

**Brief Statement > Philip Horton**

Please accept my declaration of interest toward an At-Large position on the Board of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC). As a Co-Founding Director of a new, interdisciplinary Center (CoBI) at Arizona State University, and as an affiliate to ASU's Global Futures Laboratory, I am deeply interested in ARCC's international focus and mission to, "develop a more comprehensive research infrastructure for architecture...researchers, facilities, equipment, centers, and academic programs working to expand the knowledge base for education and practice," through workshops & conferences, the *Enquiry Journal*, and other activities. I believe that a thriving, and visibly engaged ARCC, can succeed in advancing its aims to 'sustain networks, and exchange information and experience to help build a research culture and infrastructure – in architecture schools and beyond.' I believe that our two greatest human urgencies that we face in the world, climate justice and social justice, requires more active network building, knowledge gathering & sharing, and strategic cooperation. And I believe that the future of our built environment plays a massive role – both intended and unintended – in these urgencies. Through the cooperative platform that a position on the ARCC Board might provide, I would like to take a more active role in listening, strategizing, communicating, and acting upon our urgent needs. I would like to help be sustain and build networks – both vertically toward architecture's role within the complex, multi-stakeholder procedures of the built environment – and horizontally with those disciplines with which architecture can play important intersectional roles. I would also like to think about how re-invigorating ASU's connection to ARCC (which has waned with the retirements of Mike Kroelinger, Harvey Bryan, and Agami Reddy) might be beneficial for our junior faculty who are seeking to grow their research impact within one of the largest, and most innovative universities in the country.