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Brief Statement of Interest:
Serving on the ARCC board since 2019 has been an incredibly rewarding journey for me, filled with immense pride in our collaborative efforts as scholars and organizers, especially amidst the challenges brought on by the COVID pandemic. Overcoming technological hurdles and logistical obstacles, we successfully conducted the annual conference, online seminars, and other routine ARCC activities. Throughout this trying period, we remained resolute, not missing a beat. One of the key areas I have contributed to is the ARCC awards. Since 2021, we have expanded our award programs to include three new categories: the Book Award, Dissertation Award, and Mid-career Achievement Awards. These additions have created fresh opportunities for ARCC members, resulting in numerous highly qualified submissions. Additionally, we raised the incentive award amount from $5000 to $10,000, which significantly increased applications in 2023. This incredible response serves as a testament to the fact that our colleagues in the Architecture program truly deserve greater recognition, and ARCC is the ideal organization to fulfill this role. It is immensely satisfying to virtually meet and honor all the awardees at the virtual ceremony. Looking ahead, we plan to further encourage participation and improve the impact and reputation of the award program. Moreover, we aim to arrange a better in-person award ceremony at the next ARCC annual conference. If granted the opportunity to continue serving on the ARCC board as an at-large director, my primary focus would be on the Award Coordinator role, striving to enhance the award program's impact and reputation. Additionally, I aim to contribute to membership development, with particular attention to international membership. I am grateful for your kind consideration for my continued service on the ARCC board. Together, we can drive positive change and further elevate the ARCC community.