

Current Position:

Zayed University – College of Arts and Creative Enterprises 2012- Present
Full-time Associate Professor of Interior Design - Dubai, UAE
Chair of Bachelor of Architecture Formation Committee & IDE Coordinator

Education:

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University 1978
M.Arch. – Master of Architecture - Blacksburg, VA, USA
Parsons School of Design & The New School for Social Research 1976
BFA – Bachelor of Fine Arts in Environmental Design - York, N.Y. USA

Professional Qualifications:

RA- Registered Architect - License No. 022484 – New York, N.Y. USA October 1991
NCARB- National Council of Architectural Registration Board - Cert. No. 58241 (April 1992) - D.C. USA 1992-Current
AIA- American Institute of Architects, AIA Member No. 30084355 (Dec.1991) - DC.USA 1992-Current

Academic Appointments:

College of Architecture, Art & Design - American University of Sharjah 1998-2012
Full-time Associate Professor of Architecture & Interior Design - Sharjah, UAE
Zayed University – College of Arts and Creative Enterprises 2012- Present
Full-time Associate Professor of Interior Design – Dubai, UAE
Manipal University 2014-Current
Interior Design Graduate Students Adviser & Reviewer - Dubai, UAE
Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management Summer 2007/8
Part-time Visiting Interior Design Professor - Dubai, UAE
LAU – Lebanese American University 1991-1993
Full-time Assistant Professor of Architecture – Beirut, Lebanon
Parsons School of Design 1985-1988
Part-time Interior Design instructor – Westchester, N.Y. USA

Professional Practice - Architecture and Interior Design:

Woods Bagot Architects, Dubai - Dubai, UAE Summer 2010
Design Coordinator - coordinate construction documents and shop drawings for installation.
Nakheel, Palm Deira - Dubai, UAE 2008-2009
Senior Design Manager - coordinated design development for the Palm Deira Islands.
Al-Ghurair and Burjuman Centers - Dubai, UAE 1996-1998
Design Manager - directed architecture and interior design programs for the two centers.
Estee Lauder International -NY, USA+UAE 1994-1996
Regional Design Consultant - managed retail design and construction in the Middle East and Levant region.
The Phillips Jansen Group Architects - New York, USA 1992-1994
Project Manager - managed design and construction of high-end corporate and commercial interior projects.
Muse Architects and Planners - New York, USA 1986-1990
Senior Architect - managed new business development and marketing, managed design and construction of educational and financial projects, residential and affordable housing, and high-end interior design projects.
Swanke, Hayden & Connell Architects, New York - USA 1982-1985
Project Architect - developed, coordinated, and implemented design and construction documents for high-end interior architecture projects.
Marcel Breuer Associates, New York, USA 1978-1982
Project Designer- Develop conceptual, schematic and design development drawings for a wide range of notable architectural projects including a State library, art museum, manufacturing plant, pharmaceutical company headquarters, hotel, residential, and historic landmark preservation.

Academic Curricular Activities:

Zayed University (ZU)

- University Faculty Promotion Advisory Committee member, 2012–2014
- University Student Affair Committee member, 2014–2015.

College of Arts and Creative Enterprises at ZU

- Chair- B.Arch. Formation Committee 2016 - present
- Coordinator- Interior Design Program, 2013 – 2016

- Chair- Alumni & Student Affair Committee, 2014–2016
- Coordinator- Interior Facilities Committee, 2014–2016
- Originator- Interior Design Curriculum Committee, 2015
- Chair- Interior Design Curriculum (BFA) Committee, 20114

American University of Sharjah (AUS)

- Chair- Committee on Faculty Evaluation for Promotion and/or contract renewal, 2007/08
- Chair- Shared Governance, Self-Study Committee, 2007/08
- Chair- VAAC-AUFEC Grievance Committee, 2007/2008
- Chair- Student Affair Committee, 2001/02

College of Architecture, Art and Design at AUS

- IDP Coordinator- Representative for architecture program at CAAD, 2011
- Chair- Architecture Curriculum Committee, 2010/2011
- Chair- Interior Design Curriculum Committee, 2010/2011
- Chair- FPC, 2009/10
- Chair- Architecture/Interior Design Faculty Search Committee, 2007/08
- Chair- Archiving Committee, 2001

University Projects at AUS

- Faculty and student housing design- AUS, two-bedroom villas design and built in 2001
- CAAD design Building (AD1) Interior renovation and coordination 2000
- CAAD Architecture Building (AD2) furniture, data and power coordination 2000
- CAAD Library Interior- Design and coordination 1999
- AUS Daycare Center- Design and built in 1999

Academic Research | External Engagement:

[Symposium & Conference Papers]

- Sabet, Mehdi, V. International Architectural Design Conference – ARCHDESIGN '18 - April 13-14, 2018 – Dubrovnik, Croatia, Paper Title: adaptive-reuse space in architecture & interior design – a socially responsive education, case studies at senior level – Abstract accepted
- Sabet, Mehdi, Towards an Appropriate Pedagogy in the United Arab Emirates: Local vs. International Educational Models - Design Education in the UAE, Challenges and Opportunities – BRISMES, May 2017
- Sabet, Mehdi, Housing for War Trauma Children – Poster submission, A Vision of Sustainability with focus on Water_ IDC, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India, 2016
- Sabet, Mehdi, Design Education in the UAE, Challenges and Opportunities –peer reviewed: ARCHDESIGN '15, Current Trends in Architectural Design and Methodologies– Istanbul, July 2015 – Scientific Committee Reviewer, <http://www.archdesignconference.com>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Dilmun Settlement in Saar, Bahrain, a Personal Reflection <http://mehdisabet.tumblr.com/post/84403721915/dilmun-settlement-in-saar-bahrain-a-persona>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Detail - Core Value of Good Design – peer reviewed: ARCHDESIGN '14, Design Methodologies – Istanbul, May 2014 - <http://www.archdesignconference.org/p/registration.html>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Cultural diversity and self-reliance, impetus for design creativity – peer reviewed: ARCHTHEO '13, Creativity, Autonomy, Function - Istanbul, December 2013 - <http://www.archtheoconference.net/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Detail Matters in Architectural Education– peer reviewed: Detail Design in Architecture Conference DDiA 2011 _10th annual conference on Detail Design in Architecture "contradictions and synergies in detail design", present in Istanbul/Turkey, October 2011 – <http://www.ddia10.com>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Reflective and Self-Critical Teaching in Design Education – peer reviewed: EDULEARN11_ 3rd annual International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies, presented in Barcelona/Spain, July 2011- Coauthor with Prof. Robert Reid - <http://www.iated.org/edulearn11/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Morphology and Magic of “Old City” in Kabul – peer reviewed: Facing Crises Challenges and Opportunities Confronting the Third Sector and Civil Society, Ninth International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) – did not present in July 2010 - <http://www.istr.org/conferences/istanbul/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Education of Sustainable Architecture – peer reviewed: ICERI2009_ International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation, Madrid/Spain – Virtual presentation in November 2009 - <http://www.iated.org/iceri2009/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Design Standards – Status and Development: Paper presented at APID, Association of Professional Interior Design Conference 2007 (referenced in Commercial Interior Design-Vol.2, issue 7)
- Sabet, Mehdi, Design Studio Pedagogy - Studio Focus on Cultural and Contextual Impetus – peer reviewed: Source of Architectural Form, Kuwait University/Kuwait, presented in March 2007 - <http://archconf.kuniv.edu/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, A Morphological Study of “Old City” in Kabul – Abstract proposal accepted: Source of Architectural Form, Kuwait University/Kuwait, March 2007 - <http://archconf.kuniv.edu/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Kabul, a Ravaged City after Post-Taliban – peer reviewed: WOCMES2_ Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Amman/Jordan, presented in June 2006 http://www.riifs.org/wocmes2/call_panel_paper_roundtable.htm
- Sabet, Mehdi, Kabul Bazaar – An Urban Catalyst for Neighborhood Reconstruction- abstract accepted: UIA 2005 ISTANBUL XXII World Congress of Architecture – Cities: Grand Bazaar of ArchitectureS, 2005

- Sabet, Mehdi, Contradiction and Compromise in Emerging Architecture of Dubai- abstract accepted: CFP - Popular Culture Association Conference 2005
- Sabet, Mehdi, Global Architectural Design Pedagogy – peer reviewed: UIA Architectural Education Commission - 1st International Conference Architectural Education for the New Millennium, Alexandria/Egypt, presented in March 2003 - <http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Calendar/2003/2calendar.html>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Kabul... a city after shock – peer reviewed: The Future of Kabul City _ Reconstruction and Urban Planning Symposium, Kabul/ Afghanistan, presented in 2002 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/afghaniyat/message/3227>

[Publications]

- Sabet, Mehdi, A Conscious Perception: Geoffrey Bawa's selected work, Manipal University, Book Review 2014
- Sabet, Mehdi, Education of Sustainable Architecture: A Low-tech resources & Energy Solution for Social Housing, The Society of Afghan Engineers_ article published in eNewsletter, Vol 1, Issue 3, July 2011
- Sabet, Mehdi, Land Art Generator Initiative Design Competition: <http://landartgenerator.org/LAGI2010/aas302/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, "Day Dream": photograph published in Evolving Editions, www.evolveditions.com
- Sabet, Mehdi, Kabul Bazaar: article published in Architecture+ Vol.9 in Dubai/ U.A.E. 2005 - <http://www.arclplusonline.com/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, The Bazaars of Kabul: article published in Liberty magazine, issue 07-2005 <http://www.libertymagazine.org/>
- Sabet, Mehdi, Kabul: Urban Planning article published in Architecture+ in Dubai/ U.A.E. 2002 - <http://www.arclplusonline.com/>

[External Engagement]

- Round-table member- NUQAT, Dubai urban development, 2017
- Scientific Committee Member- ISE Current.
- Scientific Committee Member- ARCHDESIGN- Current.
- Interactive Workshop Presenter- Manipal University, November 2013
- Scientific Committee Reviewer - ARCHDESIGN '15, Current Trends in Architectural Design and Methodologies– Istanbul, July 2015, <http://www.archdesignconference.com>
- Scientific Committee Reviewer- ARCHDESIGN '14, Design Methodologies, Istanbul, 2014 <http://www.archdesignconference.org>
- Scientific Committee Reviewer- 20th International Symposium on Electronic Art (ISEA 2014) – ZU, www.isea2014.org
- Coordinator- IDP for AUS – Workshop with ASCA & AIA, Chicago, 2011
- Chaired- APID Educational Committee for Festival of Interior Design (FoID) 2010/2011
- Journal of the World Universities Forum, Associate Editor (<http://wuj.cgpublisher.com>), 2010
- Jury Member- Nakheel Waterfront and Palm Deira workshop/symposium– UAE, 2007-2008.
- Session Chair, SAAR 2007: Regional Architecture and Identity in the Age of Globalization, 2007
- Session Chair, Sharjah Biennial Symposium 8- "Emergencies & Risk", 2007
- Session chair, SUPS7 Conference at SA&D, 2005

[Exhibitions]

- Curated – ISEA at AUS, 2014
- Co-curated - 90 Years of the Bauhaus, 2009
- Curated - INDEX Conference – interior Design projects exhibition, 2007
- Exhibited - Opus III - Faculty Art Exhibition, 4 photographs (Ghost of Winter) presented in Sharjah Art Museum, 2007
- Curated - Henry Van De Velde, Organized the exhibition at SA&D/AUS & Zayed University/Abu Dhabi, 2005
- Curated - INDEX, Abu Dhabi – SA&D students' work, 2001
- Exhibited - Opus I - Faculty Art Exhibition, a house design and photographs presented in Sharjah Art Museum, 2000
- Co-curated - Mario Botta SA&D in-house exhibition, 1999

[Student Awards]

- *Mousharaka Design Competition award*: COGRADA Design Week conference in Qatar - for "War Trauma Center for Children" by Hannah Ali Allawi (Arc401), 2009
- *SIB Thesis project award*: "Jebel-Ali Health & Recovery Center" by Waleed Hishami (Thesis), 2007
- *Tasmeem Honorable Mention Award*: (Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Doha/Qatar) – "Istanbul Cultural Center" by Basel Mahfouz Shuhaiber Arc402), 2006
- *SIB Project Award*: "Sharjah Community Library" Farshid Khoshoui & Brendan Texeira (Arc202), 2002

[Digital Skill]

- MS suit, Revit, Vectorworks, Sketchup, Form "Z", Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign.