



**Leah Ballard Welborn ;**  
**Assoc. AIA.**  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

**FAVORITE HOBBY:**



I love watercoloring! I haven't done much, but I was able to paint my grandmother's 114-year-old house for her located in Maben, Mississippi.

**LIVES IN:**  
East Hill.

**FUN FACT:**



I have a Great Dane named Mordecai (he is 9!)

**ALMA MATER:**



Mississippi State University School of Architecture, Art and Design.

**MOST INTERESTING JOB YOU HAVE EVER HAD:**



I worked as an Architectural Intern for NASA after my 3rd year.

**1** WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE ARCHITECTURE?

For Everyone.

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

Dean Dalrymple – I have been fortunate to have worked with and learned from many people throughout my education, but what I have learned from Dean is immeasurable.

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

I have learned more from being wrong than I have from being right.

**FAVORITE PART OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROCESS:**



Detailing and Wall Sections. I would not have said that if you asked me while I was in school. It is the most tangible, satisfying part of the job for me!