



SELF+TUCKER  
ARCHITECTS

DESIGNING A BETTER DELTA REGION





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# SELF + TUCKER ARCHITECTS

## 2022+2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT AND ASPIRATIONS

**The past few years have reinforced the fact that we are a resilient team – and it takes all of us working together to effectively drive positive change. We can not only successfully execute the projects with which we are entrusted but also expand our impact in the communities we serve. Consequently, this is a good time to update you on what we have accomplished this year and let you know our aspirations for 2023.**

### **Mentoring to Lead and Implement our Vision for a Thriving Delta Region**

At Self + Tucker Architects (STA) we have a vision for a thriving Delta Region where all residents have access to vibrant public spaces, neighborhood amenities, well-designed buildings that conserve energy, as well as opportunities for economic advancement, and overall great quality of life.

During 2022 STA has had a focus on mentoring team members to lead. Beginning in March, we invested in 9 weeks of Leadership Training for all team members, preparing them more effectively to lead themselves, and our project teams, and share these lessons with youth.

### **If young people can't see Architects, they can't be Architects**

As a mission-driven firm, STA constantly seeks opportunities to introduce uninitiated youth to the profession through, career days, design-thinking workshops, and other events that intersect Architecture with having a positive impact in the community. Our core methodology is to create a pipeline of creatives, entrepreneurs, and community leaders by supporting and mentoring elementary and middle school students up through graduates and emerging professionals.

In 2022 Specifically, STA has made a coordinated effort to reach a significant number of students in multiple ways. Our work continues in the public school system, where STA team members tutor and mentor high school students as they begin their career journeys. Team members not only introduced the students to Architecture, we also helped them write business plans, and get started on their entrepreneurship journeys.

### **Six Summer Interns**

STA also hosted 6 College Interns over the Summer from around the region, giving them opportunities to participate in large-scale community revitalization projects such as Clayborn Temple, Historic Melrose School, and the National Civil Rights Museum. Because of the, in their words, "Life changing" internship experience, several have decided to stay in or move to Memphis upon graduation to start their careers at our firm.

### **Partnering with St. Jude Hospital**

In September, Self + Tucker Architects was a title sponsor of the "Paul R. Williams Experience" at the St. Jude Spirit of the Dream Awards Gala, bringing attention to the exemplary work of St. Jude as well as the incredible architectural legacy of Paul R. Williams, architect of the original hospital building. We also share the story of Paul R Williams and other notable architects by donating books about their lives and legacies to school libraries throughout the region.

### **Other Pathways To Impact**

STA has hosted multiple site and office visits from the University of Memphis, where Managing Principal Jimmie Tucker has served as an Adjunct Professor for 15 years. We have also been Guest Presenters or Design Jurist at the University of Tennessee, the University of Arkansas Fayetteville along with national design conferences and events throughout the region.

On November 2nd, STA engaged over 6,400 youths aged 13–24 at this year's Pathways 2 Possibilities conference, where multiple teens who approached our booth not knowing what architecture was, left saying: "I want to be an Architect". These are the outcomes that power STA's Mission, and why our commitment to making an impact on students and future design professionals is an intentional focus for our firm.

### **Moving from Work to Contribution**

Our work has expanded into the Memphis community at large as we sponsor and engage with organizations that are striving towards a better social and built environment. As part of our efforts, the team completed multiple hands-on service projects throughout the city of Memphis. This included Cleaning and improving the landscape at T.O. Fuller State Park, and partnering with our client B.J. Chester–Tamayo, Owner of Alcenia's Restaurant, to serve food to unsheltered guests at a Room in the Inn–Memphis.

### **AIA Memphis and AIA Tennessee Awards**

To close an amazing year, we were honored to receive the AIA Memphis Firm Service Award. We previously received this award in 2020. In addition, we were the recipient of the AIA Tennessee Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Award. We are proud to acknowledge that we have been the recipient of this award each year since its inception in 2018.

### **Goals for 2023**

For 2023 we will continue to focus on our Legacy of Design Excellence, Environmental Sustainability, and Social Justice as well as increasing the Business Acumen of our Team. Ultimately our goal is to successfully implement our Succession Plan to take our Firm to the Second Generation of Impact in the Delta Region. We have an amazing team doing impactful work and we want our firm to continue to be a catalyst for their commitment and creativity as well as a platform for "Designing a Better Delta Region".

Thank You and All the Best in 2023!



FOUNDING PRINCIPALS JUAN SELF AND JIMMIE TUCKER  
OUTSIDE THE HISTORIC UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING

# SELF + TUCKER ARCHITECTS

## FIRM PROFILE

**WE AT SELF+TUCKER ARCHITECTS SHARE A VISION OF WHAT ARCHITECTURE IN MEMPHIS AND THE DELTA REGION SHOULD BE. ARCHITECTURE GOES BEYOND BUILDINGS – IT IMPACTS PEOPLE, NEIGHBORHOODS, CITIES, AND LIVES. THAT’S WHY WE STRIVE TO INSPIRE A TEAM OF COMMITTED PROFESSIONALS ALL DEDICATED TO THE SAME MISSION – TO DESIGN A BETTER DELTA REGION.**

Self+Tucker Architects was established in 1995 with a commitment to Design Excellence and Community Engagement. We are Dreamers, Designers and Entrepreneurs, but above all, we are committed to positively changing the built environment. The professional and cultural diversity of our staff contributes significantly to our understanding of each client’s unique personality and requirements.

STA is a full-service firm offering architecture, interior design, planning and urban design expertise. We believe well-designed buildings and spaces enrich our individual and collective quality of life. Through listening and learning we create innovative design solutions of the highest quality.

As a diverse team of professionals, we leverage our diversity to create the best possible solutions for our clients. We are experienced in adaptive reuse and renovation of historic structures. We are particularly passionate about downtown redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization. We also have experience with Sustainable Design and Energy Conservation, with nine team members with LEED credentials (2 LEED APs, and 7 Green Associates). With each new project, we build on knowledge gained and strive to create buildings that allow our clients to have healthier interior environments and consume less energy.

In addition to our creative strengths, we understand budgets, schedules, feasibility analysis, facility maintenance and all the practical issues related to building design, construction, renovation, and life-cycle costs. We thrive on visual communication, and adeptly produce both manual and computer-generated graphics. We view technology as a tool to increase project management efficiency; develop effective client communications; and create visuals that assist decision making, provide information for funding sources and to enhance community engagement.

At STA, we strive for a creative partnership, involving our client in every step of the design. In addition to addressing the project purpose and practicalities, we craft designs that will facilitate human interaction and connections; as well as architecturally enhance the communities that we serve.



# NOTABLE PROJECTS

OUR FOCUS ON INNOVATIVE DESIGNS HAS RESULTED IN RECOGNITION BOTH REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY.



JIMMIE TUCKER, FAIA AND MARIO WALKER, AIA  
2022 AIA MEMPHIS FIRM SERVICE AND MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS

- 2022 AIA MEMPHIS FIRM SERVICE AWARD
- 2018 - 2022 AIA TENNESSEE EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM
- 2022 CONGRESS FOR THE NEW URBANISM REGION CHARTER AWARD FOR THE MEMPHIS 3.0 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- 2022 MEMPHIS HERITAGE TRAILBLAZER AWARD
- 2021 MBJ BEST RENOVATION SMALL CATEGORY MEMPHIS MAGNETIC RECORDING COMPANY
- 2020 MBJ SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS - MEDIUM SIZE FIRM
- 2020 AIA MEMPHIS FIRM SERVICE AWARD
- 2020 AIA TENNESSEE MERIT AWARD TEACH FOR AMERICA CROSSTOWN
- 2020 RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION NATIONAL PRESERVATION AWARD FOR THE UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING
- 2020 TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION MERIT AWARD FOR UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION
- 2020 MBJ BUILDING MEMPHIS AWARD FOR BEST NEW CONSTRUCTION LARGE CATEGORY, SHORB TOWER METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
- 2020 USGBC LEADERSHIP AWARD: INNOVATIVE DESIGN, BUILDING PERFORMANCE, FEDEX HUB MANAGERS RELOCATION
- 2020 MBJ BUILDING MEMPHIS AWARD FOR BEST RENOVATION MEDIUM CATEGORY, UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING
- 2019 MBJ BUILDING MEMPHIS AWARD FOR BEST RENOVATION SMALL CATEGORY, MEMPHIS MUSIC INITIATIVE
- 2019 AIA TENNESSEE MERIT AWARD FOR MEMPHIS BUSINESS ACADEMY
- 2018 AIA MEMPHIS AWARD OF MERIT FOR MEMPHIS BUSINESS ACADEMY
- 2018 MBJ BUILDING MEMPHIS AWARD FOR THE BIG RIVER CROSSING COMMUNITY IMPACT WINNER PROJECT OF THE YEAR

# NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM RENOVATION

THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM (NCRM) IN MEMPHIS, TN MARKS THE PLACE OF ONE OF THE MAJOR MOMENTS IN THE STRUGGLE OF OUR NATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THE MUSEUM FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1991. IT WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE HISTORICAL LORRAINE MOTEL WHERE, IN 1968, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS ASSASSINATED. IT HAS SINCE WELCOMED THOUSANDS OF VISITORS ANNUALLY AND EXPANDED ITS FACILITIES AND EXHIBIT CONTENT.

SELF+TUCKER ARCHITECTS' DESIGN TEAM LED THE MUSEUM'S MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR RENOVATION TO UPDATE AND EXPAND THE INTERIOR SPACES WHILE COLLABORATING WITH THE EXHIBIT DESIGNERS TO MODERNIZE THE DISPLAY. THE BUILDING, WITH ITS INTERACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL CONTENT, IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S HISTORY. OUR TEAM IS PROUD TO TAKE THE LEAD ON ITS PRESERVATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.





# LEADERSHIP PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SELF+TUCKER ARCHITECTS PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED LEADERSHIP PREPARATORY ACADEMY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WITHIN A COMPACT RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS PROJECT EXPANDS THE EXISTING LEADERSHIP PREPARATORY ACADEMY CAMPUS, ADDING A BRAND NEW 28,000 SF MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART SCHOOL INCLUDES SPACES FOR LEARNING, COLLABORATION, AND CREATIVITY WHILE ALLOWING STUDENTS LEAVING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION ON THE SAME CAMPUS, AND MENTOR YOUNGER CLASSMATES.

THE DESIGN-BUILD TEAM ONLY HAD 18 MONTHS TO TURN AN UNGRADED SITE INTO AN INNOVATIVE SPACE FOR LEARNING BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS OF 5TH GRADERS MATRICULATED TO THE 6TH GRADE. THROUGH CREATIVE PLANNING WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE DESIGN TEAM, SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, AND THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES, THE NEW SCHOOL WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED IN TIME FOR STUDENTS TO BEGIN LEARNING AT THE START OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.



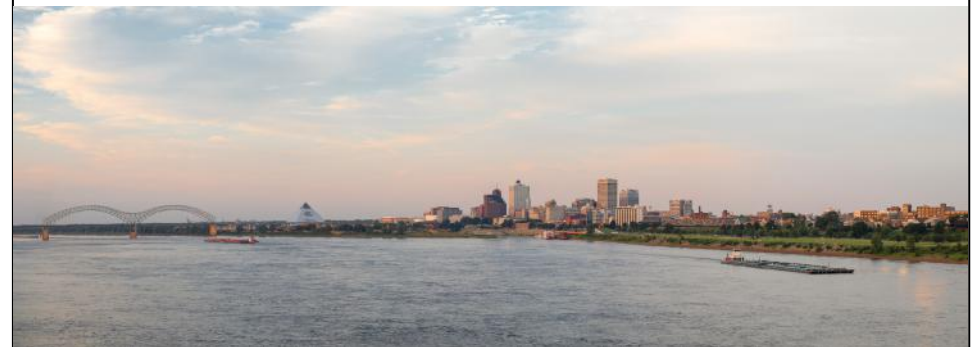


# BIG RIVER CROSSING

THE 'MAIN STREET TO MAIN STREET' MULTI-MODAL PROJECT, CONNECTS DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS, TN TO DOWNTOWN WEST MEMPHIS, AR, THROUGH A NEW PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BOARDWALK AT THE HISTORIC HARAHAH BRIDGE. THE BIG RIVER CROSSING OFFERS UNMATCHED PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE CITY SKYLINE AND IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO JOG OR TAKE IN THE NATURAL WONDERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

A NEW 10' WIDE BOARDWALK CONSTRUCTED OF ALUMINUM PLANKING WAS FRAMED BY TWO PROTECTIVE FENCES RUNNING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, WITH ACCESS CONTROLLED AT EITHER END BY REMOTELY OPERATED GATES AND REMOVABLE BOLLARDS. LIGHTING, SECURITY CAMERAS, AND BLUE LIGHT SECURITY STATIONS WERE SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATED INTO THE SCHEME. ALL ELEMENTS WERE DESIGNED TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE

MOST NOTABLY, SMART LEDS WERE INTEGRATED THROUGHOUT THE BRIDGE ALLOWING FOR ELABORATE LIGHT SHOWS TO BEAUTIFY THE SKYLINE AND CELEBRATE EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS.





# MEMPHIS CITY HALL RENOVATIONS

MEMPHIS CITY HALL WAS DESIGNED IN THE 1960S BY RENOWNED MODERNIST A. L. AYDELOTT AND IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CIVIC SPACES IN THE CITY FOR PUBLIC ASSEMBLY. THE GOAL OF THIS RENOVATION WAS TO PROVIDE MINIMAL YET IMPACTFUL UPGRADES TO THE INTERIOR. OUR DESIGN TEAM WAS TASKED WITH SEVERAL ACTION ITEMS: TO REMEDIATE AND REPLACE LEAKING SKYLIGHTS IN THE HALL OF MAYORS; REFURBISH THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER INTERIOR; REIMAGINE THE 5TH FLOOR COUNCIL SUITE, AS WELL AS TURN AN UNDERUTILIZED GALLERY SPACE INTO A STRIKING CONFERENCE ROOM CELEBRATING CIVIL RIGHTS LEGEND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SELF + TUCKER ARCHITECTS, COLLABORATED NOT ONLY WITH THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, BUT WITH A COMMITTED TEAM OF ENGINEERS, LIGHTING DESIGNERS, AND A TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE AND INNOVATIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS THAT NOT ONLY RESPECT THE EXISTING HISTORY OF THE BUILDING BUT FURTHER ENHANCE THE LEGACY OF MEMPHIS' RICH HERITAGE. THESE CAREFULLY TAILORED RENOVATIONS ENHANCE THE EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE HISTORIC MEMPHIS CITY HALL AND PREPARE IT AS A SPACE DESIGNED FOR COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.





# RESIDENCES AT GREEN LEAF LEARNING FARM

KNOWLEDGE QUEST HAS BEEN SERVING THE HISTORIC SOUTH MEMPHIS COMMUNITY SINCE 1998. THE GREEN LEAF LEARNING FARM IS A ONE-ACRE, CERTIFIED USDA ORGANIC URBAN FARM AND OPERATES FROM THREE STRATEGIC PILLARS: EDUCATION; COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOOD ACCESS/SECURITY.

GREEN LEAF HAS IMPLEMENTED A CREATIVE REUSE STRATEGY FOR VACANT HOUSING AND LOTS IN THE SOUTH MEMPHIS AREA. THE STRATEGY HAS TRANSFORMED THESE UNPRODUCTIVE SPACES INTO PRODUCTIVE GREEN ASSETS, ALL WHILE PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE; SUSTAINABLE REDEVELOPMENT OF VACANT HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY. THIS APPROACH FOSTERS AGRI TOURISM, INCREASED EMPLOYMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL

STA ASSISTED KNOWLEDGE QUEST WITH BOTH THEIR MASTER PLAN AND THEIR CURRENT REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN THE SOUTH MEMPHIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

**SEVERAL UNITS ARE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR STA SUMMER INTERNS TRAVELING FROM OUT OF STATE.**





# MEMPHIS MAGNETIC RECORDING STUDIO

THE MEMPHIS MAGNETIC IS A "PURPOSE-BUILT, CLASSIC, ANALOG RECORDING STUDIO," CONCEIVED BY ITS FOUNDER, SCOTT MCEWEN AS "INTENTIONAL VINTAGE." IT IS A MODERN VINTAGE MASTERPIECE, HELPING TO TRANSFORM A BLIGHTED BUILDING INTO A WORLD-CLASS SPACE FOR VINTAGE ANALOG RECORDING. THE STUDIO CONTAINS BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED VINTAGE SOUND EQUIPMENT FROM THE MID-20TH CENTURY AS WELL AS AN ACTIVE STUDIO AND ARTIST LOUNGE.

THIS ENDEAVOR HAS TURNED A FORGOTTEN AND DISUSED BUILDING INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD ICON WITH AN AUTHENTIC ESTABLISHED CHARM, A BEACON FOR MEMPHIS, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS TO EXPLORE, AND A POWERFUL PRECEDENT FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH CITY AND PEABODY VANCE NEIGHBORHOODS.

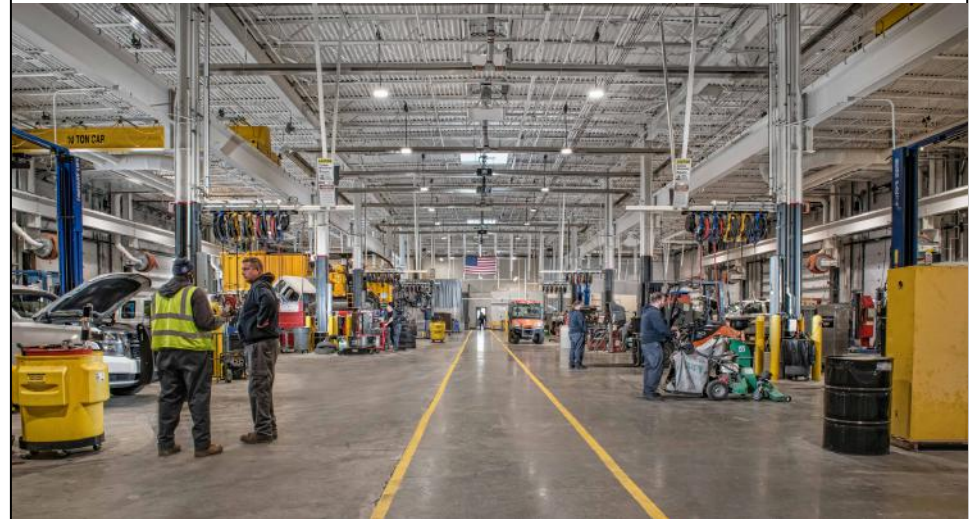




# MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MISSION SUPPORT CENTER

THIS HIGHLY COMPLEX PROJECT CENTRALIZES THE OPERATIONS FOR MUCH OF THE MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY CONSTRUCTING A NEW NERVE CENTER FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. THE NEW FACILITY NOT ONLY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASES EFFICIENCY BUT IS ALSO FORWARD-LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE NEEDS OF MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE BUILDING CONSOLIDATES AIRFIELD MAINTENANCE, POLICE, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, COMMUNICATIONS/DISPATCH, OPERATIONS, SNOW COMMAND, AND PROCUREMENT ALL IN ONE 121,000-SQUARE-FOOT MISSION SUPPORT CENTER.

FROM A DESIGN PERSPECTIVE, CREATING A BEAUTIFUL YET HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL SPACE WAS A KEY APPROACH TO HIGHLIGHTING AND ELEVATING THE DIGNITY AND NOBILITY OF WORK. THIS PROJECT CREATES A SAFER MORE EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH EMPLOYEES AND TRAVELERS BY REDUCING THE TIME IT TAKES FOR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO REACH EVERY PART OF THE AEROTROPOLIS. TWO OUT OF EVERY THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY NOW ARE HOUSED THERE, PROVIDING CENTRALIZED OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCIES, AS WELL AS IMPROVED TEAMWORK.





# MASON HOMES ON 4TH

THIS PROJECT DIRECTLY ADDRESSES MEMPHIS' QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS BY ADDING 77 HIGH-QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SOUTH CITY. THIS PROJECT ALSO BUILDS EQUITY THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHIC AND FOSTERS THE CREATION OF A MIXED-INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD.

SEVEN YEARS IN THE MAKING, THIS PROJECT REDEVELOPED A FORMER HOUSING PROJECT INTO A VIBRANT AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY. IN A HISTORIC AREA SURROUNDED BY ICONIC CIVIL RIGHTS STRUCTURES SUCH AS MASON TEMPLE, MASON HOMES ON 4TH FILLS A ONCE-VACANT VOID IN THE CENTER OF THIS COMMUNITY AND CREATES A MORE CONNECTED AND INVITING NEIGHBORHOOD WITH WALKABLE ACCESS TO NEARBY SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES.





# HISTORIC MELROSE SCHOOL REVITALIZATION

AFTER A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS WITH THE ORANGE MOUND COMMUNITY AND THOSE INVESTED IN THE FUTURE OF THIS BUILDING, STA AS ARCHITECT AND DEVELOPER DEvised A PLAN FOR THE SITE THAT WE THINK MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WHILE HONORING ITS RICH HISTORY.

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN REIMAGINED AND RE-PURPOSED INTO A HIGHLY SUSTAINABLE MIXED-USE PROJECT. THE BUILDING WILL HOUSE A LIBRARY, GENEALOGY CENTER, CAFÉ, AND 28 APARTMENTS FOR SENIORS ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS.

THE 40,000 SF BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1938 AND CLOSED IN 1981. IT WAS PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 2001. ITS REDEVELOPMENT IS A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, JOHN STANLEY, AND SELF + TUCKER ARCHITECTS. STA IS BOTH A PROJECT DEVELOPER AND ARCHITECT. IT IS INTENDED TO BE A NATIONAL MODEL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, ADAPTIVE REUSE AND SUSTAINABILITY.





# HISTORIC MELROSE SCHOOL REVITALIZATION







## OUR TEAM

Our uniquely engaging workplace thrives on innovation, collaboration, and creativity. Our growing design team is a diverse mix of architects, planners and interior designers with a range of experience from recently graduated interns to seasoned 50-year professionals.

By prioritizing mentorship and skill building we foster a strong culture of leadership and design excellence paired with project management and profitability skillsets.



## TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### MARIO WALKER

AIA, NOMA, LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE



"EARLY IN HIS CAREER, MARIO HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR DESIGN LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE DELTA REGION. MANY OF THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH MARIO FOCUSES HIS DESIGN EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HAVE BEEN FOR BOTH ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES."

### JIMMIE TUCKER, FAIA, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C

Mario has been a leading force within STA since 2005 when he joined the firm during his sophomore year in college. Mario is an adamant client advocate and his thoughtful, responsive designs have been awarded regionally and nationally. His dedication to STA's mission has resulted in Mario's recognition as a 2022 AIA Young Architect Awardee.

Mario L. Walker, AIA, is a passionate architect dedicated to advancing architecture as it embraces broader community and cultural engagement. After facing discouragement in pursuing architecture in college, Walker leveraged those negative experiences to serve as a springboard for achieving his current goals and has emerged as an exceptional designer.

Walker achieved licensure in Tennessee in 2019 and in Mississippi in 2020, becoming the youngest Black architect in both states. In 2022, he was recognized with the AIA Memphis Member Service Award for his outstanding work in the community. As Lead Design Architect at STA, Mario leads the team in producing architecture that galvanizes communities, elevates sustainability, and delivers economic success. His portfolio includes award-winning cultural and civic projects, such as the National Civil Rights Museum expansion, the Memphis Heritage Trail, and the Big River Crossing pedestrian bridge that spans the Mississippi River just outside downtown Memphis.



## NEWEST TEAM MEMBER

**ISAAC BARRANTES**  
ASSOCIATE AIA, IIDA, CSI-S

"... WE MUST CHANGE THE LENS THAT TIES US TO THE TRADITIONAL CLINIC, HOSPITAL, OR CANCER SETTING AND UPGRADE OUR VIEW BY LOOKING INTO PLACES WHERE PATIENT EXPERIENCE IS THE NUMBER ONE GOAL."

**ISAAC BARRANTES, "CARE AND COMFORT IN ARCHITECTURE:  
EMPATHIC DESIGN FOR A CANCER CENTER"**



A native of Costa Rica, Isaac received his Master of Architecture from the University of Memphis and was awarded the Jonathan King Medal Award for Excellence in Architectural + Environmental Design Research as well as The University of Memphis Creative Achievement award.

Throughout his career, Isaac's work reflects a strong sense of creativity. Isaac's is particularly skilled at creating effective project Site Plans, Renderings and graphics. Isaac goes beyond the standard digital representation, and he incorporates watercolor to showcase an artistic and aspirational flair to projects. He is driven by the profound and real power of designed environments to inspire many. Isaac is currently on the path to licensure while growing his skills in project management and construction drawing production. In his free time, he enjoys cycling, traveling, and water coloring.





# TEAM MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



**NIKOLE DANIELS**  
**24 YEARS**

PROJECT FACILITATOR

Nikole has been with STA for 24 years! According to her, she loves the opportunity to learn more and not just about the design and construction of buildings. Each client is a new opportunity to learn more about a new industry, our community at large and varied needs in the many project locations in which we have worked. Her favorite project without a doubt has been the National Civil Rights Museum (NCRM). STA has a long history of working with the museum and she is grateful that her tenure at STA has allowed her to play a tangible part in its continued growth, legacy, and our relationship with NCRM. It has also been wonderful to see how the museum technology and design have evolved with each project.



**VICTOR ROBINSON**  
**7 YEARS**

PROJECT MANAGER & BIM SPECIALIST

Victor Joined STA in 2015 and quickly became a dependable leader on our team!

"What I love about architecture is its ability to subtly create experiences and transform a person's emotional state. Architecture can create a sense of place, calm, cool, fun, and even safety. Not many professions produce work that can be physically experienced and inhabited."

His favorite project has been the Shelby County Tax Assessor building. "This project taught me a lot about project management and the construction process from as-builts to finding unknown conditions in an existing building. I learned the importance of documentation in the early stages of work and having important details on the drawings."



**STEVE HALLOCK**  
**1 YEAR**

PROJECT MANAGER

Steve Hallock joined the STA team in 2021! As a Project Manager, Steve's attention to detail has been a vital asset while engaging with large user groups on highly important projects. Steve is drawn to architecture's ability to inspire and positively impact people's lives through meaningful design solutions.

Steve's favorite project with STA so far has been the adaptive reuse of a recently vacated Coca-Cola bottling facility here in Memphis! He highlighted the project's positive impact on Memphis by consolidating city resources and centralizing opportunities for collaboration between departments.



# SUMMER INTERN EXPERIENCE



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During the Summer, Self+Tucker Architects hosts students from around the Delta Region as interns at our design studio in downtown Memphis, TN.

Based on their career interests and existing knowledge of the profession, we intentionally pair each student with an STA Team Member who mentors them for the duration of their internship. These mentors guide them on their journey and help them to develop strong skill sets that will benefit them throughout their careers as future architects, planners, and interior designers. From their first day, the interns are welcomed to our firm as full team members, and many return to STA to work throughout the year part-time as they prepare for graduation.

**Here's what our interns had to say about their experience at STA!**



**SYMON BROWN**  
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

"My summer internship experience with STA has provided me with the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills required to be a successful architect. I was introduced to and learned to work with architectural software programs like Revit, Enscape, and Lumion. I was also assigned real-world projects to work on under the supervision of my mentors Glenn Vaultx and Colby Mitchell. Those projects included creating floor plans and renderings for a barber shop in downtown Memphis and designing a backyard renovation.

The amount of freedom and responsibility I was given on those projects increased my confidence and showed me the level of commitment and hard work necessary to be successful. I was also given the opportunity to go on-site visits where I learned how to take measurements, the role that municipal codes play in the design, and the importance of professional client communication."



**DAKOTA MCMULLEN**  
UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

"Before entering my fourth year of architecture school, I knew that I wanted to excel in my knowledge and skills by interning at an architecture firm that shared my love for the built world. I felt that I could learn and grow as an emerging professional best at Self + Tucker Architects because of their wide variety of projects and passion for bettering the city of Memphis. My experience at STA has been very rewarding because every day I am learning something new and am bettering my skills.

I have had many opportunities to grow as a designer throughout my time here and have had many valuable conversations with the architects and interns around the office. I am forever thankful that my first experience was with such a caring firm because the STA team welcomed me and was eager to help me learn. This experience has pushed me further not only as a designer but also as a professional because I have made many valuable connections with the architects at Self + Tucker Architects and other professionals in the surrounding fields."



# SUMMER INTERN EXPERIENCE 2022



**HECTOR C. MIRANDA**  
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

"My experience at Self+Tucker Architects has been life-changing! I have never been to Memphis before, so it was a huge learning curve for me. I took a lot more from this internship than I anticipated. I learned valuable skills and had the amazing opportunity to work with incredible people. I was involved in AIAS & NOMA, and I instantly felt like I was part of this community. The tours and site visits were eye-opening to what Architecture has to offer. Thanks to the incredible people I met in Memphis, I will pursue getting my licensure when I graduate!

The projects I got to work on were mainly the Universal Life Insurance Building and a few other projects with the guidance of Matt & Victor. Everyone here is amazing and it has impacted my career so tremendously that I will be moving to Memphis when I graduate."



**CAYA PERRY**  
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

"My summer internship at Self+Tucker Architects has been an enjoyable learning experience. Working at STA gave me a space to be myself, build trusted relationships, and acquire the necessary tools for my development. I've gained professional experience by interacting with team members, clients, and consultants. I wanted to join the STA team, because of the firm's design leadership in a range of projects and communities. It was important to me to find a firm that has cultural similarities with me so that I can feel comfortable and excel with a support system. I love the balance of the fun yet professional environment.

I've learned skills that I can now use for the rest of my career. I've had the opportunity to participate in projects from the beginning of the project and was able to visit construction sites that include hands-on participation. I was able to meet with clients and interact in team meetings."



**BROOKE WILSON**  
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

"As an interior architecture student and a rising junior, working as an STA intern this summer has been a unique, eye-opening experience for many reasons. Throughout my time here, I have gained an insight into the realities of the type of work my education is preparing me for, while also experiencing aspects that you will not learn in school but will understand once joining the workforce, such as collaboration and office culture.

Whether it was one of the principal architects, my mentors, or a fellow intern, I always received assistance when asked or needed. This was my first internship, and I am grateful for the knowledge gained and the opportunities created for me through working at STA. Overall, I believe my time here has provided me with an all-around great intern experience, and am ready to explore this path even more."





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