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Karen Nelson is dean and faculty of Architecture at The Boston Architectural College (BAC). In 1994, Karen began teaching design studios at the BAC followed by theory seminars and faculty development courses.

Karen practiced architecture by working on housing for people with AIDS in New York City, a school building in Massachusetts, and on a variety of commercial projects. Her passion for contemporary art and architecture, landscape architecture, travel, and linguistics continue to inform her teaching and practices.

In 2011, Karen received the Edmund C. Toomey Award for Student Advocacy. In 2012, working with Tina Blythe and Len Charney, she received a grant from The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to explore Collaborative Global Practice. In 201, Karen lectured on Bento and Architecture at the Japanese - erman Center in Berlin and in 2020, she participated in three panel discussions about design education and diversity. Since 2010, she has directed the BAC's exhibits and serves as faculty sponsor of the public lecture series.

She holds a Master of Architecture from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Science in Art and Design from MIT.