

Michelle Sablack

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Michelle is an Architect and Associate at WJW Architects, and she focuses her work on the built environment's impact on physical, mental, and social well-being. Considerations for a project's end-user are key in her design process, and she believes that thoughtfully designed, healthy, and sustainable buildings should be accessible to all. More fundamentally, Michelle believes whole-heartedly in quality, affordable Housing as a basic human right and thus, passionately supports Renaissance's mission of creating a Chicago without homelessness or inequities.

Michelle has served on Renaissance's Associate Board for 6 years before advancing to the Board of Directors. At WJW, she manages a range of project types including affordable family & seniors' housing, memory care, market rate / mixed-use, and supportive living for individuals with disabilities. Her work spans the Midwest from Indiana all the way to North Dakota. Michelle's research interests include exploring the link between health & housing and designing for individual with disabilities.

Michelle earned both her Master of Architecture degree and her Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Michigan. Ms. Sablack is a Licensed Architect in the State of Illinois & Indiana, NCARB-certified, Evidence-Based Design Accredited, and a LEED Accredited Professional with specialty in Building Design and Construction. She is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Illinois at Chicago, teaching the LEED certification framework to energy engineering students in a few sessions per year. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, running, and exploring the city.