

## **Coleman Coker**

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Coker founded buildingstudio in 1999 after thirteen-year partnership with Samuel Mockbee as Mockbee/Coker Architects. Regularly acknowledged for design excellence, buildingstudio has received numerous honors including National AIA Honor awards, Architectural Record, "Record House" awards and P/A Design Awards, which included a low-cost housing prototype—"Breaking the Cycle of Poverty". buildingstudio's work has been highlighted at MoMA, SF MoMA, Wexner Center for the Arts, the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum and the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.