SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group

SAH WiA AG Registers Committee & SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee

Joint Meeting
Nov 7, 2022, 12:00–1:00 pm CST

SAH WiA AG Registers Committee: Co-chairs: Barbara Opar, MLS, and Dr. Anna Sokolina, Exec. Administrator: Dr. Rebecca Seifert, Committee Members: Dr. Alicia Imperiale, Dr. Gül Kale, Gillian Mahoney, MLIS, Dr. Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Dr. Nina Stritzler-Levine, Dr. Margaret B. Vickery, Ex-officio: Dr. Shelley E. Roff and Dr. Ola Uduku

SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee: Chair: Dr. Anna Sokolina, Exec. Administrator: Dr. Rebecca Seifert, Committee Members: Dr. Esra Akcan, Dr. Jelena Bogdanovic, Dr. Sigal Davidi, Dr. Catherine Erkkila, Dr. Carmen Espegel, Prof. Diane Elliott Gayer, Dr. Mary Anne Hunting, Prof. Elizabeth Martin, Dr. Kiwa Matsushita, Dr. Mari Nakahara, Dr. Katherine Kaford Papineau, Dr. Atsuko Tanaka, Dr. Thaisa Way, Dr. Julie Willis

MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening and Organization

Joint Meeting of SAH WiA AG Registers and Legacy Committees—Sokolina, Opar
— Objectives: To discuss SAH WiA AG Committees’ collaboration and strategies
— Gratitude to All for your commitment, and to Rebecca Seifert for organization
— Members Directory: c. 400
— SAH WiA AG Primary website: https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org
— Group Forum: https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group
— 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
— Committees’ Purpose, Organization

Registers Committee—established Dec. 18, 2020, Legacy Committee—established Jun. 1, 2021

Websites: Registers Committee – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group [hcommons.org] /launch 3.1.21

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; 3) WiA Oral History Interviews:
— SAH WiA Bibliography—a Register of bibliographic references that is composed of: 1) the list of books written ABOUT women’s contribution to the built environment integrating works in broader diversity, border- and cross-disciplinary studies, covering various geographies, and areas relevant to understanding and teaching the subject; 2) the list of books on the built environment authored/editing BY women, who are architectural and art historians, educators, curators, critics, other protagonists in our profession; 3) the list of theses ABOUT women’s contribution to the discipline
— SAH WiA AG Networks—a Register of likeminded organizations, institutions, and other alliances across borders and disciplines
SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews—a collection of recorded interviews documenting personal histories of women in profession

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 equity across borders, demonstrated remarkable professional record, and championed the broad and progressive architectural knowledge.

Objectives: to create, maintain, and advance events, programs, and recognition efforts celebrating women in architecture:

- **Events and Projects:** Update: SAH has purchased a license on its Zoom account for AGs use
  > The International Women’s Day: March 8
  > Book Launch Annual Festival: virtual, hybrid, or in-person events
  > Special Events featuring leadership of women: panels, book talks, exhibits, film viewings

- **Recognition Program**
  > Develop & submit to SAH Board the Proposal to Create an Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture
  > Collaborate annually with SAH Award Selection Committee

- **The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive**
  > Develop the collection based on SAH WiA Bibliography, Oral History Interviews, and scholarship
  > Allocate a physical venue, collaborate, contribute, secure electronic access to records

Discussion: follow-up on earlier discussions and initiatives

—Dr. Esra Akan: proposal of the Inclusion and Social Justice Program in Legacy Committee programming-Motion to confirm and email her: unanimously

—Dr. Sokolina: collaboration with Race and Architectural History group; all projects welcome

—Dr. Gül Kale: on Mentoring Program webinar on Nov. 30, 2022, global approach with focus on diversity and inclusion; other efforts in progress: call for topics of interest

—Dr. Shelley Roff: on virtual programs’ limitations

2. **Collaborative strategies**

— **SAH WiA Bibliography 2023,** 2nd ed.—Barbara Opar, Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Anna Sokolina
  - 1st ed., public access, publication with Introduction and Acknowledgements—Opar, Siefert, Sokolina, Vickery: SAH Commons site 7.15.21 The SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography (hcommons.org);
  - SAH documents page 8.3.21 sah-women-in-architecture-bibliography-2021.pdf

— 5 CFS in Opportunities: Call for Bibliographic References to Expand "Women in Architecture Bibliography" (sah.org):
  - updates from individual SAH members
  - Bibliographies in Spanish and in Italian—Dr. Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Department of Architectural Composition, Polytechnic University of Madrid (ETSAM), Spain
  - Schedule is subject to modification: Draft in-progress by Barbara Opar with interns; for review by Registers Committee members c. late Nov-Dec; integrate feedback; second round of review by members of the Council and Legacy Committee and discussion during January w/ Sokolina’s edits and added acknowledgements. For a March publication: final edition by early Feb 2023 Barbara Opar creating a writeup for SAH March Book List. A new Bibliography site in Commons—Siefert and Sokolina. Promotion: through SAH Opportunities, Newsletter, SAH WiA group listserv & media

Discussion: Barbara Opar: on contents, timetable, and students’ assistance

—Dr. Julie Willis: on additional lists of publications; Dr. Rebecca Siefert: on new website

— **SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews**

Project Leadership: Rebecca Siefert, project support: Barbara Opar and Gul Kale; Mentoring Program interns; Anna Sokolina, Mentoring Program – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org)

— Recorded interviews: Siefert; transcription: Deichler w/supervision by Opar, edits: Siefert
Discussion: 1) Designation confirmed; 2) To schedule a zoom meeting for additional discussion; 3) previous recommendations: Stritzler-Levine—focus on diversity> Sokolina—two approaches: proposal by Dr. İpek Türeli, McGill, Canada Research Chair in Architectures of Spatial Justice; and on SAH identity: priority—to create a collection of OHL with outstanding SAH members and other extraordinary peers. Abundance of studies: to invite collaboration. SAH CONNECTS RT: Oral History and Architectural History: Theory, Politics, Method (sah.org); potential interviews w/ SAH Fellows: www.sah.org/jobs-and-careers/sah-awards/sah-fellows; SAH past presidents: Abigail A. Van Slyck, Dayton Prof. Emerita, Connecticut College; Prof. Victoria Young Alumna Victoria Young named 2019 Professor of the Year - University of Virginia School of Architecture; Dean Dianne Harris Dianne Harris - University of Pittsburgh Press (upittpress.org); Beverly Willis together w/ Wanda Budriski, Founding Exec. Director of Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation Beverly Willis Archive – Beverly Willis, American Architect; Anat Geva, Prof. Emerita www.arch.tamu.edu/staff/anat-geva/; also list: Board of Directors | Society of Architectural Historians (sah.org); 4) questionnaire; 5) online publication of interviews: inauguration of new website
— Dr. Mary Anne Hunting: on her book in progress

— SAH WiA AG Networks
Discussion: 1) leadership needed — research & networking: RISD WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE TIMELINE (womenarchitecture.com); Toronto, Canada BEAT (beatronto.com); ETH Zurich Women Writing Architecture; IAWA https://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa; BWAF Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation (bwaf.org) 2) Collaboration: Inclusion and Social Justice Program 3) Collaboration: SAH AGs

— Legacy Recognition Program
— Gratitude: to All peers who contributed. On status, Prof. Eliana Abu-Hamdi, SAH Board AGs Liaison, responded on Sep 6, 2022: “Your request has prompted a more holistic review of how SAH grants awards etc., and so, a special committee was formed to review the process.”

3. SAH WiA AG Program: “March 2023: Celebrating Women’s History Month”
— Committees’ Meeting
— Publication of SAH WiA Bibliography 2023 (SAH website)
— Websites launch: 1) 2nd edition of SAH WiA Bibliography, 2) SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews
— March 8th Special Event: SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program: collaborative SAH WiA AG virtual roundtable with Carleton University: Film viewing and discussion—moderated by Dr. Gül Kale.
Special gratitude: to film director, architect Amélie ESSÉSSÉ, to Prof. Diane Elliott Gayer. Participants: Amélie ESSÉSSÉ, Gül Kale, Diane Elliott Gayer, Anna Sokolina
Discussion: Gül Kale, Anna Sokolina
— Other March Initiatives—SAH Google zoom account for AGs: all ideas welcome; SAH CONNECTS panel proposals, special events, Book Launch festival, book talks, virtual panels, collaborations

4. SAH 76th Annual International Conference in-person in Montréal, Canada, Apr 12–16, 2023, virtual sessions Sep 20–22, 2023 https://www.sah.org/2023
— Call for inquiries: Book launch events at the conference
— Group Membership Meeting + Group’s Networking Event
Discussion: Gül Kale, Rebecca Siefert

5. SAH 77th Annual International Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Apr 17–21, 2024
Discussion: Call for SAH WiA affiliate group Session Proposals published in SAH Opportunities Nov 4: Call for Session Proposals: SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Session at SAH 2024 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico