

## Choosing a Thesis Advisor

Students are required to have their thesis advisor selected early in the term preceding their thesis semester, so it is important students begin to think about their topic and who would be a good advisor for them even earlier in their MArch trajectory; e.g. MArch I students completing their thesis during their 7<sup>th</sup> semester, should begin approaching advisors during their 5<sup>th</sup> term in order to be ready for the thesis advisor agreements deadlines in their 6<sup>th</sup> semester.

In order to make this process as simple and effective as possible, students should keep in mind the following guidelines when choosing and approaching a faculty member to ask them to be their advisors:

- 1) **Have a compelling and well-thought-out thesis proposal.** Exciting and detailed proposals are much more likely inspire confidence and interest in faculty. Please refer to the Thesis Program Requirements document for suggested guidelines on crafting a compelling document.
- 2) **Match your proposal to the correct faculty member.** Instructors are more likely to advise on a thesis topic aligned with their own academic interests and expertise.
- 3) **Find a full time faculty member who will be in residence during your thesis semester.** Visitors and part time faculty are normally not eligible to be thesis advisors. Be aware that some faculty are in residence at the GSD every other semester or could be on sabbatical in a given year. Advisors must be available for the final review. This is particularly crucial for fall thesis advisors, as they must commit to returning for the reviews in January.
- 4) **You can have an advisor from Landscape or UPD, but be careful.** Be sure to work through logistics between departments, such as scheduling difference. Students should also be careful that their theses do not stray outside the discipline of architecture, as their project will be judged on its architectural merits.
- 5) **Having two advisors is allowed, but identifying a primary advisor is strongly recommended.** The challenges of coordinating with your thesis advisor's schedule will be compounded when coordinating with two busy faculty members. Students should consider having one primary advisor and consulting with other faculty members unofficially.
- 6) **It is difficult to do this process at the last minute.** When faculty have already accepted several advisees, they are less likely to be able to accept more.

## Potential Advisor List

The following list represents a **sample** of faculty who might advise you for thesis. If you have questions about the eligibility of a faculty member to advise whose name is not on this list, please feel free to inquire with Taylor Horner ([thorner@gsd.harvard.edu](mailto:thorner@gsd.harvard.edu)). Please note that some faculty are only in residence one semester out of the year and that

Name	Department
<u>Abalos, Inaki</u>	Architecture
<u>Bechthold, Martin</u>	Architecture
<u>Bonner, Jennifer</u>	Architecture
<u>Burchard, Jeffry</u>	Architecture
<u>Cohen, Preston Scott</u>	Architecture
<u>Correa, Felipe*</u>	Urban Design
<u>Eigen, Ed</u>	Architecture + Landscape Architecture

Andreas Georgoulas	Architecture
<u>Hays, K. Michael</u>	Architecture
<u>Holder, Andrew</u>	Architecture
<u>Howeler, Eric</u>	Architecture
<u>Ibanez, Mariana</u>	Architecture
<u>Idenburg, Florian</u>	Architecture
<u>Kara, Hanif</u>	Architecture
Jesse Keenan	Architecture
<u>Krieger, Alex*</u>	Urban Design
Kuo, Jeannette	Architecture
<u>La, Grace</u>	Architecture
<u>Legendre, George</u>	Architecture
<u>Lee, Christopher *</u>	Urban Design
Lott, Jon	Architecture
<u>Malkawi, Ali</u>	Architecture
<u>Mehrotra, Rahul*</u>	Urban Planning & Design
<u>Michalatos, Panagiotis</u>	Architecture
<u>Moe, Kiel</u>	Architecture
<u>Moussavi, Farshid</u>	Architecture
<u>Mori, Toshiko</u>	Architecture
<u>Mulligan, Mark</u>	Architecture
<u>Muro, Carles</u>	Architecture + Urban Planning & Design
<u>Naginski, Erika</u>	Architecture
<u>Panzano, Megan</u>	Architecture
<u>Picon, Antoine</u>	Architecture
Rowe, Peter	Urban Planning
<u>Sayegh, Allen</u>	Architecture
<u>Scogin, Mack</u>	Architecture
<u>Silvetti, Jorge</u>	Architecture
<u>Smith, Christine</u>	Architecture
<u>Waldheim, Charles*</u>	Landscape Architecture
<u>Whittaker, Elizabeth</u>	Architecture
<u>Wickersham, Jay</u>	Architecture
<u>Witt, Andrew</u>	Architecture
<u>Wodiczko, Krzysztof</u>	Architecture
<u>Wu, Cameron</u>	Architecture