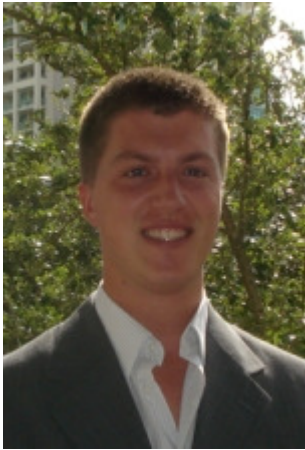


## Rising Star: South Florida Chapter's Mark Schreiber



Mark Schreiber is moving sustainability in the right direction, and he's moving fast. A native of Cary, N.C., Schreiber made his way to the University of Miami to study architecture in 2004. Inspired by his older brother to the issues surrounding sustainability, he first got involved with USGBC in 2005 after receiving a scholarship from the South Florida Chapter to pursue a LEED AP credential. He went on to become the first student at the University of Miami to become a LEED AP.

During a study session with other members of the South Florida Chapter, Schreiber remembers asking the question, "What is this EGB [Emerging Green Builders] thing?" Things began to fall quickly into place after that. "My motto is that you can't procrastinate if you're going to change the world. I believe that USGBC subscribes to this ideology, and that is why I am so passionate about my work with the organization."

Instrumental in founding the EGB group at the University of Miami, Schreiber used EGB to push for a stronger emphasis on sustainability within the university curriculum. The UM EGB group was the first within the South Florida Chapter, which now supports Emerging Professionals committees for three branches and soon to be seven USGBC Student groups.

Upon joining the EGB National Committee in 2008, Schreiber had the opportunity to bring his drive and passion to a national stage. For two years, he has worked to help solidify the definition of an "emerging professional," research and create a new name for EGB - USGBC Emerging Professionals - and provide valuable tools and resources to the local Emerging Professionals in his Florida/Caribbean region.

His hard work and dedication were rewarded by the other members of the EGB National Committee when he was elected as its chair for the 2010-2011 term.

"Every now and again, a young professional steps into a volunteer role with the Chapter, and almost instantly everyone involved knows that we've got someone very special on the team. Mark Schreiber is such a volunteer," says Lee Cooke, Executive Director of the USGBC South Florida Chapter. "From the get-go, Mark's volunteer efforts were of the highest caliber, but this personable and talented young man has evolved into one of our strongest and most respected leaders, always setting a great example for his volunteer peers and, of course, for our emerging professionals."

Schreiber has most recently been involved with the chapter network's efforts regarding Haiti relief and reconstruction. In fact, the New York Times recently featured one of his drawings in an article covering the redevelopment of Haiti. Schreiber's drawing, depicting a new plan for the city of Port Salut, showcases his ability to apply creativity to complex situations and signals that he is here to stay in the green building movement.

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