



Derrick Choi, AIA (AIA Boston Society for Architecture)  
Senior Associate, Northeast Regional Aviation Practice Area  
Leader, Gensler

Raised in Honolulu and a graduate of Maryknoll High School, Derrick has been based in the Northeast for the last two decades while working on civic, infrastructure and transportation projects from Atlanta to Amsterdam to Abu Dhabi. As a Regional Aviation Leader at Gensler, he is focused on leading teams in delivering connected, sustainable and equitable traveler experiences while balancing the obligations of fiscal responsibility with design and operational excellence.

Mayumi Hara Dao, AIA (AIA Honolulu)  
Architect at John Hara Associates Inc. and Mayumi Hara Dao  
Architect, LLC

Mayumi Hara Dao is a third-generation Hawai'i architect who works on a range of projects from athletic facilities to single family houses. For the past 18 years, she has enjoyed collaborating with clients, architects, engineers and contractors from the beginning to the end of each project. She is always intrigued by the effects of weathering, door hardware and lava rock walls, and the ongoing pursuit of what it takes to create meaningful architecture in Hawai'i.



Jennifer Park, AIA (AIA Chicago)  
Principal, Brininstool + Lynch

Jennifer Park has completed academic, commercial, residential, and retail projects in cities including New York, Los Angeles, Mexico City, and Chicago. She is also the director of the second-year architecture studios at Illinois Institute of Technology, has served on the Executive Committee for the AIA Chicago's board of directors, led the AIA Chicago Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee at IIT. Jennifer's academic and professional accomplishments – and particularly her commitment to addressing diversity and equity issues in both field – have resulted in her receiving various awards including the 2021 AIA National Young Architects Award and the 2019 AIA Chicago Dubin Family Young Architect Award.

Brian Strawn, AIA (AIA Honolulu)  
Co-founder of Strawn Sierralta and Principal Investigator at UHCDC

Brian is an architect professionally trained in user research and design strategy at the Institute of Design, founded as the New Bauhaus in Chicago. At the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, he conducts multidisciplinary design research projects as a Principal Investigator at the UH Community Design Center and teaches research-focused design studios and seminars at the School of Architecture. In parallel to his work at UH, Brian leads Strawn Sierralta, an award-winning architecture and design practice founded in 2003.



Polly Tice  
Principal & Research Section Director at MASON

Polly leads the Research Section at MASON, overseeing the firm's historical consulting work. Polly and her team advise a wide range of clients, from commercial and institutional property owners, homeowners, engineering and planning firms, developers, to government and military agencies on best practices for historic buildings. She enjoys working with other architectural, planning, and archaeological firms on a wide variety of historic property types including military buildings, residences, streetscapes, irrigation systems, and more. She believes that thoughtful design is a key ingredient in historic preservation.