



JORDAN LUTHER
NORTHEAST QUADRANT DIRECTOR
2023-24 CANDIDACY PACKET

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LETTER OF INTENT

Scott Cornelius, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA, Past President
American Institute of Architecture Students
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Dear Past President Cornelius,

I am thrilled to share with you that I will be running for the position of Northeast Quadrant Director.

When I joined AIAS as a slightly terrified yet curious first year undergraduate at UMass Amherst, I was entirely unaware of the impact it would have on my college career and who I am today. I remember missing the first formal general body session for my chapter and met separately with our chapter president. At that moment I was very nervous. He had gone out of his way to meet with me. I sat in our design building's "Post and Bean" coffee shop and chatted with him about the organization. In that moment, I immediately felt more comfortable, not only with the organization, but entering the profession altogether. This was the first time that I saw the impact that student leaders could have within the AIAS.

Throughout the year, he continued to reach out to me, seeing I was the youngest student in the group, to help me feel more welcome. He and many of the other upperclassmen introduced me to faculty and students to help me to understand how strong of a community I was a part of. It was through AIAS that I was able to find a safe space that I truly felt I had a family away from home. It meant the world to me that my peers; people that I so strongly looked up to were willing to act as such wonderful mentors for me.

This sense of empowerment that I received from our chapter leader, set the precedent of just how welcoming, and incredible the AIAS community is. The enthusiasm from my mentors has now propelled me to become chapter president at two different universities, have the pleasure of being a CRIT scholar, and the privilege of working with so many students from around the world through participating in three committees. This notion of encouraging others to take risks, pushing them to become the best leaders they can be, and helping them to realize their potential through advocacy is something I have had the pleasure of receiving from many of my mentors in this organization. I will make every effort in my power to pay it forward, empower our members in all and every way I can.

It is an incredible honor to declare my intention to run for the position of Northeast Quad Director of the American Institute of Architecture Students. Thank you Scott, for your consideration of my candidacy and your service for being an inspiration and a leader to all of us.

Sincerely,

Jordan M Luther





JORDAN MARIE LUTHER, AIAS

LEADERSHIP

AIAS CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

2022-2023

AIAS CARNEGIE MELLON, GRADUATE STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE

2021-2022

AIAS UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

2020-2021

CHAPTER SECRETARY,

2019 - 2020

AIAS NATIONAL

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES TASK FORCE CHAIR

2022-2023

CRIT SCHOLAR RECIPIENT

2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

2021-2022

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE MEMBER

2020-2021

CONFERENCES AND AWARDS

ALPHA RHO CHI, UMASS AMHERST RECIPIENT

SPRING, 2021

AIA DESIGN PITTSBURGH, STUDENT MC

FALL 2022

AIA/ACSA RESILIENT FUTURES PANELIST

FALL 2022

AIAS FORUM

2018, 2020, 2021

AIAS GRASSROOTS

2020, 2021

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EDUCATION

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY: PITTSBURGH, PA

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE CANDIDATE, 2021-2023

GPA, 3.85

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE, 2017-2021

Minors: Art History, Building Construction Technology

GPA, 3.9

EXPERIENCE

CARNEGIE MELLON SOA: CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH, GYMLACIUM EXHIBITION

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, FALL 2022- SPRING 2023

HASENSTAB ARCHITECTS, AIA

HEALTHCARE DESIGN TEAM INTERN, 2022

CARNEGIE MELLON SOA: MODERN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

TEACHING ASSISTANT, 2022

CARNEGIE MELLON SOA: DIGITAL FABRICATION LAB MONITOR

FALL 2021-SPRING 2022

MARC STERNICK ARCHITECT, AIA, CPCH, AMHERST, MA

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER, SUMMER 2021

HITACHI CABLE AMERICA: ASHAWAY, RI

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND QC INTERN, 2019-21

UMASS AMHERST ART HISTORY DEPARTMENT

EXHIBITION DESIGNER AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT, 2020-21

UMASS AMHERST DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE: ARCHITECTURE 100 FOR NON-MAJORS

TEACHING ASSISTANT, 2020

JOHN PATRICK WALSH, AIA- ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

ARCHITECTURE INTERN, 2016-2019

OCEAN COMMUNITY YMCA, FIGURE SKATING INSTRUCTOR

WINTERS OF 2014-2018

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. We all love the AIAS for different reasons, but it takes a critical and constructive analysis of the institutions we appreciate most to continue to evolve them into entities that can support each new generation of membership. Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What about the organization and its membership motivates you to seek a leadership position?

I believe that one of the strongest aspects of AIAS is the sense of community that it fosters. Students are enabled to make connections not only with their peers from a national and international standpoint but also with professionals. This sense of mentorship where members can both act as mentors and mentees is an aspect I feel is very unique and powerful within the AIAS.

I joined the AIAS when I was a first year undergraduate, in large part because my mentor from the architecture firm that I did my high school senior project with encouraged me to join as soon as I arrived at school. As a member of the AIAS, I have been privy to numerous mentorship experiences from the alumni mentorship programs that the AIAS offers, to the Young Architects Forum and AIA, but most importantly, through my peers. The power of the shoulder tap is something that runs so strongly throughout the AIAS. The encouragement from our leaders is what has encouraged me to run for this position. It is something that I will continue to harness and encourage our members to empower our members to feel confident in taking risks, and become better leaders, together as an organization. If elected, I intend to continue the spirit of the shoulder tap through outreach across many different levels: our Quad, nationally, professionally, and to our high school chapters, to encourage mentorship that will span generations.

2. Describe your leadership style. Explain how previous experiences working with teams have helped you discover your leadership style.

As I have grown as a leader, I have found that my greatest strengths are communicating with others and relating to them on a personal level. In high school, I fell in love with the sport of rowing. Being on the crew team has taught me that everyone is equally important in their roles and everyone always has something to offer. It's when we find what we're good at and we all work together, that things have great potential to flow seamlessly. In order for that to happen, we have to look for the good in one another, point out when someone is doing well, and address any problems that may need to be addressed.

Throughout my education and work experience I have found this to be true. I have been able to take this knowledge from rowing and apply it to my current leadership positions. As a chapter leader at two different universities with students from all over the world, I have learned to make my style of leadership adaptable to what our board and chapter wants and needs. This is true in both our chapter and task force meetings, where I do my very best to create an environment in that everyone is comfortable participating. I also always make an effort to check in on the well being of our chapter, most especially during these unprecedented times. I believe that a team works best when everyone is happy and comfortable, so I strive to ensure that they are satisfied in every way.

QUESTIONNAIRE

3. In recent years, the AIAS has increased its efforts in advocacy for architecture students on issues including but not limited to health and wellness, equity, student loan debt, Learning & Teaching Culture, practice experience, leadership, and technology. 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?

Throughout my own journey as a student leader, I have had the opportunity to grow and change alongside the AIAS. We all very quickly had to adapt to an entirely new virtual world during the pandemic and for quite some time, the structure of our education was entirely different. COVID-19 drastically changed our studio environment and has forced us to at times sacrifice our mental health and wellness. As the Northeast Quad Director, I would make it a priority to emphasize healthy studio culture, an inviting community, and a common practice of acknowledging mental health.

Even as our world somewhat returns to normalcy, we still face many hurdles that make being a student incredibly challenging. Just because the world is starting to return to how it was post COVID, does not mean the troubles we face with our mental health will fade away. As we all know architecture is infamous for being one of the most challenging majors in which we oftentimes have to sacrifice our mental well being: our sleep schedules, how often we eat, and our work life balance can often times be compromised. No matter how hard our schools try to remediate this, it continues to be an issue in architectural education nation wide. As Northeast Quad Director, I would like to work with the Student Health and Wellbeing Task force to continue to help re-frame architectural education to create a healthier environment for students and faculty. I would strive to continue to make connections with organizations like our recent partnership with Betterhelp to allow our students to have a more positive experience in architectural education.

4. The AIAS has over 250 chapters across the U.S. and around the world, ranging in size, age range, and even purpose. 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?

Through my experiences in both my education and the AIAS, I have had the pleasure of working with students from vastly different backgrounds, all over the world. At Carnegie Mellon, our student body is comprised of nearly 60% international students. Working with students from all over the world has been an incredible experience as everyone has a unique perspective and experience that they bring. Many of the students in my class are also older than I am, therefore bringing lots of work experience and knowledge; it is in great privilege to be able to learn from them.

In my experience as Chair of the Sustainable Futures Task force this year, I had the privilege to work with students from all over the country and world. Through working remotely with students internationally with many different time zones, I have learned to be adaptable in coordinating our schedules. Our committee offered two separate meeting times in order to ensure everyone had the opportunity to join the meetings.

I believe if there is one great thing that came from the pandemic is our newfound awareness of the power of virtual connections. To further grow membership internationally, I would encourage our members to harness the virtual resources we have to create connections across chapters nationally and internationally to foster meaningful connections and co-mentorship.

QUESTIONNAIRE

5. Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board. Elaborate on your intended communication/action plan and the primary goals you have for your one-year term

Throughout my education, I have had the pleasure of serving in a number of research and teach assistant positions. These roles have taken the form of both entirely virtual, hybrid, and virtual experiences. Through these positions I have learned to communicate in a clear and timely manner to students and faculty. This has enabled me to understand my own capability to connect with students, faculty, and professionals even in an almost entirely virtual environment. I understand that communication is an enormous part of the QUAD Director role. I will strive to make every member of the Northeast Quad feel comfortable speaking in meetings and feel as though their voice is heard. One of the things I have loved about all of our National Board this year is how personable, kind, and willing to speak with anyone they have been. They are always quick to reach out and are very responsive whenever any members, including myself, have any questions or concerns.

As the Northeast Quadrant Director, I would always make myself available to answer any questions that the chapters and their members may have. I would allow chapter members to always communicate with me in whichever way shape or form that is most comfortable to whether it be via Slack, email, Instagram, Facebook, phone, etc. I would also ensure that the method of communication is adaptable based upon the success of outreach or response. Some members may not be familiar with certain platforms or may prefer to have a private conversation as opposed to a message in a group setting. As someone who can empathize with this, I am more than happy to make any accommodations that our members communicate as a quad and organization as a whole feel more interconnected and strong.

LETTER OF SCHOOL SUPPORT

WILLIAM J. BATES, FAIA, NOMA

November 27, 2022

Mr. Scott Cornelius, AIAS, NOMA, Assoc. AIA

AIAS Past President

1735 New York Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20006

Subject: AIAS National Board candidacy of Jordan Luther

Dear Mr. Cornelius,

I have the pleasure of writing a letter in support of the candidacy of Ms Jordan Luther for the National AIAS Board of Directors. I've served as her studio professor this semester at Carnegie Mellon University and have been very impressed by both her academic skills and her student leadership. Her stewardship in the local AIAS chapter has been influential in advancing initiatives around sustainability and equity. In design studio she is committed to exploring more holistic roles for architecture to serve an inclusive society. Likewise I have provided consultation as she prepares for her spring thesis. The School of Architecture has been supportive of her continued AIAS engagement.

Jordan has also demonstrated untiring energetic involvement in the AIAS Northeast Chapter as well as the National Level. She has also been active a student liaison on the AIA Pittsburgh Chapter board. I believe that Ms Luther would make an excellent National AIAS Board member, and could offer valuable perspectives and thoughtful leadership to the organization.

I'm convinced that she is destined to be an influential future leader of the professional and the Institute. I wholeheartedly recommend Ms Jordan Luther for a 2023 seat on the AIAS Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Bates, FAIA, NOMA

2019 National AIA President

Adjunct Professor of Architecture

LETTER OF MEMBER SUPPORT



Dear Past President Cornelius,

It is with the utmost honor that I write this letter to recommend Jordan Luther for the position of Northeast Quad Director. I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Jordan on our AIAS chapter's executive board at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and on the AIAS Sustainable Futures Task Force. I am a second-year undergraduate student at CMU who served as a first-year liaison last year with Jordan concurrently holding the position of graduate student liaison. I was able to witness her initiative and leadership as she moved to grow involvement and inter-organizational relationships with NOMAS and Interpunct on campus and even further to off-campus organizations like AIA Pittsburgh and YAF as she progressed to her current role as our chapter's president.

Jordan is able to stay very organized and manage multiple groups of individuals within our school's chapter and as a national AIAS committee chair. In each of these environments, I see—in action—the engagement she holds with each person by facilitating and establishing discussions with active questions. She holds the rare ability to keep the conversation light and fun, yet still focused and productive. Each day she continues to impress me with her balance of school, leadership in extra- and co-curricular activities, and social engagement with each of our chapter's members—all with a big smile. She is a bright leader who learns from and takes her plethora of past experiences, and implements similar solutions and practices into new and different environments.

Beyond her strong ambition and unparalleled organizational skills, Jordan Luther is an absolute joy to be around. She is not only experienced in various fields and aptitudes, but is also a delightful and charismatic person to engage and interact with. She is a sunshine personality; she is constantly in a positive, encouraging, and supportive mindset, and radiates this energy through a simple smile and laugh that immediately grows throughout the rest of the room.

In many ways, she goes above and beyond without fail. This not only applies to her own impressive work, but also in the way that she supports her peers and those she leads. She has established, promoted, and offered opportunities for our chapter's members to learn more about architecture outside of college, including real world experiences and firm relations. Jordan does this through initiating social events with organizations like YAF, portfolio critiques with outside architects, and organizing students' attendance at larger events such as AIA Design Pittsburgh where she was chosen to announce the People's Choice Award. Our head of the School of Architecture has even asked for Jordan's help in forming a student-centric learning and teaching culture policy. This is due to the trust that he has in her and in how much of a dedicated, driven, and thoughtful leader she is.

Jordan Luther is the ideal chapter president, committee chair, peer, friend, and role model. I could not envision a more perfect candidate for this position. That is why I am beyond enthusiastic to recommend Jordan Luther for the position of 2022-2023 Northeast Quad Director.

Sincerely,

Julia Kasper
Chapter Public Relations Chair, Carnegie Mellon University

INTERN COMPENSATION



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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: Jordan Luther

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employee 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: December 2, 2022

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS



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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 and Board 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 Past President.

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 Past President.

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: Jordan Luther

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: December 2, 2022

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Candidate contact information will only be used by the Past President 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): Jordan Luther

Chapter: Carnegie Mellon University

Chapter Leadership Position (if any): President/ Past Graduate Student Liaison

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Mobile Phone Number: (860) 405- 5764

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- o Twitter: @
- o Instagram: @jmarieluther & @luther.design
- o Other: