

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

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Name of Committee/AG	SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG)
Leadership Team	Chair: Anna Sokolina, Associate Chairs: Rebecca Siefert and Ola Uduku, Registers Co-chair Barbara Ann Opar, National Outreach: Maristella Casciato, Senior Communications Lead: Priya Jain, Mentoring Program: Anat Geva and Barbara Ann Opar, Web News Editor: Yan Wencheng, Lead Administrator: Avni Gor, Communications: Bailey Morgan Brown Mitchel and Marianna Charitonidou, Administrators: Elisa Dainese, Stavroula Michael, Special Events: Sarah Bonnemaïson
Memo:	Preceding reports submitted to SAH Board: No 1 /10.28.2020; No 2 /3.15.2021; No 3 /9.15.2021; No 4 /3.30.2022; No 5 /10.17.22, No 6 /3.22.23, No 7 /10.12.2023, No 8 /3.26.2024

Main current objectives

The Mission of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group is to support the breadth of interests of 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 discussion; to document, support, and advance, research, publication, education, and exhibition initiatives; to integrate professional standing of women in architecture with broader studies across cultures and geographies.

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities (Apr 2024–Oct 2024)

1. Organization

- SAH Commons: Primary website <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org>
- SAH Commons: Group Forum <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>
- Group Leadership: [Council](#); [Registers Committee](#); [Legacy Committee](#); [Mentoring Program](#)
- Society of Architectural Historians WiA AG platform: <https://www.sah.org/membership/sah-affiliate-groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>
- Media Team—Platforms: Facebook [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group](#); Instagram www.instagram.com/sahwiaag;
- LinkedIn [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group: Overview](#) | [LinkedIn](#); X [@SAHWiAag](#)

2. SAH WiA AG Programs

1/SAH Conference: Scholarship and Contribution; 2/SAH CONNECTS: Scholarship and Contribution; 3/Annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month; 4/Collaboration with SAH Board and Collectives: *SAH Archipedia*, SAH AGs; 5/Registers Committee: SAH WiA Bibliography, SAH WiA Oral Histories; 6/Legacy Committee: Special Events, Film Screenings & Discussions, SAH WiA AG Archive; 7/Mentoring Program: Internships and Practicum; 8/Virtual Programs and Webinars; 9/National Outreach; 10/International Collaboration.

3. Recognition and Gratitude

- Gratitude

We are grateful to SAH Board and Staff for lasting generous support, and to our SAH Women in Architecture Group members for support, critical scholarship, and contribution to our mission and to the cause of women in architecture.

- Recognition

- Laura Sánchez Carrasco for contribution of the list of publications in Spanish to second edition of “SAH WiA Bibliography” (project in progress).
- Rebecca Siefert for essential administrative support of events organized by SAH WiA AG.
- SAH WiA AG Communications/Administration Team: Bailey Morgan Brown Mitchel, Avni Gor, Priya Jain, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Yan Wencheng, for organization, consecutive efforts, and creative promotion of SAH WiA AG, of SAH, and of our colleagues’ activism and scholarship across SAH WiA group platforms.
- Maristella Casciato, Ola Uduku, Wanda Bubriski, Barbara Ann Opar, Anat Geva, for vital national and international representation and support of our group.

- Shelley E. Roff, Member of SAH WiA AG Registers Committee, for pioneering organization of the First WoArch 2024 Symposium of the series, Women in Architecture. Rome, Italy, Jan 25–27, 2024.
- Eva M. Alvarez and Carlos J. Gomez, Members of SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee, for extraordinary organization of ICAG: VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender, Universitat Politècnica de València, School of Architecture, Valencia, Spain, Oct 3–6, 2023.

4. SAH Conference Contribution

SAH 77th Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4.17–21.2024

- Call for session proposals supported by SAH WiA AG published in SAH Opportunities; 3 session proposals by SAH members were submitted to WiA AG Council, reviewed by WiA AG leadership team – submitted but not selected by Conference Chair.
- Communications of SAH WiA AG Council with Christopher Kirbabas, SAH Director of Programs, regarding WiA Group Membership Meeting—event omitted in solidarity toward meetings with other affiliate groups.
- Participation in SAH Reception for Affiliate Groups sponsored by Lynne Horiuchi, PhD, SAH Secretary, 4.17.24.
- SAH WiA AG contribution in solidarity, to Architectural Studies Affiliate Group brownbag panel 4.18.24, in partnership with other invited affiliate groups: Asian American & Diasporic, Indigenous Architecture, Race & Arch. History, Minority Scholars.
- Support of individual sessions chaired/co-chaired by WiA AG leaders, and papers by SAH WiA AG members.
- SAH 2024 Annual International Conference: List of Events Collated by Anna Sokolina, Chair, distributed to group members via SAH WiA AG listserv by Priya Jain, Senior Communications Lead; promotional efforts via Group social media platforms by Communications/Media Lead Administrators: Yan Wencheng, Bailey Morgan Brown Mitchel, Avni Gor

SAH Virtual 19–21.2024

- 3 virtual session proposals by SAH members supported by SAH WiA AG leadership team; one session submitted, confirmed, presented “Hiding in Plain Sight: Early Modern Women Designers in Europe”: 2024 Annual SAH International Conference, Virtual Program, September 19. Session Chair: Shelley E. Roff, University of Texas at San Antonio. Speakers: Shelley E. Roff, University of Texas at San Antonio, Consuelo Lollobrigida, University of Arkansas Rome Center, Alba Carballeira, Independent Scholar, Madrid, Izabela Kopania, Institute of Art, Polish Academy of Sciences. Respondent: Conor Lucey, University College Dublin.
- Of note was also session “Research on Women Architects in Portuguese (Post-)Colonial Africa,” September 20. Session Co-chairs: Leonor Matos Silva, Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal and Beatriz Serrazina, Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal. Respondent: Mary McLeod, Columbia University.

5. Collaboration with SAH Board and collectives

- Consistent participation in Members Meetups organized by SAH Board and Staff; registration/contribution to SAH CONNECTS.
- Regular continuous support of our members and sister AGs and organizations: publication of relevant news across WiA AG platforms.

6. SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Archive

Archival project: Groundwork documentation, 20 folders containing overall 385 files of professional documentation submitted to the International Archive of Women in Architecture at Virginia Tech University Libraries – confirmed, accessioning in progress.

7. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

- Publication on the SAH WiA AG Virtual Programs website of references to Conferences supported/sponsored by SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group [Virtual Programs – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group](#), most recent:
 - WoArch 2024 | Women as Builders, Designers, and Critics of the Built Environment Before 1800. First WoArch Symposium of the series, Women in Architecture. Rome, Italy, Jan 25–27, 2024, organized by the University of Arkansas Rome Center in collaboration with the School of Architecture + Planning at the University of Texas at San Antonio.
Convenors: *Shelley E. Roff, Consuelo Lollobrigida, Francesca Riccardo*. SAH WiA AG invited contribution: Collegial support, promotional efforts, SAH WiA AG members scholarship.
 - ICAG: VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender. Universitat Politècnica de València, School of Architecture, Valencia, Spain, Oct 3–6, 2023. [ICAG 2023 | VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender | speakers & chairs | program | committees | call for papers | registrations | instagram CUG | sponsors](#)
Organizers: *Eva M. Alvarez, Carlos J. Gomez*. SAH WiA AG invited contribution: Sponsor, collegial support, promotional efforts; Complex contribution by outstanding SAH WiA AG members; Scientific Committee and keynote lecture by *Anna Sokolina* introducing the SAH WiA group and other contribution: session chair, exhibition participation, special events.

- Promotional support of, and participation in events organized by women in architecture centers worldwide, e.g. "Buone Nuove/Good News. Women In Architecture: from MAXXI to MET," Toronto Metropolitan University," 9.5–10.10.2024. www.torontomu.ca/architectural-science/stories-events/2024/09/buone-nuove-good-news---women-in-architecture---from-maxxi-to-me; and "Where Are the Women Architects?" panel 10.24.2024, and exhibition 10.10–25, 2024, partnership of American Institute of Architects (AIA) Queens Chapter and Flushing Town Hall, Queens, NY, www.flushingtownhall.org/where-are-the-women-architects-talk-exhibition; events organized by Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation BWAf <https://bwaf.org>; events organized and prizes awarded by International Archive of Women in Architecture IAWA <https://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa> and IAWA Center www.instagram.com/iawa_vt; new book publications: *Women and Architectural History* edited by Dana Arnold www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003224662-2; Manitoba Women in Design Database and book *Manitoba Women in Design*, by Marieke Gruwel, new executive director of the Winnipeg Architecture Foundation, [Manitoba Women in Design Database – Digital Exhibits – Winnipeg Architecture Foundation](#); and many more initiatives, conferences, scholarships, and practices.

Financial Impact

SAH WiA AG is seeking guidance of SAH Board—advice on creating websites in collaboration with SAH Staff with a lineup of essential recordings contributing to SAH Mission: Oral Histories, Special events, and the Grants and Fellowships List of sources that support research, publications, student work, teaching, and institutional projects on women in architecture.

Recommendations for SAH Board

We are grateful to SAH Board and Staff for vital generous support and are committed to contribute to the SAH mission, collaborate with our members across continents, and bring new members to Society. 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 will be continuously endorsed and supported by SAH Board.