

Chris Jarrett – Vice President

Biography

Chris Jarrett is Professor and Director of the School of Architecture and Co-Director of the designLAB at UNC Charlotte. The intersection of design *and* research, and design *as* research has been a preoccupation for more than twenty years. He has received grants from the US Department of Energy and the Graham Foundation among others, and has won several design awards (AIA, New York Build, Japan Architect). He has been part of two award-winning Solar Decathlon teams and was US Director of a global cities research initiative addressing post-industrial sites jointly funded by the US Department of Education and the European Union. He holds a B.Arch. from the University of Oregon and a M.S. in Arch. from Columbia University.

Statement of Interest

There is new momentum. The territory of our discipline is expanding. Research networks are growing. Interdisciplinary collaboration is happening. The role of technology in our work – computational methods, mapping, analysis, evidence-based design, fabrication, performance, and management of large amounts of data across all sectors of the built environment - is having profound impact on the research culture of our discipline. There exists a growing sense of adventure, purpose and possibility. Recent initiatives led by ARCC of engaging our collaterals at the intersections of research, education and practice are part of this new cultural transformation. These are exciting times.

Since 1990, I have taught at three research universities in School's of Architecture affiliated with ARCC. Five years ago I served as Chair of the 2013 ARCC Spring Conference in Charlotte. The theme of the conference, "The Visibility of Research," was based on the premise that the production of knowledge in our field is too often invisible. As teachers, researchers and practitioners, we know the wide body of research that takes place in our institutions, advancing the discourse of our field in numerous ways: introducing new ideas, testing different questions, drawing new insights, defining new methodologies, developing technology and engaging interdisciplinary communities in addressing complex problems. How exactly research shapes design and the built environment, however, is not always clear. The intent of the 2013 conference was to interrogate the idea of visibility from a variety of perspectives to bring research itself into sharper focus.

Since this time, I have served on the ARCC Board, first as an at-large member, and this past year as Vice-President. During this period I have regularly participated in monthly Board meetings, retreats, and conferences. I have also regularly served as a paper reviewer, presenter and moderator. This past September, with the President of ARCC, I participated in the 2017 EAAE Congress in Bordeaux in an effort to strengthen our partnerships with EAAE and ACSA. Outside of ARCC, I have organized numerous academic conferences, symposia, and panels addressing research, design and technology in the built environment. In my current capacity as Director of the School of Architecture at UNC Charlotte, I have led numerous initiatives to expand the

production of research by faculty and students, and regularly support participation in ARCC activities (conferences, meetings, awards programs, research news, etc.). I understand the value of our organization and believe my experience serves me well in this position.

As Vice-President of the ARCC, I have contributed to setting strategic goals and advancing new initiatives, most recently with communications, website development and conference planning – the visibility of our organization. The role of Vice-President requires an understanding of the big picture while paying close attention to the details. Good organization, stewardship and an eye for imagining how ARCC might be strengthened are key attributes for success in this position. If re-elected, I would continue to support the mission of ARCC and its networks. I would help to facilitate strategic thinking about the organizations' short and long-term goals and work to expand membership. I would continue to work with the Board to ensure prudent asset management in accordance with the vision and goals of ARCC. I would also work to continue to expand communications that help member schools understand the opportunities, benefits and aspirations of ARCC membership.

The ARCC has benefited from skillful leadership for many years. I share their enthusiasm and commitment to the central purpose of expanding the research culture of architecture, providing opportunities for dissemination, peer-review, networking, collaboration and publication. I also share their enthusiasm for a renewed sense of purpose and possibility.