



DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR  
THE 2017-2018  
NATIONAL AIAS VICE PRESIDENT



*"WHAT WOULD LIFE BE IF WE HAD NO COURAGE TO ATTEMPT ANYTHING?"*

- VINCENT VAN GOGH

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NOVEMBER 3, 2016

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS  
1735 NEW YORK AVE., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

**RE: CANDIDACY LETTER OF INTENT**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

My name is Adam Gregory Fogel, and I am writing to express my desire to run for the National AIAS Vice President position for the 2017-2018 year.

My involvement with AIAS began my freshman year at the University of Texas at Arlington. I attended a Freedom By Design Event and was greeted with kindness and enthusiasm by the UTA AIAS leadership. This quickly taught me that the most important part of being a mentor and leader is building relationships with others. I quickly joined this amazing organization and it has played such a significant role in my life.

My chapter leadership experience, Treasurer and Freedom By Design Project Manager, as well as being a part of the National AIAS Freedom By Design Advisory Group has taught me a great deal about the organization, its successes, and shortcomings. Its successes are thanks to the incredible people I have met at past Grassroots and FORUM conferences. Their passion and drive for the organization is something I share and wish to continue during the 2017-2018 year. Throughout my 4 years in the organization, I have seen many great steps forward to surpass some of the shortcomings AIAS has faced in the past such as the development of the new and improved AIAS website, the greater social media presence, and the larger and stronger national staff.

As Vice President, I will strive to pass down this National success to the local chapters. With more thorough resources for chapter leaders for initiatives such as Freedom By Design, Firm Crawls, Career Fairs, and a Mentorship Program, the local presence of AIAS will grow exponentially.

It would truly be my honor to serve this fantastic organization that I have grown to love and consider family during the 2017-2018 year as National AIAS Vice President.

Sincerely,



**ADAM GREGORY FOGEL**

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## LEADERSHIP

NATIONAL AIAS  
FREEDOM BY DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP  
*AUGUST 2016 - PRESENT*

UT ARLINGTON AIAS  
FREEDOM BY DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER  
*AUGUST 2016 - PRESENT*

UT ARLINGTON AIAS  
CAPPA ARCHITECTURE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LIAISON  
*AUGUST 2016 - PRESENT*

UT ARLINGTON AIAS  
TREASURER  
*AUGUST 2014 - JULY 2016*

UT ARLINGTON HONORS COLLEGE  
HONORS ADVOCATE  
*AUGUST 2013 - PRESENT*

## EXPERIENCE

UTA FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
DESIGN DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT  
*AUG 2013 - PRESENT*

## STUDY ABROAD

UTA ARCHITECTURE | ITALY AND SWITZERLAND  
*SUMMER 2016*

UTA HONORS COLLEGE | GREECE  
*SUMMER 2015*

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON  
BACHELORS OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE  
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY MINOR  
*MAY 2017*

## AWARDS

EAGLE SCOUT  
HONORS ROBERT D. RILEY SCHOLARSHIP  
PETSCHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY ABROAD

## ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS  
*AUGUST 2013 - PRESENT*

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
*AUGUST 2005 - MAY 2013*

UTA HONORS COLLEGE  
*AUGUST 2013 - PRESENT*







UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS  
ARLINGTON

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE,  
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November 3, 2016

Danielle Mitchell, Assoc. AIA  
Elections Chair & Elections Committee  
The American Institute of Architecture Students  
1735 New York Ave., Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Candidacy of Adam Fogel for National AIAS Vice President

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Adam Fogel, who is a candidate for National AIAS Vice President. Over the past two years, Adam has truly become one of a handful of student leaders within the architecture program here at the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs. He literally is one of the most high-profile students in the building, continually involved with AIAS endeavors. As you know, given the 24/7 studio culture within schools of architecture, such dedication to a student organization requires a high level of time management skills and dedication, of which Adam definitely has. Indeed, I often regard students in positions of AIAS leadership as being role models for their classmates, especially those classmates who do have time management issues. AIAS leaders therefore play a vital role in this regard, for the message that they impart regarding time management is more readily received by their classmates than any exhortation delivered by a faculty or administration member. Adam certainly leads by example in this regard.

Academically, Adam was an honors student within the first semester of a required history course that I teach, History of Architecture + Design I. All Honors College students who take the course are graded in the same manner as graduate students, being required to take five exams and write a research paper. His paper about the Duomo in Florence not only was a model of good research and writing, but also displayed a level of polished presentation regarding his illustrations that I do not routinely see in such papers. In contrast to most of the students who wrote research papers that year, Adam went beyond the minimum text length because his discussion of the Duomo warranted it. This was an indication of a student whose motivation and depth of critical inquiry guided his paper, not the usual mindset of fulfilling a minimum. In fact, he was the only student that year to score 15 out of 15 points on his research paper.

In conclusion, AIAS has a candidate for National Vice President who is very strong in both leadership qualities and academic capabilities, and I support him in his candidacy. It is my sincere hope that he achieves this position, for I am confident that he can have as substantial an impact on the national AIAS level as he has had within our AIAS chapter here at UT Arlington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Klahr'.

Douglas Klahr, Ph.D.

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**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?**

My involvement as a student leader begins in my high school marching band. My peers looked to me for guidance and I quickly learned the ropes of being a student leader. A leader does not automatically acquire respect; a leader must earn it. A leader does not dictate what others must do; a leader must guide them. A leader does not force others down a path; a leader must construct the way and help others overcome any obstacles they might face.

My leadership experience as Drum Major became extremely beneficial upon my arrival at the University of Texas in Arlington. My freshman year I looked for organizations to join and fell in love with Freedom By Design and AIAS. Being able to give back to my community is an amazing feeling. This passion for volunteering was instilled in me during my time as a Boy Scout, and that flame still burns strong because the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout is something you carry with you for the rest of your life. And FBD is the perfect combination of my passions; architecture and helping those less fortunate than I. And now I am fortunate enough to serve on the Freedom By Design Advisory Group for AIAS.

The best advice I could give to others who have yet to realize their potential for leadership is to find your passion. A great leader is one who gives the best example of what needs to be done. If I was not passionate about FBD and AIAS, I would not be where I am today. But just as important, if not more, is to always be respectful, kind, and trustworthy. No one will follow someone who claims to be a leader if they do not treat others in the best way possible. And being kind to a fellow human being will put a smile on their face and a smile is worth its weight in gold.

**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?**

For me, the most important issue is studio culture. We live in a world where mental health is pushed aside. From a very young age we are taught that society only cares about the physical world. Your clothes, your body shape, your belongings, etc. are far less important than what advertising and media portray. Mental health has become a very important part of the culture at my school. We have a 24-hour crisis line, 10 counselors and a walk in counselling service, and mental health awareness week. Studio is by far the most stressful part of our education as architecture students. The long hours, professor remarks, and sharp objects can create an extremely hostile environment if not addressed properly.

As an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors, I would advocate for mental health awareness and help local AIAS chapters begin the conversation with their school to establish mental health services. But often times, many universities have these services, they just do not advertise them very well. This can be fixed by something as simple as adding a link to the counselling webpage at the end of a chapter newsletter. And the leadership needs to emphasize that mental health is important and people need to not be afraid to seek help because it is nothing to be ashamed about, no matter what pop culture may tell us.





**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?**

Minoring in Communication Technology has given me the skills to develop websites and better engage those on social media. The AIAS website has come a long way in the recent years, but I believe that it can grow and become an even better source of information for not only chapter leaders, but potential leaders and members as well. In order to have a successful chapter, communication is key. The resources page of the AIAS website has some great articles, but not much that would better serve chapter leaders to connect with other students and chapters. The most logical way of spreading these resources would be to establish a special committee, the Representatives of Worldwide Communication. These Representatives would be tasked with discovering the best forms of communication, developing resources for local growth and interaction, and would work with the AIAS National Board of Directors to strengthen communication of the AIAS Chapters throughout the world.

**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.**

The UTA AIAS Chapter has a mentorship program called CAMP; CAPPA Architecture Mentorship Program. CAPPA stands for the College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs. In the Fall semester, CAMP pairs freshman and sophomores with juniors, seniors, and graduate students. These mentorship pairs are to help the underclassmen learn important skills like time management and good studio habits faster than if they were learning it on their own. We have many events such as Photoshop tutorials, guest speakers who talk about their path through school and their career, and informative sessions on grad school or sketching. During the Spring semester, we change gears to CAMP\_Pro; the pairing of juniors, seniors, and graduates with professionals, whether they are recent grads or licensed architects. The events we hold throughout the semester include professional mixers, portfolio reviews lead by firms, and Firm Spotlights, a chance for a firm to visit our school and tell us about their culture and work.

For National AIAS, I propose AAMP, the AIAS Architecture Mentorship Program. Much like FBD, making this part of the National AIAS fabric will create a huge wave in the architecture community and will benefit students by giving them more resources to choose a path that best fits them, from licensure to advocacy.



## 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 graduates 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: ADAM GREGORY FOGEL

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: NOVEMBER 3, 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: ADAM GREGORY FOGEL

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: NOVEMBER 3, 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): ADAM GREGORY FOGEL

CHAPTER: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - ARLINGTON

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