

SARAH CURRY

*2016 Declaration of Candidacy
AIAS South Quad Director 2017-2018*

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November 20, 2016

Danielle Mitchell, Associate AIA, Elections Committee Chair
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

I am writing to inform you that I intend to run for the office of 2017-2018 AIAS South Quad Director. I believe that I am equipped for this role because of everything the AIAS has taught me since I became a member three and a half years ago. In my Auburn University chapter, I've learned how to be a better designer through workshops, programs, and discounts that supplement and improve my college education. The relationships I formed with my former chapter leaders and mentors are still some of the strongest friendships I have today.

At a national level, I've learned how to be a better person. Countless inspirational keynote speakers have told their stories of how they were able to influence their homes, communities, workplaces, and cities and leave them better than the way they found them. As problem solvers and designers, they were armed with thoughtfulness, practicality, and compassion - more than the average student is taught while earning their degree.

I know that it takes dedicated and enthusiastic leaders to make this amazing organization what it is and to fight for us as students everyday. I've been honored to meet some of the women and men who lead the AIAS and have earned us a seat at the table among the best and brightest of our profession. In my short time as a member, these people have shown me how to lead with humility and passion and that the best architects are more than good designers.

The AIAS has taught me how to be the best version of myself and how to be a well-rounded architect that can make the world a better place. My goals as South Quad Director would be to further empower every chapter president and every single member to leave their worlds better than how they found them by taking advantage of the resources, tools, and lessons afforded us by the AIAS. I also hope to represent my South Quad well and accurately in order to make their concerns and voices heard.

Thank you for your consideration,



Sarah Curry

resume

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EDUCATION

- Auburn University - Auburn, AL** **2013–Present**
School of Architecture, Planning, & Landscape Architecture
B. Arch expected in 2018
- Cornell University - Ithaca, NY** **Summer 2012**
School of Continuing Education & Summer Sessions
Intro to Architecture Program
- Starr's Mill High School - Fayetteville, GA** **2009–2013**

EXPERIENCE

- Perkins+Will - Atlanta, GA** **Summer 2014–Present**
Architectural Intern: Researching and data collection for the publishing and e-publishing of Principal Dan Watch's book about the design of Health Sciences Education. Also created graphics, diagrams, and site documents for several prospective projects in the Science + Technology department.
- Auburn University School of Architecture - Auburn, AL** **2015–Present**
Student Photographer: Documenting the day-to-day student experience in the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction in addition to special events, football tailgates, and social media interaction.
- Kumon Math & Reading Center - Peachtree City, GA** **2013–2014**
Grader and Director of Computer Input: In addition to basic clerical work, grading involved checking incoming homework, distributing new homework, tutoring, and recording results. Also was in charge of transferring the grades of all students into the national network system for review by the corporate office.

HONORS

- Rural Studio Best Chair Award 2016
Foundation Unit Book Award Recipient 2014
Auburn University Presidential Scholar 2013
NOMA Student Design Competition Winner 2013
National Achievement Finalist 2013
Girl Scout Gold Award 2012

LEADERSHIP

- AIAS Chapter President 2016–2017
AIAS National Advocacy Committee Member 2016–2017
Auburn University CAD/C Ambassador 2016–2017
AIAS Chapter Pumpkin Carve Director 2015
AIAS Chapter Secretary & Social Media Manager 2014–2015
AIAS Chapter Foundation Unit Year Level Representative 2013



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PLANNING, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

November 18, 2016

Danielle Mitchell, Assoc. AIA
Elections Committee Chair
American Institute of Architecture Students
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Sarah Curry's Candidacy for AIAS South Quad Director

Dear Danielle,

I am pleased to confirm that Sarah Curry, current President of the Auburn AIAS Chapter, has the full support of the School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture regarding her interest in running for a seat on the AIAS Board as South Quad Director in the upcoming AIAS Elections.

Sarah has been an outstanding student leader here at Auburn, serving in a series of service and leadership roles since she began our program. She has demonstrated the ability to balance the responsibilities associated with AIAS service and her commitments as a student in our program, and I am confident she will be able to sustain this balance during a term on the AIAS Board.

I am confident that Sarah would do an outstanding job as South Quad Director. On behalf of our school and the architecture program, I am happy to offer her our encouragement and support in this effort.

Sincerely,

David W. Hinson, FAIA
Professor and Head of School

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candidate questionnaire

1] Describe your origin story as a student leader. What prompted you to get involved? What advice would you give others who have yet to realize their potential for leadership?

When I was a freshman, Auburn University was hosting the Fall South Quad with Tuskegee University. Our AIAS chapter president at the time visited our studio multiple times to encourage us to go, so my friends and I all signed up together. We were running late to the first general session, but as soon as I walked in, I was confronted with a room full of screaming, shouting, and laughing. It was my first ever roll call and my curiosity was sparked. The rest of the conference left me speechless, how had I stumbled into this group of people who all cared about architecture almost as much as they cared about each other? When we got back to school, I asked our chapter president if she needed any help. She made me "First Year Liaison" and let me attend the Executive Board meetings. I let my whole year know about all of the upcoming AIAS events and talked to everyone one-on-one to try to get them to register. For the first time ever at Auburn, an entire year level were AIAS members. At the end of that year, the Executive Board encouraged me to run for secretary. I would tell anyone who would listen that the best leaders are the people who care a lot about something; if you enjoy it, make sure other people can enjoy it too! And you can make that happen by volunteering to lead. As current chapter president, I try to make sure that the joy that I felt is available for everybody.

2] In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to student loan debt, studio culture, intern development, leadership, technology, and diversity. What one issue do you personally find the most important? How would you make progress on this issue as an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors?

It is hard for me to separate these issues because I feel that they are all related to each other and particularly relevant to students of this generation. I believe that by encouraging more students to embrace their own potential and take on leadership roles, we can get the help we need to make change in other areas. Right now, I am on the Advocacy Committee and I have loved learning about my fellow members and their chapters. We are all incredibly passionate, yet we are all almost finished with our undergraduate schooling. As South Quad Director, I would do my best to advocate for and encourage younger students to become more involved so that we can affect change in regards to studio culture, intern development, technology, and diversity, before our members' last years of school. The AIAS already has so many leadership opportunities, and if we can empower younger members to take on some of these roles, then they can still have time to take what they've learned and make a significant difference in their environments. Diversity in age may also help us all to remember our first glimpse of architecture and influence and understand the next generation.

3] The AIAS has over 160 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size from just a few students to hundreds. **How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership?** What resources would you propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world?

Because I come from an area where diversity is actually quite scarce, it is especially important to me that our members see and acknowledge what diversity looks like and how it can benefit everyone, particularly through collaboration. From the point of view of a member, the only time I get to interact with other chapters is during conferences. Unfortunately, not everyone can always make it to FORUM or Grassroots, so one of my goals would definitely be to help members connect during the school year or even on their own time. If elected as South Quad Director, I would also hope to work with other Quad Directors in order to stimulate and encourage learning opportunities between chapters all over the country. Whether the connections are educational, mentorship, or service-based, I think that sharing resources with other schools could increase membership value and help chapters grow.

4] **Describe one area in which you see an untapped opportunity for the AIAS to engage in a new way.** Either with other organizations, with school faculty and administrators, with the profession, with the international design community, or any other audience or venue.

I think that the AIAS could increase diverse interactions between design students by engaging with other design organizations. I have often heard of successful events co-hosted by NOMA and AIAS chapters, and at Auburn, we try to collaborate with the American Society of Landscape Architects and the School of Industrial Design fairly frequently. These unofficial partnerships where we all get together to benefit the students of our schools are incredibly eye-opening for those of us who keep to ourselves in the architecture studio all the time. Collaborative ventures between national organizations may help ease the school-level mentality that the cultures shouldn't mix. In the corporate world, architects have to work with other kinds of designers all the time, so why not begin to work those designers while we're still in school? By simply hanging out more with other design majors, we can become more conscious of things that would make our architecture better. I imagine a national program for the AIAS and Freedom By Design that promotes purposeful interaction and the sharing of knowledge.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS

In July 1993, the AIAS Board of Directors adopted a "Public Policy on Uncompensated Interns." The policy has been subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board and reads as follows:

The AIAS maintains that employers must properly compensate all employees. Compensation must be in compliance with the regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are working.

In 2010, AIAS crafted a public statement on intern compensation in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the American Institute of Architects, which reads as follows:

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Institute of Architecture Students recognize that architects are bound by law and ethics to pay interns, and strongly advocate for the appropriate compensation of architectural students and interns. Because of current economic transformations, some architects have both solicited and accepted the services and labor of interns without pay. We strongly urge architectural firms and other for-profit employers to respect the law and comply with the ethical standards of our profession, and we strongly encourage interns to refuse to accept employment without pay, and to notify the Department of Labor in cases where employers propose such an arrangement. For more information on labor laws and professional ethics, please see the AIA Code of Ethics and the U.S. Labor Department standards under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to determine their own hours and degree of involvement. The AIA has established guidelines for service that are provided on a Pro Bono basis. They can be found under the member section of the AIA website.

POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS AFFIRMATION

As a way of confirming that the AIAS is not promoting or being promoted by architects employing unpaid interns, we ask that each participant in an official AIAS function review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation in our event and thank you for your support of our position against unpaid internships. This position is supported as well by the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Name: Sarah Curry

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employ interns, I further affirm that I do not use unpaid architectural interns in my professional practice when applicable by federal wage and hour laws.

Signature: 

Date: 11/20/2016



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS

Elections are a critical step by which the American Institute of Architecture Students is governed. Annual elections, as outlined in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, ensure that the membership of the organization participates in the selection of the best candidates to serve on the national Board of Directors.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors represent the membership and ensure the continued success of the organization. Therefore, participants who are involved in the elections process, including candidates, Board members and elections committee members, are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and good judgment.

Confidentiality is required of all participants in the elections process. Participants should not discuss details of the elections process to the general membership before, during or after FORUM. Elections information that is considered public knowledge, and therefore can be shared with the membership, occurs during the General Business Sessions and at the General Assemblies.

Campaigning is strictly prohibited prior to FORUM. Conversation between chapters regarding candidates should not take place. Campaigning will only begin at the first General Assembly of FORUM.

Campaigning during FORUM shall be professional. Candidates and candidate support groups should be respectful in their campaigning efforts. Disrespectful campaigning will be a violation of the Elections Code of Ethics, and will be grounds for immediate review by the Elections Committee.

Campaigning materials should follow the Election Guidelines, and should be distributed in appropriate venues only. Appropriate venues include FORUM General Business Sessions, General Assemblies, and Quad Breakouts.

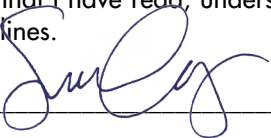
As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Elections Chair.

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION

To promote the highest level of professionalism during elections, we ask that each participant in the elections process review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation and thank you for your support and dedication to the organization.

Name: Sarah Curry

I do hereby affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIAS Elections Code of Ethics and the Elections Guidelines.

Signature: 

Date: 11/20/2016

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.



**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

Candidate contact information will only be used by the Elections Committee to communicate elections-related information. If provided, social media handles will be shared when candidates are posted publicly on AIAS website and social media.

Name (as preferred): Sarah Curry

Chapter: Auburn University

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): Chapter President

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Mobile Phone Number: 678.993.8711

Social Media Account Handles (optional):

- Facebook: Sarah Curry
- Twitter: @
- Instagram: @murry_curry
- Other:

Sarah Curry

for AIAS South Quad Director



Auburn University AIAS Chapter President *2016-2017*
National Advocacy Committee *2016-2017*
Fall Fundraising Chair *2015-2016*
Secretary + Social Media Manager *2014-2015*
First Year Level Liaison *2013-2014*