

SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Report

Memo: Since the creation of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group on June 10, 2020, the following Reports have been submitted to SAH Board: [No 1](#) /10.28.2020; [No 2](#) /3.15.2021; [No 3](#) /9.15.2021; [No 4](#) /3.30.2022

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Name of Committee/AG SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG)
Chair Anna Sokolina

Main current objectives

The Mission of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group is to support the breadth of interests of the SAH members, to advocate the contribution of women in architecture, to champion the cause of gender equality and the diversity of professional engagements in the integral field of the built environment. **The Objectives** of the Group are to provide a platform for collaborative scholarship and a forum for discussion; to document, support, and advance, research, publication, education, and exhibition initiatives; and to integrate professional standing of women in architecture with broader studies across cultures and geographies.

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities (April–Sept 2022)

1. Organization

- **Membership Directory:** c. 400 (from 380 to 580 depending on the month)
- **Primary website:** <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org>
- **Group Forum:** <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>
- **Bylaws:** <https://hcommons.org/app/uploads/sites/1001859/2022/04/SAH-WiA-AG-BYLAWS.pdf>
- **Group Leadership: Council (14)** <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council>

Registers Committee (9) <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>

Legacy Committee (16) <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee>

Mentoring Program (4) <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program>

Communications/Media Team—Lead: Yan Wencheng (7 admins, 1 intern), 5 platforms:

SAH Commons: Site [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#) + **Group Forum** [Members – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons](#); **Facebook** [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group](#); **Instagram** www.instagram.com/sahwiaag; **LinkedIn** [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group: Overview | LinkedIn](#); **Twitter** [@SAHWiAag](#)

Administration/Digital Technology Team—Lead: Rebecca Siefert and Priya Jain (3)

Mentoring Team—Lead: Gül Kale and Barbara Ann Opar (4 interns)

– Recent Meetings of the Council:

- Sept. 7, 2022 (virtual) [SAH WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE AG COUNCIL | EIGHTH MEETING AGENDA 09.07.2022 – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)
- April 7, 2022 (virtual) [SAH WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE AG COUNCIL | SEVENTH MEETING AGENDA 04.07.2022 – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)

2. SAH WiA AG Programs

1/ National Outreach; 2/ International Collaboration; 3/ March Annual: Celebrating Women’s History Month; 4/ SAH Conference; 5/ SAH CONNECTS contribution; 6/ Mentoring Program; 7/ WiA Grants and Fellowships Directory; 8/ Registers & Legacy Committees—ongoing: SAH WiA Bibliography, SAH WiA Oral History Interviews, SAH WiA Award of Distinction Proposal, Special Events: Book Talks and Festivals, Film Screenings & Discussion; 9/ Collaboration with SAH Board and collectives: *SAH Archipedia*, SAH AGs

3. SAH WiA AG National Outreach

- **Collaboration with AIA Silicon Valley: SAH WiA AG virtual panel “Inspired by History to Form the Future.”** The American Institute of Architects Silicon Valley Chapter, Annual Architectural Intelligence Symposium “AI.22: From Concept to Future.” Computer History Museum, April 19, 2022, Section: “Equity” www.architecturalintelligence.org. Panel organized by Anna Sokolina in collab. with Dasha Ortenberg, Conference Co-chair, moderators: Sokolina and Priya Jain, speakers: Dr. Yan Wencheng, Dr. Meral Ekincioglu, Dr. Eva M. Alvarez Isidro, Dr. Carlos J. Gómez Alfonso.

4. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration: SAH CONNECTS Panel & Mentoring Program Special Event

- **SAH CONNECTS webinar “Architectural History and Conservation in South and East Asia”** June 8, 2022, www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/sah-connects/2022/intersections-architectural-history-and-conservation-in-south-and-east-asia, organized by Prof. Priya Jain, AIA, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University, and Yan Wencheng, PhD, California State University; panelists: Prof. Jigna Desai, Prof. Bhawna Dandona, Prof. Cecilia L. Chu, Prof. Zhao Chen, Prof. Mary N. Woods, Prof. Shuishan Yu.
- **SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable “Digital Humanities in Architectural History”** June 28, 2022, <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program>, second collaborative project of SAH WiA AG and Carleton University | Art & Architectural History, and with SAH Archipedia; organized by Prof. Gül Kale, Carleton University, panelists: Dr. Gabrielle Esperdy, Editor, *SAH Archipedia* and BUS, Dr. Catherine Boland Erkkila, Managing Editor, *SAH Archipedia* and BUS, Dr. Yelda Nasifoglu, Faculty of History, University of Oxford, UK. In *SAH Opportunities: Digital Humanities in Architectural History – Mentoring Program Virtual Roundtable (sah.org)*.

5. SAH 75th Annual International Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Apr. 27–May 1, 2022

- **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Business Meeting**, April 28, 2022, [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Membership Meeting at SAH 75th Annual International Conference – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](http://SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Membership Meeting at SAH 75th Annual International Conference – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org))

6. Mentoring Program: Website launched June 23, 2022

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program>

- **The SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program** represents the breath of interests of the SAH community. The program aims to support and provide direction, training, and advising to SAH student members and junior faculty. **The Objectives** are to create, advance, and implement proposed initiatives, with a vision towards equity, diversity, and inclusion:
 - o The program identifies occasions to engage students in research, introduces new venues to improve student support, and promotes student training and funding opportunities.
 - o The program organizes workshops to provide mentorship for students in diverse areas such as: 1) Proposal preparation workshops for grant applications; 2) Application preparation workshops for graduate school; 3) Workshop for graduate students’ job applications; 4) Roundtables to promote and publicize projects on women in architecture.
- **Projects Implementation:**
 - o Internships and Practicum Projects | The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Interns (4): Internship Program announcement, publication of the List of first SAH WiA AG Interns
 - o Virtual Programs: 2 virtual roundtables in collaboration with Carleton University | Art & Architectural History

7. The Women in Architecture Grants and Fellowships Directory: E-platform launch, open access

Files – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons

- **The WiA Grants and Fellowships Directory** is an ongoing project. The list of sources that support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, leadership, and institutional projects on women in architecture, is intended to help SAH WiA AG members identify resources instrumental for students, scholars, educators, and a diverse range of professionals within and beyond the field of the built environment.
- **Second edition** (publ. Sep. 28, 2022): https://sah.hcommons.org/?get_group_doc=1003651/1664386313-SAHWiAAG_Grantslist_IM_Aug2022.pdf was created by Dr. Ipek Mehmetoglu, reviewed by SAH WiA AG lead team with discussion during the meeting of the Council (Sep. 7, 2022) and release to online publication. (First edition: https://sah.hcommons.org/?get_group_doc=1003651/1648133034-SAHWiAAG_GrantsandFellowshipsDirectory_Mar2022.pdf)

8. Registers Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee/>

- **Objectives: to create an inclusive database** on women’s professional leadership and contribution to the discipline, with the focus on Registers, Lists, and Catalogues of: 1)WiA Bibliographic Resources; 2) WiA Networks of Likeminded Organizations; 3) WiA Oral History Interviews
- **Programs Implementation**
 - o **The SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography:** ongoing project of the SAH WiA AG and the SAH WiA AG Registers Committee, a groundbreaking effort to document and recognize the essential role women have played in the creation of the built environment. **First edition** went through two rounds of peer review and has been published on SAH website [sah-women-in-architecture-bibliography-2021.pdf](#). The WiA Bibliography website was created in SAH Commons: <https://sahwiabibliography.sah.hcommons.org>.
 - o **Two Oral History Interviews**, by initiative of Pauline Saliga, coordination: Anna Sokolina, implementation: Barbara Ann Opar, Rebecca Siefert, SAH WiA AG interns, have been organized, conducted, and recorded by Rebecca Siefert, transcription by SAH WiA AG intern Hannah Deichler, Syracuse University, College of Arts & Sciences, under supervision by Barbara Opar; website in progress.
 - o **The SAH WiA AG Reference List: Women’s Contribution to Pittsburgh Architecture:** initiated by Barbara Ann Opar in preparation for the 75th SAH Annual International Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, www.sah.org/jobs-and-careers/opportunities/recent-opportunities/2021/09/10/default-calendar/call-for-bibliographic-references-women-s-contribution-to-pittsburgh-architecture. Database-in-progress collated by Barbara Opar and supported by Hanna Joelle Deichler, the SAH WiA AG Intern, is organized alphabetically and contains names and web links of 53 Pittsburgh professionals who have contributed to Pittsburgh architecture, or whose life and work trajectories are relevant to Pittsburgh’s built environments.

9. Legacy Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee>

- **Mission:** To preserve, advocate, and promote the Legacy of Women in Architecture and celebrate and honor remarkable SAH members: scholars, academics, activists, and other noted professionals who have contributed to the cause of gender equality across borders, demonstrated remarkable professional record, and championed the broad and progressive architectural knowledge.
- **Programs Implementation:**
 - o Submission to SAH Board Officers of **The Proposal to Create “The Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture”:** 3 rounds of peer review in collaboration with SAH WiA AG Council and consulted by SAH Executive Director Pauline Saliga

List of activities in progress and upcoming events/discussions

1. Organization

- **Meetings** of leadership teams: according to the urgency of updates; transparency/communication: inner listserv in collaboration/liaison with SAH Board and staff
- **SAH sponsored Zoom Account:** leadership team’ discussion of new opportunities and group meetings
- **Collaborative meeting of members of SAH WiA AG Registers and Legacy Committees** (Nov. 2022)

2. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

- **The US-UK collaboration project**, organized by Prof. Shelley E. Roff, University of Texas at San Antonio, SAH WiA AG Associate Chair, and Dr. Elizabeth Darling, Convener of the Women Architectural Historians’ Network, SAHGB, Reader in Architectural History, Oxford Brookes University—in progress
- **SAH CONNECTS roundtable “Transnational Connections: Women’s Role in Disseminating Architectural Trends in the Twentieth Century”** organized by Margaret B. Vickery, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; panelists from Denmark, England, Portugal—Jan. 26, 2023

3. WiA Grants and Fellowships Directory: distribution of expanded edition through group listserv in Oct. 2022

4. Mentoring Program

- **Virtual panel** in progress by Dr. Gül Kale, SAH WIA AG in collaboration with Carleton University
- **Internships and Practicum Projects**, Group interns supervised by Barbara Ann Opar and Gül Kale

5. Registers Committee

- **“SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography”**—an ongoing project. Call for submission of new references (books and theses) [Call for Bibliographic References to Expand “Women in Architecture Bibliography” \(sah.org\)](#)—2nd edition in progress
- **“SAH Women in Architecture Oral History Interviews”**—new website launch: Siefert and Sokolina; Lead team: discussions on research, questionnaire, broader scholarship and debate, new interviews to feature SAH past presidents, leadership, and outstanding SAH members; transcription of interviews: SAH WiA AG Interns, supervision: Barbara Opar—in progress

6. Annual Program “March 2023: Celebrating Women’s History Month”

(Logistics: [March 2022: Celebrating Women’s History Month – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#))

- **Program Leaflet**: March 1, 2023, online publication, announce in *SAH Opportunities*, across group’s media platforms, distribution via members listserv by group Anchor Prof. Priya Jain
- **Recognition**: SAH WiA group proactive members and teams
- **The International Women’s Day March 8: Special Event** in progress: Film viewing and discussion
- **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography 2023**: Online publication and announcement of expanded 2nd edition, with extended lists of titles in Spanish and in Italian created by Prof. Laura Sánchez Carrasco. Timetable for peer review/feedback/edits/release confirmed at Sept. Meeting of the Council
- March event/webinar in collaboration with a likeminded SAH Affiliate Group

7. 2023 SAH 76th Annual International Conference, in-person in Montréal, Canada, Apr 12–16, virtual Sep 20–22

- **Group Membership Meeting**
- Inquiry for **Book launch events** for SAH WiA AG members—invitation to be distributed to members via listserv

Financial Impact

SAH WiA AG is seeking support of our programs and advice/financial guidance of the SAH Board and Staff:

- Advice on software to publish our Registers projects, i.e.: 1) the website for the continuously expanding SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography, 2) the website for SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews Project, 3) the Global Women in Architecture Network crosslinked database, 4) The Grants and Fellowships Directory of sources that are essential and support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, leadership, and institutional projects on women in architecture.
- Advice on hire, to professionally assist us with the tremendous work that must be going into the Registers, development/edits/transcription of Oral History Interviews; development of updated editions of SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography; other projects and events, e.g., the annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month, and SAH WiA AG international Outreach Program: Annual Book Festival.
- Advice on our Legacy Committee program: The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive (No. 3: [LEGACY COMMITTEE – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#))

Recommendations for SAH Board

We are committed to contribute to the SAH mission, collaborate with our members across continents, and bring new members to SAH. We aim to advocate our cause of women in architecture by celebrating women’s pioneering achievements, with particular focus of professional leadership and scholarship of SAH members. We are in hope that our innovative projects and proposals, e.g. The Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture, and The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive, will be endorsed and continuously supported by SAH Board and the Society.