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## MICHAEL STEVENSON, FAIA, LEADS PERKINS EASTMAN'S NEW RALEIGH STUDIO *Strategic hire augments firm's urban design, science and technology, and higher education expertise in rapidly-growing region*



Michael Stevenson, FAIA, Photo © Eric Atkinson/Courtesy Perkins Eastman

**Raleigh, NC (November 30, 2020)** Michael Stevenson, FAIA, joins [Perkins Eastman](https://www.perkinseastman.com) as principal in the firm's new Raleigh, NC, studio. Stevenson brings over 40 years' experience of award-winning expertise in urban planning, science, and technology, and higher education. A graduate of NC State University, Stevenson has designed for a variety of markets in the Raleigh and Research Triangle region, including the new Durham headquarters for BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, the Butterfield Transportation Center in Greenville, and the RTP campus for Fidelity Investments.

Following his graduation from Columbia University with a Masters in Architecture and Urban Design, Stevenson worked in Manhattan for 13 years with NY-based Ehrenkrantz, Eckstut, and Kuhn. In 2000, he returned to Raleigh as Design Principal for KlingStubbins (later Jacobs). Most recently, Stevenson worked for Perkins and Will as the practice leader of Cities + Sites, where he led the design of projects including the North Carolina Freedom Park in Raleigh, the 137 E Franklin Street Innovation Hub in Chapel Hill, as well as master plans and urban mixed-use developments nationwide.

Shawn Basler, AIA, Co-CEO and Executive Director of Perkins Eastman notes, "Michael's talent as a designer, his innate leadership qualities, and his strong connections in Raleigh and the region are a great addition to our growing team. We look forward to working together to build the relationships and design the projects that best serve our current and future clients."

"Perkins Eastman has the depth of design talent, portfolio of diverse project types, and the project delivery expertise to serve and grow with our expanding market; we look forward to building on that foundation to



create a strong design presence here in the Triangle,” remarked Stevenson when asked about his ambitions for the new studio.

Stevenson joins recently-promoted Charlotte studio leaders Julie Moller and Bruce Moore in expanding Perkins Eastman’s presence in North Carolina and the southeast. “Operating two studios in North Carolina is necessary for us to continue to provide exceptional service and award-winning design in our state and region,” said Bruce Moore. “Julie and I are excited to collaborate with Michael and the Raleigh team on a number of exciting new projects,” he added.

With its location in Raleigh, Perkins Eastman will draw from its firmwide expertise in higher education, K-12, and science and technology, while leveraging the Charlotte studio’s strengths in senior living, interior design, commercial, healthcare, and mixed-use. The Raleigh Union Station Phase II (RUS Bus) project in Raleigh, a dining hall for UNC Wilmington, and the renovation of Beard Hall at UNC Chapel Hill, are among a growing roster of work for the new Raleigh studio.

Renowned for its distinctively empathetic and humane process, Perkins Eastman excels in its ability to blend its global expertise with a grassroots, boots-on-the-ground approach to projects and clients. The award-winning and accessible nature of the firm’s work, as well as its priority on mentorship, firm culture, and local engagement, has helped the global firm’s various studios integrate organically within their communities.

Perkins Eastman is excited to open its new Raleigh studio and welcome Michael Stevenson to the team.

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