

Faculty

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DIRECTORS



Mimi Sullivan, Executive Director

Mimi Sullivan is a registered Architect in California and a principal of Saida + Sullivan Design Partners (SSDP) a full service, award winning, San Francisco architectural firm. Ms. Sullivan is just as passionate about the process of design as she is about the final built structure. She oversees community outreach, design team coordination, project management, sustainability, and construction supervision. Ms. Sullivan's 28 years of diverse architectural and interior design experience includes extensive work in award winning multi-family/mixed use/transit oriented housing as well as commercial, retail, civic building design and custom single family homes. Ms. Sullivan's work in affordable housing has

been published in Architectural Record as well as the San Francisco AIA magazine, "Small Firms – Great Projects". She is both an architect and an educator. She has taught architectural design, media, and process at universities in the United States and in Japan. She was the founding director of the Graduate Architecture Program at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and achieved the initial NAAB accreditation for the program in 2007.



Mark Mückenheim, Graduate Director

Mark Mückenheim is a licensed architect in Germany and the European Union, the principal of MCKNHM Architects, and the co-author of the book "Inspiration – contemporary design methods in architecture" released by BIS Publishers in 2012. Before establishing his own architecture practice in 2001, he worked and collaborated with different architecture firms in Germany, USA and England, gaining extensive experience from concept to realization on various projects of internationally recognized design excellence.

Mark Mückenheim has lectured and acted as a guest critic at numerous institutions in Germany, the European Union, and the US. Among other schools, he taught for more than six years at the distinguished RWTH Aachen before being appointed as a visiting professor at the TU Munich from 2009 to 2012. Since 2013, he is appointed as the graduate director of the school of architecture at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. His award winning work has been featured in various international book and journal publications and has also gained reputation through a number of exhibitions in Germany and abroad – most recently the house of architecture in Lille, France, the German Architecture center in Berlin and the 12th Architecture Biennale in Venice.

Educated in Germany, the United States, and England, sponsored by a Fulbright scholarship and a DAAD grant from the German government, Mückenheim received his Master of Architecture from Parsons School of Design, New York, and his Graduate Diploma in Architecture at the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London.



Jennifer Asselstine, Undergraduate Director

Jennifer Asselstine has 30 years of experience in architecture and design and 10 years of teaching experience. She is a licensed architect in the state of Maryland and runs her own design office in San Anselmo. She received her Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Minnesota, where she was honored with an award from the American Institute of Architects. Ms. Asselstine went on to work for RTKL and CS&D in Baltimore, Maryland. She later moved to the U.K., where she studied at the Architectural Association in London and later worked for WATG Architects. Ms. Asselstine studied at the Architectural Association in London and has worked in the U.S., London, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Sydney, Australia on a broad range of projects, from hotel and resort design and senior housing, to an IMAX theater. The Red Cross Headquarters and Blood Processing Center, which was designed by Ms. Asselstine for CS&D Architects in Baltimore, Maryland, won a Design Award from the American Society of Interior Designers. She currently specializes in single-family housing and community design work.



Eric Lum, Online Director

Eric Lum, AIA, Ph.D., LEED BD+C, is a licensed architect in the state of California and NCARB certified. He has worked for Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood Architects in Boston, Arthur Erickson Architects in Los Angeles, and Gensler in San Francisco, among others. He is a founding principal of his firm Architecture 3 (A3) and studied architecture at the University of California Berkeley, the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he gained his doctorate in architectural history.