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**Emerging Architects in our Nation's Capital provide platform  
for graduates to present their work**  
*AIA|DC EAC showcases recent graduates' thesis with an international focus*  
<http://bit.ly/EACThesisShowcase>

**Washington, DC:** The AIA|DC Emerging Architects Committee (AIA|DC EAC) is excited to announce our presenters for the second-annual *Thesis Showcase*. Five recent Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture graduates from schools around the country will present their thesis projects to members of the AIA|DC and the public. The showcase event aims to bridge the gap between recent graduates and local practicing architects, by providing an opportunity for practitioners to view a sample of the work hailing from architecture schools around the country and abroad. The selected presenters will showcase their work at AIA|DC's District Architecture Center (DAC) on August 27, 2015 at 6:00pm. Following the presentations a networking reception will occur at DAC's gallery space in Penn Quarter.

*Thesis Showcase* focuses on architecture school graduates by encouraging them to demonstrate their work in an environment that offers opportunities to engage with local architectural professionals, network within the community and gain industry exposure. The jury panel ranked all the submissions based on their graphics, conceptual clarity, topic relevance, uniqueness and overall completeness.

The AIA|DC EAC's *Thesis Showcase* 2015 presenters are:

- **Cristina Shivers**  
*Counter-Spaces and Notation Machines*  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Master of Architecture, 2015
- **Héctor Bermúdez-Ríos**  
*Urban Lab*  
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Bachelor of Architecture, 2014
- **Zarith Pineda**  
*Engineered Paradises: A Nation of Catharsis in Hebron, the West Bank*  
Tulane University, Master of Architecture, 2015
- **Ranim Orouk**  
*Reconstructing the Middle East*  
American University of Sharjah, Bachelor of Architecture, 2015
- **Jorge Fuentes**  
*Post-Disaster Architecture: A habitat without territory*  
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico, Bachelor of Architecture, 2015

The selection committee was composed of a broad representation of DC-metropolitan area design professionals. Luis Vélez-Álvarez AIA, an AIA|DC Director at Large and selection committee member noted that, "*The variety of subject matter submitted speaks to the recognition that architecture has a larger role than just to create spaces. Architecture has an obligation to have a positive impact in society, to preserve natural resources and to deal with larger global issues than just a singular project.*" Other committee participants included members of: AIA|DC EAC's Executive Committee, AIA|DC Board of Directors, Catholic

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**For more information & to attend *Thesis Showcase* visit:**

<https://emergingarchitectsdc.wordpress.com/competitions-2/aiadceac-2015-thesis-showcase/>

<http://aiadc.com/calendar/event/emerging-architects-committee-thesis-showcase>

### **About AIA|DC Emerging Architects Committee:**

The Emerging Architects Committee (EAC) has four major objectives: PROVOKE current practices and discuss the future of the profession; ADVOCATE for emerging architects; OUTREACH to other AIA members, associated disciplines and the public community; MENTOR the next generation of architectural leaders. The Committee promotes these objectives through various educational, leadership development, and community involvement events.

### **About AIA | DC:**

Founded in 1887, the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA|DC) serves the Nation's Capital. It advances the value of architecture for its members, the profession of architecture, and the community by providing advocacy, leadership and resources for architects to design a better world. For more information please visit [www.aiadc.com](http://www.aiadc.com)

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