

# AIA Buffalo/WNY

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects



## 2008 President's Message

My Fellow AIA members,

This year marks the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Louise Bethune's historic admittance to the American Institute of Architects. The first woman to achieve this privilege, Ms. Bethune was instrumental in creating the Buffalo Society of Architects in 1886, serving as its secretary. Her commitment to the architectural profession is obvious, and her involvement in the associations of the profession is a testament to the value they offer.

Ms. Bethune's interest was to establish architecture in equal standing to its peer professions. She helped to define an unprecedented means by which to attain licensure—an approach that was open to everyone, regardless of gender, religion, color and/or creed. It is this tradition of diversity and commitment to our profession that is continued today.

As an all-volunteer chapter, we are dedicated to providing a vital service to our members in continuing education and offering programs to the general public that enrich their understanding and appreciation of architecture. To cap it off, we are the standard-bearers of one of the richest architectural collections in the country.

As President of AIA Buffalo/WNY 2008, I invite you to participate in the myriad of this year's events:

- AIA Monthly Programs with CES Credits
- Architecture + Education
- AIA Buffalo/WNY Design Awards Program
- Emerging Architects Programs
- Urban Design Committee
- Residential Committee
- Bethune Lecture on April 3rd at the UB School of Architecture and Planning
- 2010 AIA NYS Convention in Buffalo

I look forward to working with you this year and hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

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