



FACULTY FULL NAME: Naji Akbar

POSITION: Lecturer

Personal Data

Nationality | Canadian

Date of Birth | 8th November 1972

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Language Proficiency

Language	Read	Write	Speak
Arabic	Intermediate	Beginner	Beginner
English	Expert	Expert	Expert

Academic Qualifications (Beginning with the most recent)

Date	Academic Degree	Place of Issue	Address
June 2016	Master of Architecture	University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada	2500 University Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada
June 1998	Bachelor of Architecture	NED University of Engineering & Technology, Pakistan	NED University of Engineering and Technology Department of Architecture and Planning City Campus, Maulana Din Muhammad Wafai Road Karachi-74200

PhD, Master or Fellowship Research Title: (Academic Honors or Distinctions)



Professional Record: (Beginning with the most recent)

Job Rank	Place and Address of Work			Date
Master's Teaching Assistant	Department of Environmental Design, EVDS	University of Calgary, AB, Canada	2500 University Dr NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4, Canada	2016-2017
Principal Architect	Naji & Kamran Architectural Consultants	Karachi, Pakistan	129-C, Commercial Area-B, DHA, Karachi	1998-2012
Professional Expert Teacher	Department of Visual Studies	University of Karachi, Pakistan	University of Karachi, Main University Road, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi	1999-2012
External Examiner, Thesis Supervisor	Department of Architecture & Planning	NED University of Engineering & Technology, Pakistan	NED University of Engineering and Technology Department of Architecture and Planning City Campus, Maulana Din Muhammad Wafai Road Karachi-74200	1998-2012

Administrative Positions Held: (Beginning with the most recent)

Administrative Position	Office	Date
Quality Coordinator for NCAAA accreditation, Dept of Interior Architecture		Jan 2018-ongoing



Scientific Achievements

Published Refereed Scientific Researches

(In Chronological Order Beginning with the Most Recent)

#	Name of Investigator(s)	Research Title	Publisher and Date of Publication
1	Naji Akbar	(Book) Communication Drawings: A Beginner's Guide to Graphical Language	Visual Studies Press, 2012
2	Naji Akbar	(Book) Communication Drawings: A Beginner's Guide to Graphical Language (Second Revised Edition)	Visual Studies Press, 2019

Refereed Scientific Research Papers Accepted for Publication

#	Name of Investigator(s)	Research Title	Journal	Acceptance Date

Scientific Research Papers Presented to Refereed Specialized Scientific Conferences

#	Name of Investigator(s)	Research Title	Conference and Publication Date
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Completed Research Projects

#	Name of Investigator(s) (Supported by)	Research Title	Report Date
1-	Naji Akbar(Supported by Dr. Noel Keough)	Sustainability: Conception, Theory, Action	May 2016, Canada
2-	Naji Akbar (Supported by Dr. Marco Musiani)	Considering Inclusion of Social Impact Assessment as a Part of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.	December 2015, Canada

Current Researches

#	Research Title	Name of Investigator(s)
	Post-Capitalism and the Built-Environment: Envisioning Sustainable Neighborhood for the Area of Manchester, Calgary, AB, Canada	Naji Akbar



Contribution to Scientific Conferences and Symposia

#	Conference Title	Place and Date of the Conference	Extent of Contribution
1	International Sustainability Transitions Conference, IST 2018, Manchester UK	University of Manchester, UK	Presented a poster that explored the relationship of economy and the built-environment.
1	International Sustainability Transitions Conference, IST 2017, Gothenburg, Sweden	Chalmers University, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2017	Presented a poster that explored the relationship of economy and the built-environment.
2	Institute of Architects Pakistan Annual Exhibition Conference, IAPEX	Karachi, Pakistan, 2011	Presented a paper on the importance of communication graphics for design students

Training and Workshops

#	Workshop Title	Place and Date
1	I have attended numerous workshops during the past 25 years. The nature and topics of these workshops and trainings range from technical to architectural, educational, personal, social, and philosophical.	Workshops attended in Asia, Europe, North America, 1995-2017. I intend to keep attending workshops and training sessions that are in line with my area of interest at any given moment in time.
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Membership of Scientific and Professional Societies and Organizations

- Alberta Association of Architects, AAA
- Institute of Architects Pakistan, IAP, Life-Time Member
- Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners, PCATP, Life-Time Member

Teaching Activities Undergraduate

#	Course/Rotation Title	No./Code	Extent of Contribution (no. of lectures/Tutorials. Or labs, Clinics)
1	Basic Design		Lectures, studio supervision
2	Draughting		Lectures, studio supervision
3	Architectural Design Studios		Lectures, studio supervision
4	Building Construction		Lectures
5	Final Architectural Thesis		Lectures, studio supervision
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Brief Description of Undergraduate Courses Taught: (Course Title – Code: Description)

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Postgraduate

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1	Architectural Professional Practice, University of Calgary, Canada	EVDA 661	Class administration, course website updates, student collaboration, assignment checking and grading
2	History of Architecture-1, University of Calgary, Canada	EVDA 523.01	Lectures, leading group discussions, class administration, course website updates, student collaboration, assignment checking and grading

Brief Description of Postgraduate Courses Taught: (Course Title – Code: Description)

1	Architectural practice regarding client dealing, contract administration, team playing and building codes.
2	History of architecture from the pre-historic times up till the Industrial Revolution.

Course Coordination

#	Course Title and Code	Coordination	Co-coordination	Undergrad.	Postgrad.	From	to

Guest/Invited Lectures for Undergraduate Students

#	Activity/Course Title and Code	Subject	College and University or Program	Date

Student Academic Supervision and Mentoring

#	Level	Number of Students	From	to

Supervision of Master and/or PhD Thesis



#	Degree Type	Title	Institution	Date

Ongoing Research Supervision

#	Degree Type	Title	Institution	Date

Administrative Responsibilities, Committee and Community Service (Beginning with the most recent)

Administrative Responsibilities

#	From	To	Position	Organization

Committee Membership

#	From	To	Position	Organization

Scientific Consultations

#	From	To	Institute	Full-time or Part-time

Volunteer Work

#	From	To	Type of Volunteer	Organization
1	2015	2016	Student Representative	Alberta Association of Architects, Canada, AAA
2	2013	2014	Teacher for 'Economics for Success' Program	Junior Achievements of Southern Alberta, Canada, JASA
3	2012	2013	Construction Crew Member	Habitat for Humanity, Canada
4	2009	2011	Honorary Secretary, Karachi	Institute of Architects Pakistan, IAP



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Personal Key Competencies and Skills: (Computer, Information technology, technical, etc.)

1	Writing, research, Computer (Revit, Photoshop, In-Design, MS Word, Power Point)
2	Thoughtful designer, energetic team player, enthusiastic teacher, emphatic listener, and a compassionate husband.
3	<p>Articles (non-refereed)</p> <p>Akbar, N. (2008, November 29). Pointification: Rethinking Change. The Daily Dawn. Can be retrieved from http://www.dawn.com/news/881844/pointification-rethinking-change</p> <p>Akbar, N. (2007). Training Architecture Students. Archi Times. ISSN No. 2073-9001</p> <p>Akbar, N. (2015, August 9). How Green is Calgary [Web log post]. Can be retrieved from http://makecalgary.com/?p=19860</p> <p>Akbar, N. (2015, August 8). The Genesis Centre You Need to Know [Web log post]. Can be retrieved from http://makecalgary.com/?p=19816</p>
4	<p>Honors & Awards (2014-2017)</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth Research Funding, Canada EVDS Scholarship Award, University of Calgary, Canada EVDS Research Award, University of Calgary, Canada Alberta Learners' Scholarship, Alberta, Canada Guest speaker for TV program 'Mosques of Pakistan' aired by News One Pakistan</p>
5	<p>Website and Other Links</p> <p>Practice (website can be visited, however, content is in the process of being uploaded). Portfolio Communication Drawings Research Website Youtube</p>
	<p>I received my Master of Architecture degree from the Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary, Canada. I have successfully run my architectural practice in partnership with fellow architect, Kamran Rasheed for over two decades. During this professional career, I have designed and overseen construction of residences, apartments, office interiors, mosques and schools. The focus of my design input has always been to celebrate cross fertilization of different realms of knowledge, solve problems using refined graphical language as space mediator/organizer, promote neatness and sobriety in spatial layouts, and honor landscape and integrate it in built structures.</p>



I have been actively involved in education, teaching students of all ages ranging from junior school to University level. Currently, I am a faculty member at the Department of Interior Architecture, Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University, Saudi Arabia. My ongoing research focuses on the effects of a system of economy on the built environment with the aim to formulate guide lines for a sustainable post-capitalist built-environment. My interests include reading, writing, travelling, socializing, reflecting, and music.

Last Update

30th November 2018