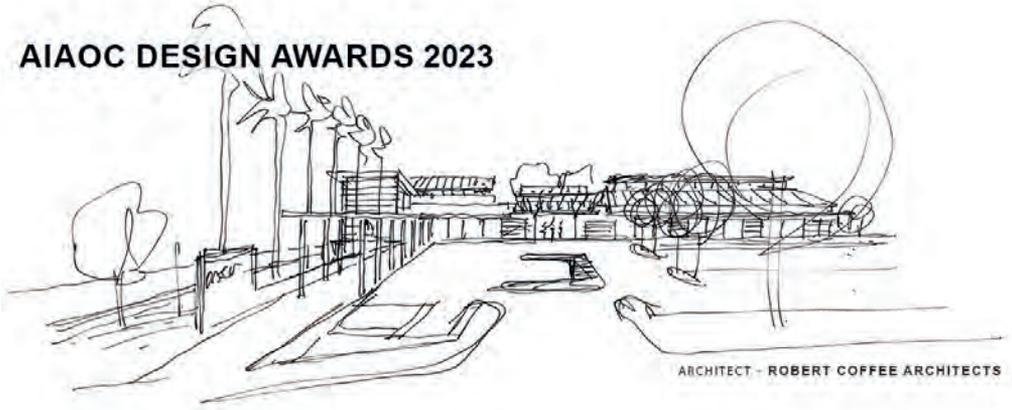


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September 28, 2023

- 6:00 PM** Cocktails and appetizers
 - 6:45 PM** Welcome
 - 7:00 PM** Keynote Presentation
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Thank you all for attending AIA Orange County's Awards Gala and cheers to this exciting night and celebration!

2023 has been a remarkable year for AIAOC. I am so happy to announce that, more than ever, our chapter has collectively strived to be more involved and relevant to this profession through various programs. Our staff and committee members

are truly dedicated to providing opportunities for learning and networking as well as inspiring new architects in the making.



This past year has been an enjoyable journey for me because I represent many architects who didn't think they had a place in this profession. However, I would like for these architects to know that AIAOC is here to support them now as well as on their journey in this profession. The common ground we all share is rooted in passion for design but, ultimately, what matters in today's everchanging environment is adapting and keeping this profession strong, relevant, and continuously progressing forward as architecture and design evolves with us and our profession.

Tonight, we celebrate the hard work of our members, not just to celebrate the winners. The annual AIAOC Design Awards is a celebration of the accomplishments of all of our members and each of us should celebrate our own accomplishments for making a better world.

Congratulate yourselves and be inspired. I hope you enjoy tonight's celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Minoo Ashabi'.

Minoo Ashabi, AIA
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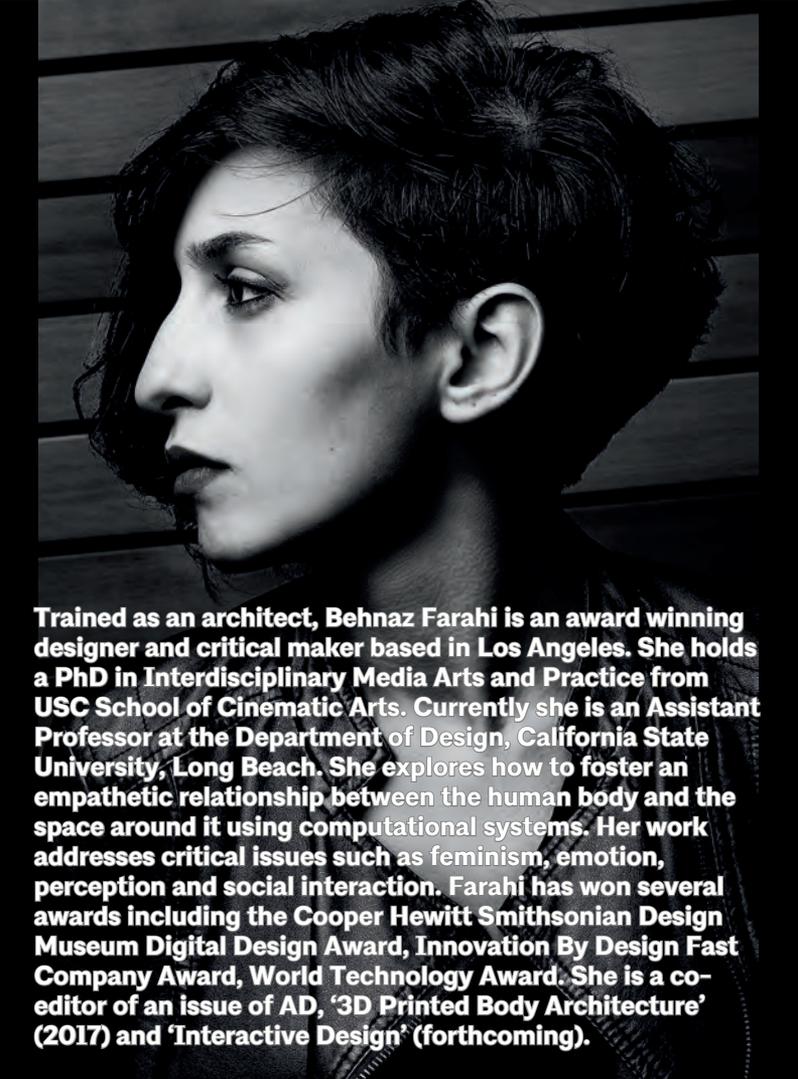
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Trained as an architect, Behnaz Farahi is an award winning designer and critical maker based in Los Angeles. She holds a PhD in Interdisciplinary Media Arts and Practice from USC School of Cinematic Arts. Currently she is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Design, California State University, Long Beach. She explores how to foster an empathetic relationship between the human body and the space around it using computational systems. Her work addresses critical issues such as feminism, emotion, perception and social interaction. Farahi has won several awards including the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum Digital Design Award, Innovation By Design Fast Company Award, World Technology Award. She is a co-editor of an issue of AD, '3D Printed Body Architecture' (2017) and 'Interactive Design' (forthcoming).

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Three decades ago, Will discovered his true passion for architectural photography shortly after graduating from Art Center in Pasadena. Located in the historic Old Towne Orange, he has since been capturing a diverse range of subjects, from acclaimed architectural marvels to local properties celebrated in the neighborhood design awards. Collaborating closely with his clients, Will ensures that each project receives the ideal level of production to showcase its unique essence. With a commitment to excellence, he adds a personal touch to every endeavor, ensuring that the final results are nothing short of amazing.

When Will isn't capturing moments behind the camera, he dedicates his time to nurturing the next generation of photographers. As a seasoned photo instructor with 16 years of experience, he imparts his vast knowledge, covering everything from the fundamentals of photography to the intricacies of professional studio lighting and advanced digital technology. Will finds immense joy in teaching, feeding off the energy and fearlessness of his students. His ultimate goal is to equip them with the technical expertise and guidance necessary to push beyond their comfort zones. Embracing the duality of both teaching and learning, Will inspires his students to become critical thinkers, fostering their growth as aspiring photographers.

Will is passionate about emerging styles of photography and is currently exploring everyday subject matter with his own personal vision that emphasizes symmetry, organization, and simplicity. This allows him to apply his architectural way of thinking to fine art subjects. That's where the lines start to blur. That's where it gets fun. And that's where the passion starts to come out. If you're seeking a photographer who can capture your vision with a blend of precision and artistry, Will is the perfect choice. His passion for his craft shines through in every project he undertakes, and he would be delighted to bring his expertise and creativity to your photography needs.

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