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PROMOTIONS AT FORD, POWELL & CARSON ARCHITECTS

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Ford, Powell & Carson announces the following promotions effective immediately:

Adam Reed, AIA, LEED AP Is promoted to Principal
Rachel Wright, AIA, LEED GA Is promoted to Principal
Michelle Rios, RID Is promoted to Senior Associate
Nathan Perez, AIA Is promoted to Associate
Oscar Reyes Is promoted to Associate

The promotion of these young designers and preservationists marks a generational change in leadership at Ford, Powell & Carson, the 76 year old firm founded in San Antonio by legendary regional modernist O’Neil Ford. In the coming months there will be more announcements of change at the venerable Alamo City architecture and planning firm. These promotions represent the first widespread change in leadership at the firm in a generation. Each promotion represents FPC’s recognition of the hard work, dedication, energy, and originality our new leaders bring to our long tradition of award-winning work.

Principal

Adam Reed, AIA, LEED AP, is the incoming President of the San Antonio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Adam grew up in San Antonio. His wife, the Marketing Director for a San Antonio Mechanical Engineering firm, and his three month old daughter are proud native San Antonians.
Adam is a 2006 Cum Laude graduate of Texas Tech University where he also completed his Master of Architecture, Magna Cum Laude with a specialization in Urban and Community Design, a focus he maintains at FPC. His capstone project was awarded Outstanding Thesis designation in 2008. He has been with FPC for six years and previously worked with 3D International/Parsons in San Antonio. Adam developed an early interest in architecture on sketching expeditions with his grandfather, both of them are avid sketchers to this day.

Principal

Rachel Wright, AIA, LEED GA, is the Director of Ford, Powell & Carson’s highly regarded Historic Preservation Studio. Rachel received a dual degree in Plan II Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Texas at Austin in 2003. She received her Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University’s prestigious preservation program in 2008, the year she began work at FPC. Her previous experience includes work with New York’s Mitchell Giurgola Architects. She has also worked for the City of New York’s Historic Districts Council and the City of San Antonio’s Planning Department’s Neighborhood and Urban Planning Division.

Rachel’s own projects at Ford, Powell & Carson have included the preservation of San Antonio’s Spanish Colonial era Mission Concepcion, Mission San Jose, and a number of projects for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Her English professor husband and toddler can be found threading their way through another ongoing project of Rachel’s, the renovation of the couple’s house.

Senior Associate

Michelle Rios, RID, is a graduate of the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at the Art Institute of Dallas, and, since 2007, has been an integral part of FPC’s Interior Design practice. Her work embraces every scale from large country houses to commercial projects for corporate headquarters, and for Higher Education projects, often involving entirely new campuses. Michelle met her husband, a Mechanical Engineer and aviation designer, at Associated Air Center in Dallas. The firm custom designs private airplanes for heads of state and corporate executives. In addition to all the other challenges of designing interiors, Michelle’s work had to meet FAA design standards which are far more stringent than anything she encounters on terra firma. She is a frequent volunteer with the San Antonio Food Bank, and, not surprisingly for someone who designs airplane interiors, loves to travel.
Associate

Nathan Perez, AIA, a native of Cibolo, Texas, came to Ford, Powell & Carson as a student in 2006 after winning a UTSA design competition judged by founding partner Chris Carson. Nathan worked for the firm while in school, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 2007, supported by a UTSA President’s Scholarship. Nathan’s past experience also includes hands on work as a carpenter and contractor and he brings a deep love of craft to all of his work. Nathan’s projects include very large residential commissions, frequently involving the design of custom furniture that he mocks-up at full scale for the patient study of proportions and joinery. His work often involves travel, occasionally to fairly remote places like the Michigan lake house that is his present project. When he gets home there is time to topple building block towers with his three year old son and wife, a designer and partner at another San Antonio architecture firm.

Associate

Oscar Reyes, another San Antonio native, did not originally intend to be an architect. He received a four year scholarship in Mechanical Engineering at UT-Pan American, then migrated to the University of Texas at Austin’s Structural Engineering program, and made the final leap to architecture at UTSA, completing his Bachelors of Architecture in 2005, the year he began work at Ford, Powell & Carson. During his studies he worked at San Antonio’s Sprinkle –Robey Architects, West East Architects, and accepted a student internship at Overland Partners. Oscar’s methodical study of terrain and contours may be a surviving focus from his engineering studies. He applies this interest in the design of large residences nestled into the landscapes of rural Texas. Oscar volunteers in the ACE Mentor’s program, an after-school design studio for high school students interested in careers in engineering and architecture, both fields he well understands. When he’s not travelling for work, mentoring, or tackling deadlines, Oscar and his wife can be found at concerts and exhibitions. He’s also become an avid runner in fund-raising races.