

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

El Hadi E. Jazairy, assistant professor of architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Academic Degrees:

D.Des.	2010	Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts
M.Arch.	2007	Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
B.Arch.	1999	Institut Supérieur d'Architecture La Cambre, Brussels, Belgium

Professional Record:

2011 – Present	Assistant Professor of Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan
2010 – Present	Founding Partner and Director, DESIGN EARTH
2010 - 2011	Lecturer in Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology School of Architecture and Planning
2010 – 2011	Post-doctoral Fellow in Urban Planning and Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Jazairy is a highly methodical teacher with visually distinctive results and exceptionally high teaching evaluation scores. He teaches studios and seminars in the graduate programs in architecture and urban design. His method emphasizes co-creation of compelling representations of unconventional subject matter. Through this emphasis Professor Jazairy guides students not only in what to make, but how to draw it. There is high emphasis on mapping and on the use of stack isometric illustrations of networks and flows. The students are not only glad to have such visually compelling works in their portfolios, but also to have a sense of shared discovery, rather than simply having a particular idiom imposed on them, nor just being left to devise one of their own. Long before the current initiatives in evolving the studio review process that is so central to the college culture, Professor Jazairy has been an early adopter of alternative formats. He has regularly sought to de-emphasize jury culture by completing work early, holding roundtable discussions, and then taking the last week or two to produce a collective publication. Work from his studios has received internal exhibitions and student awards.

Research: Professor Jazairy creates evocative representations and prospects for design engagement at the scale of the planet. Design Earth, the name of Professor Jazairy's partnership with Professor Rania Ghosn (of MIT), attests this interest in large scale systems by being literally geo-graphical: about humanity's inscriptions on the planet. Professor Jazairy describes the project of Design Earth as the investigation of "aesthetic forms of environmental engagement to visualize how urban systems transform the Earth." Design Earth has taken this agenda somewhere new by developing a different approach to conceiving and drawing resource networks, whether of food, oil, deep-sea minerals, or trash. Their lectures and writings interpret their visual productions, but also describe the geographical conditions that drive their selection of their unconventional subject matter. The forms of Design Earth's projects primarily comprise numerous exhibition installations and publications. Dissemination venues include two publications by an international publisher (ACTAR), international

biennales at Lisbon, Oslo, Seoul and Venice, solo shows at The Cooper Union and Yale University; and important awards including the Young Architects Award, sponsored by the Architectural League of New York.

Recent and Significant Publications, Exhibitions and Awards:

Ghosn, R. and Jazairy, E. (2018). Geostories: Another Architecture for the Environment. New York: Actar.

Cosmorama (group show). 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale, United States Pavilion, curated by M. Zeiger, A. Lui, N. Atkinson, and I. Gill, Venice, Italy

Geostories: Another Architecture for the Environment (solo show). 2017. Irwin Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Gallery, Cooper Union, New York, NY

Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers (im)permanence, 2016

Ghosn, R. and Jazairy, E. (2015). Geographies of Trash. New York: Actar.

Service: Professor Jazairy's service record includes contributions to the Architecture Program, Taubman College, the university and profession. At the level of the architecture program, he has contributed on admissions for the Master of Architecture and for the Master of Urban Design programs. He has served on the search committee for the Taubman College Architecture Fellowship. At college level, Professor Jazairy was on a tenure track faculty search committee for a Mediterranean specialist and on the search committee for the Michigan Mellow Fellowship. At the level of national academic organizations, he has been a nominator for the Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Jazairy has established a focused and innovative practice, combining research, writing, and elaborate visual projects. The numerous awards, commissions, and publications of Jazairy and Design Earth clearly demonstrate that his approach is relevant to the design community, while the extensive exposure of the practice at the biennales and related events around the world establishes their currency in a broader contemporary discussion."

Reviewer B: "Through his work, Jazairy has illustrated an unusual ability to bridge practice and theory, creating a tight circuit between making and writing... The level of international dissemination of his practice and theoretical work is exception for an assistant professor working in either the United States or Canada."

Reviewer C: "...Assistant Professor Jazairy's research and creative work with Design Earth demonstrates a high level of creativity, productivity, and promise."

Reviewer D: "...what is perhaps most impressive to this reviewer, the work of Jazairy and Ghosn is part of the permanent collection of the leading American museum of art and design, The Museum of Modern Art... With this permanent home for at least one of their projects, the impact and importance of DESIGN EARTH's work is incontrovertible."

Reviewer E: "The published and exhibited drawings and published writings are cutting edge in terms of academic exploration of architecture's potentials... Professor Jazairy's academic appointments, awards, lecture and exhibition invitations, etc. indicate a broad and consequent respect in the field well beyond the accomplishment of most tenure applicants."

Reviewer F: "...his work, at the intersection of geography, landscape, and urbanism, is vital to contemporary discourse on the environment in architecture and design. This is supported by substantial recognition at the national and international level with a high level of production."

Reviewer G: "...the trajectory followed by Professor Jazairy is extremely coherent, productive and successful. The list of honors, grants and prizes is quite impressive. Without doubt, Professor Jazairy stands out among his peers and many academics working in the same field."

Reviewer H: "...Jazairy's work consistently explores a fresh and interdisciplinary understanding of architectural scholarship. His work is research scholarship is prolific, widely regarded and intelligent. His teaching is inventive and rigorous, while seeming to engage a wide variety of student projects..."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Jazairy is a highly regarded scholar creating evocative representations and prospects for design engagement at the scale of the planet. He is a highly methodical teacher with visually distinctive results and exceptionally high teaching evaluation scores. He has also provided important service to the program, college, university and profession. It is with the support of the Taubman College Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee that I recommend El Hadi E. Jazairy for promotion to associate professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.



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