

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

Ana Morcillo Pallarés, assistant professor of architecture and urban planning, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of architecture and urban planning, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Academic Degrees:

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| Ph.D. | 2016 | Higher Technical School of Architecture of Madrid, Madrid, Spain |
| B.Arch. | 2004 | Higher Technical School of Architecture of Valencia, Valencia, Spain |

Professional Record:

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| 2016 – Present | Assistant Professor of Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2015 – 2016 | Lecturer I, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2014 – 2015 | Walter B. Sanders Fellow, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2008 – Present | Partner, Architect, Morcillo Pallares + Rule |
| 2005 – 2008 | Principal Architect, Morcillo Pallares + Rule Arquitectos |

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Morcillo Pallarés' teaching record demonstrates both breadth and depth. She has offered studio instruction, lecture courses, research seminars, and advising in our undergraduate, master's, and doctoral architecture programs. The depth of these courses draw on her expertise, holding both an architecture license and a doctorate, in explaining the relationship between the practice and discipline of architecture for her students. Her teaching provides students with a set of necessary competencies across the range of vocational requirements while at the same time involving them in the development of ongoing conceptual and theoretical developments in the field. The ability to teach building design across several levels while engaging in ongoing historical and theoretical research is a strength of her teaching. It represents a meaningful and robust contribution to the missions of the architecture program, Taubman College, and the University of Michigan by preparing future leaders in their respective fields with a rigorous combination of expertise and inquiry.

Research: The work of Professor Morcillo Pallarés encompasses scholarly research, design research (creative practice), and professional architectural practice. Her work interrogates social, spatial, and material realities, focusing on the continuous negotiation of urban agents, citizen demands, private interests and political agendas. More specifically, she investigates the means by which urban space is designed and qualified by economics and politics. Her scholarship is an instrumental orientation towards specific amelioration of ongoing issues and problems that is appreciatively noted for the range of topics and connections. Her recent book, Manhattan's Public Spaces: Production, Revitalization, Commodification (Routledge, 2022), follows a tradition of using the cultural ubiquity of the city to stage a framework for insights regarding the state of recent and contemporary urbanism.

The work makes its greatest contribution in the way it identifies ingenuities in the negotiations, tension, and resistances between the architectural profession, corporate interests, political maneuvering, and local advocacy. Professor Morcillo Pallarés' work demonstrates reach across different areas of impact. She has recognized built work, critical research inquiry, depth of scholarship and a lauded professional practice. Her strength is a designerly conceptual approach that allows a distance for critical reflection and discovery. The future trajectory of her research is planned to continue the development of scholarship on the urban realm as a shared terrain, with an extension of those efforts to include the emerging technologies of extended reality. Professor Morcillo Pallarés has been successful in receiving funding supporting her work, both as a scholar and a designer, individually and collectively, through college and university funding.

Recent and Significant Publications, Exhibitions, and Awards:

Morcillo Pallarés, A. (2022) Manhattan's Public Spaces: Production, Revitalization. Abington, Oxon: Routledge

Morcillo Pallarés, A. "The Vivid Ex Voto: Divine Healing, Publicness, and Self-Health-Expression." *Journal of Architectural Education*, vol. 76, no. 1, 2022, pp. 108-112.

University of Michigan, Research Through Making, Exhibition: DEPLOY 2.0, Morcillo Pallarés, A., Rule J., 2022

Spanish Architecture and Urbanism Biennial XIV, Award for Research in Architecture and Urban Planning: Products and Publications, Project: CCFE: Catenary Concrete Funicular Formwork, 2018

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Faculty Design Award, Project: MUDEM, Morcillo Pallarés, A, Rule J, 2018

Service: Professor Morcillo Pallarés' service to the program, college, profession, and the public shows productivity and collegiality. Within the architecture program, she has served in several capacities. These include participation on several fellowship search committees and on curricular committees. At the college level, she has served on the Taubman scholarship committee and was a member of the International Acculturation Activities Task Force. In a broader view outside the program and the public, Professor Morcillo Pallarés has made several service contributions to the architecture field. Such contributions to the study of architecture across institutions include frequent participation in design reviews as an invited external critic at schools such as Syracuse, SUNY Buffalo, and Berkeley. Discursively, Professor Morcillo Pallarés has facilitated the efforts of others by acting as a reader for peer-reviewed journals such as the *Journal of Architecture Education*, *Arquitectura Journal*, and other venues such as the annual meeting for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. In public arenas, through the initiatives of Taubman College, Professor Morcillo Pallarés has acted as a faculty advisor of the Public Design Corp at its initiation during the Covid pandemic to facilitate student-based community design efforts and further organized two workshops for the University of Michigan Architecture Preparatory Program, which provides Detroit Public School juniors with an immersive, semester-long college preparatory course in architecture.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "She is deeply invested in her work, has achieved a considerable level of recognition in her area of expertise and continues to embark on work that shows great potential. ...publishing two volumes within the time of her tenure-track appointment is undoubtedly a herculean effort and evidence of her determination, commitment, and productivity."

Reviewer B: "Ana's work is a critical contribution to the field. Her scholarship is not only solid but creative, critical, and refreshing. Her teaching is successful, and she has been a very supportive

member of her community. In addition, I am impressed by her ability to work across scales and address the complex forces of spatial production. Faculty members who successfully navigate between theoretical contributions, architectural practice, and education are rare.”

Reviewer C: “Ana’s work shows emerging engagement with a vast and well-established interdisciplinary body of literature. Her commitment to exploring questions of public space design, through the analytical lens of research and writing, and the practical-material frame of practice are important ones in the urban design and architecture fields more broadly, and her research and related teaching...seem a timely and valuable contribution to the architecture department.”

Reviewer D: “...she is a very high-performing faculty member making meaningful contributions to architecture and the built environment through research, teaching, and service. In particular, her research (both scholarly and creative) stands out as being exemplary among her academic peers in the fields of architecture and urban design.”

Reviewer E: “My assessment of Dr. Morcillo Pallares’ research output is that it is both broad and solid. Her writing about public space, stemming from her doctoral work is perhaps the most remarkable piece, dissecting the relationship of architecture, urban design and planning with great clarity.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Morcillo Pallarés is a productive and insightful scholar, an innovative designer, a generous teacher, and has served as a capable and collegial member of the faculty, with every indication that these attributes and accomplishments will only be further evidenced in her future development. It is with the support of the Taubman College Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee that I recommend Ana Morcillo Pallarés for promotion to associate professor of architecture and urban planning, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.



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