

## **AIA CA**

Candidate for VP of Education and Professional Development:

Amy Eliot

### Personal Bio:

Hailing originally from the East Coast, I have been a practitioner educator with a regional focus in Northern California since the 1990's and a passionate advocate for giving agency and voice to current and emerging professionals from every corner of our great state. Teaching at the California College of the Arts over the last 30 years, a tenure including curriculum development in professional practice, departmental and accreditation leadership, I have dedicated my career to addressing the challenges of reframing practice to define its value for future generations and open pathways to all those whose voices we truly need to hear.

### Philosophy & Goals Statement:

We find ourselves in a challenging yet opportunistic time, characterized by economic uncertainty, political upheaval, societal transformation, and the impact of climate change. This is a wake-up call to fully engage how we as architects can create powerful solutions that communicate our knowledge and vision to the world, and importantly empower generations of emerging architects to build forward, embracing their bold ideas at all scales to move the world toward a sustainable, just, and equitable future.

To seize this moment, I believe we must evaluate the entire trajectory of how we engage and support young practitioners from education into practice and address the structural issues within the cost-value proposition facing them, starting with alignment around a compelling vision that defines the future of our profession within Strategic Plan 2023-2026. We need to dissolve silos that diminish our effectiveness, and build open, respectful dialog in its place. Bridging the gap between emerging professionals and established practitioners is a critical priority to strengthen and diversify the pipeline into practice and create viable career pathways that enable young architects to thrive. That pipeline is fragile, and change is essential to realize the agency and vitality of those who will carry our profession forward.