

Brief Statement > Silvina Lopez Barrera

ARCC is an organization that has a growing impact on the future of the architectural research, education, and practice. Since 2018, I have been part of the ARCC community presenting my research at the annual conference. I am interested in serving as At-Large Board member to play an active role promoting critical discourse on issues related to architectural research as well as advancing values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in the organization. My research and work demonstrate commitment to social justice in architecture and the built environment. Through the lens of spatial justice theory, my research focus on informal housing and housing insecurity in the U.S and in Latin America. Using participatory methods to engage with minorities and disenfranchised communities, I study how socio-spatial inequalities influence informal housing, housing insecurity, and community resilience. In addition, I collaborate with non-profit organizations to address communities' structural inequalities and problems through architectural design projects. If I am selected as a Member-at-Large for the ARCC Board, I will help the organization's efforts in promoting a research infrastructure to support architectural research excellence. I will commit to cultivate networks between researchers and member-schools promoting the culture of research and exchange of knowledge at both undergraduate and graduate level. I will work to advance the visibility of the organization at both national and international level by continuing and expanding the agenda of the organization. I am excited to expand my role within the ARCC community and I would be honored to serve as At-Large Board member. Thank you for considering my candidacy.