

INTEREST STATEMENT:

I am an Architect and Educator with a great love and passion for architectural education and the future of our profession. My interest in this call for service was immediate. I take great pride in offering my time for the betterment of our Universities, communities, and practice. To maintain relevancy as Architects and as a discipline, we must recognize who we are, and where we're going. The ARCC's commitment to innovation, leadership and education are of great interest to me; in particular, the goals that facilitate the development of research culture, awareness, collaborative connections and most importantly, exchange to promote *change*. This past summer, my University awarded me with a Mid-Career Faculty Fellowship. With this achievement, it's allowed me to reflect on my approaches to teaching architecture and to think bigger about design in relationship to our larger contexts. As an ARCC Board member, I would intend to grow capacities for research and advancement by encouraging interdisciplinary works that yields new research to our communities – from the local to the international – with the potential to be pioneers in our discipline. My academic research focuses on the interdisciplinary connections between architecture, dance and cognition. With this niche, I have a sincere interest in how innovations in architectural education and practice can expand and improve our futures. If we never question or assess what we do, then how can we advance it and maintain relevancy within it? This quest has defined my approach to research, stimulates my creativity, and has produced an array of nationally and internationally awards and collaborations. The phenomena of crossing boundaries amongst peers and exchange can only strengthen the potential for a better, and more thoughtful, future. Thank you for your time to review my application to serve on the ARCC Board, it would truly be an honor. I look forward to hearing from you soon and launch the hard work on the horizon. I would ensure the growth and potential of the ARCC's mission to lead in the exchange of architectural education, research and practice.