.A.G.E. is a community-based organization that focuses on creating tangible solutions and mobilizing residents and resources to restore the Englewood community. Its members are comprised of Englewood residents, public officials, business owners, and organizations. The new R.A.G.E. Headquarters will serve as a black business hub and retail space dedicated to the community by the community. The project will be run by black businesses that support the revitalization of local business in the neighborhood. The building's spaces will have a mix of uses from retail, business, and culinary services, all dedicated exclusively to black businesses and entrepreneurs.

Finalist Watts Architects & Engineers



Edward Watts, Jr., AIA, President (Watts Architects and Engineers)

For Ed Watts, Jr., architecture is not merely a career but an allegiance to nurturing the spirit and inclusivity of communities through thoughtful and diverse design practices. Ed's commitment goes beyond his role as an architect; he mentors aspiring architects, provides steadfast leadership, engages in community involvement, and champions increased diversity within the profession.



Burt Pinnock, FAIA, NOMA, Principal I Board Chair (Baskervill)

Burt Pinnock's passion for design has created award-winning work for countless communities, from historic sites and cultural institutions to forward-thinking companies and inspiring foundations. He previously served as Chair of the Commonwealth of Virginia Art & Architectural Review Board and Vice Chair of the Richmond 300 Advisory Board, and is a co-founder of Storefront for Community Design, amongst many other notable board and committee engagements.



Erika Abbondanzieri, AIA, LEED AP, Senior Associate (Watts Architects and Engineers)

Erika Abbondanzieri finds joy in creating spaces that instill a sense of wonder in the people that use and experience them. With a strong background in education, her design process is marked by fostering personal and community connections in her work and articulating the visions and dreams of the project.

Jillian Hanesworth, Buffalo's Former Poet Laureate (Founder of Literary Freedom, LLC)



Born and raised on Buffalo's East Side, Jillian Hanesworth began writing at age 7. She started with songs for her mother to sing in church. She pursued a BA in criminal justice and law focusing on reform. Her commitments to social change through art started in 2017 thus beginning her poetry career. Jillian is the founder of Literary Freedom, LLC, a community activist, and organizer and the first ever Poet Laureate in the history of Buffalo after she spent 2 years advocating for the existence of the role.



Shantelle Patton, Community Liaison, President Urban Chamber of Commerce Buffalo, and Founder & CEO (That Brown Bag Minority Business Directory)

Shantelle Patton launched That Brown Bag Minority Business Directory in 2018, spending five years promoting Black Owned Businesses in WNY. By 2022, it expanded to include the Brown Bag Business Association, supporting listed businesses. Now, she serves as CEO of both entities and as President of the Urban Chamber of Commerce-Buffalo. That Brown Bag is a black business directory covering Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester NY, and even Toronto, ON, with close to 500 listings.



Elizabeth J Kennedy, FASLA, RLA, NYCOBA-NOMA, Principal (EKLA PLLC)

Elizabeth Kennedy founded EKLA PLLC in 1994. The firm is among NYC's most innovative open space design and consulting firms. For more than 30 years, EKLA PLLC helped large and small organizations preserve historic landscapes, develop cultural sites, and re-imagine green infrastructure.

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Ron Juliano, Director of Construction (34 Group)



With over 15 years of construction experience including estimating, field supervision and project management, Ron Juliano brings a wealth of construction management to the team. As the Director of Construction, Ron manages 34 Group's pre-construction efforts, oversees the construction team through project closeout. Most recently, 34 Group was involved with Albright Knox AK360 project and | Buffalo Niagara International Airport's Baggage Claim Expansion project.



Robert Sanders, AIA, Principal (Watts Architects and Engineers)

Rob Sanders is the mainstay of Watts Architects & Engineers' Architecture group. By encouraging teambuilding among teammates and partners alike he ensures projects run smoothly. His work reflects a harmonious blend of innovation and collaborative leadership, leaving an indelible mark on both the built environment and the communities he serves.



Sonny Joy-Hogg, Assoc. AIA, Project Designer and Community Engager (Baskervill)

Sonny Joy-Hogg is driven by a desire to shape spaces that impact communities. Sonny's work on cultural, civic, and housing projects dovetails directly into his volunteer efforts as a mentor and leader with local youth organizations. Inspired by the places and people of his travels, Sonny brings a human-centered approach to all that he does.

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Northland Beltline Neighborhood Redevelopment, Buffalo, NY (Watts)

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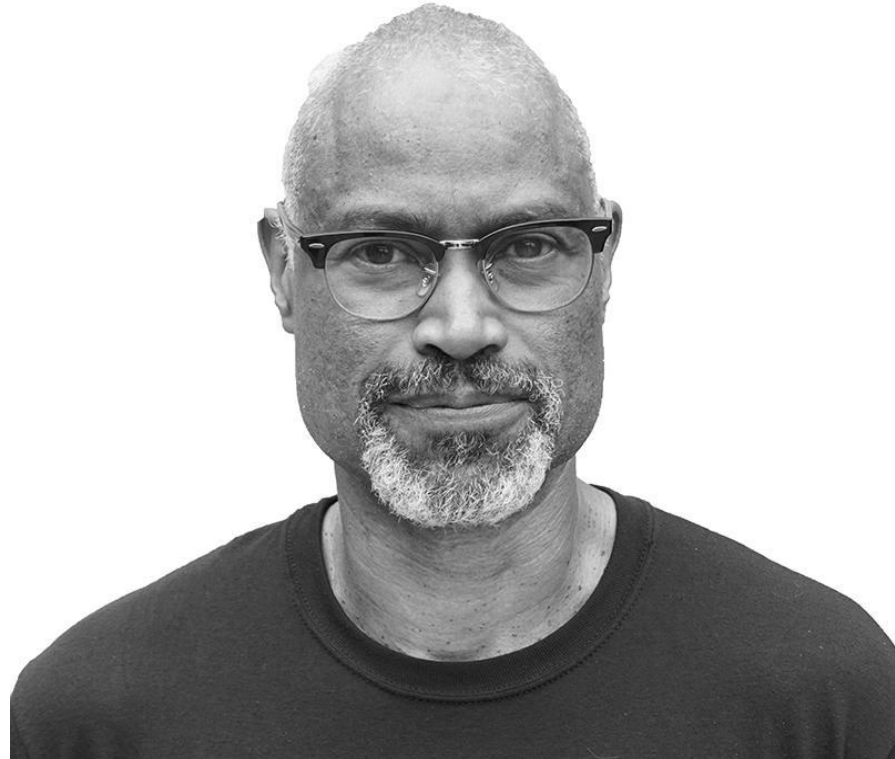
Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved, William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA (Baskervill)

Finalist: Jin Young Song and Douglass Alligood



Jin Young Song is an Associate Professor at the UB Architecture Department, a registered architect in the state of New York, and the founder of DIOINNO Architecture PLLC. His research expertise lies in architectural design, with a focus on sustainable building envelopes and the socio-cultural performance of building facades. He holds a Master's degree in Architecture from Harvard University (Thesis title: Slanted Memorial) and has gained professional experience at firms such as SOM, OMA, and Sauerbruch Hutton. Song has received several awards, including the Forge Prize, iF Awards, Architizer A+ Awards, AZ Award of Merit, AIA New York State Design Award, and NYSCA Independent Project Grant.

Finalist: Jin Young Song and Douglass Alligood



Douglass Alligood is a Partner at BIG (Bjarke Ingels Group) with more than 40 years of experience working across a wide variety of projects and typologies - from single-family homes, commercial and residential towers, hospitals, education facilities, science research labs, and cultural institutions, to large-scale master planning and urban design. Douglass is a licensed architect in multiple states, including New York, and a member of the AIA College of Fellows. He has been a volunteer and appointed member of several community planning groups, including the non-profit Urban Design Forum, and The National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). He is also committed to mentoring young professionals and architecture students.



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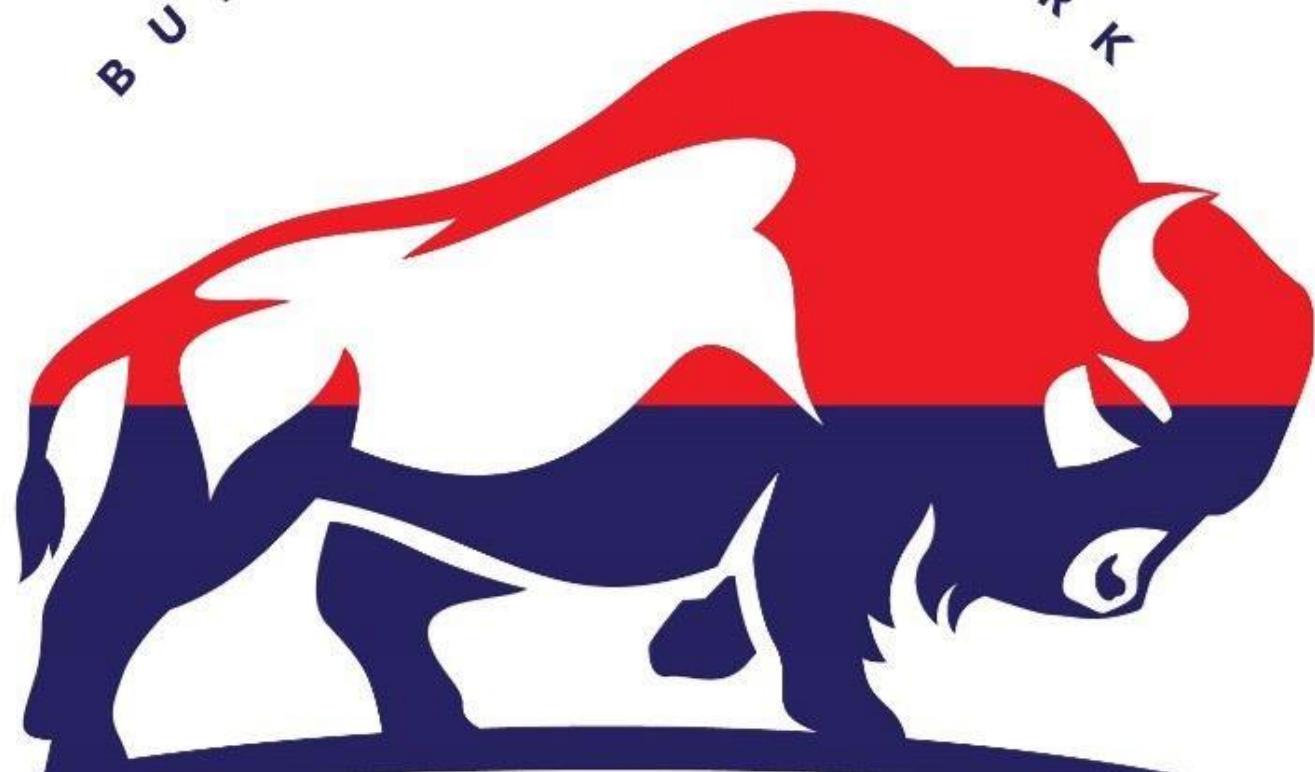
(Nelson Mandela Memorial Design Proposal)

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(National Juneteenth Museum in Fort Worth, TX. Image courtesy of BIG. Douglass Alligood is the partner in charge)

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