

January 15, 2024

Auburn University, College of Architecture, Design, and Construction Dean and McWhorter Endowed Chair Search Committee

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to describe my interest in the dean position at Auburn University (Auburn) College of Architecture, Design, and Construction (CADC). Few institutions are well-positioned to productively navigate the immense urban, environmental, social, and technological challenges of our present–future world, and Auburn's CADC is one of those institutions. As the new Dean, I will bring a strong intellectual vision that foregrounds design research, technology, professionalism, and community engagement—aiming to redefine the interdisciplinary potentials of architecture, design, and construction toward innovative, relevant proposals for our collective world and future.

I admire the Auburn CADC's diverse and specialized programs, commitment to rigorous research, and distinguished faculty. The faculty is an impressive array of scholars, researchers, designers, and practitioners whose collective efforts engage nuanced intersections of technology, communication, fabrication, urbanism, and the environment. Coupled with CADC's long–term investment in community outreach, professional stewardship, and excellence in research, the three schools offer a unique context of collaboration and agency in their respective fields of higher education. My contributions as the next Dean will support, expand, and further cultivate the college's current research, innovation, scholarship, entrepreneurship, and outreach models, continuing to educate globally conscious professionals and position CADC graduates as leaders in a rapidly changing world.

I look forward to working under the leadership of Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President and distinguished scholar, whose goals for the university (student-centered experiences, elevating the impact of research, and commitment to a culture of excellence in innovation) are compelling and ambitious. It will be an honor to work directly with Vini Nathan, newly appointed Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, given her scholarship, depth of perspective, and tremendous success in leading the CADC for many years. This is an exciting moment in the college and university's history.

As the new dean, I will craft a clear collective vision for the college, building upon the CADC's exemplary record and strengths while responding to the President's broader objectives. This strategic process will require inclusive, ambitious, and exhaustive methods for gathering critical knowledge about the three schools through various means, including meetings with critical stakeholders—alumni, heads of schools, faculty, staff, students, industry partners, and community collaborators. I will ensure that the goals and vision for the CADC complement those of the university while distinguishing and promoting our unique forms of research innovation. I understand the value and importance of collaborative, listening-based leadership that engages all members of an institution.

Record of Practice and Scholarship

I am a designer and practitioner, first and foremost, with a deep commitment to teaching excellence and the creative potential for academic research to shape practice. An optimistic advocate of design, I engage architecture in its many forms, techniques, scales, and operations. My nationally acclaimed Houston-based architecture practice, Interloop—Architecture (IA), explores the pliable relationships between design, fabrication, and assembly in architecture. My research foregrounds the practice of architecture as an explicit engagement with systems—whether material, procedural, economic, regulatory, or environmental. Consequently, my wide-ranging projects include the design of custom furniture,

products, graphics, exhibitions, private residences, cultural institutions, planning strategies, and urban infrastructures. While grounded in architecture, my work and research employ interdisciplinary design thinking through an inclusive model of practice, and my recent book (part monograph, part field guide), *System of Novelties* (2022 Park Books, Zurich), demonstrates this breadth.

As Dean of the CADC, my experience and insights will be an asset to the diverse undergraduate and graduate degree programs and the expanse of faculty research and scholarship in architecture, planning, landscape, industrial and graphic design, and building science. I will encourage, support, and create opportunities for formal and informal scholarship exchange between faculty and students, building upon the impressive existing culture of innovation and creativity within the college.

Leadership Experience and Achievements

The administrative structure at my current institution is unique, and my leadership experience is broad, diverse, and in-depth, both within the school and the university. As Director of Graduate Studies at Rice University School of Architecture, I collaborate with the Dean to oversee the school's programming, operations, curriculum, resources, and hiring. I understand the importance, potential, and challenges of responsibility-centered budget management, a model that Rice University recently began phasing in. I will work to strengthen and enhance the financial stability of the CADC through creative initiatives that expand opportunities for research and teaching excellence.

In my current role as director, I engage graduate students on various issues, from academic, professional, and curricular to financial, cultural, and well-being. I lead graduate admissions and recruiting, financial packages and awards, degree requirements, registrar matters, and the coordination of faculty teaching assignments. Currently, I am in the final phase of a two-year, full assessment and vision development for the graduate program at Rice School of Architecture, beginning with a complete revision of the studio curriculum (creatively and proactively responding to NAAB guidelines), the thesis program, travel fellowships, external programs, and professional practice. During this process, I have met with each faculty member individually to present my proposals, hear their insights, and discuss the issues from their unique position. I sought guidance from the Watkin Council, an advisory board of alumni, practitioners, and industry experts, and met with staff members and student governance at Rice Architecture. The process has resulted in the incremental roll-out of a shared document and charges for the graduate program that received full support from all involved. A significant component of the proposal is advanced Research Platforms—studios that explicitly support faculty and student research through dedicated funding for resources, travel, and public dissemination of design research. In collaboration with a select group of alumni and faculty, I will launch *Pilot Practicum* this spring, a program that offers paid professional internships to early-career, first-year graduate students at reputable, global architecture and design offices.

Mentoring and advising faculty are critical responsibilities of my role as graduate director. I allocate resources for faculty research and meet regularly with tenure-track and tenured faculty to discuss their research, teaching, and service. I am responsible for formally reviewing tenure-track faculty at regular intervals to ensure that they maintain consistent excellence in these three endeavors. I have extensive knowledge of and experience with the promotion and tenure process at Rice and other institutions—and a deep understanding of a wide range of research and scholarship models within such university-governed processes. Faculty success depends upon a culture of support that includes robust, committed mentoring, appropriate resource allocation, a national and international network of colleagues, and reputable outlets for disseminating research and scholarship.

I actively participate in Rice University Graduate Council, an advisory organization to the university Faculty Senate and the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies that oversees policies and programs of the university. This breadth of engagement in academic leadership is an exciting aspect of my work that I hope to advance and share with the faculty, staff, alumni, and students at the CADC.

As Dean of the CADC, I will collaborate closely with the three school heads, the associate dean for graduate and student research, and the associate dean for academic affairs and international studies to ensure that they have the vital resources and support required to maintain excellence in research and teaching, to attract and recruit top faculty, and to communicate the innovative scholarship of their respective schools and programs, all to raise the visibility of the college's continued success. In short, I will be a constant advocate both within and outside the university.

I have sustained experience with university capital projects, which will be an asset to the CADC's new building efforts in the coming years. In collaboration with the former Dean, I have co-directed two substantial renovations to our current building facility, Anderson Hall (Staub & Rather, 1947; Stirling & Wilford, 1981), transforming opportunities for research and teaching through spatial organization and the acquisition of tools. These projects required financial resource allocation and fundraising coordination with our development officer. Currently, I serve on the committee that oversees the design and construction of a new building addition with the Dean and the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Cannady Hall (Karmuk Kuo, 2024). This twenty-million dollar, twenty thousand-square foot building will house new fabrication facilities, a two–story public gallery, faculty research space, and offices. My commitment and participation in this project have expanded my already extensive design and construction experience by including selecting a shortlist of architects, soliciting RFQs, interviewing architects, participating in predesign, design, and construction meetings, and working with the Dean on donor outreach and naming opportunities. I understand the challenges and complexities of this process and hope to have the chance to steer CADC into its exciting future collaborative building project.

While my experience with fund-raising and cultivating new donors is limited, I am committed to the vital importance of this role as Dean. I will confidently engage these prospects with respect, optimism, creativity, and diligence. Fundraising efforts are essential to support creative research, requiring a nuanced approach to translating complex subjects and communicating the value of experimental endeavors. This translation and communication are areas where I bring particular strengths.

In addition to my extensive academic and administrative career, my background in leading a small design office for twenty years and launching a collaborative start-up manufacturing company has prepared me in unique ways for this opportunity. As principal and co–founder of IA, my professional experience spans the many facets of design, the management of design–to–construction workflows, employee and intern hiring, financial planning, resource allocations, proposal and RFQ preparation, contract negotiations, and client relations. As a co-founder and current board member of Architectural Safety Components, an entrepreneurial start-up office dedicated to the design and distribution of a new line of life–safety architectural products, I (and my partners) engage ethical labor and material practices while collaborating with diverse manufacturing, regulatory, and distribution entities These direct experiences with design, fabrication, and assembly processes provide me with practical insights into the complex procedures of creative production and education.

Coupled with the formation of ambitious fundraising and outreach strategies, I will engage industry and community leaders and partners to support and enhance interdisciplinary ties to the programs at the CADC. I look forward to expanding these productive alliances at the scale of and to the benefit of the college and university.

Open Culture of Support

Administrative leaders are responsible for cultivating an open and supportive academic environment and developing creative methods for the recruitment, inclusion, and long-term retention of diverse voices, constituents, and research that builds a more robust institutional collective. In my two decades at Rice School of Architecture, I have consistently sought out and advocated for inclusion in the broadest sense, recognizing that the advancement of any discipline must be heterogeneous to creatively, effectively, and

equitably address the complex issues at hand. As the second of three women to ever receive tenure at the Rice School of Architecture, I understand the importance of inclusion in higher education and have been a committed advocate over the years to support a more diverse collection of research agendas, programming initiatives, faculty, students, and staff members. During my tenure as the Graduate Director, I proposed new recruiting strategies for graduate admissions, yielding notable and significant increases in the overall enrollment of underrepresented minority students. My leadership of faculty search committees has also resulted in hires that have positively changed the demographic of our school. I actively engage colleagues at other universities around the country and the world, forming a network of support at every level. As the next Dean, I look forward to building upon the CADC's environment of inclusion, where my efforts will have a broader impact in reshaping our collective disciplines.

My commitment to inclusion extends into my research and design practice scholarship. I have developed a first-year graduate studio for the past four years that foregrounds design through human disability. In parallel to the abstract, conceptual, and foundational disciplinary tools and techniques, I introduce students (without a background in architecture) to the history of disability rights in the U.S., the principles of universal design, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and regulatory considerations in design. Rather than address these fundamental issues late in the design process, I aim to have students think critically, ethically, and creatively about the needs and rights of all people early and always in the design process. This pedagogical approach combines conceptual, historical, regulatory, and technical aspects of architecture to generate socially responsible designers of our built world.

I recently received a grant from Rice University BRIDGE (Building Research on Inequality and Diversity to Grow Equity) to develop a research proposal, *Body-Plus: Architecture*, *Disability, and Design*. This spring, I have invited three nationally known disability scholars and designers to present public lectures and engage students in workshops. I have invited members of the disability community who will share their insights and experiences with students and faculty. Conversations and processes stemming from this research have laid the groundwork for a new, edited interdisciplinary book titled *Body-Plus*, currently in draft development that includes criticism, architecture, graphics, industrial design, and fashion design. My investment in design through disability is complementary to elements of the Auburn Creed—a compelling and vital part of the university's land-grant mission—and the college's commitment to "equity and access in the world of Architecture, Design, and Construction." I have much to contribute to this broad agenda of the university and the CADC.

My research background, professional experiences, and insights uniquely qualify me to elevate the impact of the CADC, an already exemplary public institution of higher learning, when our collective world is rapidly changing and needs creative design research and leadership. Given the opportunity, I will serve as a collaborative, inclusive leader, aiming to enhance and promote all programs within CADC to broaden the global agency and impact. In closing, I am honored to submit my qualifications to be the next Dean of the Auburn CADC, and I look forward to speaking with the committee more about this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Rice University, School of Architecture

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EDUCATION

1999 Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas

Master of Architecture

Mary Ellen Hale Lovett Travel Fellow

1993 University of Michigan College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Burton L. Kampner Design Award, Raoul Wallenberg Design Honorable Mention

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2017–present

Director of Graduate Studies, Rice University School of Architecture. Houston, Texas Leadership responsibilities and initiatives include management and advancement of professional Master of Architecture and post-professional Master of Science in Architecture programs; academic vision; curriculum revision and implementation; recruitment and mentorship of faculty and staff; participation in promotion and tenure advising and proceedings; support of development and fundraising efforts; NAAB accreditation assessment and implementation; student recruitment, admissions, and scholarship allocation; steering committee for capital projects (existing renovations and new building construction), creation of graduate *pilot practicum* professional internship program; participation in university advisory group to review and recommend policies governing graduate programs.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021–present	Professor of Architecture with tenure, Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas
2022-2025	Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence. Rice University, Houston, Texas (appointed by
	the provost)
2009-2021	Associate Professor of Architecture with tenure, Rice University School of Architecture,
	Houston, Texas
Fall 2002	Max Fisher Professorship, University of Michigan, Taubman CAUP, Ann Arbor, MI
Spring 2002	EC-US International Exchange, Architectural Association, London, UK
Fall 2001	EC-US International Exchange, Princeton University School of Architecture, Princeton NJ
2001-2009	Assistant Professor, Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas
1999-2001	Wortham Fellow, Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000-present	Interloop—Architecture (IA), Houston, Texas, Cofounder and Principal
	Award-winning collaborative architecture office that foregrounds material and procedural
	design assemblies at a range of scales, from custom furniture, graphics, and industrial design
	objects to private residences, research complexes, and cultural institutions
1999-2001	Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum (HOK) Architects, Houston, Texas, Project Designer
1993-1996	Ogawa/Depardon Architects, New York, New York, Project Designer and Project Manager

HONORS & AWARDS

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2019	Educator of the Year, The American Institute of Architects Houston Chapter
2017	AIA Design Award, Residential, Inside Corner House, American Institute of Architects
	Houston Chapter
2016	ARCHITECTURE Magazine 2016 R+D Award "Winner LELU Exit Sign," prestigious annual
	awards program juried by leading AEC industry design practitioners
2016	DesignIntelligence Top 25 Most Admired Educators 2016
2015	TSA Studio Design Award, <i>J–Camp</i> , Texas Society of Architects, Austin, Texas
2015	AIA Design Award, On the Boards, <i>J–Camp</i> , American Institute of Architects Houston Chapter
2012	AIA Design Award, Residential, 9° House, American Institute of Architects Houston Chapter
2012	AIA Design Award, Residential, <i>Yoga Studio and Garden</i> . American Institute of Architects Houston Chapter
2012	AIA Design Award, On the Boards, <i>Hempstead Research Center</i> . American Institute of Architects Houston Chapter
2011	Central Station–Main, Invited National Competition, One of five national firms invited. METRO, Houston Rapid Transit HRT, Houston Downtown Management District HDMD
2009	Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum: Design Award for Excellence in Architecture, Nomination, Interloop—Architecture nominated for the prestigious national design award.
2008	BP Learning Center Design Charette, Interloop—Architecture awarded to lead the research and design for academic collaboration between Rice University and BP in Houston
2007	Hometta, Principal Dawn Finley invited to serve as an advisor and founding partner for a national, innovative house design delivery service in the United States.
2007	MoMA Permanent Collection, <i>E-X-I-T</i> was inducted into the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York. <i>E-X-I-T</i> provides an early precedent in the acquisition of architectural signage. November 7, 2007
2007	Short-listed for Blaffer Gallery, IA partners with Allied Works, New York, for a national RFQ to design a museum building for the University of Houston in Houston, Texas. The partnership was selected as 1 of 5 finalists.
2005	Invited Competitor for Research Design Exhibition, Open House: Intelligent Living by Design. Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein & Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, California
2004	Invited Competitor for Building Design Proposal, ArtHouse Jones Center. Austin, Texas
1999	ID Design Award, Honorable Mention, <i>Klip House</i> awarded in annual international design magazine award for product design

PROFESSIONAL CREATIVE WORK

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2021-2022	McClain Design, Art gallery building design feasibility study—Commissioned. Houston, Texas	
2017-2019	Harold Street, Guest and Pool House in Historic District—Commissioned. Houston, Texas	
2017	Anderson Hall, Public space renovations of historically significant university building—Built.	
	Houston, Texas	
2014-2017	YS2, Private Ashtanga Yoga Teaching Studio and Landscape—Built. Houston	
2015-2017	54' Addition, Private Residence Addition and Renovation—Built. Houston, Texas	
2015	DAIS, Theater performance design for Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH)—	
	Commissioned. Houston, Texas	
2014-2015	DRIFT, Community engagement environment and identity design for CAMH—Commissioned.	
	Houston, Texas	
2013-2015	J-Camp, Summer Youth Campground Site Strategy Planning and Building Design—	
	Commissioned. Lake Texoma, Texas	

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2011–2014	Inside Corner House, Private Residence—Built. Houston, Texas
2012–2014	Asterisk Pool Scape, Private Garden & Pool—Built. Houston, Texas
2012	Menil Cafe, Concept Design for Cafe, Renovation and Addition—Commissioned. The Menil
	Foundation. Houston, Texas
2012	Open Transfer, Invited National Competition, Central Station-Main Light Rail. Metro Rapid
	Transit and Houston Downtown Management District—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
2011-2012	Welch Street House, Private Residence—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
2010-2011	Hempstead Research Center, Study for 39 Acre Private Development—Commissioned.
	Hempstead, Texas
2009-2013	LELU, Underwriter Laboratory (UL) Approved Custom Life-Safety Exit Light. IA obtained
	one utility patent, three design patents, and one pending utility patent for this design.
	Architectural Safety Components—Commissioned and Manufactured. Houston, Texas
2009–2011	Finca Nogales Ranch, Private Ranch Complex on a 22 Acre Property—Commissioned. Salta,
2007-2011	
2000 2000	Argentina
2008–2009	Rachofsky House, Private Gallery and Residence—Commissioned. Dallas, Texas
2008–2009	HHMI Janelia Farm Housing, 60 Unit Housing for Howard Hughes Medical Institute—
	Commissioned and Built. Ashburn, Virginia
2008	BP Learning Center, Working and Learning Environment Study—Built. Houston, Texas
2007–2011	Yoga Studio & Garden, Private Building, Landscape, & Pool—Built. Houston, Texas
2006–2009	9° House, Private Residence—Built. Houston, Texas
2006–2008	Reiss Residence, Private Residence—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
2005–2008	Michelle Y. Williams Studio & Residence—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
2005	Wiess College Commons/Courtyard Renovation, Rice University—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
2004-2006	48' House, Private Residence and Workspace—Built. Houston, Texas
2003	Perth Amboy High School Competition—National Competition. Perth Amboy, New Jersey
2002-2003	Julia's Bistro, Restaurant design and graphic identity—Built. Vasquez & Pratt, Houston, Texas
2002-2003	E-X-I-T, Custom Life Safety Light—Commissioned and Fabricated. The Nasher Foundation,
	Dallas, Texas
2002-2003	Tending, (blue), Museum building for artwork by and collaboration with the artist James
	Turrell—Built. The Nasher Foundation, Dallas, Texas
2001-2003	Nasher Sculpture Center, Associate Architect to Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Genoa, Italy
2001-2003	Plug-On, Deliverable Housing Addition Prototype—Built. Private Residence, Dallas, Texas
2002	1ab: First Architecture Biennale. Aaron Betsky & the Netherlands Architecture Institute,
2002	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2000	Do Post, Product Design—Commissioned. Droog Design and KesselsKramer. Amsterdam,
2000	The Netherlands
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1998	Klip House, Housing Platform. Fifth Ward Redevelopment Corporation and DiverseWorks.
100=	Houston, Texas
1997	Houston Products Lab, Custom Engineering Company—Commissioned. Houston, Texas
PUBLICATIONS	Authored Books, Chapters, and Articles
_	Dawn Finley, <i>Pliable: Body—Plus</i> (in preparation)
2022	Dawn Finley, <u>System of Novelties</u> (Zürich: Park Books, 2022)
2010	Fast Forward >> Toward a Design and Politics for Metroburbia, "Klip House," edited by Dana
2010	Cuff, Roger Sherman, and Robert E. Somol. Princeton Architectural Press
2006	Perspecta 38 "Relationships Supercede Dimensions," by Dawn Finley and Mark Wamble. The
2000	Yale Arch. Journal
	raie Arcii, Journai

2005	Log 5 "Assuming Risk." by Dawn Finley. Ed. Robert E. Somol & Sarah Whiting. Summer
2003	Perspecta 34 "The Rest of the World Exists," by Dawn Finley and Mark Wamble. The Yale
	Architectural Journal
PUBLICATIONS	Magazines and Journals Featuring Professional Creative Work
2022	Arquitectura Viva "Received System of Novelties," (Book Review) by Alberto Ballesteros.
	Volume 249, Madrid p.58
2016	ARCHITECT Magazine "10th Annual R+D Awards," by Wanda Lau. p. 110-111. July 2016
	"Winner: LELU Exit Sign," by Nate Berg p. 122-123. July
2015	Texas Architect "2015 Studio Awards: J-Camp," Editor: Aaron Seward, Catherine Gavin.
	November/December
2015	Texas Architect "2015 AIA Houston Design Awards Recognition," September/October
2011	The Magazine of Rice University. "Sweating the Details, Illuminating Students," Mike Williams.
	p. 30-31. No. 9
2010	Dwell "100 Houses That We Love, 2000–2010" June
2008	Texas Architect "Interloop's E-X-I-T Enters MoMA" Stephen Sharpe. p. 24. January/February
2007	Dwell "The New American Home: Houston, Texas" Georgina Gustin. p. 190-197. October
2004	Texas Architect "The Nasher's Living Room," Robin Abrams. p. 28-29. March/April
2004	Texas Architect "Lightness Rendered Artfully," Richard Brettell. p. 20-27. March/April
2004	Architectural Record "Museum Mania: Nasher Sculpture Center" by David Dillon. p. 100-105.
	January
2003	Architecture "These Boots are Made for Walking," Nasher Sculpture Center by Abby Bussel.
	p. 86-93. December
2003	Architecture "Gap Between the Promise and the Prototype," by Thomas Mellins. p. 74-80. July
2002	Perspecta 33 "Contemporary Debates over Autonomy," K. Michael Hays & Lauren Kogod.
	The Yale Arch. Journal
2000	Texas Architect "The Coming Century," John Davidson. January/February
2000	Items (Netherlands) "Do Het Zelf - Droog Design en Reclamebureau KesselsKramer" p. 18-19.
	May–June
2000	De Architect (Netherlands) "Vaas Uitkomst Bij Huiselijke Crisis" p. 14-15. July-August
2000	Abitare "Do+Droog Design=Do Create" p. 171. June
1999	ID Magazine "Design Award - Concepts," ID Design Awards Issue. p. 124. July
1999	Architecture "Teaching an Old Neighborhood New Tricks," Shaila Dewan. p. 47-53. January
1998	Art Lies "Houston Workshop," Ed. Brett Davidson & Keith Krumwiede. No. 19, p. 14
1998	Rice News "Boldly Reaching Out," David Kaplan. Vol. 8, #15, p. 4. December 3
1998	Architecture "On the Boards: Houston Products Laboratory," Ned Cramer. January
PUBLICATIONS	Books Featuring Professional Creative Work
2006	Transmaterial, Ed. by Blaine Brownell. "Chap. 09: Light," Princeton Architectural Press, p. 205
2006	One Hundred and One Things to Do, by KesselsKramer. BIS Publishers, Amsterdam. p. 29, 154-155
2004	16 Houses: Designing the Public's Private House "Klip House," Editor: Michael Bell. Monacelli Press
2002	Less + More "Klip House," Renny Ramakers, Droog Design. 010 Press
2001	American Houses for the New Century, Ed. Cathy L. Ho and Raul Barreneche. Universe

PUBLICATIONS	Newspapers Featuring Professional Creative Work	
2012	The Houston Chronicle Online "METRO Debuts Visions for a New Rail Centr	ral Station," by
	Andy Warren. January 26	
2011	The Houston Chronicle "Design 9 Ways," by Melanie Warner Spencer. p. E1, E	
2011	Gloss Magazine, Houston Chronicle "A New Slant," Melanie Warner Spencer.	October 6
2007	The Houston Chronicle "Metro Section," Lisa Gray. Metro Section B1. July	
2000	Design Week (U.K.) "Do It Yourself" p. 48. April 21	
1999	The Wall Street Journal "Just One Word: Plastics," Eileen Daspin. p. W1 & W1 Friday, 22 January	.0.
1998	Houston Press "Home Despots," Shaila Dewan. pp. 19-25 November	
PUBLICATIONS	Exhibition Catalogues Featuring Professional Creative Work	
2010	Nasher Sculpture Center—Members' Newsletter, Fall	
2008	MoMA Artist's Choice: Vik Muniz, Rebus, E-X-I-T. Museum of Modern Art.	
2003	Nasher Sculpture Center Catalogue Introduction, Steve Nash. p. 33-33. October	er 2003
2000	Do Create Do + Droog Design, Exhibition Catalog, Milan. Spring	
RESEARCH FUND	ING	
2023	BRIDGE Analyzing Diversity Development Grant, Body-Plus	7,650
2023	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, Body—Plus	5,000
2020	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, Pliable	10,000
2019	Rice University Office of Research Scholarly & Creative Works Grant	7,000
2019	Humanities Research Center Spatial Humanities Initiative Grant, Pliable	9,000
2019	Moody Center for the Arts Faculty Initiative Grant, Pliable	10,000
2019	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, System of Novelties	5,000
2018	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, Tokyo Textiles	10,000
2014	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, Boundary Objects	11,500
2012	Rice Architecture Faculty Initiative Fund, 10 Decades	5,000
2012	Architecture Center Houston Foundation, 10 Decades	5,000
INVITED LECTURE	S AND CONVERSATIONS	
Spring 2023	<i>Information and Shape</i> , Invited Lecturer, Texas A&M University School of Arc College Station, Texas. April 3	hitecture.
Fall 2022	System of Novelties, Rice University School of Architecture Book Launch. Hou November 7	ston, Texas.
Fall 2021	System of Novelties, Invited Lecturer, Texas Tech University College of Architectures. September 27	cture. Lubbock,
Spring 2020	<i>Practice Futures</i> , Invited Lecturer, Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture. Pitt Pennsylvania. February 10	sburgh,
Fall 2019	Design Procedures, Invited Lecturer, Small Talks. Rice University School of Arc Houston, Texas. October 30	hitecture.
Spring 2018	R+D Sessions: System of Novelties, Invited keynote lecturer for national ARCF magazine R+D Sessions series on innovation and architecture. Dallas, Texas.	
Spring 2016	Tour D'Arts Architecture, Invited presenter of architectural practice and built v Inside Corner House. Houston, Texas. January 23	
Fall 2015	Relevance: Only Connect, Invited respondent for lecture by architect and critic Rice University Cullinan Lecture Series, Houston, Texas. November 10	Sam Jacobs,

Fall 2014	Print and Screen—Interface Design, Invited respondent, colloquium organized by architectural historian and scholar, Reto Geiser, The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas. November 20
Spring 2014	Graphic Systems, Invited Lecturer, Texas Institute for the Preservation of History & Culture, Prairie View A&M University School of Architecture, Prairie View, Texas. February 6
Fall 2013	Graphic Relief, Invited Lecturer, University of Louisiana Lafayette, School of Architecture, Lafayette, Louisiana. October 9
Spring 2012	Open Transfer, Insider Trading Lecture Series, Rice School of Architecture, Houston, Texas March 20
Summer 2012	Sifting, LAUNCH summer design program, Rice University. Houston, Texas. June 28
Fall 2010	Flip Your Field: Systems, Invited panel moderator and presenter, ACSA West Central Fall
	Conference, Chair: Penelope Dean. University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Architecture, Chicago, Illinois. October 21-23
Spring 2009	A Certain Distance, Invited Lecturer, University of Minnesota, School of Architecture, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Spring 2009	A Certain Distance, Invited Lecturer, University of Colorado, College of Architecture and Planning, Denver, Colorado
Fall 2008	Alignment, The Chicago Way Lecture Series. University of Illinois, Chicago. School of Architecture, Chicago, Illinois
Fall 2008	Recent Work, Arch 132, Rice School of Architecture. Houston, Texas
Fall 2005	Modulations, Invited conference moderator and presenter, Paul A. Kennon Symposium. Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas
Spring 2005	Looping Back, Arch 132, Rice School of Architecture. Houston, Texas
Summer 2005	Assuming Risk, University of Houston Summer Discovery, Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, Houston, Texas
Fall 2004	Site: Offsite, Invited panelist, Architecture & the Factory Built House Conference, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
Fall 2003	The Rest of the World Exists, Rice University School of Architecture, Houston, Texas
Fall 2002	(Slammed) Notes on System Form, University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Fall 001	IT Mat: 3 Proposals, Princeton University School of Architecture. Princeton, New Jersey
Spring 2001	Fabrications, Workshop for scholar and educator Keller Easterling. Yale University Graduate School of Architecture, New Haven, Connecticut
Spring 2001	Sideline: Operational Infrastructures, Design of Our Times Lecture Series, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH), Houston, Texas

DIRECTED LECTURE SERIES

Spring 2024	Body-Plus, Mini Lecture Series and Workshops with scholar of design and culture Bess
	Williamson (January 22) and disability designer and practitioner Julia McMorrough (date in
	preparation), supported by a Building Research of Inequality and Diversity to Grow Equity
	Grant (BRIDGE), Houston, Texas
Spring 2020	Pliable Practice, Lecture Series and Workshops with educator Lois Weinthal (February 5),
	practitioner Susanna Hohmann (February 29-March 1), and curator Matilda McQuaide
	(October 2022 due to COVID-19), supported by a Rice University Moody Center for the
	Arts Initiative Grant, Houston, Texas
Fall 2017	Pliable, Rice University School of Architecture & Rice Design Alliance Lecture Series with
	invited architect Jenny Sabin (October 4), fashion Yeohlee Teng (October 11), and Sheila
	Kennedy (October 25), Houston, Texas

EXHIBITIONS	
2015	AIA Design Awards, <i>J–Camp</i> . Architecture Center Houston. Houston, Texas. September–October
2014	Additionally Architecture Tour, <i>Yoga Studio and Garden</i> , Rice Design Alliance architecture tour featuring modern additions to historically significant residences. Houston, Texas. March
2013	RDA Centennial Tour. 9° <i>House</i> was showcased with ten historical residences in Houston designed by Rice University School of Architecture faculty throughout the school's one-hundred-year history. April
2012	10 Decades. Research and design exhibition constructing a centennial history of Rice University School of Architecture. Supported by Rice University, Rice Design Alliance, and ArCH Foundation. Architecture Center Houston Foundation, September–November
2012	AIA Design Awards, 9° House, Yoga Studio and Garden, Hempstead Research Center. Three award-winning projects exhibited, Architecture Center Houston. September–October
2012	Central Station, Main Competition Exhibition, Open Transfer. Metro, HRT, HDMD. Houston, Texas. February
2011	AIA Houston Architecture Tour, 9° <i>House</i> , American Institute of Architects, Houston Chapter, October 22–23
2009	Rice Design Alliance Architecture Tour, 48' House selected by historian Stephen Fox. March
2009	Welcome Hometta: Boston, 48' House. Pinkcomma Gallery. Boston, MA. October-November
2009	Welcome Hometta: San Francisco, 48' House. San Francisco Living: Home Tours. September
2009	Welcome Hometta: Houston, 48' House. Modern house designs under 2500 square feet by 24 nationally and internationally recognized architecture and design studios. New World Gallery, Houston, Texas. July–August
2008–2009	MoMA Artist's Choice: Vik Muniz, Rebus, <i>E-X-I-T</i> . The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, New York, Special Exhibitions Gallery, December–February
2007	Houston Small House Tour, 48' House selected by historian Stephen Fox. November 3
2001	Aluminum in Architecture, <i>Houston Products Lab</i> , Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November–February
2001	Do Create: Kunsthal, <i>Do Post</i> . Droog Design, Product Design Exhibition, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2000	Salone Internazional del Mobile: Collection, Do Post. Product Design Exhibition, Milan, Italy
1998	16 Houses Diverseworks, <i>Klip House</i> , Curator Michael Bell. Diverseworks. Houston, Texas
1998	16 Houses, <i>Klip House</i> . Curator Michael Bell, University of Texas College of Architecture, Austin, Texas
SERVICE, RICE UNI	IVERSITY
2023-2024	Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Review Committee, Member
2023	Vice Provost Review Committee, Member
2022	Provost Search Committee, Member
2020-present	Graduate Council, Member
2019–2021	The Faculty Senate, Elected Senator, three-year term
2019–2021	School of Architecture Dean Search Committee, Member
2017–2020	Graduate Honor Council Committee, Assistant Deputy Chair
2016–2017	Graduate Honor Council Committee, Member
2014–2015	Committee on Teaching, Member
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External Review for the Rice Design Alliance at Rice University, Invited Contributor

Provost Search Advisory Committee, Member

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2014	Nominations and Elections Committee, Member
2013-2014	The Faculty Senate, Elected Senator, one-year term
2013	Dean School of Architecture Review Committee, Member
2011-2012	Benefits Committee, Member
2011-2012	Status of the Faculty at Rice University Committee, Member
2008-2009	School of Architecture Dean Search Committee, Member
2001-2004	Admission and Financial Aid Committee, Member
2001-2008	Faculty Associate Mentoring Program, Martel College

SERVICE, RICE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

2018-present	Cannady Hall Steering Committee (Capital Projects New Construction), Member
2023-present	Architecture at Rice Publications (AAR) Committee, Member
2022-2023	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, Chair
2021-2022	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, Chair
2021-present	M.Arch. Graduate Curriculum Review Committee, Chair
2020-2022	M.Arch. Graduate Thesis, Coordinator
2018-2019	Technology Tenure-Track Open Rank Faculty Search Committee, Member
2018-2019	Wortham Fellow Faculty Search Committee, Member
2016-2017	Wortham Fellow Faculty Search Committee, Member
2014-present	M.Arch. Graduate Admissions Committee, Director
2015-2016	Rice Architecture/Rice Design Alliance Ad Hoc Committee, Member
2013-2014	Open Rank Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, Chair. 2013–2014
2011-2013	M.Arch. Graduate Admissions Committee, Member
2012-2018	Anderson Hall Building Committee (Capital Projects, Renovations), Cochair
2012-2013	Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, Member
2012-2013	Wortham Fellow Faculty Search Committee, Member
2011-2012	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, Chair
2007-2009	M.Arch. Graduate Admissions Committee, Member
2001-2008	Undergraduate Admissions Interview Committee, Member
2007-2008	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, Member
2006-2007	Strategic Planning Committee, Member
2006-2007	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Faculty Search Committee, Member
2006	Graduate Curriculum Committee, Member
2006	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Member
2001	Fall Lecture Series Committee, Chair
2001-2005	M.Arch. Graduate Admissions Committee, Member

TENURE REVIEW LETTERS

2023	Auburn University School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture,
	Environmental Design Program — promotion to Associate Professor with tenure
2022	University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning — promotion to
	Associate Professor with tenure
2021	University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning - promotion to
	Associate Professor of the Practice of Architecture
2020	Rice University, School of Architecture—promotion to Associate Professor with tenure
2017	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Department of Architecture — promotion to Associate
	Professor with tenure

2015	University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning – promotion to
	Associate Professor with tenure
2011	University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning – promotion to Associate Professor of the Practice of Architecture
INVITED JUROR, PE	EER REVIEWER
Spring 2021	University of Illinois Chicago School of Architecture—Year End Show, Graduate and Undergraduate Awards Selection Jury
Spring 2020	ACSA—Creative Achievement Award, Invited Jury Committee
2017	ACSA Conference, "Marfa: Crossings: Between the Proximate and Remote," Texas Tech University College of Architecture, Conference Chairs Upe Flueckiger & Victoria McReynolds. Invited External Peer Reviewer
Spring 2017	The American Institute of Architects (AIA) — Small Project Practitioners Pop–Up Design Competition: Reflection. Orlando, Florida. Invited Jury Committee
2015	104th ACSA Annual Meeting: Shaping New Knowledge – "Giving Up Control: Finding New Agency in the Era of Interdisciplinary Practice" panel, Invited External Peer Reviewer
Fall 2014	Miami Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design Awards, Invited Juror
Spring 2014	Springfield Chapter of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design Awards, Invited Juror
Spring 2014	University of Illinois Chicago School of Architecture—Year End Show, Graduate and
	Undergraduate Awards Selection Jury Member
2010	ACSA West Central Fall Conference "Flip Your Field" University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Architecture, Chicago, Chair Penelope Dean. Invited Peer Reviewer and Panel Moderator
Spring 2008	Georgia Institute of Technology. Atlanta, GA. SGF-IR Thesis Prize Award, Invited Jury Member
Spring 2007	Georgia Institute of Technology. Atlanta, GA. SGF-IR Thesis Prize Award, Invited Jury Member
REVIEWS	
Spring 2023	Texas A&M University School of Architecture, Undergraduate Studios
Spring 2021	University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning, Undergraduate Reviews
Spring 2021	Syracuse Architecture, Graduate Reviews
Spring 2020	UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design, Graduate Thesis
Spring 2019	University of Arkansas, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, Undergraduate Reviews
Fall 2018	Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture + Planning, Graduate Thesis
Spring 2017	Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture + Planning, Graduate Reviews
Spring 2017	Washington University Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Undergraduate Reviews
Fall 2014	Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture + Planning, Graduate Thesis and Research Seminar Reviews
Spring 2014	University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning, Graduate Thesis
Spring 2013	University of Minnesota College of Design, School of Arch, Graduate Thesis
Fall 2012	UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design, Undergraduate Reviews
Fall 2012	University of Illinois Chicago School of Architecture, Graduate Studios
Spring 2005	Tulane University School of Architecture, Thesis Reviews
Fall 2006	University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Undergraduate Reviews
Spring 2006	University of Colorado at Boulder College of Architecture & Planning, Undergraduate Reviews
Fall 2007	Yale University School of Architecture, Graduate Reviews
Spring 2007	University of Minnesota School of Architecture, Graduate Thesis Reviews

TEACHING RECORD 2024 - Spring, Arch 450, "Body—Plus: Architecture, Design, and Disability" Graduate & Undergraduate Design Research Seminar - Fall, Arch 501, "Open Access" Graduate Core I Design Studio 2020-2023 - Spring, Arch 450, "Pliable" Graduate & Undergraduate Fabrication Seminar 2019 - Fall, Arch 501 "Projections and Patterns" Graduate Core I Design Studio - Spring, Seminar Teaching Release - Fall, Arch 450, "Soft Objects" Graduate & Undergraduate Design Research Seminar 2018 - Spring, Arch 602, "Pliable, Tokyo Textiles" Advanced Graduate Option Travel Studio 2017 - Fall, Arch 503, "Shape, Surface, Structure" Graduate Core Design Studio III - Fall, Arch 450, "Soft Objects" Graduate & Undergraduate Design Research Seminar - Spring, Arch 602, "Pliable" Advanced Graduate Option Studio - Fall, Arch 503, "Reforming/Representing a Civic Complex" Graduate Core Design Studio III 2016 Spring Sabbatical 2012-2015 - Fall, Arch 503, "Reforming/Representing a Civic Complex" Graduate Core Design Studio III - Fall, Arch 533 "Between Information and Space, BIAS" Advanced Graduate and Undergraduate Representation Research Seminar - Spring, Arch 102 "Projecting the ___ House" Undergraduate Core II Design Studio 2011 - Fall, Arch 503, "Reforming/Representing a Civic Complex" Graduate Core Design Studio III - Spring, Seminar Teaching Release - Spring, Arch 102 "Projecting the House" Undergraduate Core II Design Studio 2010 - Fall, Arch 503, "Reinventing the Civic Building" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Spring Parental Leave 2007-2009 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Fall, Arch 532 "Introduction to Visualization" Graduate Required Representation Seminar - Spring, Arch 302/402 "ShopTalk, Charter School" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio 2006 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Fall, Arch 532 "Introduction to Visualization" Graduate Required Representation Seminar - Spring Junior Leave 2005 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Fall, Arch 532 "Introduction to Visualization" Graduate Required Representation Seminar - Spring, Arch 302/402, "Housing Boom" Undergraduate Vertical Option Studio 2004 - Spring, Arch 302/402, "Dispensary" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio - Fall Parental Leave 2003 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Fall, Arch 532 "Introduction to Visualization" Graduate Required Representation Seminar - Spring, Arch 302/402, "Dispensary" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio 2002 - Fall, Seminar Teaching Release - Spring, Arch 302/402, "Dispensary" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio 2001 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio - Fall, Arch 474 "By-products" Graduate & Undergraduate Research Seminar - Spring, Arch 302/402, "Dispensary" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio 2000 - Fall, Arch 503, "Schools within a School" Graduate Core III Comprehensive Studio

- Fall, Arch 670 "Tautness and Particulates" Graduate & Undergraduate Research Seminar

- Spring, Arch 302/402, "Blank Prototype" Undergraduate Vertical Research Studio

- Fall, Arch 601 "Hot House" Advanced Graduate Option Studio

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SUPERVISED M.ARCH. THESIS PROJECTS 2022-2023 Paul Defazio, Constellations: Towards Disabled Practice, Graduate Thesis Advisor Rae Atkinson, These Walls May Be Soft, Graduate Thesis Advisor Carolyn Frances, Engagement with Aging, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2021-2022 2019-2020 Rose Wilkowski, Surface and Seam, Graduate Thesis Advisor April Zhang, The New Painterly, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2018-2019 Veronica Gomez, Claiming the Line, Graduate Thesis Advisor—featured in Rice News Article "Reality Check at the Wall" by Mike Williams, February 8, 2019 2016-2017 Andrea Brennan, Seamful, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2015-2016 Robert Baklik, *Hypostyle*, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2014-2015 Joseph Altshuler, Cast of Civic Characters, Graduate Thesis Advisor—William D. Darden Award for Best Thesis Maia Simon, Phenomenal Opacity, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2012-2013 Riley Neal, XS Elementary: A Space for Eccentricity, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2011-2012 Courtney Benzon, Face Down/Ground Up: Activating the Sixth Facade and Amplifying Public Space, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2008-2009 Marina Nicollier, Change of Heart: Rethinking the Prescriptive Medical Environment, Graduate Thesis Advisor Amanda Chin, The Pharmaceutical Invasion, Graduate Thesis Advisor Cecelia Elizondo, (Re)Program for an Art District, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2007-2008 Paul Kweton, DFW-AHC The Future of Physical Gambling in the US, Graduate Thesis Advisor—William D. Darden Award for Best Thesis 2006-2007 Susan Armsby, World Roadtrip: Rethinking Road Accommodation for Global Roadtrip Scenarios, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2005-2006 Stephanie Millet, Hospice House, Graduate Thesis Advisor Nathan Smith, Transpositions CU, Graduate Thesis Committee Member 2004-2005 Susanna Hohmann, Felt Pet: A Material Research Project, Graduate Thesis Advisor 2003-2004 Katherine Williams, Action Potentials: Urban Landscapes in Discrete Moments, Graduate Thesis Advisor Karlene Morgan, Negotiating Exchange, Graduate Thesis Advisor Naseema Asif, Conversant Transparency, Graduate Thesis Committee Member Marc Frohn, Impresario of Change, Graduate Thesis Committee Member 2002-2003 Philip Lee, Living with Topography, Graduate Thesis Committee Member Kristin Akkerman Schuster, Sea Change, Graduate Thesis Committee Member 2000-2001 Onezieme Mouton, ProtoHouse, Graduate Thesis Advisor Todd VanVarick, House Loops: Upcycling the Single-Family House, Graduate Thesis Advisor **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** Houston Commission on Disabilities, Houston, Texas, Professional Mentoring Workshop, Spring 2024 Organizer and instructor of three interactive, educational workshops about design equity in the built environment held at Houston Multiservice Center (in preparation) Fall 2019 AIA Women in Architecture, Houston, Texas, Professional Mentoring Workshop—Invited Mentor and Speaker Spring 2019 Poe Elementary Houston Independent School District Public Elementary School Architecture Workshop—Organizer and instructor of three-hour interactive, educational workshop for third-grade students held at Rice University, School of Architecture, with the

support of five M.Arch. graduate students.

Spring 2013	High School Design Focus Groups, Houston Independent School District—Invited Moderator
	for twenty-five high school students to discuss ambitions and hopes relative to a city bond
	initiative for public school design. Hattie Mae White Educational Center, Houston
Fall 2016	Architecture Society at Rice (ASR) Wellness Panel, Invited Participant. November 11, 2016
Spring 2015	RAMP Mentoring Program, Career and Professionalism Invited Panelist. April 29, 2015

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

2018–present Architectural Licensure Candidate. NCARB Record #94982, AXP Complete, ARE Testing Jurisdiction Texas, in process.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2023-present	Houston Commission on Disabilities, City of Houston Mayor's Office, Member
2011-present	Architectural Safety Components, LLC, Advisory Board
2005-present	The American Institute of Architects (AIA), Member
2005-present	Texas Society of Architects (TSA), Member
2001-present	Rice Design Alliance, Member
2009-2011	Rice Design Alliance, Board of Directors
2007-2016	Hometta, Board of Directors
2007-2009	The Faculty Women's Club of Rice University, Member