

MARYAM
EBRAHIMNEZHAD
HAGHIGHI

ARCHITECT & DESIGN / ART
PRACTITIONER

CONTACT

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LANGUAGES

Persian — Native
English — Advanced

SOFTWARE

AutoCAD · Revit · Rhino
SketchUp · Enscape · Lumion
Twinmotion · 3ds Max
Illustrator · Photoshop · InDesign
MS Office

DESIGN FOCUS

Resilient design
Cultural & public design
Residential & interior design
Sports centre design
Hospitality
Industrial design & infrastructure

INTERESTS

Computational design & fabrication
Multidisciplinary & installation art
Performance & visual art
Photography
Research

PROFILE

Architect with 15+ years of experience across the US and Iran, spanning residential, cultural, public and sustainability-focused design. Founder of an independent design and art practice (Thirdspace LAB) working across painting, installation and interdisciplinary design. AIA Utah Design Honor recipient with a research background in resilient and socially sustainable architecture.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Architectural Designer** — *GSBSarchitects, Salt Lake City, UT, USA* 2023 - Aug 2026
— Practised as an emerging professional across the full design process, from concept through delivery.
- Founder & Designer / Artist** — *Thirdspace LAB, Shiraz, Iran* 2020 - Present
— Independent design and art studio spanning painting, installation and interdisciplinary projects, run alongside architectural practice.
- Designer, Architecture** — *Mehrdad Iravanian Architects, Shiraz, Iran* 2020 - 2022
— Design and delivery across residential and cultural projects within the practice.
- Art Director** — *Artfactory School, Shiraz, Iran* 2020 - 2021
— Directed the art programme and creative output of the school.
- Designer, Architecture** — *Freeform Studio, Shiraz, Iran* 2019 - 2020
- Performer** — *Rust Rings, Shiraz, Iran* 2019
- Designer, Architecture** — *ChéninStudio, Shiraz, Iran* 2017 - 2019
- Designer, Architecture** — *Moshir Design Group, Shiraz, Iran* 2016 - 2018

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Design-Build Team Member** — *DesignBuildUTAH@Bluff, University of Utah, Bluff, UT, USA* Summer 2023
— Designed architectural and construction details for a tiny house and an affordable single-family home for the Navajo Nation, as part of a graduate studio partnering with Indigenous communities in San Juan County, Utah.
- Research Assistant** — *University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA* 2023
- Teaching Assistant** — *University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA* 2022 - 2023
- Studio Instructor** — *Hafez University of Shiraz, Shiraz, Iran* 2019 - 2022
— Taught design studio classes.
- Teaching & Research Assistant** — *Shiraz Azad University, Shiraz, Iran* 2015 - 2019
— Supported teaching and research with Dr. Niaz Esmaeili and Mohammadhossein Jafarpour.

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- Committee Member, Project Pipeline — NOMA Utah, 2026
— Student Leader, AIA Utah — leadership and engagement within the student chapter, 2025

EDUCATION

- Master of Architecture** — *University of Utah, USA* 2022 - 2024
- Master of Architecture** — *Islamic Azad University, Shiraz Branch, Iran* 2015 - 2018
- Bachelor of Architecture** — *Islamic Azad University, Shiraz Branch, Iran* 2010 - 2014

AWARDS

- AIA Utah — Award for Excellence in Design Honor, Spring 2024
— International Ambassador Scholarship, Fall 2023
— HKS Architecture Scholarship, Spring 2023
— Lloyd Architecture Scholarship, Spring 2023

- 8th National Award for Contemporary Iranian Interior Design (Design Partner, Mass Architects)
- Shiraz Azad University Competition — Best Sustainable Design & Model
- Ghavameddin Competition, Shiraz — First Place, Interactive Design

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- Resilient Climate Adaptation Centre for Refugees — in preparation, **2025**
- Sonic Identity and Soundwalk Experience — Listening in Design (in preparation)
- Designing Sociable and New Spaces in Bazaar with Cultural and Environmental Sustainability — greenarchitecture.ir, **2019**; also presented at the 3rd-4th International Conference on Civil Engineering and Urban Design, Tabriz
- The Effect of Designing an Eventual Bazaar on Human Behaviour Norms and Environmental Parameters — 3rd-4th International Conference on Civil Engineering and Urban Design, Tabriz, **2018**
- The Effect of Constructive Knowledge in the Process of Designing — unpublished, **2018**

EXHIBITIONS & WORKSHOPS

- ArtxArc × NOMA Utah, SLC Design Week — Rumi & Hafez poetry and the art of calligraphy, Fall **2023**
- "Sounds to Accompany Sokut" — contributing sound artist, WGXC 90.7-FM / Wave Farm Transmission Art Archive, **2023**
- Archi-Graph: Architectural Process, Design & Analysis — Tehran, **2020**
- Dramaturgy in Installation Art — Shiraz, **2019**
- Movement Research: Choreography & Installation Art — Shiraz, **2019**
- Contemporary Dance: Physical Dance and Movement — Tehran, **2017**
- Ghavameddin: Pavilion Architecture — Shiraz, **2016**

REFERENCES

Valerie Greer — Assistant Professor, University of Utah

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