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IIDA ANNOUNCES INDUCTION OF FOUR MEMBERS TO ESTEEMED COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

CHICAGO, IL — Viveca Bissonnette, FIIDA, Assoc. AIA, CID, LEED AP, College of Fellows Chair for the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), has announced the induction of four IIDA Members to its prestigious College of Fellows. Honorees for 2015 include: Julio Braga, FIIDA, LEED AP; Stanford Hughes, FIIDA, FAIA, LEED AP; Susanne Molina, FIIDA, CID, LEED AP; and Joey Shimoda, FIIDA, FAIA. This year’s honorees will be introduced and celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, June 14, 2015, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

Admission to the College of Fellows is the highest honor paid by IIDA to its Professional Members, recognizing those whose activities and efforts have benefitted and enhanced IIDA, and whose design works have influenced and enhanced the Interior Design profession.

“IIDA is honored to welcome these four amazing design leaders into the College of Fellows,” Bissonnette said. “For decades, these individuals have been trailblazers in our industry and have made a significant impact to the world of Interior Design. They each bring a unique design perspective, as well as a wide range of experience and projects across numerous industries and fields. We look forward to welcoming them to the College of Fellows at the IIDA Annual Meeting in June.”

Julio Braga, FIIDA, LEED AP
Julio Braga is Design Principal at IA Interior Architects and has directed a broad range of projects both domestically and internationally in his more than 25 years of professional experience. Before joining IA Interior Architects 10 years ago, Braga worked at WalkerGroup/CNI's Environmental Branding Studio as Design Director, and then established Braga Oris Associates only five years later. His numerous accolades include Institute of Store Planners' Specialty Store of the Year Award in 2002, for his Ford new-concept store; IFMA Design Excellence Award for his design of the IA Interior Architects offices in New York; and Interior Design magazine's Best of the Year award for his headquarters project for Bancolombia in Medellin, Colombia, in 2009. His Bancolombia project also earned him the CoreNet CA Chapter Innovation Award, the IIDA NY Chapter Lester Dundes Award, and the IIDA Global Design Excellence Award.

Stanford Hughes, FIIDA, FAIA, LEED AP
Stanford Hughes is Design Principal at BraytonHughes Design Studio. Throughout his career Hughes has developed the design of Hospitality, Corporate and Residential Interiors into a comprehensive practice internationally recognized for design excellence. Each project reflects his concern with creating a unique sense of place in response to project context and the client's requirements. He has brought both innovation and care to the design process while keeping his sights on the deeper meaning design. Before joining BraytonHughes, Hughes was with the San Francisco office of Skidmore Owings and Merrill where he was an associate partner and director of the interior design studio. Hughes was honored with the Designer of the Year Award for 1996 from Interiors Magazine.
Susanne Molina, FIIDA, CID, LEED AP
With a degree in Environmental Design, Susanne Molina has focused her practice in commercial interiors with an emphasis on corporate interiors. As Director for Klawiter and Associates, Molina is involved in Operations and Business Development for the firm. Additionally, she is cross-trained in all aspects of Interior Design from programming/strategic planning, design and project management, through construction documentation and detailing, and construction administration. Molina has also been active in legislative efforts within the State of California which included a Board position for the Interior Design Coalition of California and VP Government & Regulatory Affairs for the Southern California Chapter of IIDA.

Joey N. Shimoda, FIIDA, FAIA
Joey N. Shimoda earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 1988. On February 14, 2000 he founded Shimoda Design Group, a studio founded on a multi-disciplined platform that seeks to bring quality design, innovation and technical excellence in projects of every scale. In addition to the core staff of six, the studio has the ability to assemble an optimum team of design professionals according to each client’s needs. They include planners, landscape architects, graphic designers, lighting consultants and marketing professionals. Currently the firm has ongoing projects in Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles.

For more information about the IIDA College of Fellows, visit www.iida.org.

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