

Rahman Azari - Board Member at Large

Bio:

Rahman Azari is a building scientist, an Assistant Professor, and the Acting Director of the PhD program in Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Azari's research centers on multi-scalar and multidimensional assessment of the life cycle environmental impacts of built environments, and embodied and operational energy efficiency. He has published articles in several journals including *Energy and Buildings*, *Building and Environment*, etc. Azari is also a recipient of several teaching awards and has co-sponsored winning entries to AIA+ACSA COTE Top Ten student award. Azari holds a Ph.D. in Built Environment from the University of Washington in Seattle (2013).

Candidate Statement:

I am sincerely honored to be nominated for the ARCC Board of Directors. I ask for your support and for your vote, so I can help the ARCC serve as an essential resource and guide for the architectural and design research. Today, humans face complex environmental and social challenges and it is crucial for the ARCC to stand out and play an active role in defining vision, roadmap, and priorities for the research in the built environment to meet the current and future challenges. If elected, I would like to help the ARCC expand communication opportunities between seasoned researchers, junior faculty, and PhD students within and outside the context of the ARCC's annual conference. As an ARCC board member, I will also pursue an agenda to increase the impact of the ARCC in facilitating and communication of the cutting-edge interdisciplinary research.

I have been a member of the Society of Building Science Educators (SBSE) since 2004, a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) since 2014, and a member of the International Building Performance Simulation Association (IBPSA-USA). I am currently an Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the PhD program at the College of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology. I have also served as a guest co-editor for the *Energy and Buildings'* Special Issue on "Embodied Energy and Carbon Efficiency" and have been recognized as reviewer to multiple journals. I believe my reviewer and editorial experience will help me serve in the position of Conference Technical Committee Chair.

