



## Women in Design – Kansas City Living History Survey

Women in Design – Kansas City is undertaking a major project...researching and documenting the Living History of female architects past and present in Kansas City. Your feedback is important to help make this happen and give insight to events and trends that have shaped our profession. With this information we will be able to trace our Genealogy of Practice and identify candidates to interview for our Living History Profiles published on our website.

Please take a moment to share your experiences with us. Your comments will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone.

Surveys can be returned to Charmalee Gunaratne.

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### YOUR INFO:

Name

Employment

### EDUCATION:

1. Where did you study architecture?
2. What was your general experience while studying architecture? Positive, Negative? Why?
3. What was the approximate female/male ratio at your university?
4. Were there instructors who you found encouraging to you and your development in your program?
5. Did you have a role model while in school?
6. How did you choose architecture as your field of study?
7. Did you pursue graduate work? Why?

EARLY PRACTICE:

1. Did you immediately find work after graduation?
2. What firm did you first practice at?
3. Were there women of leadership at your firm when you were hired? Who were they?
4. Were there colleagues/managers who you found encouraging to you and your development at this firm?
5. What was the approximate female/male ratio at your first firm?
6. Were you initially encouraged to seek licensure?
7. Were you encouraged to find opportunities for leadership within the firm?
8. Were your initial experiences within the practice of architecture positive or negative? Why?

CURRENT PRACTICE:

1. How many firms have you worked for prior to your current position?
2. Are there women of leadership at your firm now? Who are they?
3. Are you currently a sole proprietor / business owner? Have you ever considered this?
4. If you are a business owner, are you a WBE? What have your experiences been like as a practicing WBE?
5. Where do you currently find your support from as a practitioner? Within your firm? Through other mentoring channels?
6. What is the approximate female/male ratio at your current firm?
7. Are you licensed? If so, how many years after graduation did you become licensed? Or are you currently being encouraged to seek licensure?
8. Have you found opportunities for leadership within your firm?

9. Are your current experiences within the practice of architecture positive or negative? Why?

9. Do you feel like your growth opportunities are continuing to be available to you?

10. Are your current experiences positive or negative outside of your firm in other venues? (On site, with consultants, at professional forums, etc.)

11. Are you a mentor?