

Brief Statement > Mona El Khafif

Over the last 22 years of my academic career, I worked for different institutions in Europe, the US, and Canada. My academic career started in 2000 at the TU Vienna after several years of architecture practice. From 2006-2007, I was a visiting Assistant Professor at Tulane University in New Orleans where I joined the HUD supported URBANbuild program dedicated to the city's rehabilitation after Hurricane Katrina. From 2008-2013, I was an Associate Professor at California College of the Arts and from 2013-2016 I taught at the University of Waterloo and co-founded the school's DATAlab. In 2016 I joined UVA, where I received tenure and initiated funded research projects working together with colleagues from our departments and across university. I published numerous peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, presented my work at conferences such as ARCC, ACSA, and IJEPR, served as a peer reviewer for journals and conferences, chaired conference sessions, and organized symposia. I have published books, among these the award-winning publication 'URBANbuild: Local/Global' (with Ila Berman) and my recent book "Next New York" (with Seth McDowell) which is currently in print. Over the last years I served in several administrative roles, received SCHEV approval for our two Urban Design Programs at UVA, spear-headed curriculum developments, and in 2021 I was appointed graduate director of Urban Design. As a mid-career academic, I believe this position aligns well with my qualifications. I value the hard work that the ARCC is providing as an international association and would be honored to serve on the board. Most importantly, I am a networker and team player and hope that my enthusiasm, dedication to the profession, and international and interdisciplinary background would be of value to the ARCC, at a time when we all must understand that our students will face more environmental challenges than us.