Heather Smith Award 2013 Recipients

**Marcella Barriere**  
*Boston, MABA Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1990 LEED AP 2007*

Prior to attending MIT, Marcella held the position of Senior Property Manager and Asset Manager for Paradigm Properties with operational and financial oversight for 2M square feet of office and industrial assets located from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania.

Ms. Barriere has a broad real estate background with experience in multiple disciplines, including finance, construction, development and sustainability. Before joining Paradigm, Marcella served as Project Manager for Northland Investment Corporation where she oversaw residential and large-scale mixed-use developments.

Ms. Barriere holds a BA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is a LEED AP and anticipates completing her Master’s Certificate in Sustainable Design at Boston Architectural College in 2013.

**Bonnie Burgett**  
*Dallas, MABS Management Studies, Boston College, 2005*

Born and raised in Dallas, TX, Bonnie has spent the last 7 years working in real estate in Dallas. Her career began working for development company Cypress Equities as an analyst for a $1.2B REIT. She later had the opportunity to work closely with a small, entrepreneurial team as a Development Manager for a $400M luxury condo-hotel development in Mammoth, CA.
Most recently Bonnie worked for an affiliate of a special servicer, C-III Realty Services, managing a team that was responsible for selling REO commercial properties and non-performing commercial mortgages. She completed approximately $300M in sales in less than two years at C-III.

Bonnie holds a BS in Finance from Boston College and is a licensed real estate broker in the State of Texas.

Alexis Wheeler  
Cambridge, MABArch, BS Building Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2002MCP, MIT, 2012

Prior to her time at MIT, Alexis was a Seattle-based architect working on award-winning, multi-scalar projects. Her specialization was in large-scale, international mixed-use development and smaller, domestic projects focused on multifamily housing for a variety of populations. She created a studio within the firm that catered to mixed-income and affordable housing as well as innovative urban housing models.

While at MIT she has co-instructed Urban Design Skills, a graduate level course that teaches observational, technical, and representational skills to non-designers venturing into urban design. Alexis was then hired as a Research Assistant to Dennis Frenchman as part of the Making Clean Energy Cities in China team where she has been creating comprehensive development guidelines for rapidly developing neighborhoods as well as editing/co-authoring to two publications. She spent her summer as a Research Fellow at the Laboratory for Contemporary Urban Design at Tel Aviv University researching and devising urban regeneration strategies for aging new towns.

Alexis is pursuing joint degree in the MSRED program and a Masters in City Planning, City Design and Development. She received a BArch and BS in Building Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She hopes to specialize in complex neighborhood development while fostering increased collaboration between disciplines.