

STATEMENTS

ACADEMIC SENATE ELECTION 2010-2013 SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE PART-TIME FACULTY & ALL CHAIRS

PART-TIME FACULTY: 4 CANDIDATES FOR 2 SEATS NOMINEE STATEMENTS

Stephanie Bayard, Adjunct Assistant Professor Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design Part Time Faculty, School of Architecture

I am an architect, partner in the New York practice AA64 and professor at Pratt Institute Graduate School of Architecture for 9 years. I currently teach design studio and electives. My firm AA64 is a Brooklyn based Architecture firm specializing in the design and production of projects involving exploration and integration of traditional and advanced materials and processes, with built projects in the US, Europe and Asia. My practice focuses on how new materials and technology can enable architectural design through innovative practice with projects ranging from residential and commercial work, through installations and pavilions, to furniture and architectural objects. AA64 is involved in the design as well as the construction of projects, utilizing both traditional and contemporary methods of fabrication and assembly.

I bring my experience in practice and academia together in the development of the curriculum for my studio classes, emphasizing the need for students to be experimental while negotiating the multi-faceted world of constructed projects. The preparation of students to become architect who can accomplish work in a broad spectrum, from theory to practice, in a critical manner that offers the opportunity to enhance the built environment is one of my primary teaching goals. I seek to bring this desire to my work at the Senate, reinforcing the desires and goals of the School of Architecture and Urban Design as well as the practice of Architecture. I look forward to the opportunity to serve in the Pratt Senate in this capacity.

**Jeffrey Hogrefe, Adjunct Associate Professor
Architecture, Humanities & Media Studies
Part-time Faculty, School of Architecture**

Let me introduce myself: I am an Adjunct Assoc Professor w/CCE of Architecture, Humanities and Media Studies. As the coordinator of the Architecture Writing Program: Language/Making, a transdisciplinary collaboration of the School of Architecture and School of Liberal Arts and Science, I have assisted in developing cross linked and integrated seminars and studios and poetry workshops in the first year studios and Language/Making instructions in the fifth year Degree Project. In my second term as senator I will continue to represent the interests of the constituents who are emerging from the practice of architecture to provide a map for the development of a robust architecture responsive to the forces of ethics and ecology. In my first term in the Academic Senate, I was successful in reviving the Academic Initiatives Committee, which I now serve as a co-chair. I am also a recipient of a Faculty Development Fund grant, with Professor Filip Tejchman, which we have been utilizing to provide a web interface for the Architecture Writing Program and a series of digital exhibitions later in the Spring. Through the AIC and FDF, the Senate provides a forum for faculty members to develop their intellectual life, including their pedagogy, in a collegial setting. I vow to continue to bring energy, reason and balance to the forums.

**Christoph a. Kumpusch, Adjunct Instructor
Undergraduate Architecture
Part-time Faculty, School of Architecture**

In teaching First-Year design as well as Thesis degree project research, I am deeply involved with the first and last chapters of architecture education at Pratt Institute. Both roles allow me to see the unique potential of our students and to further develop and refine curricular ideas in the wind tunnel of reality. The stakes are enormous, as are the rewards of this Institute's careful stewardship.

Forceful dialog, diplomacy and discourse are the centerpiece of a senator's work. I relish the opportunity to advocate for fresh approaches to old and new challenges facing academia in the twenty-first century. First-hand experience of architectural education and practice from Europe, Asia and the USA, provides unique insights into the strengths and weaknesses of polytechnic and classical educational models. That experience enables me to hybridize our approach to optimize this institute's role.

The future of architecture demands attention to the dialectic between the tangible and the abstract constituted by the feedback between physical models and the computer as a design tool. In this manner, an open system of interaction serves as the foundation for the development of a new, formal architectural language. The enduring objective is architecture on a 1:1 scale that represents more than the bare fulfillment of functions, but the aesthetic, cultural and technology fulfillment of our own age.

I look forward to serving the curriculum and faculty through the senate and advancing the cause of architecture as a species of expertise and as an agency of profound change in the world.

**Brent Porter, Adjunct Professor C.C.E., Undergraduate Architecture
Part-time Faculty, School of Architecture**

After many years of extra curricular service to the School of Architecture, I am a candidate for the Faculty Senate because there are major Institute-wide problems, which need to be solved, including physical facilities, union dues and support for students seeking jobs.

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**John Shapiro, Chair, Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment
Graduate Chairs, School of Architecture**

I would consider it an honor to continue to serve as one of the six School of Architecture representatives on the Academic Senate, and as one of two candidates (the other is Harriet Markis) from the Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development – which is comprised of the City and Regional Planning, Construction / Facilities Management, Environmental Systems Management, and Historic Preservation programs.

I came to Pratt with passions for (1) Pratt’s new commitment to sustainability, (2) the CRP’s historic role as one of the most progressive and creative planning programs in the nation, and (3) inter-disciplinary collaboration as key to success in academia (as well as sustainability and urbanism).

That composite outlook underlined my participation this year on the Academic Senate. As one example: I helped forestall shutting the campus to the public with only the two roadway entrances; instead, the campus will be open to the public 7 AM to 7 PM, and the Hall / DeKalb entrance will be open 24 hours, with security guards who also provide “eyes on the street” looking down Hall to Higgins.

This example illustrates the relevance of the Senate in shaping Institute policy, whatever its new powers are in light of the Governance debates now playing out. It also illustrates how I hope to prompt reasonableness and community, Institute-wide.