Mitra Kanaani and Steven H. Shinn of AIA San Diego Elevated to Prestigious College of Fellows

AIA fellowship recognizes significant contributions to the profession of architecture and society.

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SAN DIEGO – March 1, 2019 - The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has announced the elevation of two AIA San Diego architects to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession of architecture.

Mitra Kanaani, Professor of Graduate Architecture at the NewSchool of Architecture, and Steven H. Shinn, Studio Director and Senior Associate at Gensler, are amongst an elite subset of AIA members to be distinguished with this honor. Fewer than three percent of AIA’s membership of more than 94,000 are designated fellows.

The fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession and made a significant contribution in one of several categories - design, practice, education or service to society.

Kanaani and Shinn were selected by the seven-member Jury of Fellows for having distinguished themselves in the categories of education and service to society, respectively.

Mitra Kanaani has advanced design excellence through teaching, leadership, administration, scholarship, mentorship, practice, activism, humanitarianism and service to the University, profession and community at national and international levels. Her work has elevated NewSchool to national prominence.

Through his civic engagement, Steven Shinn has integrated the values of preservation, sustainability and livable communities into the urban fabric by proactively involving the public, government entities, the
building community and academia through advocacy and education.

Kanaani and Shinn will be honored at a ceremony on June 7th at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2019 in Las Vegas.

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