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Undergraduate Thesis 2024 Engages the Cultural Moment with Visionary Design



Los Angeles, CA (March 22, 2024) – In acknowledgement of the extraordinary work done by the 2024 Undergraduate Thesis class, SCI-Arc is proud to announce its 2024 UG Thesis Weekend April 19–20, as this year’s graduating thesis students present and share their accomplishments with the world.

“Thesis is a process of critical and curious engagement with the world,” shares Undergraduate Thesis Coordinator Maxi Spina, “an extraordinary time to take risks, to research intensively, and to consider a world outside oneself. Ideas, philosophies, and debates become mediums alongside materials, processes, and systems, as architecture becomes a practice of propositions.”

Each year, Undergraduate Thesis at SCI-Arc prepares fifth-year B.Arch students to articulate, propose, and defend their ideas and positions on architecture as well as engage with

professionals as peers and colleagues.

In their final semester of design studio, students in SCI-Arc's Undergraduate Thesis class complete the production of a year-long thesis project, which addresses a position in relation to contemporary architectural discourse and presents a highly developed building design project.

Topics students inquired into through their thesis projects this year represent a vibrant cross section of the cultural moment—from the design of affordable housing to large public venues that provide equitable access to culture, sports, and athletics, to the architecture of the circular economy. This year's thesis class uniquely highlights the discipline's efforts to deepen its agency and entanglement with contemporary issues.

April 19-20, SCI-Arc's fifth-year B.Arch students will present their thesis projects during an immersive, in-person Undergraduate Thesis Weekend, a public platform during which over 80 jurors, critics, and architecture professionals from around the globe converge to discuss, debate, and dispute emerging questions in architecture.

SCI-Arc's 2024 Undergraduate Thesis Weekend will be held at SCI-Arc's Arts District campus, so the public and visiting guests alike can experience the boundary-pushing work of this year's remarkable Undergraduate Thesis class.

Keep an eye on the SCI-Arc [events page](#) for updates on how to access review schedule for the entire weekend, participating juror list, student thesis projects, and more.

About SCI-Arc

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc's approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to reexamine assumptions, create, explore, and test the limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. In *DesignIntelligence's* 2019 US survey, SCI-Arc ranked #2 in Design Technologies, #3 Most Hired From, and was top ten among the nation's Most Admired Undergraduate Programs in Architecture. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. www.sciarc.edu