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Pope Architects Creates New Associate Level; Names Firm Associates

ST. PAUL, MN (January 21, 2019) — Pope Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of four key professionals to the Associate level in the firm. They are Amy Maldonado, AIA, Brock Martinson, AIA, Christine Soma, AIA, and Rebecca Frenning, CID, IIDA. These individuals are the first four Associates in the 45-year history of the firm.



AMY MALDONADO, AIA

BROCK MARTINSON, AIA

CHRISTINE SOMA, AIA

REBECCA FRENNING, CID, IIDA

“As Pope Architects continues to evolve, grow, and transition, we felt that now was the time to create an Associate level to recognize emerging leaders in the company. Our new Associates embody our core purpose of building

relationships, delivering excellent customer service, and quality design. They will continue to play an important role in the bright future of the company,” said Ward Isaacson, AIA, President of Pope Architects.

Amy Maldonado, AIA, is Housing Team Manager/Senior Project Manager and has been with the firm for over 5 years. She has been practicing architecture for 20+ years; specializing in the design and project management of senior living environments. Following 3 years as Ryan Companies’ Director of Architecture in Senior Living, Amy rejoined Pope’s housing team in 2018 to support the growing housing studio. Amy received her B.S. in Design from Arizona State University and Master of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley.

Brock Martinson, AIA is an Architect and Project Manager on Pope’s commercial team and has been with Pope since 2017. Brock has over 12 years of experience leading multi-disciplinary teams on manufacturing, warehouse, office and educational projects. Brock received a Master of Architecture and a B.S. in Environmental Design from North Dakota State University. He is involved in the Urban Land Institute, NAIOP, Leadership Twin Cities and Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce organizations.

Christine Soma, AIA is an Architect and Project Manager on Pope Architects’ housing team and has been with the firm for 5 years. She has over 10 years of experience and has developed a reputation for understanding the sensitive and unique design needs of each of her clients. Christine serves on the SAGE National Board and is a regular presenter at national and local conferences. Christine holds her Master of Architecture from the University of Minnesota, and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Macalester College, St. Paul.

Rebecca Frenning, CID, IIDA is Interiors Team Manager and Senior Interior Designer. She has been with the firm for 9 years with over 18 years of experience. Rebecca helps guide the interior design practice of the firm, working with clients and teams to create effective and welcoming environments. She is a Former Interior Design Adjunct Faculty Member of Dunwoody College of Technology, holds a degree in Interior Design from the Arts Institutes International Minnesota, and a B.A. Degree in Art History from University of Saint Thomas.

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