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## Region of The Virginias

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#### **Colin M. Arnold, AIA, Selected Regional Representative to National AIA Small Firm Exchange (SFx)**

The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects Region of The Virginias has selected *Colin M. Arnold, AIA*, as Regional Representative to the National AIA Small Firm Exchange (SFx).

Colin graduated from Virginia Tech in 1998 and lives in Roanoke, Virginia. He has worked in the Blue Ridge since graduating and founded his own firm in Christiansburg, *Arnold Design Studio*, specializing in affordable housing. He has been recognized repeatedly for his ground-breaking work in Virginia housing, particularly for his focus on sustainability, including the Virginia Green Innovation Award for “*Best Green Designer*.” As a housing expert, he has offered his knowledge and experience through presentations and seminars. He has also been involved with both local and state organizations, including his participation in the first Class of Virginia’s *Emerging Leaders in Architecture* Program.

In 2001, Colin received the *Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship* which partners emerging architectural designers with local community development corporations to foster community engagement in serving low and moderate income communities. Colin believes that “*owning a small firm will best allow me to serve my customers and the communities in which they live.*”

“*Colin’s unique perspective will benefit other small firm leaders,*” according to Brooke Karius Dooley, Treasurer of AIA Blue Ridge, adding that, although “*he doesn’t have all the answers and admits he still has a lot to learn, he would be an SFx asset to help learn, share and promote leadership in small firms.*” As one of his first employers, Glenn Reynolds, AIA, in Blacksburg recognized Colin’s “*dedication to produce superior quality work.*” The Region of the Virginias welcomes Colin as the next representative to the AIA SFx.

The mission of the National AIA Small Firm Exchange (SFx) is to advance the mutual interests of architects practicing in small firms. SFx representatives are the key to AIA communications, connecting small firm leaders in their local, state and regional components to the national organization. SFx representatives also have the opportunity to work on various issues important to them and their regions through the SFx work groups. Find more SFx information at <https://network.aia.org/smallfirmexchange/home>