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Farida is a registered architect in Ontario and holds a Master of Architecture from Ryerson University and a Bachelor of Architectural Studies from Carleton University. She is a Project Director at the award winning architectural and design firm, Adjaye Associates. Prior to, she lived and worked throughout Canada and the United States with the global design, architecture, engineering, and planning firm HOK to build an extensive portfolio including workplace, corporate headquarters, healthcare, higher education, aviation, justice, science, and advanced technology projects.

Farida uses architecture and design as tools to support and empower the communities she lives and works within. She is the emeritus Community Affairs Director of Atlanta's NOMA Chapter (National Organization of Minority Architects) whose mission is to champion diversity within the design profession. Her work with NOMA led her to co-found and chair BAIDA (Black Architects and Interior Designers Association), a Canadian non-profit organization that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in the profession of architecture and interior design in 2019.

Farida is also passionate about contributing to the future of architectural practice in Canada and serves on the provincial self-governing body, the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) as an OAA Council member on a three-year term (2021-2023). She is an OAA Trustee, the Chair of the OAA Interns Committee and serves on the OAA Communications Committee, and the OAA Comprehensive Education Committee.