

ACSA Candidate for At-Large Director (3-year term)

Martín Paddack, University of Colorado, Boulder

Candidate Statement

Over the last ten years I have worked as an Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Adjunct Professor at three different institutions: (The University of Colorado Boulder's Environmental Design Program, Howard University's College of Architecture and Engineering, and The Catholic University School of Architecture and Planning).



To offer a brief perspective on why I am applying for this position, it is because I foremost love working with students and colleagues of all backgrounds and deeply believe in the importance of our roles as educators and professionals to ensure positive learning outcomes that invite inclusivity, inspire joy and unlock the imagination. I firmly believe that all students should be afforded equitable platforms, no matter their station in life, and that a great deal of the learning process involves engaging with and listening to others. I have always strived to help students find agency within the profession, and I believe that serving on the Board would allow me to help students across institutions to do more and to advance ACSA's goals of growing equitable learning cultures and supporting scholarly programs that meld social equity, climate action and design discourse. I have worked long enough as a teacher to be able to recognize that there are structural challenges that exist in the profession that need to evolve to support people who have not been afforded the same opportunities as others.

If serving on the board of ACSA can help provide a conduit between teaching institutions, students and professionals, both current and future, to be able to reach these goals, then it is a role that I will fully embrace. Teaching at multiple, cross-disciplinary levels has been my life's work thus far, and I have developed profoundly meaningful relationships with students and colleagues alike at every institution I have ever worked that I value tremendously from a professional and personal standpoint. My value is in empathetic relationship building and knowledge sharing, and I hope to be able to do that with ACSA.

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who are reading this letter for your time and consideration, and I hope to be able to meet and work with you in the future!

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae— Martín Paddack

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture, (M.Arch), Urban Practice, Summa Cum Laude
The Catholic University of America, School of Architecture and Planning
Master of Science in Sustainable Design, (MSSD), Summa Cum Laude
The Catholic University of America, School of Architecture and Planning
Bachelor of Fine Arts, (BFA), Magna Cum Laude, English Minor
University of Hartford/Hartford Art School

ACADEMIA/TEACHING

Associate Teaching Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder
Environmental Design Program,
Boulder, CO, August 2024 to Present
Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Howard University,
College of Engineering & Architecture,
Washington, D.C., August 2016 to May 2023
Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Catholic University of America,
School of Architecture & Planning, Washington, D.C., January to August 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2019
WDCE Instructor, Montgomery College, School of Art and Design, Silver Spring, MD,
2005 to 2014
Adjunct Professor, State University of Cuenca, Ecuador, January to August 2005
Adjunct Professor, University of Azuay, Ecuador, August 2004 to January 2005
Instructor, Corcoran College of Art & Design, Washington, DC, January 1999 to December 2003

FIRM/PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Principal, DesignMAP, Washington, DC/Boulder, CO, 2014 to Present
Co-Founder, DAYMAP, Washington, DC, 2018 to Present
Contract Work, Hickok Cole Architects, Washington, D.C., August 2017
Intern, Kerns Group Architects, Falls Church, VA, June to August 2014
Contract Work, Schick Goldstein Architects, Washington, DC, June to November 2013

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH/GRANTS/CONFERENCES

The Watershed House: A Water Harvesting Prototype for Vulnerable Communities.
The PLAN Journal (Peer Reviewed Journal), Fall 2022
The Responsibility of Design: Is Socio-Political Disagreement a Design Opportunity?
PLAT (Peer Reviewed Journal), Spring 2020
Movable Architecture from Extraordinary Experiences in Architecture,
by Julio Bermudez, Ph.D. (Forthcoming)
The Color of Space: The Impact of Color in Architecture: Manuscript in Progress
Ekphrastic Architecture: Imaging the Parti: Article in Progress
Co-PI: NASA HOME(Habitats Optimized for Missions of Exploration) 2021-2023
EDRA 53 and 54: (Environmental Design Research Association Conference, 2022+2023)
DC Commission on the Humanities: 2022 Grant Joint Recipient: ReKnow Reno