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Today's architecture has been shaped by diverse forces of our society. Now more than ever, architectural research is becoming increasingly collaborative and multidisciplinary to expand the scope and relevance of our focuses and to develop more rigorous and inclusive approaches to address emerging issues. As a significant community for today's architectural scholars and educators, ARCC is playing a critical role in harnessing our creativity of inquiries, linking our research outcomes to design practices, and creating dialogues among a wide spectrum of disciplines and publics. I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to participate in this process as a candidate for the ARCC's At-Large Board of Directors. My perspective of architecture has been shaped by my 25 years of career in higher education and 28 years of professional practice. My career focuses on the understanding of the built environment at the urban and community scale, a truly inclusive area that incorporates a diverse array of approaches. One important component of my experience on urban/community studies engages in effectively creating and managing teams whose members have diverse expertise and opinions. Those skills will help me work together with other ARCC members with different interests and knowledges to craft a shared ownership for all team members. Through services as an At-Large board member, I aim to elevate the national visibility of ARCC by encouraging more participations from urban /community research to ARCC, furthering ARCC's network in areas such as public health and urban infrastructures, increasing opportunities for outreach, community-engagements, and research distributions. Collaborating with colleagues within and beyond ARCC on efforts to advance the future of architectural research has been truly rewarding. I am inspired by the dedication and vision of the ARCC board and staff. I am honored to have an opportunity to help enhance architectural research and education together with ARCC.