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FAVORITE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS:

Design and the Presentation of the Design.

FUN FACT:



During Design Presentations, I wear comedy socks.

FAVORITE HOBBY:



Day Hiking.

MOST INTERESTING JOB YOU HAVE EVER HAD:

BOH Specialist at Apple Store
Lincoln Road (Miami Beach, FL)

1 WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURE?

Architecture is a profession of Practice and Theory. Both Manual Skill and Scholarship are needed to fulfill the role of Architect.

2 WHO WAS OR IS AN IMPORTANT MENTOR AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES?

Jorge Trelles of Trelles Cabarrocas Architects in Miami, FL was a professor at the School of Architecture, at the University of Miami, and offered me my first Internship. He impressed upon me the importance of quality and resilience in design, the power of the hand sketch to convey an idea, and the benefits of the coffee break.

3 WHAT WOULD BE THE ONE ADVICE YOU WILL GIVE TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS?

Never lose your enthusiasm for the profession that was cultivated in college. Share ideas with a pen in your hand and resolve each obstacle with a design solution.

ALMA MATER:



University of Miami

LIVES IN:



Pensacola, Florida



Kelly Wieczorek, AIA.

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER –
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FAVORITE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS:



Learning about what our clients do every day, and helping them do it better.

FUN FACT:



I started taking ballet classes when I was 30 just to try something new. I danced en pointe for several years.

FAVORITE HOBBY:

Movies and food.

MOST INTERESTING JOB YOU HAVE EVER HAD:

I coached a middle school swimming team made up mostly of sixth graders that had no experience – and with a lot of hard work and training they ended up winning the county championship. I coached because the teacher that was the school sponsor did not know how to swim.

LIVES IN:



Pensacola, FL

1 WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURE?

Impactful, important, and inspiring.

2 WHO WAS OR IS AN IMPORTANT MENTOR AMONG YOUR COLLEAGUES?

It's a tie – Steve Jernigan has given me many opportunities to achieve my professional goals and has paved the way for me to become a leader in our firm; George Williams has given me the training, and mentorship to ensure I will succeed, and more importantly, is there to support me along the way. Honorable mention goes to Derek Salter for going through the painful process (for him) of teaching me how to correctly draw a building section when I was an intern.

3 WHAT WOULD BE THE ONE ADVICE YOU WILL GIVE TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS?

Don't wait to be asked to participate. Jump in with questions, offer a solution, introduce yourself, take notes, take the ARE, sketch, read, and never stop taking every opportunity to learn something new.

ALMA MATER:



University of Florida. Go Gators!