



CANDIDATE for SECRETARY/TREASURER (3-year term)

Noah Resnick, University of Detroit Mercy

Candidate Statement

I am excited to submit this Candidate Statement, expressing my ability and desire to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors for ACSA. Having been an ACSA member for over 14 years, I have had the fortune to take advantage of many of the resources the organization offers, including Annual, Administrative and Teachers conferences – in which I have presented two papers and sat on numerous panel discussions - the Institutional Data Reports, and the various online and printed publications on a range of subject matters, from issues of equity to accreditation. I currently have the pleasure of serving on the Leadership Committee of the ACSA, where we are investigating the role and impact of D.E.I. based fellowships and the diversification of faculty in the institutions at which they are hosted. As the Secretary/Treasurer, I would value the opportunity to utilize my experience and expertise in contributing more to the organization that has provided me with so much professional and intellectual growth.

In my current role as the Associate Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture + Community Development, I am deeply engaged in many university and schoolwide initiatives that directly parallel the ACSA's 2022-25 Strategic Plan. My principal efforts in the last three years have focused in two areas:

1. Actively increasing the presence of underrepresented populations in both our student body and full-time faculty via recruitment efforts, fundraising for scholarships, securing new faculty lines, and modifying our admissions processes to align with an updated set of shared values surrounding equity and social and environmental justice.
2. Establishing a robust set of assessment processes and protocols that apply to our entire curriculum, while significantly modifying the curriculum to better align with our shared values.



I believe my recent experience in both developing and implementing these efforts will contribute to the discussions, deliberations and work of the ACSA Board of Directors. Some of my relevant recent activities include:

- Changing the name of the School of Architecture to the Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and Community Development
- Rebranding the School and website to coincide with the new name
- Co-chairing the University's Shared Governance Committee
- Leading the preparations for our Spring 2023 NAAB Accreditation visit
- Co-chairing the University's COVID response work group
- Maintaining the budgets for our adjunct faculty teaching load, funded lecture series, and student journal.

Most importantly, I have collaborated vigorously with Dean Dan Pitera in envisioning and celebrating the mission and identity of our institution.

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture + Community Development is an intentional community of approximately 225 students in total, served by 32 accomplished full-time and adjunct faculty.

We are committed to:

- ...educating students who will adapt to and lead the changing disciplines of architecture, urban design and community development.
- ...advancing social and environmental justice in our neighborhoods, cities and planet.
- ...cultivating equity in education and the profession by providing pipelines of access and support for underrepresented people.
- ...nurturing engaged world citizens who can think globally and act locally.
- ...emphasizing a progressive and rigorous hands-on approach to design and community development education.
- ...fostering a mosaic of students who reflect the diversity of humans that make up our communities.

I am confident that these values I have helped to shepherd at the Detroit Mercy S.A.C.D. are shared by the ACSA Board, and that my passion and experience will serve this body well.



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Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

Noah Samuel Resnick, AIA

Noah Resnick currently teaches and practices in the city of Detroit, Michigan. As a partner at Laavu, he operates under the interrelated concepts of the architectonics of multiple scales; the architect as urban collaborator; and the architect as community builder. Resnick is a Professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and Community Development, and was the Director of the Master of Architecture Program from 2011 - 2019. He currently serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Resnick grew up in Miami, Florida, where he attended the Design and Architecture Senior High magnet school (D.A.S.H.). He earned his BArch from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, graduating at the top of his class, for which he was awarded the AIA Henry Adams Medal of Excellence. Noah completed his Masters of Science in Architecture Studies (SMArchS) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Architecture + Urbanism stream. This degree culminated in an urban design thesis that focused on the potential for transit oriented development nodes in the city of Detroit. In addition to Detroit, Resnick has lived and practiced in Chicago, Boston, and New York, as well as Berlin, Germany where he worked in the studio of Daniel Libeskind.

Professional Licences

- New York State Architecture License # 33370
- State of Michigan Architecture License #1301056885

Education

Cambridge, Massachusetts
2002 - 2004

Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture + Planning

- Masters of Science in Architecture (SMArchS)
- Architecture and Urbanism Stream
- Thesis Title: Sustaining Development in Detroit

Chicago, Illinois
1995 - 2000

Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture

- Bachelors of Architecture Degree
- Graduated 1st in class with High Honors
- AIA Henry Adams Gold Medal recipient

Miami, Florida
1991 - 1995

Design and Architecture Senior High School (DASH)

- Graduated from design and architecture magnet school, the only one of its kind in the country.
- Associates degree from Miami Dade Community College via High-school dual enrollment program

Current Professional Experience

Detroit, Michigan
2015 - present

Laavu, LLC laavustudio.com
Principal / Co-Owner

Academic Administrative Experience

University of Detroit Mercy
School of Architecture + Community
Development (SACD)
Fall 2019 - present

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

In addition to the administrative role of Associate Dean, the duties correspond to the leadership role under the Dean with regards to the SACD's identity, mission, pedagogic and curricular direction. The ADAA contributes significantly to the development and implementation of the Department's curricular and strategic plan through the generation of teaching, research and scholarship in Architecture, Community Development and Urban Design. While directly implementing the curricular objectives for the Undergraduate Program, the ADAA sets the objectives of the Graduate Program in order for the Director of the Master of Architecture Program to implement.

Interim Dean

University of Detroit Mercy
School of Architecture May-August 2019

Director, Master of Architecture Program

University of Detroit Mercy
School of Architecture 2011 - 2019

Teaching Experience

University of Detroit Mercy SACD
Fall 2006 - present

Full Professor of Architecture, Tenured

Tenured in 2014, Promoted to Full Professor in 2019

Warsaw Polytechnic School of
Architecture, Poland Winter 2010

Visiting Professor of Architecture