

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

**Noah Resnick, University of Detroit Mercy**

## Candidate Statement

Having been an ACSA member for over 15 years, I have had the fortune to take advantage of many of the resources the organization offers, including Annual, Administrative and Teachers conferences, the Institutional Data Reports, and the various online and printed publications on a range of subject matter, from issues of equity to accreditation. I have also served on the ACSA Leadership Committee for the past two years. As an At-Large board member, I would value the opportunity to contribute to the organization that has provided me with so much professional and intellectual growth.



In my current role as Tenured Full Professor and Associate Dean of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture + Community Development, I am deeply engaged in many university and schoolwide plans that directly parallel the ACSA's Strategic Initiatives. My principle efforts in the last two 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 our curriculum to 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.

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 of Directors, and that I my passion and experience will enhance this distinguished body.

# Noah Samuel Resnick, AIA

## Biography

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 LICENSES

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

## EDUCATION

Cambridge, Massachusetts 2002 - 2004	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> School of Architecture + Planning - Masters of Science in Architecture (SMArchS) - Architecture and Urbanism Stream - Thesis Title: Sustaining Development in Detroit
Chicago, Illinois 1995 - 2000	<b>Illinois Institute of Technology</b> College of Architecture - Bachelors of Architecture Degree - Graduated 1st in class with High Honors - AIA Henry Adams Gold Medal recipient
Miami, Florida 1991 - 1995	<b>Design and Architecture Senior High School (DASH)</b> - 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	<b>Laavu, LLC</b> laavustudio.com Principal / Co-Owner
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## ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture + Community Development (SACD) Fall 2019 - present	<b>Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</b> 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 AADA 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 AADA sets the objectives of the Graduate Program in order for the Director of the Master of Architecture Program to implement.
University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture May-August 2019	<b>Interim Dean</b>
University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture 2011-2019	<b>Director, Master of Architecture Program</b>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Detroit Mercy SACD Fall 2006 - present	<b>Full Professor of Architecture, Tenured</b> Tenured in 2014, Promoted to Full Professor in 2019
Warsaw Polytechnic School of Architecture, Poland Winter 2010	<b>Visiting Professor of Architecture</b>