CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER
Rashida Ng, Temple University

Candidate Statement

This is an exciting time for architectural education and for the ACSA and I am honored to be considered for the position of Treasurer at this critical moment in ACSA’s history.

I am confident that my financial management experiences combined with my accomplishments in various leadership roles in academia have prepared me to serve in this capacity. As the Co-founder and President of a nonprofit think-tank and a research professor, I have experience preparing budgets and financial reports and accurately tracking revenues and expenditures for funded research projects. Additionally, in my capacity as the co-chair of an international symposium, I was responsible for managing the budget and setting up controls to ensure assets were safeguarded and reported accurately. In service to ACSA, I have had the privilege to co-chair the 2012 ACSA Fall Conference, Offsite: Theory and Practice of Architectural Production, to serve as a moderator of ACSA sessions, and to peer-review numerous ACSA abstracts and papers.

As the Treasurer is one of four elected officers of the ACSA Board of Directors, I also look forward to providing leadership on important matters currently facing the ACSA. Considerable proposals such as ACSA’s recommended merger with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and ACSA’s Licensure at Graduation initiative are arguably among the most significant changes that have occurred in its 103-year history. At the same time, ACSA has been methodically collecting data on gender and diversity, reflecting on our past while looking forward to a more inclusive future. Change is in the air. Unquestionably, the successful implementation of these changes will require thoughtful consideration, dedicated leadership, and focused energy towards the goals that lie before us.

The merger of ACSA and NAAB would create an umbrella organization, the Council for Architectural Education, which would preserve the operational autonomy of each collateral group, while revising its financial and governance structures. As the merger would significantly alter the financial model of ACSA, the Treasurer will assume a central role in considering how this model would ensure the long-term financial viability of ACSA. If elected as Treasurer, I would also be committed to exploring how the merger might promote greater collaboration between ACSA and NAAB in order to better serve the needs of current and future architecture students and professionals. I would welcome the input and feedback of my colleagues at ACSA member schools and trust that we would work collaboratively to ensure that this change would yield true progress for the profession.

A similarly significant initiative, Licensure at Graduation, has the potential to generate even more profound changes within the academy. Despite the numerous questions yet to be resolved, I am intrigued by the possibility to provide a path that demystifies the licensure process for students who elect this more structured track. I wonder if this path might assist us in increasing the diversity of registered architects from ACSA schools. As one of the architect licensing advisors for Temple University, I am eager to explore ways of serving all of our students and providing opportunities for increased integration of practice and the academy. Having attended the session on Licensure at Graduation at the fall Administrators Conference, I applaud ACSA for taking these initial exploratory steps and for promoting collegial dialogue and leadership on this issue.

While the proposals for the merger with the NAAB and a Licensure at Graduation option represent anticipated changes, issues surrounding diversity pose an even greater challenge to ACSA as the possibilities to address these issues are much less clear. ACSA has done a commendable job gathering and distributing data about gender and diversity. The recently released graphic resource of public data on U.S. architecture programs creates interactive visualizations based on current data and statistics about recent graduates. In addition, the report on Gender in Architecture provides historical data on the progress of women through the profession and even identifies critical locations along the career path where women may not be well supported. Now armed with this information, we must decide how and where to act.

We must all be prepared to contribute our efforts towards building a new future for ACSA – a future that provides for more integration between practice and academia, a future that guides students in their path towards licensure, and a future that inspires more students from diverse backgrounds to discover the rewards of a career as an architect. With your support, I am eager to serve ACSA towards these collective goals.
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Curriculum Vitae

TEACHING
Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Architecture Department
Associate Professor, with tenure 2013 – pres.
Assistant Professor 2006 – 2013
Lecturer 2005 – 2006
Drexel University, College of Media Arts and Design, Architecture Program
Adjunct Instructor 2004

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION and PRACTICE
Registered Architect, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, License Number RA404385
Bower Lewis Thrower Architects, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2000
Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, Atlanta, Georgia 1997 – 1998

EDUCATION
University of Pennsylvania, Master of Architecture 2001
Georgia Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science in Architecture 1997
Georgia Institute of Technology, Certificate in City Planning 1997

SELECTED HONORS
Temple University Internationalization Grant 2014
d3 Natural Systems Competition, Special Mention, Ecological Systems Enhancement 2013
Tyler School of Art, Dean’s Research Grant 2010
Gimme Shelter International Design-Build Competition Finalist, Schuylkill Center for Environmental Ed. 2009
Pennsylvania Green Building Alliance: Product Innovation Grant 2008
Architectural Research Centers Consortium: Research Incentive Grant 2006
AIA Medal, First Prize, University of Pennsylvania, School of Design 2001
Paul Philippe Cret Award, First Prize, University of Pennsylvania, School of Design 2001

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS
Smith, Ryan, John Quale and Rashida Ng, eds. OFFSITE: Theory and Practice of Architectural Production, Proceedings of the ACSA 2012 Fall Conference (Washington DC: ACSA).

SELECTED SERVICE
Tyler School of Art, Collegial Assembly, Vice-President 2014 – pres.
ACSA 2012 Fall Conference, OFFSITE: Theory and Practice of Architectural Production, Co-chair 2012
Board of Directors, Building Technology Educators’ Society 2011 – 2013
INPUT_OUTPUT: Adaptive Materials and Mediated Environments Symposium, Co-Chair. 2010
Future of Us: Design and Diversity Roundtable, Temple University, Organizer and Moderator. 2010
Graduate Advisor, Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Architecture Department 2011 – pres.
Graduate Admissions Chair, Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Architecture Department 2011 – pres.
Curriculum Committee Chair, Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Architecture Department 2010 – pres.
Vice-President, PennDesign Alumni Association Board, University of Pennsylvania 2006 – 2010

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