

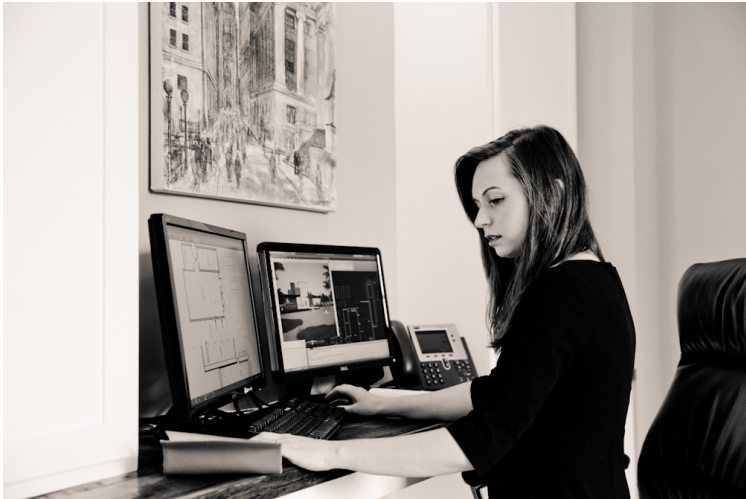
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This week, Curbed National is *examining what it's like to be a woman working in architecture*. Today, writer [Lamar Anderson](#) profiles Courtney Brett, who, at 24, became the youngest licensed architect in the history of the American Institute of Architects.



[Photo courtesy of Casburn Brett.]

If you know **Courtney Brett's** name, you probably remember her as the [lovely but mysteriously grayscaled](#) millennial who, at 24, became the **youngest licensed architect in the history of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)**. In 2012 Brett made headlines as the architectural wunderkind who began college at 14, transferred to Auburn University's architecture program at 16, and, at 20, reported for duty at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York. By 21, she was working on Qatar Petroleum, an unbuilt complex for Doha that, at the time, was shaping up to be the largest construction project in the world.

In the slow-moving universe of architecture, 24 is the equivalent of a child star. And, as befalls anyone celebrated for her youth, Brett was quickly supplanted: in 2013, her former Auburn classmate Rosannah Sandoval, just 23 at the time, [unseated](#) her as AIA's reigning ingenue.

[Brett already runs her own firm >>](#)

KIDS THESE DAYS! [The youngest member of the American Institute of Architects is 25-year-old Courtney Brett, who tells AIArchitect how she founded her Alabama-based firm last year.](#) Brett started college at 14 and landed a gig at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill by 20. See, some people [do get jobs as architects!](#) [AIArchitect via [Architizer](#)]



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