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Re: nomination for Silver Spring Design Advisory Panel

Hello,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the Silver Spring DAP: Member of the academic community position. I understand that this position would involve completing a resigning member's term through 2/1/2026, with an option to continue for up to two additional 3-yr terms. I am grateful to David Cronrath for nominating me to this position.

I am a multidisciplinary designer, author, and educator. I serve full-time in leadership and teaching positions in the Architecture Program at the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation. I have served as the Assistant Director of Graduate Architecture since 2022, and I teach in the program at the rank of Associate Clinical Professor.

I hold a Master in Landscape Architecture degree from Harvard University (2013), a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan (2007), and a Bachelors of Science in Architecture from the University of Virginia (1998).

I am a registered architect (in Michigan) since 2009, with nine years of professional practice experience at a variety of architecture firms, including PLY Architecture (Michigan), Wiedemann Architects (Maryland), and Blackburn Architects (Washington, DC). I have been a LEED Accredited Professional since 2007, and I am a full member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

I have a 15-year career as a multidisciplinary academic (2008-2023). I have held teaching appointments in departments of Architecture as well as Landscape Architecture, including a total of six years teaching in the Architecture Program at UMD since 2013, and five years of full-time teaching in the Landscape Architecture departments at the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and UMD between 2014 and 2020.

As a resident of Silver Spring since 2013, it would be an honor to lend my voice to the future of design in Silver Spring. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Education

(2013). Masters of Landscape Architecture. Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

(2007). Masters of Architecture. University of Michigan. Taubman College of Architecture.

(1998). Bachelors of Science in Architecture. University of Virginia School of Architecture.

Professional Certifications, Licenses, and Memberships

(2013 - Present). Full Member, American Society of Landscape Architects.

(2009 - Present). Registered Architect. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

(2007 - Present). LEED Accredited Professional. US Green Building Council.

Academic Appointments

(2023 – present). Associate Clinical Professor, Architecture Program, UMD.

(2022 – present). Assistant Director of Graduate Architecture, Architecture Program, UMD.

(2020 – 2023). Assistant Clinical Professor, Architecture Program, UMD.

(2019 – 2020). Assistant Professor. Landscape Architecture, UVA.

(2014 – 2018). Visiting Assistant Professor. Landscape Architecture, VT WAAC.

(2013– 2014). Lecturer. Architecture Program, UMD.

(2011 – 2011). Adjunct Instructor. Interior Architecture, Corcoran College of Art + Design.

(2009 – 2010). Visiting Instructor. Architecture, Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

(2008 – 2009). Lecturer. Architecture, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, U of M

Professional Experience

(2008 – 2023). Principal. VanderGoot Ezban Studio, Silver Spring, MD.

(2007 – 2008). Project Manager + Staff Architect, PLY Architecture, Ann Arbor, MI.

(2008 – 2005). Project Manager + Staff Architect, Wiedemann Architects, Bethesda, MD

(2000 – 2004). Project Manager + Staff Architect, Blackburn Architects, Washington, DC.

Funded Fellowships and Grants

Ezban, M. (Co-Lead Investigator), Williams, B. (Lead Investigator), May, L. (Co-Lead Investigator). (2023 - 2024). Design Thinking with AI: Advancing Architectural Education Through Artificial Intelligence, TLTC, $55,000.00.

Ezban, M. (2023 - 2024). Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes. MAPP and School of Public Health, $10,000.00.

Ezban, M. (Co-Investigator), Cossard, P. (Lead Investigator), Binder, M. (Co-Investigator), May, P. (Co-Investigator), Quinn, B. (Co-Investigator), Koliji, H. (Co-Investigator). (2022). Decolonizing Education to Meet Climate Change Demands. UMD Teaching and Learning Transformation Center (TLTC), $55,000.00.

Ezban, M. (Co-Lead Investigator), McSherry, L. (Co-Lead Investigator). (2016). Design and Development Award: Resilient Infrastructure. Virginia Tech Office of Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies, $8,000.00.

Ezban, M. (Lead Investigator). (2014). Maeder-York Family Fellowship in Landscape Studies: Working Water. Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, $15,000.00.

Ezban, M. (Lead Investigator). (2013). Charles Eliot Traveling Fellowship: Scaling the Fish Farm. Harvard University, $44,000.00.

Ezban, M. (Co-Lead Investigator), VanderGoot, J. (Co-Lead Investigator). (2011). Penny White Award: Exhuming the Rust Belt. Harvard University, $1,000.00.

Fellowships, Prizes, and Awards

(2022) Outstanding Faculty Award. UMD Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability.

(2020). John Brinckerhoff Jackson Book Prize: Aquaculture Landscapes. Foundation for Landscape Studies.

(2014). Honorable Mention: Landscape as Lure. North Coast Design Competition.

(2013). Honorable Mention, Award in Mapping: Hunting the Emergent Lake Erie Littoral. National Geographic.

(2011). Merit Award: Filter Strips. James River Green Building Council 2011 Green Spaces Competition.

(2007). M.Arch Thesis Award: Better Homes and Gardens. University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning.

Publications

Books

Ezban, M. (2020). Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm. Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Routledge.

<u>Book Chapters</u>

Ezban, M., Monacella, R., Keane, B. (2022). Attune and Entangle: A Pedagogy for Designing Multispecies Relations in the Anthropocene. in *Studio Ecologies: Designing Landscape Architectural Education for Unpredictable Futures* R. Monacella & B. Keane (Eds.), (pp. 358-371). Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Routledge.

Ezban, M., VanderGoot, J., Waldheim, C., Lyster, C., White, M., Ibanez, D. (2013). Coastal Portage: Sediment Landscapes as Great Lakes Infrastructure. in *Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan* C. Waldheim, C. Lyster, M. White & D. Ibanez (Eds.), (pp. 96-105). Actar.

<u>Refereed Journal Articles</u>

Ezban, M. (2014). Midden Mutations: Civic Aggregation and Material Migrations at Monte Testaccio. *Landscape Architecture Frontiers, 2*(6), 162-175.

Ezban, M. (2013). Decoys, Dikes, and Lures: Polyfunctional Landscapes of Waterrfowl Hunting. *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes, 33*(3), 193-201.

Ezban, M. (2012). The Trash Heap of History. *Places Journal.*

Completed Creative Works and Scholarship

<u>Exhibitions and Installations, Solo</u>

(2024, October 18 – 2025, January 17). Seeing Blinds: Architecture for Avian Landscapes. Kibel Gallery, UMD School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation.https://arch.umd.edu/events/kibel-gallery-exhibit-opening-seeing-blinds-architecture-avian-landscapes.

(2017, March 01). Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm. Auburn University School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Dudley Commons Gallery.

(2016, March 01). Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm. UMD School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Kibel Gallery.

<u>Exhibitions and Installations, Group</u>

(2017, March 01). Protein and Pleasure. University of Pennsylvania School of Design, Penn Design Gallery, United States.

(2014, May 01). Landscape as Lure: Hybrid Hunting Grounds for the Lake Erie Littoral. International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2014, Kunsthal Museum, United States.

(2013, April 01). Big Ass Carp! Van Alen Institute, United States.

(2013, April 01). The Trash Heap of History. Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Kirkland Gallery, United States.

(2013, February 01). Aqueous Ecologies: Parametric Aquaculture and Urbanism. Harvard University Graduate School of Design, United States.

Citations and Review

Heavers, Nathan. (2019). Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm, Aquaculture Landscapes: Fish Farms and the Public Realm. Landscape Architecture Magazine.

Significant Works in Public Media

(2024, December). The Back: Seeing Blinds. Landscape Architecture Magazine.

Rhoades, B. (2024, October). In New Exhibit, Architecture Soars. Maryland Today. https://today.umd.edu/in-new-exhibit-architecture-soars.

Haslam, M. (2022, November). A Climate for Thinking Big. Inhabit Magazine.

Haslam, M. (2022, November). To Design for the Future, Class Looks to the Past. Maryland Today. https://today.umd.edu/to-design-for-the-future-class-looks-to-the-past.

Levin, S. (2022, May). Safer Flights. TERP Magazine. https://terp.umd.edu/safer-flights.

Haslam, M. (2021, August). Surviving a Sea Change. Maryland Today. https://today.umd.edu/surviving-sea-change-ea2d0861-6d78-4fd7-b4b2-86bbd191a44d.

Conferences, Workshops, and Talks

Invited Talks

Ezban, M. (2022). Aquaculture Landscapes. LARC 151, UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

Ezban, M. (2022). Decolonizing Site Analysis and Design. LARC 640, UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

Ezban, M. (2022). Aquaculture Landscapes. LARC 440, UMD, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture.

Ezban, M., DiBella, N. (Presentor), Jamero, S. (Presentor). (2022). Adapting Assateague. Makeover Montgomery County 5, Montgomery County Planning Department.

Ezban, M. (2022). Aquaculture Landscapes. ARCH 201, University of Hawaii School of Architecture.

Ezban, M. (2021). Watersheds. ARCH 678T, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (Sole Presenter). (2020). Preparation of Thesis. ADV 934, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Department of Landscape Architecture.

Ezban, M. (2017). Farm the City. ARCH 460, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2016). Dredge: Process and Landscapes. ARCH 4/678, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2015). Landscape as Lure. GSD 9341, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ezban, M. (2015). Aquaculture Landscapes. ARCH 4104, Columbia University School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2015). Decoys, Dikes and Lures. HIS 04446, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ezban, M. (2015). Topographies of Trash. ARCH 460, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2015). Ecological Infrastructure. ARCH 601, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2014). The Trash Heap of History. ARCH 460, UMD, School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Ezban, M. (2014). Decoys, Dikes and Lures. HIS 04446, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ezban, M. (2013). Landscape as Lure. GSD 9341, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ezban, M. (2013). Aqueous Ecologies. GSD 1212, Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Committees, Professional & Campus Service

<u>Campus Service - Department</u>

(2023 - Present). Graduate Admissions Committee. Chair.

(2023 - Present). NAAB Panels. Chair.

(2022 - Present). Program Lecture Series. Co-Coordinator.

(2022 - Present). Summer/Winter Course Development and Recruitment. Co-Coordinator.

(2022 - Present). Architecture Program Curriculum Committee. Ex Officio.

(2022 - Present). Graduate Open House Presenter. Lead Coordinator.

(2022 - Present). National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Lead Coordinator.

(2022 - Present). TA/GA Assignments. Lead Coordinator.

<u>Campus Service - University</u>

(2024 - Present). Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland (AIM). Architecture Program representative.

(2024 - Present). Artificial Intelligence Interdisciplinary Institute at Maryland (AIM). Architecture Program representative.

(2023). 2023 Smart Canopy Competition. Lead Faculty Advisor.