

# ANEESHA DHARWADKER

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## EDUCATION

- 2012 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design**  
Master in Design Studies (History and Philosophy of Design), Cambridge MA
- 2009 **Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning**  
Bachelor of Architecture, Ithaca NY

## CURRENT POSITIONS

- Fall 2018- **Assistant Professor**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Illinois School of Architecture and Department of Landscape Architecture, Champaign IL
- 2017- **Founder**  
Chicago Design Office LLC, Chicago IL

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- 2016-18 **Designer-in-Residence**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Landscape Architecture, Champaign IL
- 2014-16 **Associate**  
Booth Hansen, Chicago IL
- 2013-14 **Adjunct Faculty**  
Boston Architectural College, Boston MA
- 2012-14 **Junior Architect**  
Safdie Architects, Somerville MA
- 2011-12 **Research Associate**  
Urban India Initiative, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge MA
- 2010 **Teaching Assistant**  
Urban Design Proseminar, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge MA
- 2010 **Junior Architect**  
CS&P Architects Inc., Toronto ON
- 2008 **Intern Architect**  
Skidmore Owings and Merrill LLP, Chicago IL

## SELECTED HONORS

- 2020 **Jury Shortlist**  
Emotions, Architecture, Opioids International Ideas Competition, hosted by Combo Competitions  
For "Embrace: Venice Methadone Clinic"
- 2019 **Second Place**  
2018 Chicago Prize Competition: Crossing the Line, sponsored by the Chicago Architectural Club  
For "Crossing the Skyline"
- Jury Shortlist**  
Disruptive Design Affordable Housing Competition, sponsored by the Chicago Housing Policy Task Force  
For "Two-Plex"
- 2018 **Finalist & Honorable Mention**  
Coexist: Rethinking Zoos International Ideas Competition, hosted by ArchStorming  
For "Ecoregional Zoo: A Microcosm of the Mediterranean Basin"  
With Conor O'Shea and Yizhen Ding

- 2015      **Merit Award for Planning**  
American Society of Landscape Architects Colorado Chapter, Denver CO  
For “Multi-Grid: Redefining the Spaces Between”  
With Mike Albert, Fadi Masoud, Conor O’Shea, Victor Perez-Amado
- 2013      **Burnham Prize, Third Place**  
Chicago Architecture Club and Chicago Architecture Foundation, Chicago IL  
For “Bus Transit Authority,” with Conor O’Shea  
\$750
- 2013      **Jury Finalist, People’s Choice Award Finalist, and Honorable Mention**  
AIA Utah Young Architects Forum  
For “Multi-Grid: Redefining the Spaces Between”  
With Mike Albert, Fadi Masoud, Conor O’Shea, Victor Perez-Amado
- 2005      **James E. Rice Jr. Award for Freshman Writing, First Place**  
Cornell University, Ithaca NY  
For “The Nature of Truth and Time,” an essay on “Pierre Menard, Author of the *Quixote*” by J. L. Borges, written in the required first-year composition course
- 2004-09      **Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship**  
The Cornell Commitment, Cornell University, Ithaca NY  
\$10,000 travel and work-study grant and \$2,000 annual tuition stipend

#### INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS

- 2019      **Crossing the Line Round Table**  
Pre-recorded talk featured at a panel discussion by the the Crossing the Line competition jury  
Partner program of the Chicago Architecture Biennial  
Panel: Monica Chadha, Kevin Harrington, Carol Ross Barney; Moderator: Lee Bey  
Chicago Architecture Center, Chicago IL (Oct. 15)
- 2018      **The Opioid Epidemic and the Built Environment**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Extension School  
I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign IL (Nov. 15)
- Landscapes of Dependence**  
“A Millennial Manifesto: How Millennials Will Save the World”  
American Society of Landscape Architects Illinois Chapter  
Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, Chicago IL (Aug. 23)
- 2017      **New Territories for Architecture**  
Illinois School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign IL (Nov. 30)
- Empire of Extraction**  
Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
Champaign IL (Apr. 18)
- 2016      **The Agency of Design**  
Illinois School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign IL (Mar. 16)
- City of Edges: Discourses on Delhi**  
College of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago IL (Feb. 9)
- 2014      **City of Edges: A History of Spatial Paradigms in Delhi**  
“Critical Conversations Beyond the GSD” Lecture Series, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge  
MA (Mar. 6)
- 2013      **City of Edges**  
Annual South Asia Workshop, Yale University Macmillan Center, New Haven CT (Mar. 30)

#### INVITED DESIGN JURIES

- 2019 Spring      **Moravian Tile Works/Fonthill Visitor Center (Final Review)**  
Antionette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design, Drexel University  
*Kyle O’Connor, Adjunct Faculty*

- Architectural Studio 2 (Final Review)**  
J. Irwin Miller, Architecture Program, Indiana University  
*Etien Santiago, Assistant Professor*
- 2018 Fall **Pool Rules (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*Ann L. Lui, Assistant Professor*
- 2017 Fall **Center on Civic (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*Jennifer Park, Lecturer*
- 2016 Fall **City Amplified (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*Paola Aguirre, Lecturer*
- 2016 Spring **Interior Architecture Undergraduate Studio (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*Carl Ray Miller, Associate Professor*
- 2015 Fall **Arch/InArch Design Communications Section 1 (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*Ann L. Lui, Artist-in-Residence*
- Arch/InArch Design Communications Section 2 (Final Review)**  
Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects (AIADO), School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
*John S. Clark, Adjunct Faculty*
- Dynamics and Processes of Place (Midterm Review)**  
Program of Landscape Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology  
*Conor O'Shea, Visiting Assistant Professor*
- 2014 Fall **Dynamics and Processes of Place (Midterm Review)**  
Program of Landscape Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology  
*Conor O'Shea, Visiting Assistant Professor*
- 2013 Summer **Landscape Architecture Studio (Midterm and Final Reviews)**  
Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program  
*Conor O'Shea, Instructor*
- 2012 Summer **Architecture Studio (Final Review)**  
Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program  
*Aviva Rubin, Instructor*
- Landscape Architecture Studio (Final Review)**  
Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program  
*Conor O'Shea, Instructor*
- Urban Planning Studio (Final Review)**  
Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program  
*Justin Stern, Instructor*

## EDITORSHIP OF JOURNALS

- 2017- **Founding Editor, *Transect***  
Issue 1, Spring 2017: WE  
*Contributors* Paola Aguirre, Christopher Alton, Keefer Dunn  
Issue 2, Spring 2018: PARTITIONS  
*Contributors* D.N. Bhargava, Dongsei Kim, Avi Taranto

## ARTICLES (+ Peer-reviewed ^ Invited)

- 2021 ^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Anti-Colonial Architecture," *Places Journal* Reading List Series (forthcoming).
- 2020 ^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Global Design Practice: Themes, Critiques, and Radical Alternatives," *Places Journal* Reading List Series.
- 2019 + Dharwadker, Aneesha. "A Reading List for the End of Architecture," *Dialectic VII: Architecture and Citizenship—Decolonizing Architectural Pedagogy* (2019): 41-48.

- 2018 ^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Ort der Widersprüche (A Place of Contradictions)." *Baumeister* (December 2018): pp. 40-50. German.
- 2014 + Dharwadker, Aneesha. "City of Edges," *Writing Cities Vol. 3: Limits and the Urban* (2014): pp. 58-67.
- 2006 Dharwadker, Aneesha. "The Nature of Truth and Time," *Discoveries #7* (2006): pp. 59-63.

## GRANTS

- 2019 **NICU Design and the American Opioid Epidemic**  
 Dharwadker, Aneesha (P.I.)  
 Research Support Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 \$21,195
- Crossing the Skyline**  
 Dharwadker, Aneesha (P.I.)  
 Project Completion Grant, College of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 \$4,850
- 2012 **Con-temporary Urbanism: Mapping India's Kumbh Mela**  
 Mehrotra, Rahul, and Eck, Diana (P.I.), Dharwadker, A., and Dharia, N. (Co-P.I.)  
 Provost Fund for Interfaculty Collaboration, Office of the Provost, Harvard University  
 \$25,000 awarded for field research in Allahabad, India
- 2011 **Shifting Grounds: Urban Morphologies in the Yamuna Riverbed**  
 Dharwadker, Aneesha (P.I.)  
 Penny White Travel Award, Department of Landscape Architecture, Graduate School of Design  
 \$2,200 awarded for field research in New Delhi, India
- 2007 **Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship Travel Grant**  
 Dharwadker, Aneesha (P.I.)  
 The Cornell Commitment, Cornell University  
 \$3000 awarded for field research in New Delhi, India
- 2005 **Rawlings Cornell Presidential Research Scholarship Travel Grant**  
 Dharwadker, Aneesha (P.I.)  
 The Cornell Commitment, Cornell University  
 \$2000 awarded for field research in Chandigarh, India

## COLLABORATIVE ARCHITECTURE MONOGRAPHS

- 2014 **Safdie**  
 Victoria, Australia: Images Publishing, 820 pp.  
 With Safdie Architects, Pentagram  
 Role: Content Editor and Project Manager
- 2013 **Reaching for the Sky: The Marina Bay Sands Singapore**  
 Singapore: ORO Editions, 287 pp.  
 With Safdie Architects, Pentagram  
 Role: Copy and Design Drawing Editor

## FEATURED DESIGN WORK

- 2015 **Bus Transit Authority**  
 Aneesha Dharwadker and Conor O'Shea  
*Association Vol. 7*. Ithaca NY: Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (2015).  
[www.association.aap.cornell.edu](http://www.association.aap.cornell.edu)
- 2011 **New Geographies: Imagining a City-World Beyond Cosmopolis**  
 Nicholas Croft, Aneesha Dharwadker, Mariusz Klemens, Elizabeth MacWillie, William Quattlebaum, Trude Renwick, Mary Grace Verges, and Clementina Vinals  
*GSD Platform 4*. Cambridge MA: Actar, 2011. p. 275-277.  
[www.gsd.harvard.edu](http://www.gsd.harvard.edu)
- An Archaeology of Perspective: Tempietto Underground**  
 Aneesha Dharwadker, Aviva Rubin, Michail Vlasopoulos  
*Abitare* Harvard Logbook  
[www.abitare.it](http://www.abitare.it)

2010 **MisReading the City: An Urban Proposal**  
Aneesha Dharwadker  
*Association Vol. 4.* Ithaca NY: Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (2011).  
[www.association.aap.cornell.edu](http://www.association.aap.cornell.edu)

## CREATIVE WORKS

### INVITED EXHIBITIONS

2020 **Crossing the Skyline: Architecture, Literacy, and Incarceration**  
University of Illinois Main Library (Champaign IL)  
Curated by the University Library Exhibitions Committee  
**Crossing the Skyline (Solo Exhibition)**  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago IL)  
Curated by Joseph Altshuler

2019 **2018 Chicago Prize Winners Exhibition**  
AIA Chicago (Chicago IL)  
Project title: "Crossing the Skyline"  
**Disruptive Design Affordable Housing Shortlist Exhibition**  
AIA Chicago Small Project Awards, Artifact Events (Chicago IL)  
Project title: "Two-Plex"  
**Form N-X00: New Forms for Citizenship**  
Invited online exhibition for the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale  
Submission title: "Native Citizenship"  
Website: [dimensionsofcitizenship.org/#form-n-x00](http://dimensionsofcitizenship.org/#form-n-x00)  
Curated by Iker Gil

2016 **Wasteland**  
"50 Designers, 50 Ideas, 50 Wards," Chicago Architecture Foundation (Chicago IL)  
Exhibition for the CAF 50th Anniversary curated by Urban Lab, June-December  
In collaboration with Hinterlands Urbanism + Landscape

Summer 2013 **Next Stop: Designing Chicago BRT Stations**  
Chicago Architecture Foundation Burnham Prize Exhibition (Chicago IL)

### BUILT ARCHITECTURAL WORK

2018 (ongoing) **FirstFollowers Learning Lab**  
*Chicago Design Office, with Hinterlands Urbanism and Landscape*  
Location Champaign IL  
Client FirstFollowers  
Role Design Principal

2017 **Just Like New Retail**  
*Chicago Design Office*  
Location Hyderabad, India  
Client JustLikeNew.in  
Role Design Principal

2016 **Skokie Country Club Swimming Complex**  
*Booth Hansen*  
Location Glencoe IL  
Client Skokie Country Club  
Role Project Designer

**Palmolive Storefront Renovation**  
*Booth Hansen*  
Location Chicago IL  
Client Draper and Kramer  
Role Project Designer