

Samantha McCloud Bio:

Samantha McCloud, AIA, NCARB, is an award-winning architect and the Director of Community Involvement, Diversity & Inclusion at design firm GastingerWalker. Her responsibilities include research, engagement, and providing thought leadership to integrate inclusive-practice into design, project management, business development, public relations, firm culture and human resources. Her design portfolio includes cinemas, convention centers, higher education, multi-family and corporate office projects nationwide.

Samantha is a community builder within and outside her company. Through grassroots efforts and a bottom-up approach, Samantha has continuously launched and led multiple leadership development programs and talent pipeline efforts to improve equity, diversity and inclusion in architecture. Partnering organizations include the American Institute of Architects, 20/20 Leadership, and the Girl Scouts of America. Samantha is the co-founder of Equity in Architecture and an active member of the KC D & I Consortium. Samantha speaks regularly to local, regional, and national audiences on success and inclusion.

Samantha was recently honored by The Business Journal as a 2018 Kansas City NextGen Leader and Ink Magazine as a 2017 "30 Under 30" top individual making a difference. Her work has been published by Architect Magazine, AIA National Trust, Go Architect and AIA Kansas City. Samantha received her Master of Architecture from Kansas State University.