

EMILY SCHICKNER BIO

Emily Schickner, AIA, joined Harrison Design in 2017 and in 2021 was promoted to the firm's first female Principal Architect. She has led over two million square-feet of design and construction, achieving national award-winning recognition. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from Miami University of Ohio, and a Master of Architecture degree from Georgia Institute of Technology.

She serves on the Bill Harrison Foundation Board of Directors and Georgia Tech's College of Design Advisory Board. From 2022-2024 she served on American Institute of Architects Atlanta Board of Directors as 2023 President. From 2020-2021, she served as the AIA South Atlantic Young Architect Regional Director and in 2021 graduated from AIA Georgia's Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program. She has been named to Georgia Tech Alumni "40 Under 40" list in 2024, recognized as one of Georgia's Most Influential Leaders by GeorgiaTrend in 2023, and in 2022 received the Emerging Professional Award for AIA Georgia. She served as Chair for AIA National's 2025 Women's Leadership Summit, the largest network of women in the AEC industry leading change in the profession and built environment where she was asked to present as a mainstage keynote speaker delivering her story on fertility and motherhood, a demanding profession and the importance of community and advocacy for women in the AEC industry. For her efforts in increasing awareness and exposure of women in the profession and community, she received a Presidential Citation by AIA Atlanta's 2025 President.

She is known for her expertise and advocacy efforts in the field of mental health and architecture, mentorship to emerging professionals, and activism for JEDI efforts in the profession and community. She is highly sought after to speak on panels and webinars, provide presentations and dialogue to raise awareness for a broader audience.

She enjoys balancing work and volunteer with time with her husband and three young children, long runs outdoors, cooking and travelling.