

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

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**EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF ART**, Edinburgh, Scotland  
1990      **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Part III Examination**

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Graduate School of Fine Arts**, Philadelphia, PA  
1987      **Master of Architecture**  
Thesis: Low and Moderate Income Housing in Baldia Township, Karachi, Pakistan  
Venice Summer Studio, 1986  
Rome Summer Program, 1986  
AIA Teaching in the Schools Program, 1985  
Studied Restoration of the Erechtheion in Athens, Greece, 1985

**BRYN MAWR COLLEGE**, Bryn Mawr, PA  
1984      **Bachelor of Arts** (with major in Mathematics)  
Minor in Economics  
Nominated for the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, 1984  
Studied at the London School of Economics, 1982

## REGISTRATIONS

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**Registered Architect**, Architects Registration Board, United Kingdom, since 1991  
**International Associate**, American Institute of Architects, since 2014  
**Lifetime Registered Architect**, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners, since 2007

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- FORT BEND LIBRARIES**, Katy, Sugar Land & Richmond, TX 2013- Present  
**UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Irvine, CA  
**Community Educator**  
Enhancing public awareness about the role of art and architecture in the history of human civilization through lecture and discussion sessions
- OBRA D TOMPKINS HIGH SCHOOL**, Katy, TX 2016-Present  
**Volunteer Mentor**  
Mentoring students for success in life in *Take Flight* program
- UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE**, Pakistan 2016  
**Bachelor of Architecture Design Thesis Advisor**  
Online advice on precedent and case studies, site analysis and design
- IVYMAX TUTORING CENTER**, Irvine, CA 2014- 2015  
**Part-Time Instructor**  
Taught English, Mathematics and Social Studies to K-12 students
- UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE**, Pakistan 2013  
**Bachelor of Architecture Dissertation Advisor**  
Advice on topic selection, dissertation structure, primary & secondary sources and precedent studies
- Visiting Instructor** 2010  
Taught *Third Year Architecture Design Studio* for B Arch program
- SZABIST INSTITUTE**, Karachi, Pakistan 2012  
**Visiting Instructor**  
Developed and taught *Rhetoric in Architecture* course for MS Media Sciences program and *Culture, Media and Society* for BS Media Sciences program
- NED UNIVERSITY DEPT OF ARCHITECTURE**, Karachi, Pakistan 2011- 2012  
**Visiting Instructor**  
Developed and taught *Aesthetics in Architecture* course for M Arch program and *Fourth Year Architecture Design Studio* for B Arch program
- NIXOR COLLEGE**, Karachi, Pakistan 2011  
**Visiting Instructor**  
Developed and taught enrichment course *Art and Culture* for A-Level program

Formulated and taught *History of Art & Architecture, Theories of Architecture, Space, Place & Environment, Muslim Architecture, Architectural Conservation* and *Third Year Architecture Design Studio* courses; B Arch Dissertation Advisor; Department Coordinator; Chair of Library Committee; Member of Liberal Arts Board of Studies and Admissions Committee; IVSAA Architecture Dept representative to the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan; academic policy-making, curriculum development, academic and career advising.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Fall Semester 2016	University of Karachi	<i>B Arch Design Thesis</i>
Summer Semester 2013	University of Karachi	<i>B Arch Dissertation</i>
Spring Semester 2013	University of Karachi	<i>B Arch Dissertation</i>
Fall Semester 2012	SZABIST Institute	<i>Rhetoric in Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2012	SZABIST Institute	<i>Culture, Media &amp; Society</i>
Spring Semester 2012	NED University	<i>Aesthetics in Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2011	NED University	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Year Architecture Studio</i>
Fall Semester 2011	Nixor College	<i>Art and Culture</i>
Spring Semester 2011	Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture (IVSAA)	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Architecture Studio, History &amp; Theories of Arch, Space, Place &amp; Environment</i>
Fall Semester 2010	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2010	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2010	University of Karachi	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Architecture Studio</i>
Fall Semester 2009	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2009	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2008	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>

Spring Semester 2008	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2007	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2007	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2006	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2006	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2005	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2005	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2004	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2004	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2003	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2003	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Fall Semester 2001	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 2001	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture, B Arch Dissertation Advisor</i>
Fall Semester 2000	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture,</i>
Spring Semester 2000	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture, B Arch Dissertation Advisor</i>
Fall Semester 1999	IVSAA	<i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i>
Spring Semester 1999	IVSAA	<i>Department Coordinator, History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture,</i>

***B Arch Dissertation Advisor***

Fall Semester 1998	IVSAA	<b><i>Department Coordinator, History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 1998	IVSAA	<b><i>Department Coordinator, History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture, B Arch Dissertation Advisor</i></b>
Fall Semester 1997	IVSAA	<b><i>History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 1997	IVSAA	<b><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Architecture Studio, History of Art &amp; Arch, Theories of Architecture, Muslim Architecture</i></b>
Fall Semester 1996	IVSAA	<b><i>History of Art &amp; Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 1996	IVSAA	<b><i>History of Art &amp; Architecture</i></b>
Fall Semester 1995	IVSAA	<b><i>History of Art &amp; Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 1995	IVSAA	<b><i>History of Art &amp; Architecture</i></b>
Fall Semester 1994	IVSAA	<b><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year Architecture Studio, History of Art &amp; Arch, Architectural Conservation</i></b>

**INVITED JUROR**

Spring Semester 2017	University of Houston, TX	<b><i>M Arch Design Thesis Jury</i></b>
Spring Semester 2015	Orange Coast College, CA	<b><i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio</i></b>
Fall Semester 2014	Woodbury University, CA	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio</i></b>
Fall Semester 2014	Orange Coast College, CA	<b><i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio</i></b>
Fall Semester 2010	NED University, Pakistan	<b><i>4<sup>th</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio</i></b>
Spring Semester 2009	University of Karachi, Pakistan	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio</i></b>

**INVITED LECTURER**

Spring Semester 2013	DCET Arch Dept, Karachi	<b><i>Dome of the Rock</i></b>
Fall Semester 2011	NED History Cell, Karachi	<b><i>Urban Masterpieces</i></b>
Spring Semester 2011	NED History Cell, Karachi	<b><i>Modern Architecture</i></b>
Fall Semester 2010	NED History Cell, Karachi	<b><i>Renaissance Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 2010	NED History Cell, Karachi	<b><i>Islamic Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 2010	University of Karachi	<b><i>Islamic Architecture</i></b>
Spring Semester 2010	University of Karachi	<b><i>Roman Architecture</i></b>
Fall Semester 2009	NED History Cell, Karachi	<b><i>Gothic Architecture</i></b>

Spring Semester 2009

NED History Cell, Karachi

*Roman Architecture*

## COMMITTEES

Spring Semester 2009-  
Spring Semester 2011

Indus Valley School  
of Art & Architecture,  
Karachi

*Chair of Library Committee,  
Member of Admissions Committee,  
Member of Liberal Arts Board of Studies*

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

**University of Pennsylvania Admissions Interview Panel** Member, Karachi, Pakistan, 2011-2012  
**Bryn Mawr College** Representative to College Recruitment Fair, Cherry Hill, NJ, 1987

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**DESIGN CONSULTANT**, Katy, TX

2017

Master-planning of a 90-acre site in League City for recreational, commercial and residential development. Conversion of an existing warehouse in Houston to a dog training facility.

**THE GRID**, Karachi, Pakistan

2008-2013

Principal Architect, private practice. Residential architecture, including own house.

**MEINHARDT (PAKISTAN) PVT LTD**, Karachi, Pakistan

1999-2001

Principal Architect of Architecture Section in an international engineering practice. Project development with clients and developers. Team-leader for schematic design, design development and multi-media presentations for large-scale commercial and residential projects, viz. office buildings, shopping malls and housing schemes.

**THE ARCHITECTS**, Karachi, Pakistan

1995

Schematic design, design development and site inspections for residential projects. Design competition for a national police academy.

**AHED ASSOCIATES**, Karachi, Pakistan

1993-1994 & 1995-1996

Schematic design, design development and presentations for large-scale commercial and institutional projects, viz. office buildings and hospitals. Design competitions for community housing schemes and a prison. Authorship and graphic layout of architectural articles, written and graphic preparation of office portfolio and newsletters.

**LARI ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS**, Karachi, Pakistan

1992

Architectural analysis of British Colonial buildings, in a historic district of Karachi, for publication. Design development of a hotel in the historic city of Multan. Schematic design for upgrading the swimming pool and landscaping at the Sindh Governor House, Karachi. Design of tile pattern for the facade of a corporate head-office building in Karachi. Co-ordination with clients and engineers.

**AMERICAN CENTER OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, Amman, Jordan** 1992  
Assistant Architect of the Roman Temple of Hercules Restoration Project on the Citadel: site supervision, architectural measurements and drawings of excavated pottery for publication; co-author of article in the American Journal of Archaeology and interim report to funding agency. Design of ACOR library extension; drawings for grant proposal; co-ordination of shelving and furniture specifications with manufacturer.

**DEPT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES, EDC, Edinburgh, Scotland** 1989-1991  
Project Architect for conversion of a warehouse to training workshop; detail design and site inspections. Design development for extension of an art gallery into existing upper floors and conversion of the annex to gallery shop. Detail design and building permit application drawings for a new 97-bedroom hotel in historic Old Town. Detail design and construction drawings for a park gazebo. Co-ordination with clients, engineers, quantity surveyors, interior designers, manufacturers, Building Control officers, clerks of works and contractors.

**KVELL CORCORAN ARCHITECTS, PC, Washington, DC** 1989  
Architectural design development, kitchen layout and construction drawings for building permit application, for residential additions. Survey and building permit application drawings for conversion of a row house to a commercial art gallery. Surveys, drawings and discussions with clients and product representatives.

**HAZLE McCORMACK YOUNG ARCHITECTS, London, England** 1988  
Schematic design of conversion of a historic building to community, retail, entertainment, catering and office use. Architectural, interior design and construction drawings for the conversion of three row houses to hostel accommodation for Alcoholics' Recovery Project. Programming discussions with clients, quantity surveyors, developers and council officers; architectural surveys, construction documentation, drawings and renderings.

**KTDJ ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS, Cherry Hill, NJ** 1987-1988  
Architectural design of media center and expansion of music, athletic, administrative and classroom facilities at three public high schools. Interior and landscape design for a bank renovation. Programming discussion with clients, architectural surveys, construction documentation, drawings and renderings.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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**Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture (1994-2011):** Department Coordinator (1998-1999); Chair of Library Committee; Member of Liberal Arts Board of Studies and Admissions Committee; policy-making, curriculum development and academic/career advising.

**Meinhardt (Pakistan) Pvt Ltd (1999-2001):** Principal Architect of Architecture Section; responsible for overall project portfolio and departmental budget in coordination with CEO; project development with clients, developers and consultants.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

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Editor, *A Travelogue* by Naseem Salahuddin & Iftikhar Salahuddin (in progress), 2016-2017  
Editor, *Jerusalem, A Journey Back in Time* by Iftikhar Salahuddin, BBCL Publications, 2013  
Author, *Of Colour and Form*, FOMMA Publications, Karachi, Pakistan, 2010  
Co-editor, *County Courier*, monthly publication of the Orange County Historical Society, 2015  
Author, article *Earth, Light and Architecture*, Archi Times Publications, Karachi, Pakistan, 2013  
Author, article *Chaos Begets Order*, NuktaArt Publications, Karachi, Pakistan, 2012  
Author, article *Poetry and Mysticism in Architecture*, Archi Times Publications, Karachi, 2011  
Author, articles *The Atelier* and *The Atelier Events*, Archi Times Publications, Karachi, 2011  
Author, article *The Grid or Not the Grid*, NuktaArt Publications, Karachi, Pakistan, 2010  
Co-author, article *Temple of Hercules Restoration Project*, American Journal of Archaeology, 1992

## EXHIBITIONS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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*Line to Color Workshop* by Francis Ching and Gail Wong, AIA Orange County, 2015  
**Curator, Earth, Light and Architecture Exhibition** at NED University, 2013  
**Faculty Show** at Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, 2009  
*Cities and Climate Change World Habitat Day Conference*, organized by UN Habitat, 2011  
**Faculty Development Workshop** at Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, 2009 and 1994  
PCATP Representative, **Architecture Program Conference**, UET University, Taxila, Pakistan, 2008  
IVSAA Representative, **Architecture Curriculum Conference**, Higher Education Commission, 2007

## AWARDS

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**Irvine Public School Foundation (IPSF) Community Service Award 2013**  
**Glasgow Institute of Architects Traveling Award 1990:** Athenian Acropolis Restoration Project

## AFFILIATIONS

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Member, **Friends of Art History**, University of California Irvine, 2015  
Board Member, **Irvine Pakistani Parents Association (IPPA)**, Irvine, CA, 2013-2015  
Co-Founder and Instructor, **CUBE Design Education**, Karachi, Pakistan, 2012-2013  
Co-Founder, **The Atelier Pakistan**, Karachi, Pakistan, 2011-2013