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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I originally hail from Canada with an international exposure, from playing in the Sahara desert; to growing up in the Atlantic environs of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia and Ontario, Canada; to the landscapes of New England; to the windy city of Chicago; to the soya fields of Indiana. I am a professional architect with fifteen years of experience; a founder of a sustainable and green consultancy called, AYN Architect; a writer; an Islamic calligraphic artist with a work unique to my approach. I exhibit my art, speak on my essays and advance green architecture. In addition, I am a founder of a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization, The Pen and Inkpot Foundation. In short, from pursuing publishing a philosophical treatise and a book of my spiritual art, all my work attempts to maintain, without complacency, a renewed thinking through a social activism in architecture, in my writing and in my art.

EDUCATION

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada •Five year Bachelor of Architecture, with High Distinction Professional degree with a fifth year Research Design Thesis	1995
University of Western Ontario, London Ontario, Canada •Visual Arts, Art History and Sciences	1990
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada •Architecture and Art History	1989
Riverview High School, CapeBreton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada •Salutarian •Female Athlete of graduation class	1988
AWARDS AND PRIZES EDUCATION:	
Ontario Association of Architect's Medal High Distinction	1995
•Dean's Honor List	1995
•Excellence in Research and Design: 1st Prize	1995
•Michael Coote Scholarship	1991
•Harry Southam Scholarship	1991

OTHER AWARDS AND PRIZES

•Winning Entry: Water Fountain Design: Drill Bit Gallery Centerbrook Architects	2001
•BSA Student Design Award	2000
	2000
•Winner: Birdhouse Design Competition:Indianapolis Botanical Conservatory	
•Winning Entry: category-'Color'-Make-a Wish-Foundation, Indianapolis, IN	1999
•Honorable Mention: Dog House Design Competition by ACSA:	1990
Waterloo, Canada	
•Winning entry: U.C.C. Art Mural Competition: (8'-0"x 8'-0") mural.	1990
Title: The Rhythm of Man. London Ontario, Canada.	
•Selected Drawings/sketches: Beaton Institute, University of Cape Breton;	1989
Cape Breton, Nova Scotia	
•Second Place. Carleton University: Lanark Hall Residence.	1988
Title: Stair way to heaven. 8'x 12'-Acrylic: Mural	
•First Prize: Provincial Art Competition, Nova Scotia, Canada.	1987
•Nova Scotia Art Competition	1986
Five entries: won first place all submissions for each category-Age 16.	

RELEVANT ACHIEVEMENTS, COMPETITIONS, ART EXHIBITS, INVITATIONS

ARCHITECTURE AND ART:

 Cold Spring Institute. Essay: Mosques and Sustainability in Indiana. By MAI Group Art Exhibit - 4thPresbyterian Church, Interfaith. Michigan Ave. Chicago IL-Various Solo Art Exhibits: Flat File Gallery, Endless Eye Production event Chicago, IL 	Present-in process 2009 2008
•The Pen and Inkpot Foundation Inc: 501c3-non-Profit organization	Present
•Spiritual Art: <u>www.penandinkpot.org</u> - Commission Work	Present
•Zanbeel Art Gallery, California: Group Exhibition	2009
Ball State University: Guest Critic. Green studio, Muncie, Indiana	2008
•Woman Made Gallery, My MARK publication and exhibit, Selected	2008
•MAI-Muslim Alliance of Indiana	2008
•Invited Speaker/Art exhibit. IMAN. Community Cafe. Chicago, IL	2007
•La Academia, Bridge competition. Venice, Italy (a Sustainable Design)	2006
•Woman Made Gallery, 9th International Open Juried Exhibit.	2006
•Art Exhibition: Indus Women Leaders-Blank Canvas, Chicago, IL	2005
•World Trade Center Memorial Competition: Submission. NewYork, NY	2004
•Speaker: Boston Social Forum: Sustainable Architecture, Boston University, Boston	2004
•Invited Muslim Artist, by Auburn University, Alabama, AL	2003
Open City Wide Studios Art Exhibit, New Haven Connecticut	2005
•Guest Critic:Ball State University: Sustainable/Green Issues, Muncie, IN	2000
•Sun Wall Competition: Entrant. DOE-DepArtment of Energy, Washington.	1999
•Clock Tower competition design: watercolor	1999
•A Niche of Light design: Self initiated proposal/script for Education	1999
•Poetry Contest: Semi-Finalist, Published in Book: "Echoes of Yesteryear"	1999
•Poetics of Space Competition: Entrant. Japan.	1998
• "Designing a Canadian Pavilion in Venice" Ideas Competition. Ottawa, Canada	1995
•DSA-Directed Study Abroad: Italy and Turkey 4th year	1994
•Various self initiated Travel studies: Spain and Pakistan	1994
•Exhibition of student architectural drawings: work from Turkey	1994
•Self initiated Study:Sound/Geometry study of Badshahi Mosque, Pakistan	1993
•Glass House Competition: Competitor. Watercolors. Japan.	1991
•Art exhibit of four oil paintings, Sydney, NovaScotia, Canada- Age 13	1983

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AYN Architect LLC, base Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

Present

Principal/Owner: Architecture Consultancy in Sustainable and Green Architecture

- •Panyijiar Library Design, Sudan, Africa. Design Development & all documents.
- •Currie Sustainable Restaurant: Columbia City, Indiana. Predesign
- •Green Muslim Community Center-preliminary cost study. Anchorage, Alaska
- •MTI Islamic School of Knowledge-Schematic Design, Indianapolis, Indiana
- •A Vision of a Sustainable Design Complex for a community: ICFW-Fort Wayne, Indiana
- •Proposals-Office and a hospital as Sustainable Design: a vision and mission. Karachi, Pakistan
- •A vision/sustainable design for a Community Center.Burmese Refugee Community, Fort Wayne,IN
- •Consultancy: a green and sustainable building for Arts United Arts Campus addition/renovation/ new construction to existing performing Arts Center by Architect, Louis Kahn. Fort Wayne, IN
- •Travel to China: AYN Architectural study of Islamic Chinese Architecture and local history.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLP, Chicago, Illinois

2006

Selected Projects:

- •NATO Headquarters: Design and detailing of Garden & Green roof structure; Brussels, Switzerland
- •High Rise Residential Tower & Gardens in Dubai, UAE, Saudi Arabia & China
- •Theater Design with Sustainable Measures (LEED): Schematic Design work
- •Rolex Tower. Dubai, UAE
- •SOM Green team: Presentation of Green/garden roofs
- •Green Roof Presentation: Organized a company-wide lecture on Garden roofs
- •King Abdullah Economic City: Islamic design for Garden and building facade design.

Centerbrook Architects and Planners, LLP, Centerbrook, Connecticut 2001-2005 Selected Projects:

- •Hotchkiss Private High School: Copper roof and wall, brick and Curtain Wall Music Pavilion. Design, initiated green construction documents. Prepared and coordinated all construction details, sections, exterior elevations through all phases of design with engineering disciplines; initiated, researched and compiled all interior/exterior materials and methods for LEED certification.
- •Essex Public Composting Toilet: Granite stone, concrete block and copper construction. Project Manager. Prepared all construction documents; used sustainable materials; Watercolor perspective.
- •Quinnipiac University (Athletic Center): Pre-cast, concrete block, and brick construction. Prepared detail drawings for copperworks; Coordinated engineering disciplines; Interior design.
- •University of Michigan: Interior Architecture. Prepared construction documents.
- •Assisted in the implementation of various Green measures at Centerbrook Architects' office.

BSA Design (now called BSA Life Structures), Indianapolis, IN

1998-2001

Selected Projects:

- •Seymour Hospital LDR Renovation Project: Project Manager & Design Architect. All Documents.
- •Indiana University Kelley School of Business: Limestone building. Prepared all Construction Documents and shop drawings. Detailed all Indiana limestone with plans, sections elevations.
- •Ben Davis Christian Church: Project Architect: Prepared all construction documents and engineering coordination and details.
- •Indiana Dialysis Center and Doctor's office: Project/Design Architect. Planning/Design/Documents.

Research & Site study/Script writer.

ITV. Karachi, Pakistan

Jan.1998-May 1998

•Surveyed and analyzed and prepared screen script on a 16th century Mausoleum/Tombs, Pakistan

New Age Combustion Products, Fort Wayne, IN

•Director of Research and Development of Sustainable Invention: Clean Energy Furnace.

Schenkel Shultz Inc, Fort Wayne, Indiana

1995-1997

Selected Projects:

- •<u>Little Professor's Book Company:</u> Project Manager: All construction documents;Specifications; Water colored drawings.
- •<u>Rockville State Prison:</u> Recreation Building-Concrete block/precast construction: Schematics/planning/design.

PUBLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

•Art published-Book: Reclaiming Beauty for the Good of the World: Muslim and Christian Creativity as Moral Force. Authors: George Daress Peggy Rosenthall (Muslim-Christian, Dialogue, by FonsVitae)	2010
•Interview: Fort Wayne Reader: Words of Wisdom. By Dan Swartz	2010
•AYN Architect guest green critique. Columbia City Trail Head project. IPFW	2010
•ISNA-Abstract/Presentation: Faith, Sustainability and Green Architecture:	2009
Envisioning a green mosque and sustainable built environment for the 21st century.	2007
•Interview by <i>Chicago Crescent</i> : Green Architect and Artist. CIOGC, p.4. Chicago, IL	2009
•Interview by the <i>Baltimore Examiner</i> , on ISNA's presentation, Washington, DC.	2009
•Article: Compassion is the Score of Balance, (Muslim Women's Alliance), Lombard, IL	2009
•Poetry published, IWA: Poetry Anthology, Many Poetic Voices, One faith	2009
•Cover Design Art Published, IWA: Anthology, Many Voices, One Faith II,	2009
•Radio Podcast: Muslim Voices and Vision: Center of Study for Global Change,	2009
and Art exhibit with the Waldron Art gallery. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indian	
•IOL, Radio Islam Podcast: Islam on line Radio interview on Islamic Art, Cairo, Egypt	
•Woman Made Gallery, My MARK 2009, Journal publication, Chicago, IL	2009
•ISNA(Islamic Society of North America) Calendar: Spiritual Art selected	2008-09
•Article: Faith, Sustainability and Green Architecture, and green consultancy:	2008
1st Presbyterian Church on Green building; Fort Wayne, Indiana	
• <u>EcoStructures</u> ' Magazine: Published Team-Hotchkiss Music and Arts Building, CT	2006
•Interview: Hartford Courant, Connecticut by Laila Kain	2005
•Auburn University: spiritual art exhibit, guest speaker, student newspaper	2003
•Horizon's- Magazine by ISNA, Art and writing. Published Art and Interview	2000
•The Muslim Tribune: Cover design Artist. Toronto, Ontario, Canada	1996-98
ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS	
•Arts United, Board of Directors, Fort Wayne, Indiana	2010
•IPFW Center for the Built Environment & the Northeast Indiana Green Build Coalit	ion2010
Invited Design Charrette Advisor/Guest: The Eel River Trailhead Project. Columbia City, IN	
•Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Judge for the Scholastic Arts Competition	2010
•The Pen and Inkpot Foundation: Founder/President	2008-2010
•USGBC-LEED certified Professional (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Desig	n) Present
•AIA- American Institute of Architects Membership	,
•NCARB-National Council of Architectural Registration Boards	Current
•IPLA-Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (Active)	Present
•IDFPR- Illinois department for Professional Registration (Active)	
•UEF (UniversalEducationFoundation) Speakers Committee	Present
•FortWayne Community Grants Committee. Fort Wayne, Indiana	2009
•ICFW Logo Design	2009
•Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, Membership. Certified Course 101	2007
•US Green Building Company Membership	
•United Nations Conference on Civil Society: Delegate. United Nations, New York.	2002
•Construction with Habitat for Humanity	
•Community Services, Interfaith work, Teaching, Activism	Present

EXTENDED CURRICULUM VITAE - ISLAMIC DESIGN

STATEMENT

The following is a brief highlight of my experience in Islamic design both in volunteered, self initiated and travel study. I consider sustainable and green design to be a core aspect of Islamic design, in which women and the handicapped are integral elements to not delete.

- A) Pertinent professional experience and volunteer work
- B) Islamic study in Academia
- C) Personal Islamic design, study, travel and other

A) Pertinent professional and volunteer work:

•UEF-Universal Education Foundation, Fort Wayne, IN-Speakers forum	2010
•Pre-design: Community center: Muslim Burmese refugees-IN; AYN Architect	2010
•Cost Study- Mosque and Community Center. Anchorage, Alaska	2009
•Green pre-design: Addition-MTI Islamic School. Indianapolis, IN; AYN Architecture	ct 2009
•Islamic facade design and garden in Saudia Arabia. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill	2006
•Preliminary design studies for the Fort Wayne Islamic center, Fort Wayne, IN	1997
•Mosque committee: School Addition-Masjid Al Fajr; Indianapolis, IN	1999
•Community fundraising and green advisor; Berlin Mosque, CT	2001-05

B) Islamic study in Academia:

- •Architecture school/DSA: During directed studies abroad program (DSA), I studied in Turkey and traveled extensively visiting various styles in Islamic architecture. i.e. Sinan's mosque's, Rumi's mausoleum, underground cities and role of women in design.
- •My main thesis advisor in fifth year, Gulzar Haider, PhD is a well known teacher and expert in Islamic architecture and geometry in the world. Having designed and built six mosques in NorthAmerica, he has led studios on Islamic design of mosques in the West with a new context in mind. I was an invited guest critic on several of his studios.
- •My fifth year thesis objective: Is architecture an instrument like a laboratory always under scrutiny by the natural world? How to design, build and live in harmony with the natural world was the question. The investigation of several instruments (astronomical/navigational/clockwork and motion. i.e. boat building, sundials, astrolabes, compass, gyroscope, telescope, sextant, observatory and the clock) was a result of intense study with building that formed my research and design thesis. In short, my one year long thesis was a practical, philosophical, economical and artistic application which was on the infantile path of attempting to understand today's word, sustainable design. Though, I was not cognizant of these words at this time. Please refer to my portfolio.

C) Personal Islamic design, study, travel and other:

•I have travelled extensively all over Pakistan during summers to understand various Architectural designs of spaces in cultures as: Islamic/Mughal, Gandhara civilization, the wind catchers of Thatta, Muqlai tombs, various Mughal designs as the Badashai Mosque, Noor Jehan's and Jehangir's tomb, Shalimar gardens, the Red Fort in Lahore, Taxila, Moenjadaro, Ghandara, Bhumbor, to name a few, and sites in Italy, Sicily, Turkey and Spain. In addition it included a field study of Islamic design in various regions, for example, the use of the Dome, the minaret, ablution spaces, library, soup kitchen and medical clinics to name a few. In addition, some self initiated projects. i.e. 'Niche of Light-a production'. Please refer to my portfolio.