SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Archive
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Documenting the Creation of SAH WiA AG and Highlighting the Groundwork of Founding Members and First Leadership Collectives

Submission to The International Archive of Women in Architecture IAWA

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Supporting SAH WiA AG Programs: SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Archive; Legacy Committee; SAH WiA AG Library and Archive; Registers Committee; SAH WiA AG Networks, Oral Histories, Bibliography; Mentoring Program; National Outreach; International Collaboration
First Collection: Compiled by Anna Sokolina, SAH WiA AG Chair | Reviewed and approved by Members of SAH WiA AG Council

1. SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Mission, Purpose, Objectives, Guidelines

The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) was established on June 10, 2020, and is a SAH Board-approved group of members of the Society of Architectural Historians who share a common, scholarly, or other, interest aligned with the SAH mission. The Purpose of SAH WiA AG is to promote research, provide a forum for ongoing conversations on areas of mutual interest, and foster contacts and collaboration among scholars through activities such as online websites, a listserv, and active participation in research conferences.

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.

The Guidelines are envisioned to acknowledge the vast landscapes of yet latent legacies, contexts, and perspectives, to record the largely unwritten women’s professional histories, to invite questions and debates, stimulate studies and discussions in emerging and bordering areas, and to address current work and the cultivation and empowerment of the next generation. The gravity of objectives for the group is determined by an urgency to fill the void in resources about women’s contribution to the built environment, leadership, and new trajectories of global transitions.
2. **Organization**


   *Primary website*: [https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org](https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org)

   *SAH Commons Group Forum*: [https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group](https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group)


2.2. **SAH WiA AG Leadership:**

**SAH WiA AG Council**

*Website*: [https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council](https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council)

Chair: Anna Sokolina, Advising Chair: Wanda A. Bubriski

Associate Chairs: Rebecca Siefert and Ola Uduku

Communications Lead: Priya Jain

National Outreach: Maristella Casciato

Web News Editor: Yan Wencheng

Mentoring Program: Gül Kale and Barbara Opar

Archivists: Barbara Opar and Neena Zutshi

Special Events: Gül Kale

Associate Administrators: Elisa Dainese, Kiana Darvish-Mansoori, Avni Gor

*Ex Officio*: SAH Board President, SAH Executive Director

**SAH WiA AG Registers Committee**

*Website*: [https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee/](https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee/)

Co-Chairs: Barbara Opar and Anna Sokolina, Associate Chair: Rebecca Siefert,

Committee Members: Alicia Imperiale, Gül Kale, Gillian Mahoney, Shelley E. Roff, Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Alexandra Staub, Nina Stritzler-Levine, Margaret B. Vickery

**SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee**

*Website*: [https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee/](https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee/)

Chair: Anna Sokolina, Executive Administrator: Rebecca Siefert

Committee Members: Esra Akcan, Jelena Bogdanovic, Sigal Davidi, Catherine Erkkila, Diane Elliott Gayer, Mary Anne Hunting, Kiwa Matsushita, Mari Nakahara, Katherine Kaford Papineau, Atsuko Tanaka, Thaisa Way, Julie Willis

Advising Members: Eva Alvarez, Carlos J. Gomez, Carmen Espegel, Liz Martin-Malikian

**SAH WiA AG Media/Communications Team**

Leadership: Yan Wencheng. Social media platforms:

**Facebook** [www.facebook.com/sahwiaag/](http://www.facebook.com/sahwiaag/)

   *Admins*: Elisa Dainese, Priya Jain, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina; Editor: Kiana Darvish-Mansoori

**Instagram** [www.instagram.com/sahwiaag/](http://www.instagram.com/sahwiaag/)

   *Admins*: Avni Gor, Yan Wencheng
LinkedIn  www.linkedin.com/company/sah-women-in-architecture/posts/

Super admins: Avni Gor, Priya Jain, Anna Sokolina, Yan Wencheng; Admin: Rebecca Siefert

Twitter  https://twitter.com/sahwiaag
Admin: Avni Gor

SAH Commons Group  https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group
Admins: Ipek Mehmetoglu, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Danielle S. Willkens; Editor: Avni Gor

SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program
Website:  https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program
Leadership: Gül Kale and Barbara Ann Opar
Program Support: SAH WiA AG members and leadership team, broader SAH directory, global collegiate

2.3.  SAH WiA AG Founding Members:

Founding Chair: Anna Sokolina. Founding Principals | Proposal Leadership Group: Annmarie Adams, Kathryn E. O’Rourke, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Margaret Birney Vickery, Nathaniel Robert Walker, Danielle S. Willkens


3.  SAH WiA AG Programs and Scholarship

- SAH Annual International Conference: Scholarship and Contribution
- SAH CONNECTS Program: Scholarship and Contribution
- Annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month
- Collaboration with SAH Board and Collectives: SAH Archipedia and BUS, SAH IDEAS, SAH AGs
- SAH WiA AG Registers Committee: SAH WiA Bibliography; WiA Oral Histories, WiA Networks
- SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee: Special Events, Film Screenings & Discussions, Book Talks, Recognition Program, The Inclusion and Social Justice Program, SAH WiA AG Library and Archive
- Mentoring Program: Internships and Practicum, Workshops, Virtual Programs and Webinars
- WiA Grants and Fellowships Directory
- National Outreach
- International Collaboration

4.  SAH WiA AG Registers Committee
https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee/

The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Registers Committee has been established and announced at the First Meeting of the Committee on December 18, 2020, as a global SAH WiA AG initiative open to proposals and projects that support the SAH mission. The initiative has been proposed and put forward by Anna Sokolina, SAH WiA AG founding chair, peer reviewed and confirmed on September 9, 2020, at the First Meeting of the SAH WiA AG Council by SAH WiA AG elected group leaders: Annmarie Adams,
Priya Jain, Kathryn E. O’Rourke, Shelley E. Roff, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Franca Trubiano, Margaret B. Vickery, Julia Walker, and Danielle S. Willkens.

The SAH WiA AG Registers Committee represents the breadth of interests of the SAH community by creating a 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 Interactive Oral Histories.

The Objectives of the Committee are to create, maintain and advance:

1. **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 dissertations ABOUT women’s contribution to the discipline; 4) the list of books and dissertations on contribution of women to the built environment in languages other than English.

2. **SAH WiA AG Networks** – A Register of likeminded organizations, institutions, and other alliances across borders and disciplines.

3. **SAH WiA AG Interactive Oral Histories** – A collection of interviews, both in an audio and video format, and integration of a variety of other inclusive forms of discussion, which transparently consider all sorts of debate: panels, events, dialogues, meetings of any scale, formal and informal, documenting personal histories of women in profession.

5. **SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee**

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

The SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee was established on June 1, 2021, as a global SAH WiA AG initiative that supports the SAH mission. The initiative has been proposed on April 19, 2021, at the Third Meeting of the SAH WiA AG Council, by Anna Sokolina, SAH WiA AG founding chair, her draft of the Committee’s purpose and guidelines was peer reviewed and final script approved on May 31, 2021, by the ways of e-communication of SAH WiA AG elected group leaders: Annmarie Adams, Shelley E. Roff, Margaret B. Vickery, Rebecca Siefert, Danielle S. Willkens, Franca Trubiano, and Priya Jain.

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.

The Objectives of the Committee are to create, maintain, and advance events, programs, and recognition efforts contributing to the cause of women in architecture.

1. **Events and Projects**
   - **SAH Women in Architecture Day**: Celebration on March 8, The International Women’s Day
   - **Book Talks and The Book Launch Annual Festival**: virtual, hybrid, or in-person events
   - **Special Events** celebrating scholarship and leadership of remarkable women
2. Recognition Program
   - **Distinction in Scholarship:** To feature across SAH WiA AG communication platforms outstanding scholarly accomplishments by one or more persons who, individually or jointly, have enhanced understanding of the built environment and architectural history through the knowledge of women’s contribution to the field.
   - **Annual Achievements:** In SAH WiA AG Annual Reports and at SAH WiA AG meetings, to recognize SAH members who through interdisciplinary inquiry have made significant contributions to broadening networks and building bridges of understanding across continents and cultures by advocating women’s work.
   - **Recognition for contributions to the SAH Women in Architecture AG community:** Acknowledgement in the letters of the chair and members of the Council to SAH WiA AG members

3. The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive
   - **The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive,** in collaboration with the SAH Board and Staff
   - Digital entries of records in collaboration with *SAH Archipedia* and *Buildings of the U.S.*
   - **Collaboration with the physical venue** to house the collection: Digitize, publish, and provide electronic access to the records collected in the SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive

4. The Inclusion and Social Justice Program

6. **SAH WiA AG Mentoring program**
https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program

The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Mentoring Initiative has been developed and announced on March 1, 2022, as part of SAH Women in Architecture AG Program March 2022: Celebrating Women’s History Month, as a global SAH WiA AG program open to ideas and projects that support the SAH mission. The initiative has been proposed in June of 2021 by Anna Sokolina, SAH WiA AG founding chair, with support by Barbara Ann Opar, co-chair of SAH WiA AG Registers Committee based on her practical mentoring efforts of compiling the first edition of “SAH WiA Bibliography” and the transcription of Oral History Interviews projects, and with support by Rebecca Siefert, SAH WiA AG executive administrator. Program outline developed and submitted for discussion by Gül Kale, SAH WiA AG Registers Committee member, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada. Program proposal for the SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program was introduced by Gül Kale, peer reviewed, discussed, expanded, and confirmed on December 15, 2021, at the Sixth Meeting of the SAH WiA AG Council by SAH WiA AG elected group leaders in attendance: Shelley E. Roff, Anna Sokolina, Ola Uduku, Margaret B. Vickery, Rebecca Siefert, Danielle S. Willkens, Yan Wencheng, Ipek Mehmetoglu, Avni Gor, Priya Jain, Ex-Officio Barbara Ann Opar; invited attendance: Gül Kale.

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. This initiative aims to include both undergraduate and graduate students in architectural history and theory programs globally through internships and practicum projects that support the SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Mission, with a vision towards equity, diversity, and inclusion.

The Mission of the Mentoring Program of the SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group and the SAH WiA AG Registers Committee is to support and contribute to the groundbreaking efforts of documenting, recognizing, and advocating the essential role of women in the creation of the built environment.
The Objectives of SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program are to create, advance, and implement proposed initiatives:

- The program identifies occasions to engage students in research, introduces new venues to improve student support, and promotes student training and funding opportunities.
- 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.
- The program offers Internships and Practicum projects to students, to implement the Mission of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group. These shall include developing bibliographies, editing entries, and managing social media accounts. The projects shall be adjusted and developed according to what would be most beneficial mutually, for the Society, the Group, and the students. Students can assist in updating and composing texts on the groups’ websites. They can also compile materials and lists related to women in architecture to contribute to projects-in-progress developing the SAH WiA AG resources.

7. **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Archive: First Collection**

Folders from 12.12.2019 to 07.19.2023

*Submission: 20 general folders containing overall 385 files of professional documentation* (3+13+9+2+28+10+3+1+10+7+20+6+10+3+16+2+5+3+16+10+7+11+22+5+3+39+4+15+2+4+3+4+11+19+3+3+
24+13+2+9+5)

I. **SAH WiA AG Archive (3 files):**
   - General Information and List of Folders in First Collection; Deed of Gift;
   - Communications of Group leadership with the IAWA Archivist and Director of Special Collections, Virginia Tech University Libraries

II. **SAH WiA AG Founding Proposal and Groundwork Correspondence 12.12.2019–09.24.2020 (13 files and 1 folder containing 9 files)**

III. **SAH WiA AG Council and Select Letters 2020-23 (2 files and 1 folder containing 28 files)**

IV. **SAH WiA AG Logo (10 files)**

V. **SAH Affiliate Groups Governance Guidelines (3 files)**

VI. **SAH WiA AG Bylaws (1 file and 1 folder containing 10 files)**

VII. **SAH WiA AG Elections (7 files)**

VIII. **SAH WiA AG Leadership Meetings (20 files and 1 folder containing 6 files)**

IX. **SAH WiA AG Reports to SAH Board (10 files)**

X. **SAH WiA AG Registers Committee Select Documentation (3 files and 2 folders containing 16 and 2 files):**
   - Committee Proposal; SAH WiA Bibliography; Women in Pittsburgh Architecture Bibliography

XI. **SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee Select Documentation (5 files and 2 folders containing 3 and 16 files):**
   - Committee Proposal; Collaboration with SAH *Archipedia*
   - Proposal to SAH Board: Award of Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture
XII. SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program *(10 files)*: SAH WiA AG Virtual Panels; SAH WiA AG Interns

XIII. SAH WiA AG March Annual Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month Initiatives and Events: 2021, 2022, 2023 *(2 folders containing 7 and 11 files; and 1 folder containing 22 files and 2 folders with 5 and 3 files)*

XIV. SAH WiA AG at SAH Conferences: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 *(4 folders: 2021 contains 39 files; 2022 contains 4 files and 1 folder with 15 files; 2023 contains 2 files and 1 folder with 4 files; 2024 contains 3 files)*

XV. SAH WiA AG SAH CONNECTS Panels: 2021, 2022, 2023 *(4 files and 4 folders with 11 files, 19 files, 3 files, and 3 files)*

XVI. SAH WiA AG National Collaboration: Panel at AI 2022 Symposium, AIA SVC *(24 files)*

XVII. SAH WiA AG Chair: Letters to Members *(13 files)*

XVIII. SAH WiA AG Letter to Pauline Saliga *(2 files)*

XIX. SAH WiA AG Grants and Fellowships Directory *(9 files)*

XX. SAH WiA AG Primary Websites *(5 files)*

Based on prior communications with Jade Snelling, IAWA Collections Archivist, and Aaron Purcell, PhD, Director of Special Collections, Virginia Tech University Libraries, and followed by in-depth discussions with members of SAH WiA AG Council, the draft of General Information and List of Folders has been created by Anna Sokolina, PhD, SAH WiA AG Chair; peer reviewed and approved by SAH WiA AG Council: Wanda A. Bubriski, Advising Chair, Rebecca Siefert, PhD, and Ola Uduku, PhD, Associate Chairs, Priya Jain, AIA, Senior Communications Lead, Yan Wencheng, PhD, Web News Editor, Maristella Casciato, FSAH, National Outreach, Gül Kale, PhD, and Barbara Opar, MLS, Mentoring Program, Barbara Opar, MLS, and Dr. Neena Zutshi, Archivists, Gül Kale, PhD, Special Events, Elisa Dainese, PhD, and Avni Gor, Administrators. Folders finalized, updated, and submitted on July 19, 2023, by Anna Sokolina (electronic submission by the ways of WeTransfer) to Jade Snelling. The follow-up message to be emailed by Sokolina to members of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Council. The reference to this archival project and the first submission to the International Archive of Women in Architecture at Virginia Tech University Libraries to be included 1) in the Fall 2023 SAH WiA AG Report to SAH Board, and 2) in the End-of the year 2023 Letter of the Chair via Group Listserv to SAH WiA AG Members.