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**AIA MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

May 30, 2014- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan will honor Matthew Guinta, Associate AIA with the Associate Member of the Year Award. The presentation will be made at the annual Design Awards ceremony on June 7 at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum in East Lansing.

Matt Guinta, Associate AIA is a University of Detroit Mercy alumnus and a designer/planner with Harley Ellis Devereaux in Southfield. Guinta is described as a keen talent with an interest for simulation center design. He has been involved in healthcare design for 8 years, including on-site facilities design group and post graduate coursework. Guinta is a driving force in pursuing best practices and innovative solutions in simulation and healing spaces.

Guinta's work has taken him across the country to plan health facilities with specialized teams. He has collaborated on a variety of projects, including: renovations of Advocate Trinity Hospital – Intensive Care Unit in Chicago, Illinois, an emergency department replacement at the War Memorial Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the consolidation of existing radiology treatment at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a simulation center/multi-use training facility for the University's School of Nursing and local healthcare providers at the Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Most recently, Guinta has been involved with an overhaul renovation design of the School of Nursing at California State University in San Marcos, California and projects at the Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan, including the Tyner Center for Cardiovascular Interventions and the Surgical Learning Center Expansion.

Guinta is also committed to the profession through his work with NCARB and the AIA. He is currently the State Coordinator of NCARB's Intern Development Program in Michigan and is the former AIA Detroit Emerging Professionals Committee chair. He currently serves on the AIA Michigan Center for Emerging Professional Resources as the Architectural Registration Exam chair and volunteers his time giving IDP webinars and presentations to schools across the state. Guinta is also a member of the Technology and Standards Committee for the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSiH)

Guinta has a wide variety of interests and a love for sailing and exploration. He maintains that travel informs his creative design approach having traveled to the coast of every continent except Antarctica. Of note and personal influence were emersion trips during high and college to Japan, El Salvador and Italy. Guinta learned the essentials of survival and shelter having also spent summers as a backpacking guide at Philmont in Cimarron, New Mexico, and sailing with his family in the Keys to the Dry Tortugas and in the British Virgin Islands. His skills in risk assessment are tested yearly in Teton County, Wyoming while skiing and sometimes backpacking with his more adventurous brother, Marty.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard. Visit [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com) or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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