

BENJAMIN AKHAVAN

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EDUCATION

Columbia University_Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation [GSAPP]

M.S. Advanced Architectural Design [AAD]

The City College of New York / Macaulay Honors College_Spitzer School of Architecture

B.Arch with a Concentration in Architectural History & Theory

Alpha Rho Chi Medal | Summa Cum Laude

Stony Brook University_Garcia Center for Polymers at Engineered Interfaces

Research Scholar_Funded by the National Science Foundation

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 -

FOAWM_Principal

Nondescript design firm / office / atelier / workshop / milieu with polyvalent interests.

Current projects include an eco-coastal house, multigenerational home, and website. www.FOAWM.com

2018 - 2020

Museum of Modern Art [MoMA]_Assistant Designer, Exhibition Design & Production

Select shows: New MoMA Collection Galleries / [Taking a Thread for a Walk](#) / [Neri Oxman: Material Ecology](#) / [Energy](#) / [Betye Saar: The Legends of Black Girl's Window](#) / [Joan Miró: Birth of the World](#) / [Surrounds: 11 Installations](#)

SELECT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

-2024 -

Morgan State University Department of Graduate Built Environment Studies

Assistant Professor in the Graduate Program in Architecture

ARCH 742_Urban Energy Acupuncture

ARCH 520_Core Studio II

2022 - 2024

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation [GSAPP]

Assistant Director of Academic Affairs

Adjunct Assistant Professor

ARCH 1003_Introduction to Architecture Design Studio

2022 - 2023

The City College of New York [CCNY]

Adjunct Lecturer

ARCH 85200_Design Seminar: Building Harlem, from the Body to the Planet

ARCH 85100 / 73100_Advanced Studio: The CRUX_Co-Instructor with Fran Leadon

AES 11300_Visual Studies I

2021 - 2023 **New Jersey Institute of Technology [NJIT]**
Adjunct Instructor
Coordinator: 555G_Tools and Techniques

ARCH 576_Architecture of Utopia: Techno-Imaginations of Past Futures
ARCH 555G_Tools and Techniques: Elements of Architecture and [Re]presentation
ARCH 296_Architecture Studio IV_[Re]Imagining a Place for Learning in Times of Crisis

SELECT LECTURES, PANELS, EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 **Invited Lecture_Spitzer School of Architecture Lecture Series**
"Future Practice: Diaspora Narratives." Lecture on the intersection of current work, identity, and the future of practice.
- 2023 **Conference Presentation_Material Economies Conference**
"Building Synthetic Inequity: Understanding the Cost of Building With Tyvek."
- 2022 **Artist Talk_ISEA2022 [International Symposium on Electronic Art]**
"Urban Energy Acupuncture."
- 2022 **Exhibition_Ideas for an Affordable 5 World Trade Center**
Proposal selected and exhibited at the Citygroup gallery, Manhattan.
- 2022 **Invited Lecture_Harvard GSD**
"Exhibition Design for Social Change." For Eva Lavanrou's course on 'Exhibiting for Social Change.'
- 2019 **Invited Lecture_CCNYS**
"Accessible Exhibition Design." For Prof. Christian Volkmann's 'Materials and Exhibitions' seminar.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Thresholds, Issue 51: Heat. Urban Energy Acupuncture: Iteration No. 01. 2023.

ISEA2022 Barcelona Proceedings. POSSIBLES 27 International Symposium on Electronic Art. Barcelona, 10-16 June, 2022.

Ideas for an Affordable 5 World Trade Center. New York Review of Architecture, Issue 28.

Mashrabiya, Vol. 00 - Identity. Editor and Contributor: Mashrabiya.org. April 30th, 2020.

Isseroff, R., Akhavan, B., Pan, C., He, H., Sokolov, J., & Rafailovich, M. [2014]. Enhancing the Efficiency of a PEM Hydrogen Fuel Cell with Synthesized Metal-Nanoparticle/Graphene Composites Synergy. Materials Research Society Proceedings, 1658. Cambridge University Press.

Isseroff, R., Chen, A., Chittabathini, S., Tse, A., Pan, C., Goldman, B., Li, H., Akhavan, B., . . . Rafailovich, M. [2013]. Increasing Polymer Solar Cell Active Layer Efficiency and Organization by Adding Gold-Functionalized Reduced Graphene Oxide. Materials Research Society Proceedings, 1500. Cambridge University Press.

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

Hebrew_read, write, and speak fluently

Farsi [Persian]_conversational