



## **Media Alert: Wheeler Kearns Architects announces award-winning Architect Chris-Annmarie Spencer as new firm principal**



**Chicago, IL** - [Wheeler Kearns Architects](#) is excited to announce that Chris-Annmarie Spencer, AIA, NOMA, has joined ownership at the firm.

The Jamaican-born architect graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies from the Caribbean School of Architecture at the University of Technology before attending graduate school at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Since joining WKA in 2004, Spencer has worked on many noteworthy projects. She has a particular passion for the nonprofit sector, believing in the social and economic impact of architecture, such as Inspiration Kitchens, Wolcott School, and The Alice B. Rapoport Center for Education and Engagement at the Goodman Theatre.

Spencer's outstanding work and leadership in the profession has been recognized in many prestigious awards, including the 2013 Rudy Bruner Gold Medal, 2015 AIA Chicago Dubin Family Young Architect Award, and the 2017 AIA National Young Architect Award. She has also been appointed as a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow of 2019.

Founding Principal Dan Wheeler, FAIA, remarks "We are thrilled to have Chris-Annmarie formally take a leadership role in the firm. Her expertise, enthusiasm, empathy, and dedication to serving the community is a great asset. She is simply golden."

## **Wheeler Kearns Architects**

Based in Chicago, Wheeler Kearns Architects is a collective practice of architects devoted to creating places that embody their clients' purpose, energy, and vision. The 18-person firm designs inclusive spaces for mission-driven organizations in education, the arts, and social services. Since its founding in 1987, Wheeler Kearns has twice been named by a national jury as AIA Chicago's Firm of the Year. The award honors sustained outstanding achievement and excellence in a body of work produced by a firm over time. Learn more at [wkarch.com](http://wkarch.com).

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