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Authors on Architecture: Smith on Wright

SAH/SCC Lecture & Book Signing, Santa Monica Sunday, March 17, 2019, 2-4PM

Join SAH/SCC as we explore a fascinating aspect of the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright. Author Kathryn Smith will deliver a lecture on her latest book, Wright on Exhibit (Princeton University Press, 2017), at Santa Monica Public Library (Moore Ruble Yudell, 2006).

More than 100 exhibitions of Frank Lloyd Wright's work were mounted between 1894 and his death in 1959. Wright organized the majority of these exhibitions himself and viewed them as crucial to his self-presentation, as he did his extensive writings. He used them to promote his designs, appeal to new viewers, and persuade his detractors. Wright on Exhibit presents the first history of this neglected aspect of the architect's influential career.

Drawing extensively from Wright's unpublished correspondence, Smith challenges the preconceived notion of Wright as a self-promoter who displayed his work in search of money, clients, and fame. She shows how he was an artist-architect projecting an avant-garde program, an innovator who expanded the palette of installation design as technology evolved, and a social activist driven to revolutionize society through design.

Wright on Exhibit features color renderings, photos, and plans, as well as a checklist of exhibitions and an illustrated catalog of extant and lost models made under Wright's supervision.

Smith—an architectural historian who specializes in all things Wright—is the author of Frank Lloyd Wright—Hollyhock House and Olive Hill (Rizzoli, 1992), Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin and Taliesin West (Harry N. Abrams, 1997), and Frank Lloyd Wright: American Master (Rizzoli 2009), among others.

Wright on Exhibit will be available for sale and signing by the author.

Authors on Architecture: Smith on Wright; Sunday, March 17, 2019; 2-4PM; Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, Santa Monica Central Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.; free; seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis; 310.458.8600.



"Sixty Years of Living Architecture" at the Guggenheim Museum in 1953. Photo: Pedro E. Guerrero



Left to right: Kenneth Ross, director of the Los Angeles Municipal Arts Commission, contractor Morris Pynoss, and Frank Lloyd Wright with his granddaughter, actress Anne Baxter, in 1954. Photo: Los Angeles Public Library



Wright with Richard Lloyd Jones House model at Art Institute of Chicago in 1930. Photo: courtesy Douglas M. Steiner.



SAH/SCC President's Letter

Preserving the Recent Past Conference Comes to LA

On March 13-16, 2019, the Preserving the Recent Past Conference (or PRP3, as it is affectionately known) is coming to Los Angeles. PRP3 offers a national forum to share the latest strategies for identifying, protecting, and conserving significant structures and sites from the post-World War II era.

In concurrent presentation sessions, plenary talks, a pre-conference symposium, and tours, Preserving the Recent Past 3 will build upon the prior two groundbreaking conferences in 1995 and 2000 to address key issues in the preservation of modern historic resources.

Much has changed in the many years since the previous important confabs: myriad resources have reached the 50-year benchmark, innovation continues in the treatment of postwar materials and assemblies, and new survey techniques for suburban and urban landscapes have emerged. Buildings, sites, and landscapes from this period reflect the dynamism, creativity, and tensions of the society that created them. They tell stories—of mass suburbanization and urban disinvestment and reinvestment, multiple and successive modern styles, innovative products, and new social and activist movements.

So what better place than Los Angeles to study these topics? Hosted by the University of Southern California (USC), the conference will discuss hot topics, such as Brutalism, postwar period revivals, new digital approaches to documenting and interpreting recent past sites, cultural heritage sites, and much more.

Among the session topics are:

- Built Environment-alism: Early Moments in the Green Movement
- Practice From the European Perspective—Case Studies From the Field
- Fast-Forward: Preservation Possibilities for 1990s Architecture

- The InnovaConcrete Project—An Investigation Into the Use of Nanotechnologies for the Conservation of 20th-Century Concrete Heritage
- Action Places: Sites Shaped by Social Issues and
- It's What's Inside That Counts: Conserving Postwar Interiors
- Aspects of Americana: Postwar Travel and Leisure
- Modern Materiality and Conservation
- · Say What Now? Advocacy Campaigns to Build Constituencies
- Living Large: Design and Practice on a Big Scale
- Contested Space: Postwar Cultural Landscapes
- Durable and Challenging: Aluminum and Stainless
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- Typecasts and Contexts: Distinctive Postwar Resources
- Ready, Steady, Go: Here Comes PoMo!
- Modern Heritage Structures and Preservation Engineering

Tours sites include:

- Case Studies of Case Study Houses #8 and #22
- The Hayden Tract: Turn of the Century Dystopian Architecture
- Modern by Moonlight
- Killingsworth Legacy Tour: A Study of Regional
- Postwar Bonanza: Alan Hess Loves Orange
- Postmodernism Comes of Age: Charles Moore and MRY in Los Angeles

More info and registration here.

—Sian Winship



Randy's Donuts (Henry J. Goodwin, 1953), Inglewood.

Tour and Event Information: ph: 1.800.972.4722 e:info@sahscc.org



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From Santa Monica to Sierra Madre, and back again, intrepid SAH/SCC-ers toured private homes and houses of worship, heard about the lives of architects and the photographers who chronicled them, and saw exhibitions both out to the future and into the past.



Downtown LA DWP (Albert C. Martin and Associates, 1965). Photo: Herald Examiner

February 11-The Romance of Water and Power: Architecture as Advertisement

At Santa Monica Public Library (Moore Ruble Yudell, 2006), author and researcher Stuart W. Leslie, Ph.D., took us on a dynamic virtual tour of DWP architecture—from local temples of power to dazzling commercial showrooms designed to sell merchants on illuminating their storefronts.



February 25-Authors on Architecture: Arenson on Sheets

Author Adam Arenson presented Banking on Beauty: Millard Sheets and Midcentury Modern Design in California (University of Texas Press, 2018), his long-awaited volume on the architecture of Home Savings, at Glendale Central Library (Welton Becket & Associates, 1969).



April 8th-SAH/SCC Members Celebration: Church of the Epiphany

Restoration architects Ravi GuneWardena, AIA, and Frank Escher, of Escher GuneWardena Architecture, led the visit to the Church of the Epiphany (Ernest Coxhead, 1887/Arthur B. Benton, 1913) in Lincoln Heights—the oldest sustaining Episcopal congregation in LA.



April 15-Miltimore House Salon

This Patrons Salon met in South Pasadena with the most recent stewards of the Catherine Miltimore Residence (Irving J. Gill, 1911), one of Gill's few remaining untouched masterworks, for an exclusive conversation about the property.



Photo: Cameron Carothers

May 20-Harwell Hamilton Harris

In partnership with Berkley, Lander & Lamprecht/Deasy Penner & Partners, we enjoyed an afternoon of dialogue at the J.J. Mulvihill Residence (Harwell Hamilton Harris, 1949) and the John T. Lyle, AIA, FASLA, Studio (John T. Lyle, 1986), two structures that share a hillside site in Sierra Madre.



Photo: Tom Bonner

June 3-The Show Starts on the Sidewalk

We went behind the scenes at the historic Egyptian Theatre (Meyer and Holler, 1922; Hodgetts + Fung Design & Architecture, 1999) the oldest grand movie palace in Hollywood—with preservation architect and SAH/SCC Life Member Peyton Hall, FAIA, and restoration architect Craig Hodgetts, FAIA.



July 21-Authors on Architecture: Harby & Fisher on Venturi's Rome

Co-sponsored by Southern California Chapter of the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art and the Santa Monica Public Library (Moore Ruble Yudell, 2006), SAH/SCC presented architects Stephen Harby and Frederick Fisher, AIA, who shared from their guidebook Robert Venturi's Rome (Oro Editions, 2017).

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August 19-Architect as Patron: Ogosta in Culver City

Architect Ed Ogosta, AIA—winner of AIA/LA's 2018 Emerging Practice Award—opened Rear Window House, his Culver City home, to members and engaged in dialogue with architecture publicist James Juarez of Taylor & Company.

September 22-Voices From the Modern Past: **CBS Columbia Square**

SAH/SCC secured a special tour of CBS Columbia Square (William Edmond Lescaze, 1937; Historic Resources Group, Rios Clementi Hale Studios, 2016)—the radio and television studio complex for CBS West Coast until 2007—to see how the setting has been transformed to accommodate new uses for today's Hollywood. HRC preservation architect and SAH/SCC Patron Member John LoCascio, AIA, toured the group.



Photo: Los Angeles Public Library

Smith Residence (Craig Ellwood Associates, 1958)

September 30-An Afternoon With Jim Tyler

Architect Jim Tyler, FAIA, joined SAH/SCC at the Smith Residence (Craig Ellwood Associates, 1958) in South Pasadena to reminiscence about working with Ellwood on such projects as Art Center (1976), among others.



Photo: Julie D. Taylor, Hon. AIA

October 7-R. Buckminster Fuller: Inventions & Models

SAH/SCC Life Member Ed Cella opened Edward Cella Art & Architecture Gallery especially for SAH/SCC for a behind-thescenes tour of the exhibition "R. Buckminster Fuller: Inventions and Models," which featured models and drawings typically kept in private collections.



October 14-Authors on Architecture: Bills on Rand

Author, architectural historian, and SAH/SCC member Emily Bills, Ph.D., gave a dynamic presentation featuring rarely seen images by legendary architectural photographer and native Angeleno Marvin Rand (1924-2009) from the book California Captured (Phaidon, 2018), which she co-authored with Sam Lubell and Pierluigi Serraino, AIA.



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November 3-Architects of a Golden Age

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens (Hunt, Grey, Pope, Fisher, et. al, 1909-2015) opened early for our insider look at "Architects of a Golden Age: Highlights From The Huntington's Southern California Architecture Collection" with Erin Chase, Assistant Curator of Architecture and Photography at The Huntington.

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The Dutch Chocolate Shop (Morgan and Walls, 1914).

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Downtown Adaptive Reuse Tour

SAH/SCC Tour, Los Angeles

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Save the date for an exclusive tour in the historic core of Downtown Los Angeles. Participants will go behind the façades to get a peek at three adaptive reuse projects by Omgivining Architects, which will provide insight into the renovations along with tour organizer,

SAH/SCC Board Member Kimberly Bahnsen McCarron. Included are: The Dutch Chocolate Shop (Morgan and Walls, 1914), LA Historic-Cultural Monument No. 137, which features 21 custom tile bas relief wall murals depicting scenes of daily life in Holland by renowned Pasadena artist Ernest Batchelder; Broadway Lofts (Morgan and Walls, 1906) at 430 S. Broadway, the former Bumiller Building renovated into mini loft apartments and multi-level live/work units; and 612 Broadway (Albert C. Martin, 1909), which is being renovated for creative office and retail use, with new rooftop addition for restaurant/bar.



612 Broadway (Albert C. Martin, 1909)

Don't miss this opportunity to hear how the downtown historic core is being transformed for new uses. More info to come via email.



Broadway Lofts (Morgan and Walls, 1906) renovated by Omgivining Architects.

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