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Pressured by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and advances in technology, the architecture profession has been going through rapid changes and a phase of renewal. Academia needs to be at the forefront of this transformation by shaping and informing the future of the architecture profession through research and scholarship, entrepreneurial thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration and development of innovative pedagogical models. As the leading organization committed to advancing research and scholarship in the architectural disciplines, ARCC plays a pivotal role in facilitating the exchange of ideas through conferences, meetings, and publications to improve the quality of the built environment. For over two decades, I have worked with the ARCC and have valued each opportunity to be immersed with the organization both, in leadership positions as well as a frequent presenter at ARCC conferences. I served as treasurer of the ARCC from 2011-2014 and served on several boards of directors and committees representing the architecture profession and academia including the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Architecture Construction Engineering Mentor Program (ACE), South-East Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA). I am a strong advocate for increasing diversity and the number of women in the profession and I have been an active member of the ACSA Women's Leadership Council. I deeply believe in the role of ARCC as the voice of architectural research and scholarship in shaping the future of our profession within the US, Canada and Mexico, and across international boundaries. As an experienced administrator, educator, researcher and design professional, I highly value collaborative and inclusive leadership. I have served in a variety of leadership positions at two different universities: currently as dean of the College of Architecture and the Built Environment at Thomas Jefferson University and prior as associate dean and graduate program head at the University of Tennessee. I co-founded the Jefferson Institute for Smart and Healthy Cities and have actively framed the discourse of contemporary architecture through research, publications, and practice. If elected as ARCC vice president / president elect, I will leverage the many accomplishments of the organization in advancing architecture research and scholarship, both nationally and internationally, and build on the work of my predecessors in ensuring the highest quality of architecture research and discourse.