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**Phil Tobey Receives 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award**

At the recent Healthcare Design Conference in Phoenix, over a hundred ACHA Certificate holders gathered for the College’s Annual Luncheon to honor Phil Tobey, FAIA, FACHA with the ACHA Lifetime achievement award. The announcement of the award has been a part of the annual ACHA Luncheon for over 12 years, and it is the highest honor that the American College of Healthcare Architects can bestow on an architect in recognition of a significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of healthcare architecture.



*Mr. and Mrs. Tobey celebrate with friends and past award winners Ron Skaggs, John Pangrazio and Joe Sprague.*

We learned of the specific events and challenges in Phil’s career and how his achievements exemplify the purpose of this award when the story of his achievements was shared at the luncheon by fellow FACHA great - Ray Pentecost. What Ray helped us learn, and helped those just beginning their healthcare design careers in the audience learn - is that Phil’s career has always been about leadership and service:

- Phil received a direct commission as an Air Force officer assigned to Headquarters, Office of the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General as a military architect. In that capacity, he was recognized early on for his achievements in developing new roads and pathways for others in establishing new programming and planning criteria for medical facilities used by the armed forces.
- His expertise with the public sector has been evidenced by his appointments to the U.S. Defense Health Board, two independent review panels for the Secretary of Defense, and a congressionally mandated panel to assess the National Institutes of Health.

# Phil Tobey Receives 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award (cont.)

- His latest accomplishment includes acting as PIC and senior planner for two pivotal projects for the armed services: The Center for the Intrepid, the world's most advanced rehabilitation center for soldiers recovering from severe burns and amputations, and the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, for veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury. These projects led to Phil's receipt of the Outstanding Civilian Service Award by Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Gen. Mark A. Milley an award given to civilians who give back so much to those who serve.

to clients and (especially) inspiration to the professions' upcoming generation of healthcare design leaders who will continue to honor the legacy that Phil has helped to establish.

Congratulations to Phil and many thanks for his leadership and contributions to our industry and to those that serve our nation.

For more details on Phil's accomplishments, and how to nominate the next candidate for the ACHA Lifetime Achievement award – [click here](#).

These accomplishments put him alongside previous ACHA Lifetime Achievement Award recipients such as John Pangrazio (2017), James Diaz (2016) and Ralph Hawkins (2015). And as a current Senior Vice President at SmithGroup, Phil continues to guide and shape the course of healthcare design through continued leadership on projects, service



# Fellows

The ACHA Council of Fellows was founded to advance the unique qualities of the profession of healthcare architecture by demonstrating and celebrating achievements of national significance. Fellowship is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a certificant of The American College of Healthcare Architects, who has shown distinction in fulfilling one specific category of nomination of their work and has demonstrated a nominee's individual impact in healthcare facility architecture.

The College celebrated its 2018 class of certificants as well as this year's Fellows at its Annual Luncheon. Congratulations to:

- Robert "Hank" Adams, HDR, Inc.
- R. Wayne Estopinal, TEG Architects\*
- Angela Mazzi, GBBN Architects



Angela Mazzi, GBBN Architects



Wayne Estopinal, TEG Architects\*



Hank Adams, HDR, Inc.

*\*We are saddened to report that on November 30, 2018 Wayne Estopinal lost his life in a tragic plane crash. More on his life and the legacy he leaves can be found [here](#).*

## ACHA Annual Luncheon



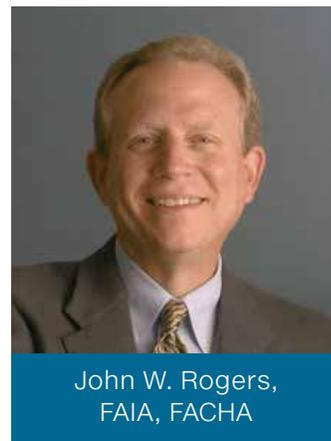
# President's Message

As a Founding Member and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects I am excited to be the 2019 President. As the sixteenth president of the ACHA, I have some big shoes to fill, but am standing on the shoulders of my dedicated predecessors. I have been proud to be a member since the creation of the College and look forward to continuing to be a servant leader for our certificants and candidates. As we prepare to celebrate our 20th Anniversary, the College is positioned to continue to add value to leading healthcare environments around the globe. We are all ambassadors for the ACHA which is critical to grow our ranks and impact our profession like never before. The Board of Regents is committed to making the ACHA the best it can be, and I am humbled to be part of this high energy group of healthcare leaders from around the country.

Our Mission is "to distinguish healthcare architects through certification, experience, and rigorous standards". We will continue to increase the visibility and value of the ACHA and 2019 will provide us some unique opportunities around our 20th Anniversary to do just that. We have a Task Force looking at ways to commemorate that milestone as we plan for the next 20 years and beyond. At any rate there will be a party to celebrate our Birthday and provide exposure for the College. Another goal for 2019 is to use our resources wisely. This is not only focused on our financial but also our human resources, which are by far our most valued resource. We will be aligning committee activities with College strategies and needs for clarity of purpose as well as well-defined goals.

The Pillars of healthcare architecture (ACHA, AIA AAH, FGI, and AAH Foundation) continue to embrace our combined impact as the key entities to creating valued healthcare environments, we will be identifying the proper Pillar to lead the efforts around certain activities and events such as education, awards, fund raising, research and others to eliminate any redundancy. We will remain relevant by focusing on the right issues and activities. I know what the College does now versus years ago is quite different, but the needs have changed and so have our initiatives and strategies. We are looking at opportunities to expand our candidate pool and ways to make the certification process better

reflect the current needs of our candidates. We are looking at the possibility of engaging students in healthcare architecture programs at universities across the country as well as exploring easier ways to build portfolios and continue making the exam reflect current demands to meet our healthcare clients' needs.



John W. Rogers,  
FAIA, FACHA

Board certifying architects as medical planners requires an ongoing rigorous effort to achieve and sustain that level of competency. The ACHA continues that commitment to have those resources available to assure our certificate holders remain leaders in the field. We are continuing to explore opportunities to have our certification process recognized by other organizations. Our brand awareness continues to grow and is gaining visibility in our industry.

The practice of architecture continues to evolve, and as other organizations recognize the global opportunities to work on projects anywhere in the world, the ACHA is exploring certification in other countries and what impact that might have on international healthcare practice. As you can see, 2019 holds the promise of many ways to continue to grow and improve the ACHA. I am looking to all of you to be great ambassadors for the College and together we will make the ACHA the best it can be!

Looking forward to continuing to work with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Rogers". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John W. Rogers, FAIA, FACHA  
2019 ACHA President

# Frank Pitts Receives 2018 Changemaker Award

Francis Murdock Pitts, FAIA FACHA was named as the 2018 Changemaker Award recipient by The Center for Health Design's Board of Directors. Given annually, the award honors individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional ability to change the way healthcare facilities are designed and built, and whose work has had broad impact on the advancement of healthcare design. Frank accepted the award and was the keynote speaker at the Healthcare Design Expo & Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

As a founding father and the 2006 President of the College, as well as the founding partner and president of architecture+, Frank, Murdock Pitts is an advocate, educator, and designer, and is internationally recognized for his impact on the design of healthcare facilities with particular recognition for his groundbreaking work in the planning and design of psychiatric facilities.

For nearly 40 years, Frank has been a leader in a movement that has resulted in the re-imagining of the psychiatric hospital as a building type; one that confounds the stigma of mental illness and provides examples, lessons, and inspiration for mental health providers and architects throughout the world. He is a pioneer in the understanding and implementation of two interrelated movements impacting hospital design: evidence-based design and therapeutic environments. Recognized as an advocate for broader dissemination of scientific evidence that healthcare environments have a profound influence on patient recovery, he has used this work as a means to fundamentally rethink the environments in which psychiatric and cognitive care, in particular, are provided. His House-Neighborhood-Downtown model for mental health facilities and the creation of smaller cluster-based residential treatment settings within larger

inpatient units, are the product of extensive research, collaboration with clinicians, interaction with mental health patients and their families, continuing observation, and imagination about the potential for environments to support healing.

A frequent writer, lecturer, and panelist, he is committed to sharing his expertise with the architectural, medical, and scientific communities. He has spoken about psychiatric care, the relationship between architecture and neuroscience, and healthcare design in the United States, Canada, Asia, and Europe. His firm's research into patient safety lead to the development of a testing-based and research-informed patient safety standard that is cited by the Facility Guidelines Institute's Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals (2018 edition) as a generally recognized standard.

A dedicated mentor to the next generation of health design practitioners, he is currently serving as a mentor for a medical doctor and aspiring architect, completing his Psychiatric Residency at the Stanford University Medical Center and a graduate student working with Roger Ulrich and Stefan Lundin at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Our sincere congratulations to Frank!



Frank Pitts,  
FAIA, FACHA

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## ACHA Annual Luncheon



# ACHA Certificant Spotlight: Mike Czyrka, AIA, ACHA

## How did you first get started in healthcare architecture?

I started out in healthcare architecture directly out of school in 1989. I kind of “fell into” healthcare at my first job in Detroit. I had an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Architecture, and had two job offers, one to work for a sports firm and the other a small healthcare planning firm. The partners at healthcare planning firm were good guys and the smaller office size of 12 also appealed to me. I started learning about healthcare architecture on day 1 – laying out multi-bed wards for a VA project in Southeast Michigan. Over the next half dozen years I had great mentoring on the job, and by the time that I moved to Chicago in 1995 was facilitating user-group meetings with surgeons at 6 a.m. as well as acting in a job captain role on multiple projects. I also completed my professional degree at Lawrence Tech in Southfield, Michigan (while working full time) and was glad that I waited to finish school until I had some experience under my belt. This spring will be 30 years of work focused in healthcare architecture.

## What motivates and excites you about healthcare architecture, planning and design?

What motivates me is the power to create impactful solutions with healthcare facility users (i.e., caregivers, support staff and patients too), that have a direct impact on a person’s well-being. I come from a planning background and have facilitated thousands of

user group meetings over my career. One of my most memorable projects was a replacement women’s hospital that involved nearly two dozen user-groups, meeting every three weeks. The four years that I spent on that project resulted in many friendships that I still have today and a facility that provides amazing care for women in all life stages.



Mike Czyrka, AIA, ACHA

## Which of healthcare’s megatrends will have the greatest impact on your practice? Why?

Practicing in an urban environment, the need to design healthcare facilities that are safe and secure from violence is no longer an option but a necessity. Having worked with some facilities in the Chicagoland area that treat many of those injured in shootings or other violence, creating a safe environment without the look of a detention facility is becoming a top concern and priority for our clients. Creating an entry sequence that can elevate security screening while still being welcoming will soon be a given in most all urban facilities.

*Mike Czyrka is the Director of Health at HKS, Inc. in Chicago.*

## ACHA Annual Luncheon



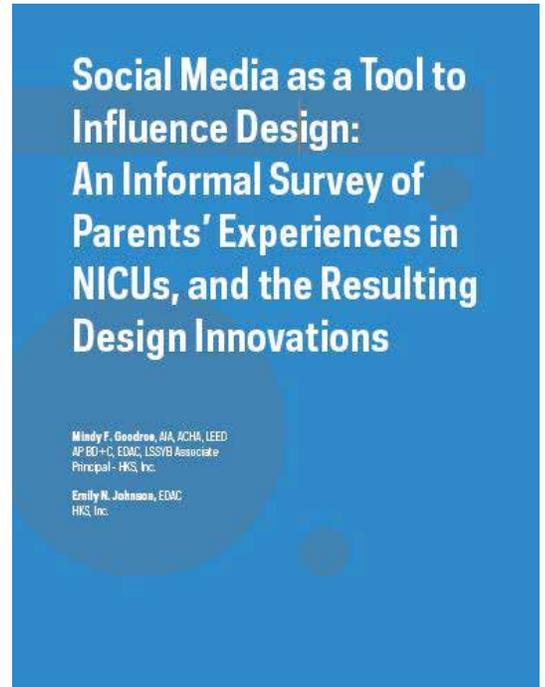
# ACHA White Paper: **Social Media as a Tool to Influence Design – An Informal Survey of Parents’ Experiences in the NICU and Resulting Design Innovations**

By Mindy F. Goodroe, AIA, ACHA and Emily N. Johnson, EDAC

The Facilities Guidelines Institute (FGI) recommends that Neonatal ICUs be all private rooms. Citing infection control, maintaining circadian rhythms, reducing noise and patient privacy as key reasons, private rooms are gaining in popularity. The paper will first outline how the trends in NICU design have changed and key evidence that supports this shift.

While the majority of new NICUs are being designed this way, whether this is an improvement for the families and providers’ experience has remained a debate. To investigate this question, a NICU design and planning team utilized social network sites to conduct a quick survey on people’s experience of NICUs and opinions on private rooms versus open bays. Removing anonymity that is typically to most surveys this resulted in a surprising number of insightful responses. The answers represented over 70 different NICUs in 29 states, and three countries. The candid nature of responses given the informality of the medium and the awareness which was gleaned, directly influenced the design of the space.

Read the full white paper on the ACHA [website](#).



# ACHA Announces New Board Members

## Sheila F. Cahnman

Sheila Cahnman has devoted her 35-year plus career to planning innovation for healthcare facilities. President of JumpGarden Consulting, a WBE certified healthcare facility planning practice, Sheila previously led three award winning regional and national healthcare architecture practices. She is both an AIA and ACHA Fellow and was named one of the top twenty-five most influential in healthcare design by Healthcare Design Magazine in 2010. Sheila is on the Editorial Board of Healthcare Design Magazine and a reviewer for the Health Environments Research & Design (HERD) and Environmental Research Design Association (EDRA) journals. Sheila was a Visiting Professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign last year and has teaching affiliations at University of Kansas, Texas A&M and Kent State University.



Sheila F. Cahnman, FAIA, FACHA

## Sharon Woodworth

Sharon Woodworth has over eleven million square feet of healthcare facility planning and design experience spanning a wide range of operational and continuum-of-care issues from neonatology to senior living, and diverse cultural perspectives from the United Kingdom to Asia. As an ACHA Board Regent, Sharon brings experience from previous board positions and a passionate belief that all healthcare architects should be board-certified. As a practicing healthcare architect, her designs recognize the value of research-based initiatives from EDAC and LEED Certification to Pebble Partnerships and Magnet Recognition; as an Assistant Professor at UCSF, her graduate-level course on healthcare environments enables future healthcare executives to better understand the interplay between medicine and architecture. Through her four careers, Sharon has leveraged perspectives from nursing, journalism, and teaching to redefine healthcare environments from merely functional rooms to inspiring spaces infused with natural light, and in so doing, sustaining health for all of us.



Sharon Woodworth, FAIA, ACHA

## Welcome New Certificants:

William Lee Alexander,  
*BSA LifeStructures*

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*BatesForum*

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Jim Stearman,  
*BatesForum*

Jeff Sudman, *E4H  
Architecture*

Sharon Szalai, *PF&A  
Design*

Terry Wilson, *HDR, Inc.*

## **MARCH 17-20, 2019**

PDC Summit  
Phoenix, AZ

## **JULY 26-28, 2019**

Summer Leadership Summit  
Chicago, IL



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- » Transforming healthcare through better built environments

### **THE ACHA MISSION**

- » To distinguish healthcare architects through certification, experience, and rigorous standards

### **THE ACHA EXISTS**

- » To enhance the performance of the practice of healthcare architecture through its certification, continuing education and other programs

### **THE ACHA PROVIDES CERTIFICANTS**

- » The distinguishing credentials of a specialized healthcare architect to clients, prospective clients and other architects as well as advanced continuing education

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