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Professor Mounayar is a registered architect, tenured professor of architecture, and associate dean of the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University. He is currently also program chair of the newly established Ball State Master of Urban Design in Indianapolis. He has served in multiple administrative capacities at Ball State University after joining the faculty in 1984, including as acting dean in 2007.

From 2006 until 2009 and for three consecutive terms Mr. Mounayar was president of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) one of the oldest national organizations in the United States focused on architectural research. He currently represents ARCC as past president and delegate to the National Academy for Environmental Design (NAED), Washington DC.

Professor Mounayar's service as director of Ball State's esteemed Community Based Projects program (CBP) from 1984 until 1993 established CBP as one of Ball State's main applied research/service-learning programs in the nation. He has personally participated or chaired over forty state or national urban design workshops. During his tenure as director, the program prospered and received numerous awards including recognition from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

As a designer and architect, professor Mounayar's work won numerous national and international design competitions. In 1982 he received first place in "Saving Energy in Historic Buildings", a design competition sponsored by the National Building Museum in Washington DC. In 1988 Mr. Mounayar received the Grand Prize for his entry to "Paper Architecture" a competition sponsored by AIA Indiana. He was also awarded second place in the "International New York Waterfront Competition", an international urban design competition sponsored by the New York Municipal Art Society. He has also won architectural and urban design competitions in Seattle and Chicago. His work has been exhibited or published in Brazil, Italy, Argentina, New York, Chicago and Indianapolis. In 1994 as a finalist in the prestigious Chicago Burnham Prize competition, professor Mounayar was selected by a design jury as one of the top twenty Midwestern Architects under forty. As architect, Mr. Mounayar has a practice repertoire that includes urban design, historic preservation, and architecture. He is principle of EMA Architects, P.C. in Muncie Indiana, where he has completed numerous important community projects including Historic preservation, urban design, housing, and civic facilities.

His most recent work has focused on community envisioning, urban design, and green architecture. He is author, educator, architect and researcher. He has multiple peer reviewed articles and presentations in the area of urban design and design communications. In 2007 he chaired the biannual conference and co-edited the book of proceedings of the Design Communication Association. He continues to oversee CAP's outreach activities in support of well-designed, vibrant, and successful communities. Most recently he led a team of urban designers to develop urban design directions for Upland Indiana (Spring 2010). In 2007 through 2009 Reynolds Indiana, code name Bio Town, a new governor's initiative to establish an energy independent community reliant on bio-fuel was the focus of a team of researchers co-directed by Mounayar to develop a comprehensive plan for this new proposed off grid community. BioTown has received national attention through press coverage in the New York Times, Wired Magazine, and National Public Radio. In 2006 he also led a team of researchers that completed two consecutive energy research homes in Fishers Indiana sponsored by the Vectren Corporation.

Professor Mounayar has been PI or Co-PI on over half a million dollars of architectural research and sponsored projects including work in the area of community development, urban design, energy conservation, housing, and historic preservation.