Luis is a distinguished architect, educator, and academic with over 30 years of experience in residential, commercial, civic, and public projects. A Harvard-trained professional, he combines visionary design with functionality, earning international acclaim for his innovative contributions to the field. He joined A2 Design full time in 2024 after collaborating with the firm on several projects over the previous 15 years. In 2006, he co-founded reform, Ilc, a firm dedicated to integrating academic research with professional practice to deliver impactful, research-driven design. Prior to this, Luis refined his expertise at leading architecture firms such as Core PC in Washington, DC, and Kennedy & Violich Architecture in Boston, MA, contributing to award-winning projects like the East/Harlem River Ferry Landings in New York City.

As an educator, Luis has taught and lectured at prominent institutions, including the University of Maryland and The Catholic University of America School of Architecture and Planning, where he served as a tenured Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. His research focused on advanced technologies and their potential to create transformative architectural experiences, combining academic rigor with practical applications. He established the Master of Architecture Graduate Concentration in Emerging Design Technologies, exploring how architects leverage two-, three-, and four-dimensional digital tools to design, analyze, and experience space. Additionally, Luis co-founded the CUA_DC (CUA Design Collaborative), a nonprofit organization providing design services to underserved communities, underscoring his commitment to impactful design and education.

Academics

Harvard University Graduate School of Design - Master of Architecture CUA School of Architecture - Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Professional

2024 - present A2 Design Inc., Arlington, VA – Senior Architect 2006 - 2024 reform Ilc, Washington DC - Co Founder and Partner

2003-2017 The Catholic University of America School of Architecture and Planning: Washington, DC:

c h i t e

Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Director Graduate Concentration in Design Technologies

1999 - 2003 Kennedy & Violich Architecture, Boston, MA, Project Architect / Manager

1994-1997 Core, Washington, DC: Project Architect 1993-1994 Polo & Terzian Architects, Alexandria, VA, Intern

Awards and Publications

Washingtonian Residential Design Award: Lofted Space

AIA/DC Awards: Stair Screen, Lofted Space

AIA/DC Magazine: Petworth Residence, Lofted Space, Stair Screen

INFORM Awards for Excellence in Design: Society for Neuroscience, Digital Craft, Thinking as Doing, Stuart Hobson Library

AIA National Education Honor Award: Digital / Design Build Initiative

ACSA / AIAS New Faculty Teaching Award

ACSA Collaborative Practice Award: CUA Design Collaborative

Progressive Architecture Award: Eact & Harlem Revier Ferry Landings, NY, NY New Public Works Award, National Endowment for the Arts: Broadway Theater

Nicole White, P.E., PTOE Symmetra Design

Principal



Education:
Master of Engineering,
Civil Engineering Transportation, University
of Maryland

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, University of Maryland

Registrations:

Professional Engineer: Maryland

Institute of Transportation Engineers - Professional Traffic Operations Engineer

Professional Affiliations:

Institute of Transportation Engineers

Lambda Alpha International – Land Economics Honorary Society

Commercial Real Estate Women Nicole has over 18 years of experience in transportation planning and traffic engineering projects. She brings extensive management skills and expertise ranging from intersection safety and operational studies to parking studies and Transportation Management Plans. Nicole specializes in Traffic Impact Studies, master planning and transportation management in urban environments.

Ms. White has significant experience coordinating with and presenting to community groups and local officials. She is a certified Charrette Planner through the National Charrette Institute. Ms. White has been accepted as an expert witness in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, District of Columbia Zoning Commission, District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment and Montgomery County Hearing Examiner.

Nicole is a recent award recipient of the distinguished Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise Award for minority and woman-owned businesses in the Mid-Atlantic region. She was also acknowledged by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation for National Small Business Week.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Redevelopment & Revitalization

Ms. White has directed a number of redevelopment and revitalization studies where she has gained significant experience developing transportation concepts by working with consultant planning teams, local agencies, and community groups. Her experience includes balancing the competing needs of various modes of transportation, including transit and pedestrian facilities.

Project experience includes:

- Mount Vernon Square District Transit Study, Washington, DC
- Rhode Island Avenue Great Streets Initiative, Washington, DC
- Laurel MARC Station, Laurel, MD
- Morgan Boulevard, Largo, MD
- H Street, N.E. Redevelopment Project, Washington, DC
- Georgia Avenue Revitalization, Washington, DC
- Port Towns Peace Cross Revitalization Study, Bladensburg, MD

Parking Demand Studies and Parking Layout and Circulation Analysis

Ms. White has managed the transportation component of parking initiatives for garage and area parking studies to address issues of access, maneuverability, circulation and safety for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Project experience includes:

- US Coast Guard Parking Garage, Washington, DC
- Specialty Hospital of Washington Parking Garage, Washington, DC
- WASA Parking Study
- Shaw Parking Initiatives Study
- Washington Adventists Hospital Parking Study