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Illinois School of Architecture + Department of Landscape Architecture  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## 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

## PAST 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            **Junior Architect**  
CS&P Architects Inc., Toronto ON
- 2008            **Intern Architect**  
Skidmore Owings and Merrill LLP, Chicago IL

## SELECTED HONORS

- 2023            **Jury Shortlist**  
Come Home: Missing Middle Infill Housing Design Competition, hosted by the Chicago Architecture Center and the City of Chicago (ongoing)
- 2022            **New Faculty Teaching Award**  
Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
- 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
- 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

## SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (2018-)

**Pitted Against the Wilderness: Literacy and Urbanism in Chicago**  
ARCH 576/LA 336 Elective Graduate Design Studio

**Capstone Seminar in Sustainable Design**  
FAA 430 Core Undergraduate Course

**Architectural Design and Urbanism**  
ARCH 371 Core Junior Design Studio

**Design for COVID-19: Rethinking the American Campus**  
ARCH 574/LA 537 Elective Graduate Design Studio

**Global Design Practice: Themes, Critiques, and Radical Alternatives**  
ARCH 576/LA 587 Elective Graduate Seminar

**Design III: Strategies for Architectural Design**  
ARCH 273 Core Sophomore Design Workshop, co-coordinated with Andrea Melgarejo de Berry

**Architectural Design and the Landscape**  
ARCH 373 Core Junior Design Studio

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (2016-)

**Landscapes of Dependence**  
LA 336/438 Elective Vertical Design Studio

**Landscape Construction**  
LA 343 Core Undergraduate Course

**Urban Studio: Community and the Post-Industrial Landscape**  
LA 335 Core Junior Design Studio

**Design Communications 1: Representation in Landscape Architecture**  
LA 280 Core Undergraduate Course

**Empire of Extraction**  
LA 390 Elective Undergraduate Seminar

BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL COLLEGE (2013-14)

**Designed Adjacencies**  
C1 Elective Graduate Design Studio

## STUDENT ADVISING

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

- 2019-2020 **Yexuan Gu**  
“Discerning the Role of Geodesign in Landscape Architecture: Exploring Its Relations With Systems Thinking and Resilience and Its Role in Planning Support System (PSS) Technologies,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Landscape Architecture. Committee member.

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE THESIS

- 2023-24 **Max Rouzer**  
“Therapeutic Landscapes: Understanding the Impact of Green Space,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Landscape Architecture. Committee chair.

- 2021-22 **Sareen Ohannessian**  
 "Superkilen: Friction Fitting In," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Landscape Architecture. Committee chair.
- 2017-2018 **Saloni Chawla**  
 "Walking the Faithscapes of Varanasi, India: Pilgrimage of the Panchkroshi Yatra," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Landscape Architecture. Committee member.

#### INVITED DESIGN JURIES

- 2023 Spring **Architectural Studio 4 (Final Review)**  
 J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program, Indiana University  
*Etien Santiago, Assistant Professor*
- 2021 Fall **Integrated Urbanism Studio (Final Review)**  
 John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, University of Toronto  
*Roberto Damiani, Assistant Professor*
- 2020 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*

## INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS

- 2022 **New Faculty Teaching Award**  
ACSA Annual Conference presentation, "New Historical Narratives" panel  
Co-panelists: Solmaz Kive (University of Oregon) and Marcelo López-Dinardi (Texas A&M University)  
Moderator: Marc Neveu (Arizona State University)
- Decolonizing the Design Canon**  
Cornell University Department of Architecture, ARCH 5302: Theories and Analyses of Architecture II
- 2021 **Decentering the Canon in the Architectural Library**  
Panel event hosted by the Ricker Library of Architecture and Art, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Co-panelists: Charles L. Davis II (University at Buffalo) and Leila Anna Wahba (Architecture + Design Museum, Los Angeles) (Mar. 23)
- Designing a Post-Pandemic Future**  
"Post-Pandemic Chicago: A Strong and Resilient Second City" Alumni Donor Event  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, University of Illinois (Feb. 24)
- Architecture for Social Progress**  
"Framing the Future" Spring 2021 Lecture Series  
School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Feb. 15)
- 2019 **Crossing the Line Round Table**  
Pre-recorded talk featured at a panel discussion by 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)

## 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)

- 2023 ^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "The Imagination Station: Adaptive Practice (in Practice) in Chicago," *Telesis* Vol. V (2023): 96-109. Forthcoming.
- 2022 + Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Design for Covid-19: Rethinking an American Campus and the Dilemma of the Second Wave," *The Plan Journal* 7:1(2022): 147-164.  
^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Dystopia's Ghost," *Places Journal*.
- 2021 ^ Dharwadker, Aneesha. "Anti-Colonial Architecture," *Places Journal* Reading List Series.

- 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)
- 2011 **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**  
Anesha 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

2023 **Come Home: Missing Middle Infill Housing**  
Chicago Architecture Center (Chicago IL)

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"  
[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

2013 **Next Stop: Designing Chicago BRT Stations**  
Chicago Architecture Foundation Burnham Prize Exhibition (Chicago IL), June-August

### BUILT AND ONGOING ARCHITECTURAL WORK

2023 **Zero-Waste Porch**  
*Location* Chicago IL  
*Role* Design Principal

**Uptown Residential Renovation**  
*Location* Chicago IL  
*Role* Design Principal

**Belmont Gardens Residential Renovation**  
*Location* Chicago IL  
*Role* Design Principal

**Granville Avenue Residential Renovation**  
*Location* Chicago IL  
*Role* Technical Consultant

2022 **The Imagination Station**  
*With* Made in Englewood  
*Location* Chicago IL  
*Role* Design Principal + fabrication

2017-20 **FirstFollowers Learning Lab**  
*With* Hinterlands Urbanism and Landscape  
*Location* Champaign IL  
*Role* Design Principal

2017 **Just Like New Retail**  
*Chicago Design Office*  
*Location* Hyderabad, India  
*Role* Design Principal

## MEDIA AND PRESS

- 2022 "Architecture in the Symbolic Realm: Troubling the Remaking of New Delhi's Central Vista with Aneesha Dharwadker," ArchitectureTalk podcast with host Vikram Prakash.  
<https://www.architecturetalk.org/home/125ad>
- 2021 Interview with Ray Stevens about Surfside condo collapse, WLS Radio 890 AM Chicago, 5 July.  
Interview with Bruce St. James about Surfside condo collapse, WLS Radio 890 AM Chicago, 29 June.  
Interview with Jon Hansen about Surfside condo collapse, WGN Radio 720 AM Chicago, 25 June.  
<https://wgnradio.com/pinch-hitters/university-of-illinois-at-urbana-champaign-architecture-professor-foundation-likely-the-reason-for-the-miami-building-collapse/>
- 2019 Madden, Sidney. "Community Combats Opioid Crisis." *The Daily Illini*, 14 November.  
Interview about Landscapes of Dependence design studio.
- 2018 Mortice, Zach. "Labyrinths of Dependence." *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, 12 June.  
Feature on Landscapes of Dependence design studio, including interview.  
<https://landscapearchitecturemagazine.org/2018/06/12/labyrinths-of-dependence/>