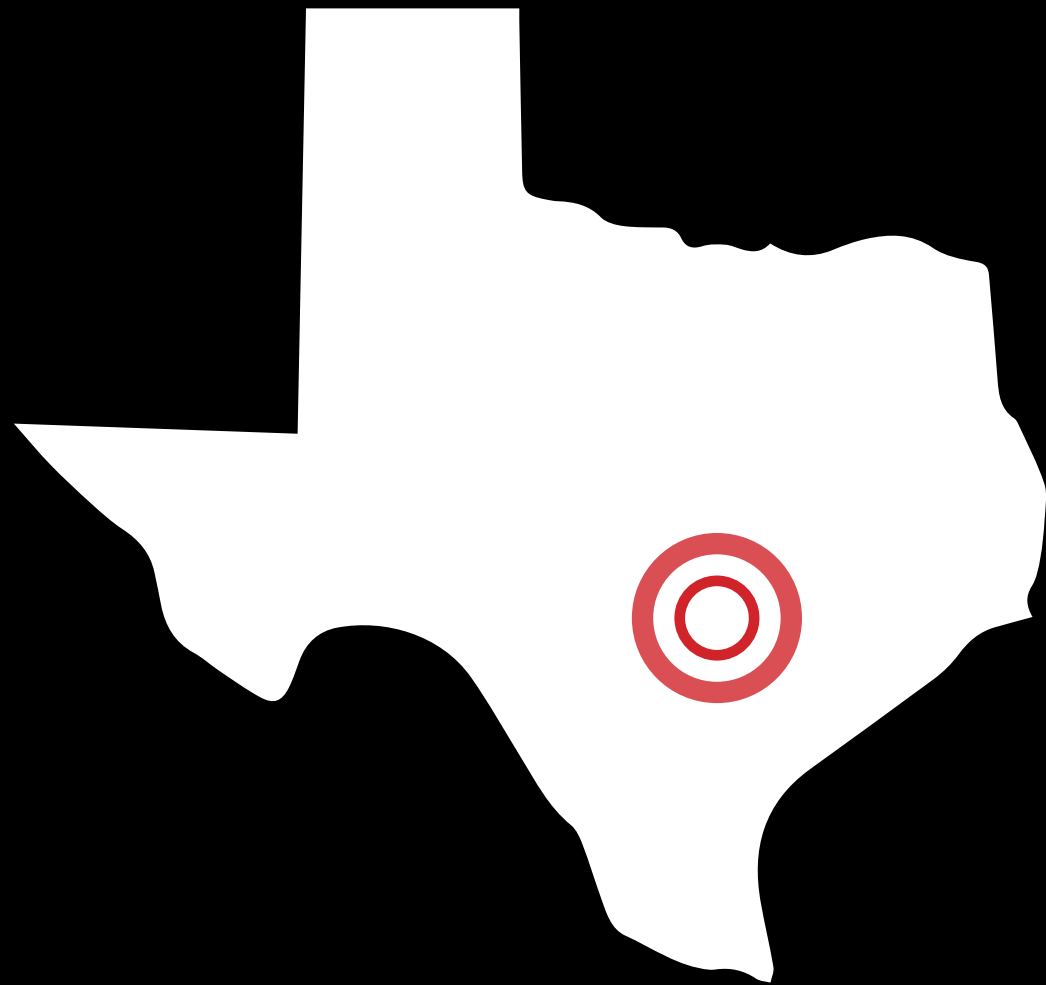




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2024 SPONSOR BRIEF & **2023** RECAP

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As myself and the NOMA of Central Texas Board developed our programming and visioning for 2023, we leaned in on the conversations and connections that have happened over the last 4 years. In that reflection, it became clear to us that the trend was towards bridge building and deepening our commitment to our shared purpose partners, and our NOMA Texas South Region counterparts in Dallas and Houston. This provided the backdrop for a very impactful year highlighted below.

In February 2023 we kicked off our programming with a friendly design competition to celebrate our history. We called on participants to design a flag to help us build our brand. Entries were voted on in March and merch items were produced using the various designs throughout the year. It was the perfect way to engage our membership around our mission and values. In March, we gathered together at Lake Flato's newly renovated office space for an amazing afternoon together with our membership, sponsors, and supportive community members.

After several months of planning In June, we hosted our inaugural Wellness Retreat Weekend in collaboration with DFW NOMA and Houston NOMA in Austin, TX. The purpose of the Wellness Weekend is to provide an opportunity for connection and networking amongst the Texas NOMA chapters, but more importantly it is a chance to re-charge and step away from the busyness of our collective workplaces in search of balance. In 2023 - we had over 40 participants from all across the State convene with us in Austin, and are looking forward to a Houston retreat in 2024.

In July 2023, we hosted our 3rd Project Pipeline Architecture Summer Camp in partnership with The University of Texas School of Architecture, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and the City of San Antonio. Over the 2 days in both Austin and San Antonio, we were able to connect with 60+ 5th thru 12th grade students, a record number for us. Our curriculum was enhanced through our partnership with the City of San Antonio, City Makery, and their Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Design Competition. Our Campers became the first round of community engagement related to the City's ADU initiative. NOMA Central Texas was a partner in this effort from the grant application stage until award of the various competition winners later in the Fall. The connection to real life and policy made our 2023 camp more tangible for students, and introduced them to the practice of Architecture while deepening the critical connections with volunteer college students from the NOMAS chapters at UT San Antonio and UTSOA, staff from both institutions, and the broader Central Texas community.

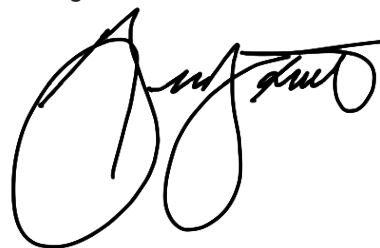
The Fall was again a time for homecomings and re-connections. October 2023 was the 52nd anniversary of NOMA and we came together with our national partners and each other in Portland, Oregon where our **NOMA of Central Texas chapter was distinguished as the NATIONAL SMALL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!!!** The highest honor that an individual NOMA Chapter can be awarded. It's worth noting that we were recognized in 2022 as a 5 star Chapter. There are 45 professional chapters across the country and in the UK.

On the heels of our NOMA Conference win, we rounded out our year by hosting our inaugural NOMA Empower Design Symposium. In the fall we had a call for short format accessible entries on topics in architecture related to Design, Advocacy, and Justice. Our presentations were diverse, but singularly focused on themes related to our mission. By all measures the symposium was a success, and was capped by AIA Houston's current President, Melvalean Mclemore as our keynote Empower Speaker series Speaker.

I am overjoyed to continue leading this small but deeply impactful and relevant organization. It has been such a privilege to steward the group well and mentor and be mentored by the best our profession has to offer over the years. We will continue to make big impacts not impressions with the support of our strong membership base, and partners like you. Thank you so much! Let's find ways to continue working together in 2024 and beyond. We can't do it without you.

Sincerely,

Gregory Street RA, NOMA, NCARB
Founding President NOMA of Central Texas



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PURPOSE STATEMENTS

> **TO FOSTER COMMUNICATION AND FELLOWSHIP** AMONG MINORITY ARCHITECTS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CHARITABLE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.

> **TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION** OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED LOCAL MINORITY ARCHITECTURAL GROUPS.

> **TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION** AND OTHER SELECTION POLICIES BEING USED BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CLIENTS TO UNFAIRLY RESTRICT MINORITY ARCHITECTS' PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

> **TO ACT** AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION AND TO MAINTAIN A ROSTER ON PRACTITIONERS.

> **TO ENCOURAGE** THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COALITIONS OF MEMBER FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO FORM PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

> **TO BE AN EFFECTIVE SOURCE OF MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION** FOR MINORITY YOUTH AND MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE EDUCATION OF NEW ARCHITECTS.

> **TO PROMOTE THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT** OF LIVING, WORKING, AND RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

> **TO CREATE, ENCOURAGE, AND MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS** WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICIANS WHOSE WORK AFFECTS THE PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND

> **TO WORK WITH** LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES.

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Q1

JAN

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **DONATIONS: Brief by 1/31/24**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Website updates, update social media calendar, research GroupMe/mass text
- MEMBERSHIP: Set General Body Meeting
- TREASURER: Draft Budget
- PROGRAMMING: Dream Week

FEB

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **DONATIONS: Deadline 2/29**

- PROJECT PIPELINE: Set Task Force
- COMMUNICATIONS: NOMA Brochure, Bike Tour Campaign
- **MEMBERSHIP: General Body Picnic Planning, NOMA T-Shirts**
- **RESEARCH: Hip Hop Architecture Camp Planning, Storytelling series, Scholarship Fundraising, AIA Austin Honor Awards**

MARCH

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month

- PROJECT PIPELINE: Planning
- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Member Social, General Body Picnic**
- **PROGRAMMING: Community Engagement Project, Scholarship Fundraising Drive**

* SXSW in Austin

Q2

APRIL

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **TREASURER: Taxes**

- PROJECT PIPELINE: Begin Registration
- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **PROGRAMMING: Spring/Summer Reading List, Wellness Retreat in Houston (4/26 - 28)**

* Fiesta in San Antonio

MAY

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month

- PROJECT PIPELINE: Registration/Social Media Campaign, Pre-Activity
- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Member Social, General Body Meeting, Volunteer Build, Additional Merch Launch**
- **PROGRAMMING: Scholarship Fundraising Drive, SAC/ACC studio review**

JUNE

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **ADMIN: Bylaw updates, SOP documentation**

- **PROJECT PIPELINE: Registration/Social Media Campaign**
- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- MEMBERSHIP: N/A
- PROGRAMMING: N/A

Q3

JULY

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Member Social**
- **PROGRAMMING: Project Pipeline (7/12 - 13)**

AUG

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **E-BOARD RETREAT**
- **ELECTIONS TASK FORCE**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: General Body Meeting**
- **PROGRAMMING: Design Symposium Planning**

SEPT

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **NOMA CHAPTER REPORT**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Member Social/Bike tour, Holiday Party Planning**
- **PROGRAMMING: Fall/Winter Reading List, Design Symposium Call for Entries/Planning, TxA Tabling**

Q4

OCT

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **NOMA CONFERENCE (10/23 - 27)**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Holiday Party Planning**
- **PROGRAMMING: San Antonio Dream Week Planning, Design Symposium Entry Selection**

NOV

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **E-BOARD ELECTIONS**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Member Social, General Body Meeting, Holiday Party Planning**
- **PROGRAMMING: Empower Design Symposium, Creek Show Tabling**

DEC

- BOARD MTG: 1st Thurs. of each month. 6:00-7:30pm
- COMMITTEE MTG: 1x month (Set by Director)
- NEWSLETTER: Send first week of the month
- **E-BOARD TRANSITIONS**

- COMMUNICATIONS: Coordinate weekly posts
- **MEMBERSHIP: Holiday Party**
- **PROGRAMMING: San Antonio Dream Week Prep**



1. PROJECT PIPELINE Is a NOMA National Initiative to educate young students on the impact of design and advocacy within the field of Architecture. Project Pipeline is set us an an annual camp with flexibility to occur as a week - long camp or even after school activity for students to participate and learn about the fundamentals of Architecture. The program is meant to usher in a new generation of students who exemplify the growing demographic of our BIPOC community in an underrepresented field of architecture. Throughout the camp, students will learn the basic contributors to architecture as a built form and the impact societally that buildings have on the social environment of it's neighborhood. For the last 3 years, NOMA Of Central Texas has been able to provide Scholarships to select students who go through our project pipeline camp and are enrolled in a design related program. In 2024 our goal is to continue to expand our program in both the amount of time we spend with the Campers and our regional reach.

2. EMPOWER SPEAKER SERIES Is a yearly event that centers on amplifying the voices of our NOMA members and under-represented professionals who exemplify thoughtful design and advocacy within the field of architecture, construction, and design. This series expands on our members' experience in the field of architecture, their contributions to design, and how they have advocated for a better built environment in the process.

3. DESIGN SYMPOSIUM Will be organized by NOMA of Central Texas where our NOMA Community will gather together to co-produce a day long event where members will present their research and thought leadership around a specific theme that supports our mission to deepen the visibility, support of, and solidarity of under represented people in the field of architecture and beyond. The event will be anchored by a Kenote Speaker and will seek to bring together the best of all of our Texas NOMA Chapters.

4. AEC RESOURCE DIRECTORY The Resource Directory will be a central catalog of information where industry partners, potential clients, and potential employers can all search for a professional in the architecture and construction industry who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color. This resource directory will extend beyond Architecture and is meant to identify contractors, subcontractors, consultants, interior designers, product representatives, and architects. The cataloging of these industry professionals will also serve to empower members within the directory to form a sense of community while also supporting one another through industry channels.

5. HOUSING EDUCATION NOMA of Central Texas will host Curated discussions on Housing issues in Central Texas - continuing our examination and education on housing and it's affordability for industry professionals and our regional community. The impacts to the built environment, local policy, and to our own BIPOC communities. Panel discussions, Seminars, and interactive activities led by experts in policy, architecture, and urban design will moderate our discussions, and lead audience Q&A.

6. ARE SUPPORT INITIATIVES In 2021 NCARB revealed that only twenty-two percent of licensed Architects in the United States identified as a racial minority. Of that twenty-two percent only two percent identified as Black/African American despite making up 12 percent of the U.S. Population. NOMA of Central Texas will develop robust support initiatives to continue to strengthen the pipeline of credentialed Black and Minority Architects in our region.

2024 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

Platinum Level - \$5,000

- Prominent Logo/signage placement on NOMA Central TX's website and sponsorship acknowledgment on NOMA Central TX's program materials and newsletter
- Verbal mention at all NOMA Central Texas public events on being a Platinum Level Sponsor
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- Admission to NOMA Central TX end of year reception

Bronze Level - \$500

- Listed as Bronze Sponsor on NOMA Central TX's website for the 2023 Calendar Year
- Admission to NOMA Central TX end of year reception

* Donations at or under \$500 will be named collectively at nomacentraltx.org

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* Sponsorship benefits will be for the calendar year

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PROJECT PIPELINE

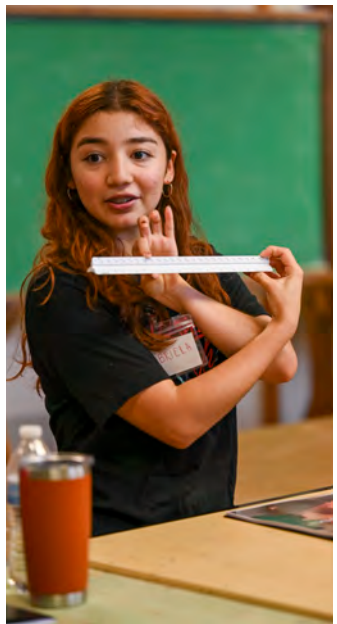
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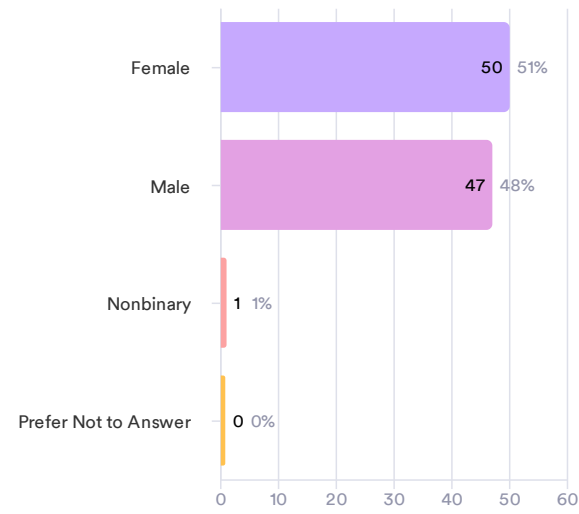
Central to our mission at NOMA of Central Texas is to empower young people to affect change in their community through design. We advocate for increased diversity, fellowship, equity, and excellence in design. Project Pipeline uses the city as the classroom, and connects young people to real world architects and planners to foster the next generation of design professionals, civic leaders, and change makers. Our 2023 Curriculum included further engagement through and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) education and a competition

The 2023 camp was hosted in person at UTSA and UT Austin over two days. Students were sectioned into small groups and paired with mentors from the professional community and Architecture students from the student chapters of NOMAS at UTSA and UT Austin. The mentors helped to guide the students through a series of design exercises like LEGO building, sketching, and collage creation. All of this lead to the students designing and building a model of an improvement for their City.

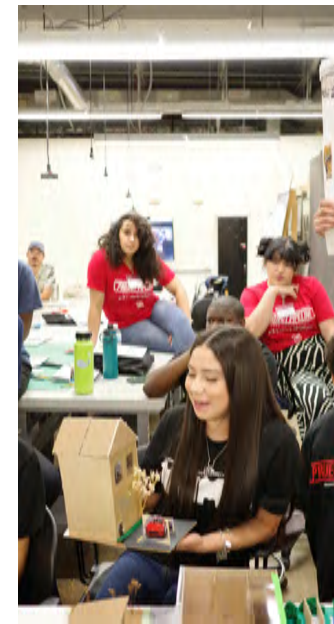
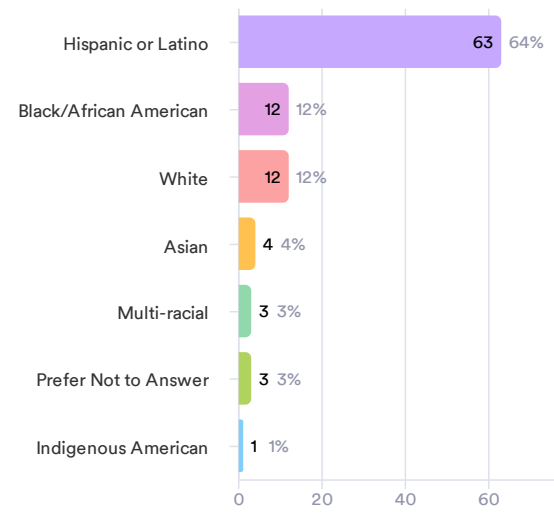
Throughout the activities, mentors shared their experiences in Architecture school and in professional practice to give the students a better idea of what the profession of Architecture is like. During the lunch hour, students from the NOMAS chapters at UTSA and UT Austin gave presentations on the programs at their schools and lead tours of the facilities. Students are highly encouraged to present their projects to each other at the end of camp. Camper awards, including scholarships, were discussed by mentors and awarded to students based on the deliberations at the end of camp.



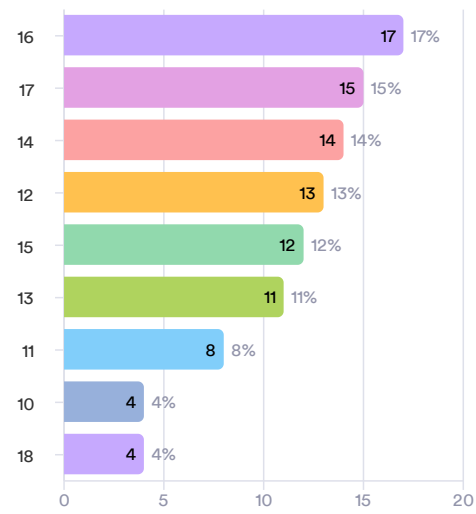
Student Gender



Student Race



Student Age





What do you see?

EMPOWER
Design Symposium

WHAT DO YOU SEE?
Handwritten notes on a whiteboard.

EMPOWER DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

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Call for Submissions!



The Central Texas Chapter of The National Organization of Minority Architects is calling for presentations for our inaugural Empower Design Symposium on November 18, 2023.

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This year's Symposium will take place in San Antonio, Texas and we are looking for engaging short format presentations (20-30 minutes) around topics on Architecture, Design, Advocacy, and Justice.

The intention of these presentations is to tap into the amazing wealth of thought leadership and curiosity that we have in our Texas Region and to engage in high impact discussions around each topic. The keynote speaker for the symposium will be Central Texas's Annual Empower Speaker Series Presenter.

Check out our website for more information on topics for this year's presentations and to learn more about our Empower Speaker Series.

TIMELINE:

- October 8, 2023**
Presentation intent statements (250 words or less) headshot, bio, and resume due
- October 22, 2023**
Notification of selection to chosen presenters
- November 13, 2023**
Presentations Due to Committee
- November 18, 2023**
Empower Symposium



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WHEN:
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9am-5pm

WHERE:
AIA SAN ANTONIO
1344 S.Flores St.
San Antonio
Texas 78204

ENTRY FEES:
Students \$5
Professionals \$25

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EMPOWER DAY OF SCHEDULE
Design Symposium November 18, 2023 | AIA San Antonio Office

- 8:30AM – 8:55AM Attendee Check-In
- 9:00AM – 9:15AM Symposium General Introduction + Opening
- 9:15AM – 10:30AM Topic I Presentations / Q&A
- 10:30AM – 10:40AM BREAK
- 10:40AM – 12:30PM Topic II Presentations / Q&A
- 12:30PM – 1:15PM LUNCH
- 1:20PM – 3:10PM Topic III Presentations / Q&A
- 3:10PM – 3:25PM BREAK
- 3:25PM – 4:45PM Empower Speaker Series Presentation / Q&A
- 4:45PM – 5:00PM Closing Remarks

Post Symposium Happy Hour at La Fruteria
1401 S Flores St Ste. 102, San Antonio, TX 78204

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2023 EMPOWER DESIGN SYMPOSIUM | KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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DESIGN COMPETITION

2023



DESIGN BRIEF

Flag - /flæg/ - a usually rectangular piece of fabric of distinctive design that is used as a symbol, signaling device, or decoration.

For our inaugural Empower Swag Design Competition, **NOMA of Central Texas** would like to celebrate our history by calling on all creatives to help build and elevate our brand by creating a symbol (flag) that is representative of NOMA, Central Texas, and our mission to sustain the legacy of NOMA's founding members by deepening the visibility, support of, and solidarity of under-represented people in the field of architecture and beyond.

Submission entries will be used in the design of **NOMA Central Texas t-shirts, hats, pins and similar items**. All entries will be presented gallery style at our first 2023 General Body Meeting on **March 25, 2023**. A winner will be chosen via a vote by NOMA Central Texas Membership and highlighted on our **social media** and **website**. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the **NOMA Central Texas Swag** will go towards funding **student scholarships**.

NOMA of Central Texas Empower Swag Design Competition



DUE March 22, 2023

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

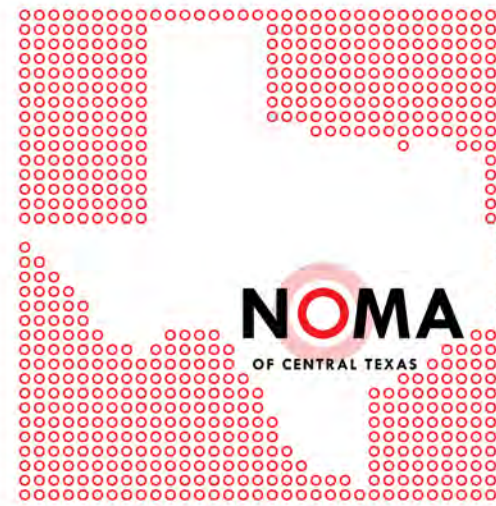
- > A single participant can provide up to 3 entries
- > Participation is not limited to NOMA of Central Texas Membership
- > Each entry will require a maximum 150 word statement about the design and how it embodies, celebrates, and is indicative of NOMA CenTex
- > Entries are to be submitted digitally in both high resolution (300 dpi) .PDF and .JPG
- > Participants should provide a headshot and brief bio to go with their entries
- > Email any questions to noma@nomacentraltx.org by 03/20/2023
- > Submissions are due to noma@nomacentraltx.org by 03/22/2023



Juan Fernando Ortega
Alamo Architects

BArch 1989—University of Texas at Austin
Practicing in San Antonio since 1990

Passionate about all types of design from broad concepts down to the details.



Designed by Fernando Ortega

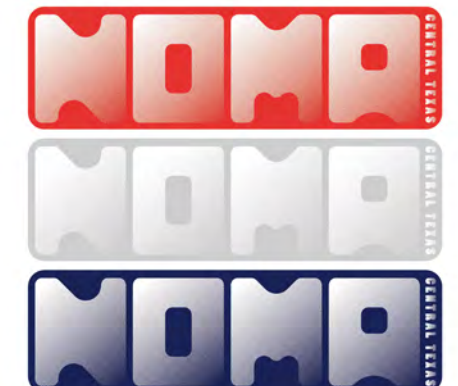


Jenna Acord, originally from Massachusetts, graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in 2021 with her BSA and continued there to obtain Masters of Architecture degree in 2022. There she was the recipient of several academic scholarships and merit that allowed her to continue to achieve the high level craft and work she produced in academia. From this, she was published in 5 architectural journals, two books and a thesis dissertation. She believes that design can be successful when careful consideration is made to the user of each space. It is a powerful tool that should guide affordance to communities and places in order for them to propel towards equity, equality and inclusion for all users. Outside of work, Jenna enjoys being social with friends while exploring all the amazing places the San Antonio has to offer! Painting, writing, and watching Hell's Kitchen are her go-to guilty pleasures when she gets the chance to.

igned by Jenna Acord



Josiah Chopin is a recent graduate of University of Texas at Austin, class of 21' with a Professional Bachelors of Architecture Degree. I have been a member of the National Organization of Minority Architects since 2021. For the last 2 years of my career I have been a project designer with System D Architecture, whereas as a small firm I have been given opportunities far beyond my age and have tackled them with flying colors every time. I am a born and raised Austinite, I have seen this wonderful city grow and I am ecstatic to be involved with how this city will change for the better. And a lot of this change comes from Organizations and people willing to help and support others which is why I have created 3 entries to help support NOMA, so that we as an organization can create a wider net of communication so that we can continue to help others. Growing up in an extremely minority lacking city and college, the discrimination and subtle bias is still prevalent day in and day out. We are the ones who must



GENERAL BODY PICNIC

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

WHERE: LAKE | FLATO COURTYARD
311 3RD ST, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205



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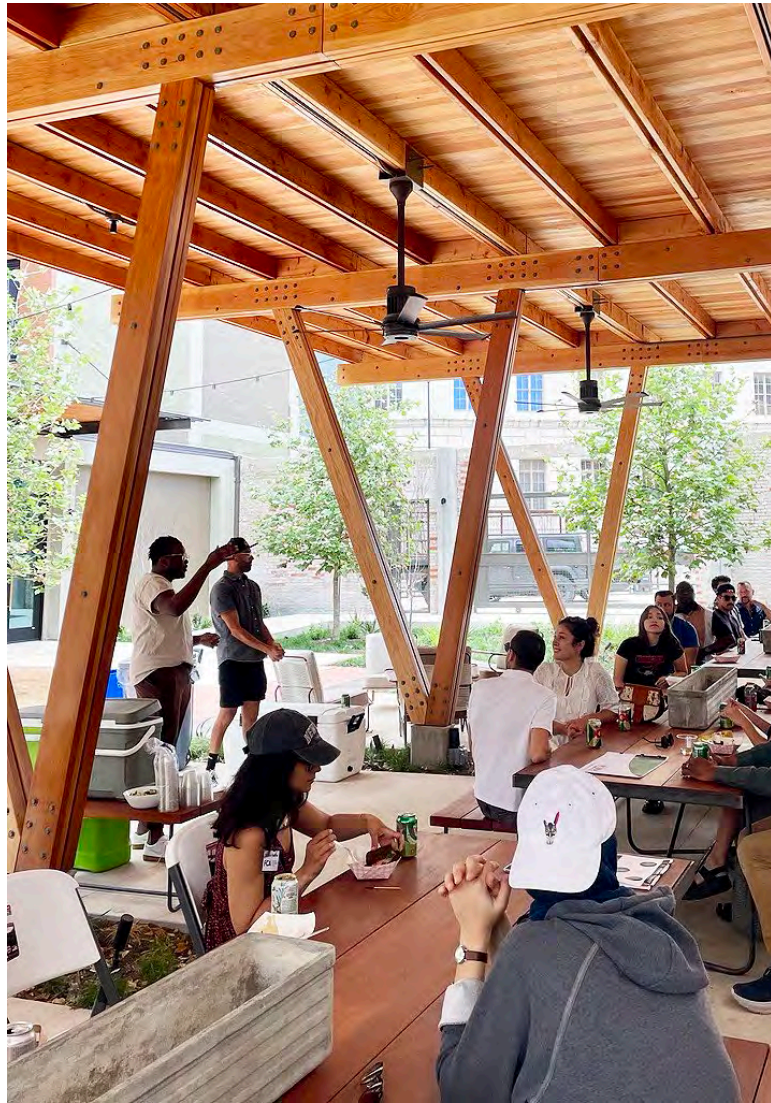
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- October 22, 2023**
Notification of selection to chosen presenters
- November 13, 2023**
Presentations Due to Committee
- November 18, 2023**
Empower Symposium



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In 2009, Sterling E. Stevens seamlessly transitioned from practicing architecture to become a professional photographer and award-winning fine artist.

His curiosity for photography emerged during his design studies in Texas and North Carolina. A trained aesthetic sensibility, acute empathy for his surroundings, and unadulterated joy of the still image contributed to his passion for visually translating the built environment.

Based between San Antonio, TX and Raleigh, NC, Stevens works throughout the southern United States, collaborating with a diverse array of clients, blending his artistic eye, architectural knowledge and situational awareness into dynamic portraits of environmental design.

The mission of NOMA of Central Texas is to sustain the legacy of NOMAS founding members by deepening the visibility, support of, and solidarity of under-represented people in the field of architecture and beyond.





**SIRIUS
LIGHT INSTALLATION | 2022 WATERLOO
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MARGIN

To be marginalized in America is to be a star on the face of midnight. We constantly have to rise above everything and shine our brightest When it's dark outside.

- Rudy Francisco

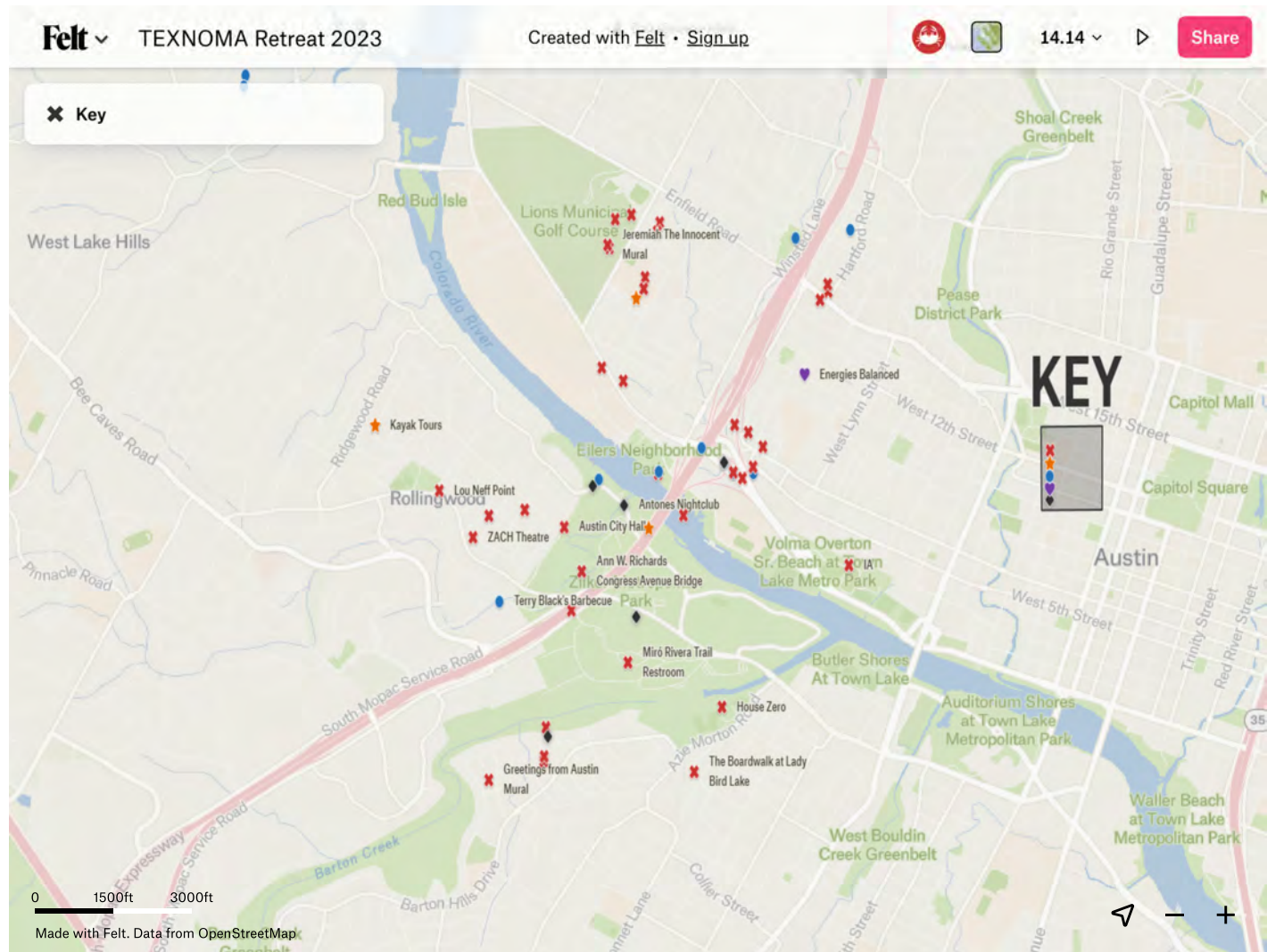
Sirius is a visual translation of the poem Margin by African-American spoken word poet Rudy Francisco. Francisco's oeuvre confronts issues of race and politics, and in Margin, he expresses the diminishing feelings of marginalization through the beauty of celestial imagery. While emphasizing a star's solidarity and comparing it to social exclusion, he challenges us to "shine our brightest" as an exemplar for social change.

Through a natural meander drawn from Waller Creek, NOMA's Sirius breaks down the rigidity of the bridge's infrastructure and guides users through a collection of star-laden vessels – a visual representation of the beauty and strength of marginalized communities. When we come together we shine brighter through the darkness.

PROJECT + BUILD TEAM:

- Diego Schubb** (Chioco Design)
- Joyce Kim** (Matt Fajkus Architecture)
- Gregory Street** (Overland Partners)
- Sabrina Ortiz Luna** (Overland Partners)
- Oscar Yanez** (Overland Partners)
- Albert Condarco** (Studio Plearn)







General Body Meeting

Please join us for an in-person NOMA of Central Texas General Body Meeting! Meetings will be held in both Austin and San Antonio.
Thursday :: September 28 :: 6:00pm

SAN ANTONIO LPA, Inc. 1811 South Alamo Street, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78204	AUSTIN Lake Flato Architects 1224 East 12th Street, Suite 430 Austin, TX 78702
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Support our mission to deepen the visibility of under represented people in architecture by getting involved with our chapter.

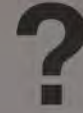
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Summer Reading List!

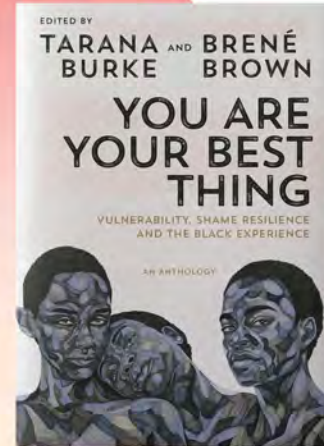
Have a book recommendation?
Please share in the comments!



We Are Owed.
Ariana Brown

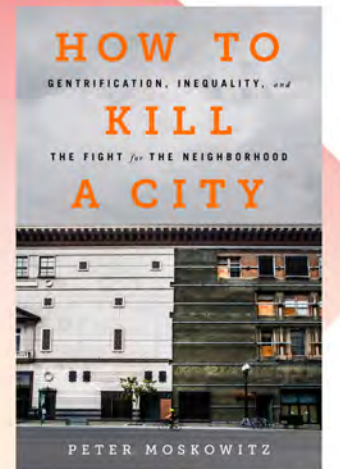


You Are Your Best Thing
Assorted Essays
Edited By: Tarana Burke & Brené Brown



How To Kill A City:
Gentrification, Inequality, and The Fight for The Neighborhood

Peter Moskowitz





2023 NOMA
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NOMA CHAPTER AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

The following leadership awards were announced:

- ◆ NOMA President's Award: Tyrone Marshall, NOMA Atlanta
- ◆ NOMA 2023 Member of the Year: Ralph Raymond, NOMA Atlanta
- ◆ NOMA 2023 Chapter of the Year – Large Chapter: SoFloNOMA
- ◆ NOMA 2023 Chapter of the Year – Small Chapter: NOMA of Central Texas

Associate Member of The Year Award

Awarded to an individual Associate AIA member who best exemplifies the highest qualities of leadership, and has demonstrated unparalleled dedication and commitment to the AIA Austin Chapter, the community, and to the profession of architecture. The nominee should be a role model in the organization with these qualities: goes beyond the call of duty in service to the profession, influences improvement in the organization at the local level, encourages participation among fellow members and nonmembers, exemplifies qualities of leadership and of professional practice.

Previous Award Recipients:

- 2016 Wilson Hack, Assoc. AIA
- 2017 David Goujon, Assoc. AIA
- 2018 Gerardo Gandy, Assoc. AIA
- 2019 Ricardo Maga Rojas, Assoc. AIA
- 2020 Christine Sheng, Assoc. AIA
- 2021 Kendall Claus, Assoc. AIA
- 2022 Viviana Trevino, AIA

2023 Ray Santana-Linares, Assoc. AIA

2023 NOMA Small Chapter of the Year!

(In recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the National Organization of Minority Architects)

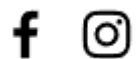


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