MODERNISM!
The View from Philadelphia

Docomomo US National Symposium
2022
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, MAY 31

YO, RICHARD NEUTRA!
1:00 - 5:00pm Hassrick House Panel, Tour and Demonstration
Thomas Jefferson University East Falls Campus

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

YO! WELCOME TO PHILLY!
6:00 - 7:30pm Keynote Address: The Past Informs the Future / The Present Challenges the Past – University of Pennsylvania
7:30 - 9:00pm Opening Reception
Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania
118 South 36th Street, Philadelphia

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

YO! PANELS AND TOURS!
University of Pennsylvania
8:30 - 9:45am The Architecture of Memory: Documenting the Built and Unbuilt ideas of Modernism
Modern MicroCosmS – San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia
The Elusive Philadelphia School
The Freeze-Thaw Cycle of Federal Landscapes
10:00 - 11:15am Ways of Seeing & Representing Modernism
Living and Learning through Urban Renewal
When Malls Were Architecture
Icons Under Pressure
11:30am - 12:45pm Reassessing Modernism in the Americas
Philadelphia Women in Architecture
The Roundhouse, Transformational in 20th Century Concrete Architecture
Down the Shore
12:45 - 2:00pm Lunch Break
2:00 - 5:30pm Walking Tours
Frank Gehry in a New Light: The Philadelphia Museum of Art Core Project
Modern Landmarks Revitalized: Kahn’s Richards Labs and Saarinen’s Hill House Dormitories
Penicillin and the Wrecking Ball: Two Views of Philadelphia’s Modern Redevelopment
6:30 - 8:30pm Walking Tour
Calder, Conservation, Craft Beer, and Moore!

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

YO! ICONS AND MASTERPIECES!
Beth Sholom Synagogue
8:30am Buses depart from Loews Philadelphia Hotel and The Study
9:30 - 10:00am Frank Lloyd Wright’s Beth Sholom and its Preservation
10:00 - 11:00am The Past and Futures of the Roundhouse
11:00 - 11:30am Midmorning break
11:30am - 12:00pm Modernism in Ukraine: Architecture at Risk
12:00 - 12:30pm Lunch break
12:30 - 5:30pm Bus Tour: Modern Clients – Global Architects
7:00 - 9:00pm Party like it’s 1932 at Howe & Lescaze’s PSFS Building!
Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, 33rd floor
Tours of the Banking Hall every half hour until 8:30

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

YO! TOUR DAY!
Bus Tours - All buses depart & drop off at The Study hotel.
9:00am - 12:00pm Brooding & Brutalist: 1960s Architecture in West Philly
Hidden Gems: The Modern Houses of East Falls
Kahn’s Last House
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 5:30pm Rural Modernism: Oskar Stonorov, Ed Bacon, and Lou Kahn in Chester County
Transecting Philadelphia’s Main Line
Rudolph and Raymond in Quaker Country

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

YO! CRAFT!
10:30am - 3:00pm Modern Craft Sites
ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Docomomo US National Symposium is the foremost event in the United States for individuals, organizations and businesses interested or engaged in the preservation of modern architecture. The National Symposium seeks to highlight the national and regional contributions of this legacy by taking place in a different region of the country each year.

DOCOMOMO US

Docomomo US is dedicated to the preservation of modern architecture, landscape and design. Through advocacy, education and documentation, we provide leadership and knowledge by demonstrating the importance of modern design principles including the social context, technical merits, aesthetics and settings of these important pieces of American history. Founded in the United States in 1995, Docomomo US is a non-profit organization led by a national Board of Directors and staff that represents a union of regional chapters that share its members’ knowledge of and enthusiasm for modern architecture and design.

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In and around Philadelphia, “Yo!” is a colloquialism used to get someone’s attention quickly. It’s a phrase without pretense, and when combined with modernism, it puts into focus the importance of place and community in our modern heritage, as well as the urgency of preservation efforts. The 2022 Docomomo US National Symposium will explore why modernism still has the power to turn heads, to inform, and to adapt, and how its many manifestations reflect local, regional and broader goals.

Yo! Modernism aims to bring attention to both the relevance of modernism and the need to preserve it. We will explore why modernism continues to be a challenging subject and how to make it more relevant and enduring to the fabric of a place already layered with history, such as Philadelphia. From pared-down Classicism, to space-age whimsy, from the streamlined to the sculptural, from the monumental to the everyday, the multi-layered, multi-generational modernism found in Philadelphia reflects the ideas found around the world.

We want to thank the members of the board of the local Docomomo US/Greater Philadelphia chapter who have so graciously offered up their experience, time, and resources to host and organize this symposium. We also want to thank all those who offered up their homes to tours as well as all the speakers, moderators, tour guides and volunteers who gave of their time to welcome fellow modernists to Philadelphia. In particular, we want to thank the planning committee which consisted of Michael Bixler, David Brownlee, Marion Dinoia, Todd Glover, Eric Keune, Robert Meckfessel, Theo Prudon, Karen Ramsey, Michele Racioppi, Ricki Sablove, Dan Vieyra, Maureen Ward, Liz Waytkus, Grace Ong-Yan and Vanessa Zeoli. And a big thank you to our host sponsors, The Weitzman School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Beth Sholom Congregation and Jefferson University’s College of Architecture & the Built Environment. We could not have put on the symposium without the generous support of our sponsors and you, our modernist enthusiasts.

Experience the best modernism the city has to offer but don’t forget we are a city rich in history, the arts and of course, food. We encourage you to experience early urban design by walking the grid designed by William Penn himself; see the world-famous Barnes art collection and savor the country’s best indoor food market, Reading Terminal Market, only steps from the Loew’s PFSF Hotel.

We look forward to you tasting all that the city has to offer.

Yo!

Bill Whitaker and Dan Macey
Co-Chairs, Yo! Modernism National Symposium

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022
1:00 - 5:00PM
YO! RICHARD NEUTRA!
A MODERN HOUSE CONSERVATION PANEL, TOUR, AND DEMONSTRATION

Located in the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia, the Hassrick House (1958–61) was designed by architect Richard Neutra, one of the 20th century's most influential architects. Its history tells an important story of the Modern Movement in the U.S., both regionally and nationally. This event will be comprised of two parts: 1) talks and panel discussion by modern conservation experts and 2) conservation workshop offering demonstrations of modern conservation techniques as they relate to the preservation of the Hassrick House. The house will serve as a case study for the preservation and conservation of mid-century modern residences. Discussion and demonstrations will focus upon ways to conserve modern design, materials, and details, such as Pennsylvania Bethayres concrete block, large expanses of glass doors and windows, flat roofs, and cork flooring. Preservation experts will explain and demonstrate advanced digital techniques, including thermography, photogrammetry and LiDAR scanning.

Panelists: Kelly Sutherlin McLeod, FAIA, Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc.
Angel Ayón, AIA, NCARB, NOMA, LEED AP, AYON Studio
Tara Remouye, AIA, NCARB, WJE Boston

Hosted by The Center for the Preservation of Modernism at Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia’s modern heritage is as varied as sunrises. Philadelphia is the city of Howe & Lescaze’s groundbreaking PSFS Building (1929-32), but it is also home to the strongest legacy of the École des Beaux Arts in America. The first modern public housing project is built there (Kastner & Stonorov’s Carl Mackey Houses, 1932-35) and city planning’s role is redefined in and through Philadelphia’s redevelopment. All of this heritage is built on an extraordinary burst of arts and crafts activity at the turn of the century. It can be said that Philadelphia is an important location where modernism was welcomed into American culture while also being a place where its limitations were recognized and challenged. Out of all that you get Louis Kahn, the Philadelphia School, and the post modernism of Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown. In other words, Philadelphia is a quintessentially “big tent” modernism place. And yet, for all the recognized significance of Philadelphia’s modern heritage – or, frankly, its built heritage more broadly – the mechanisms driving development and change are increasingly tipping in favor of the wrecking ball.

To unpack the tensions between Philadelphia’s past and present – and in a sense all large American cities – we turn to Inga Saffron, architecture critic for the Philadelphia Inquirer, and Michael J. Lewis, architecture critic for the Wall Street Journal. We’ll explore what is good about the good, and perhaps what’s really good, and consider why things are so bad now.

**Keynote Speakers:** Inga Saffron and Michael J. Lewis

After the keynote address, join us for the opening reception at the University of Pennsylvania’s Institute of Contemporary Art, one of the country’s leading museums dedicated to exhibiting the innovative art of our time. Founded in 1964 within Penn’s Weitzman School of Design, the ICA origins are interlaced with that of the so-called “Philadelphia School,” while its building – completed in 1990 – is a major work by architect, Adele Naude Santos, The ICA galleries will be opened after-hours specially for the event.
**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**INGA SAFFRON**
Architectural critic Inga Saffron has been writing about the design of buildings and cities for the Philadelphia Inquirer since 1999. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Criticism, the 2018 Vincent Scully Prize from the National Building Museum, and a 2012 Loeb Fellowship from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design. In June 2020, Rutgers University Press published a selection of her Inquirer columns about Philadelphia’s urban recovery, Becoming Philadelphia: How an old American city made itself new again. Before becoming the Inquirer’s architecture critic, Inga spent the 1990s as a foreign correspondent for the Inquirer in Russia and the former Yugoslavia, covering the wars in Bosnia and Chechnya, and witnessing the destruction of Sarajevo and Grozny. In addition to her writing about architecture and urbanism, she is an expert on the cultural history of sturgeon. Her book, Caviar: The Strange History and Uncertain Future of the World’s Most Coveted Delicacy, appeared in 2003 to rave reviews. She is currently working on a history of the American newspaper building.

**MICHAEL J. LEWIS**
Michael J. Lewis teaches modern architecture and American art at Williams College, and he is the architecture critic for the Wall Street Journal. After receiving his B.A. from Haverford College in 1980, and two years at the University of Hannover Germany, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1989. He has taught at Bryn Mawr College; McGill University, Montreal; and the University of Natal, South Africa. His books include Philadelphia Builds: Essays on Architecture (2021), Frank Furness: Architecture and the Violent Mind (2001), American Art and Architecture (2006), and the prize-winning August Reienchsperger: The Politics of the German Gothic Revival (1993). He was a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton (2000-2001) and in 2008 received a Guggenheim Fellowship to support the completion of City of Refuge (2016), his study of millennial utopias. Lewis has been at Williams College since 1993 and in 2008 he was named Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art.

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**ON VIEW AT WEITZMAN SCHOOL**

**BUILDING IN CHINA: A CENTURY OF DIALOGUES ON MODERN ARCHITECTURE**
Since the 1920s, the undergraduate and graduate architecture programs at Penn have attracted Chinese students who went on to highly influential careers, beginning with Liang Sicheng (1901-1972), Yang Tingbao (1901-1982), Tong Jun (1900-1983), and Lin Huiyin (1904-1955). After returning to China, they founded the country’s first modern firms and educational institutions, devoted themselves to the rediscovery and conservation of Chinese architectural heritages, and introduced many Western design practices in China. Their works grew from the Beaux-Arts tradition but incorporated a Chinese architectural vocabulary, and they sowed the seeds of Modernism in China. This exhibition documents the shared learning experiences at Penn, as well as built works in China, completed by graduates of Penn’s Department of Architecture during the 1920s and 30s.

**ANNE TYNG’S TINY HOUSE**
To honor this visionary architect and teacher, the Architectural Archives presents a pop-up exhibition of original drawings and artifacts associated with Anne Tyng’s design of her house at 2311 Waverly Street in Philadelphia (1964-67). Best known for her collaborations with architect Louis Kahn, Anne Griswold Tyng (1920-2011) created an important body of independent work beginning in the 1940s with her “Tyng Box.” Widely published – including on the cover of the New York Times Magazine – Tyng’s Waverly Street house is a raw and powerful exploration of her life-long interest in “inhabiting geometry.”

**CONSERVING THE RECENT PAST: WORK FROM HSPV 741**
In the Spring 2022 semester, 13 graduate students in Historic Preservation and Architecture at the Weitzman School of Design addressed the thorny issues surrounding the conservation of modern built heritage. The seminar, organized by Professors Frank Matero and Irene Mattieni, began with a discussion about the definitions and challenges of the ‘recent past’ within the framework of contemporary conservation philosophy and practice and then moved into issues related specifically to the technology, performance, deterioration, and intervention of modern heritage as understood through historical and scientific inquiry. Lectures focused on a select number of common materials, systems, and practices that defined the latter 20th century: concrete, the curtain wall, and prefabrication. Each student was required to identify a topic of interest related to the course focus for further research. Issues of modern architecture’s particularisms, reception, and sustainability were especially considered.

**2022 YEAR END SHOW**
Presented annually, the Weitzman Year End Show brings together work by graduating students across the School to capture new directions in architecture, landscape architecture, city and regional planning, historic preservation, and urban spatial analytics. Individual thesis projects in architecture, planning, and preservation are presented alongside collaborative studio-based works.
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

8:30 - 9:45AM | SESSIONS

THE ARCHITECTURE OF MEMORY: DOCUMENTING THE BUILT AND UNBUILT IDEAS OF MODERNISM

Location: Physical Lab, Morgan Building, ground floor

From the filing of initial plans through the recording of completed projects, the scrupulous process of archiving primary material is essential to the preservation of existing sites and the recreation of lost monuments. This session will examine the importance of archival material in the documentation and preservation of Modernist buildings.

- Where to Begin: Organizing 60 years’ worth of drawings and papers
  Linda Scinto, Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo Associates

- ‘Powderpuffs’ and the ‘Bloop bloop’ button: Preserving the VSBA digital archive
  Allison Olsen, Digital Archivist, University of Pennsylvania Architectural Archives

- The Problem with Pedestals: The Importance of Project Archives to Preserving Paul Rudolph’s Architecture
  Kelvin Dickinson, CEO Rudolph Heritage Foundation

Moderator: Barbara Campagna, FAIA, FAPT, LEED AP BD+C

MODERNMICROCOSMS – SAN FRANCISCO, PITTSBURGH, PHILADELPHIA

Location: Furness 306, Fisher Fine Arts Library, 3rd floor

Twenty-first century American cities are the living result of political, environmental, economic, and frequently aspirational operations, impositions, and transformations—often dramatic in scale and long in duration. Flourishing in the years immediately following WWII, American modernism ran the gamut between prominent urban mega-projects to modest, lesser known “everyday modernisms.” This session explores how some of these narratives unfolded in San Francisco’s Chinatown, Pittsburgh post “Renaissance” reshaping, and the making of Philadelphia’s Temple University campus.

- Modernism in San Francisco’s Chinatown
  Hannah Simonson, Page & Turnbull

- Modernism at the Corner in Pittsburgh, PA
  Brittany Reilly, Pittsburgh Modern Committee of Preservation Pittsburgh

- Broad Street’s Modernist Coming of Age: Temple University's Late Expansion and the Community-Temple Agreement of 1970
  Douglas Schaller, Temple University

Moderator: Eric Keune, Design Director, Perkins & Will Boston

THE ELUSIVE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL

Location: Kleinman Forum, Fisher Fine Arts Library, 4th floor

“The Philadelphia School.” It’s one of those terms we often hear, but seldom examine through a critical lens. Just what is the Philadelphia School? Is it a set group of architects and styles from a certain period in the city’s history? Does it refer only to the best-known practitioners of Modernism?
Or does it encompass a wider segment, both from temporal and stylistic points of view? This session will consider those questions and others, as speakers present thoughts on Modernism in the city, as well as the roots of Modernism in the work of proto-Modernists whose work pushed the boundaries of design and technology.

- **Louis Kahn and the Frank Furness Connection**  
  Izzy Kornblatt, architectural critic, historian, and curator

- **The Philadelphia School, 1950-1965: City, Profession, Education**  
  John Lobell, Pratt Institute

- **Revealing Philadelphia’s many ‘Modernities’**  
  George Thomas Kapelos, Ryerson University in Toronto

**THE FREEZE-THAW CYCLE OF FEDERAL LANDSCAPES**

**Location:** White Room, Morgan Building, ground floor

Speakers will address the issues related to the creation of National Park sites, the re-use of these sites for other public purposes, and the conversion of architecturally significant landscapes to National Parks. Topics include the role of Modernism in the design of these sites and the impact of Mission 66 on subsequent projects.

- **Philadelphia and Mission 66: Modernism and Preservation in Independence National Historic Park and Beyond**  
  Naomi Kroll, National Park Service

- **Bye Centennial! Lost Structures of Philadelphia’s 76 Building Boom**  
  Douglas Hassebroek, Skidmore Owings & Merrill

- **Adapting Modernist Landscapes: Lessons from Washington D.C.**  
  Lee Webb, National Capital Planning Commission

**Moderator:** Richard Bartholomew, FAIA, FAAR

**LIVING AND LEARNING THROUGH URBAN RENEWAL**

**Location:** Furness 306, Fisher Fine Arts Library, 3rd floor

This session will examine a selection of midcentury American sites through the lens of contemporary social, political, racial, and environmental considerations. Topics include the role of an aging population in the creation of specialized residential buildings, the vicissitudes of Modernist educational buildings designed in the context of progressive politics, and the fusion of modern design and urban renewal in the development of an innovative public housing community.

- **Golden Years in the Sunshine State: Orlando’s Mid-Century High Rise Boom**  
  Caroline Wilson, MacRostie Historic Advisors

- **Educating Citizens: The Pedagogical and Social Context of Oskar Stonorov’s Educational Buildings**  
  Allegra Churchill, granddaughter of Oscar Stonorov and Jessica Wolff, Landscape Architect, Thomas Jefferson University

- **Sandburg Village: Urban Renewal on Chicago’s Near North Side**  
  Justin Miller, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Moderator:** Grace Ong Yan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Interior Design, Thomas Jefferson University College of Architecture and the Built Environment

**WHEN MALLS WERE ARCHITECTURE**

**Location:** Physical Lab, Morgan Building, ground floor

During the middle of the 20th century, the locus of shopping shifted from Main Street to the shopping center, reflecting the trend toward suburban living. Who were some of the pioneers of this movement? How did this change mirror the social and political events of the time, including the flight from cities to the suburbs? And what is the future of the enclosed shopping center in light of the projected imminent closure of one quarter of American malls? These and other questions will be discussed during this session.

- **Gallery Galleria Galerie: Malls as Urban Rooms**  
  Alexandra Lange

- **Roosevelt Field: A Radical First Shopping Center, 1956, designed by I.M. Pei for Webb and Knapp**  
  Caroline Rob Zaleski

- **Twilight of the Mall: Victor Gruen, Commerce, and Suburbia**  
  Jeff Hardwick, National Endowment for the Humanities

**Moderator:** Robert Meckfessel, FAIA, Principal, DSGN Associates; President, Docomomo US
ICONs UNDER PRESSURE

Location: White Room, Morgan Building, ground floor

Let’s face it: Modernism has now been around for a long time. How do you adapt yesterday’s modern buildings for today’s needs? This session will provide a look at three iconic landmarks, the unique challenges to be met in their renovations, and the ways in which architects and designers adapt and refashion existing structures to new standards and for new purposes.

- **Making Modern New – Lessons from Guild House and Beyond**
  Daniel McCoubrey and Seth Cohen, VSBA, and Brian Wentz, Keast & Hood

- **Libraries in Limbo: Examining Renovations of Breuer’s Atlanta Central Library and Mies’ MLK Library**
  John Poros, University of Mississippi

Moderator: Michael Schade, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Partner, Atkin Olshin Schade Architects

11:45AM - 1:00PM | SESSIONS

REASSESSING MODERNISM IN THE AMERICAS

Location: Kleinman Forum, Fisher Fine Arts Library, 4th floor

Speakers will explore the qualities that characterize modern architecture in Cuba, as well as the translation of that particular brand of Modernism to other parts of the world, through work of such Cuban emigrés as Eugenio Batista, Max Borges, and Rosa Navia, as well as through the pedagogy of Mario Romaniñach at the University of Pennsylvania.

- **North-South Collisions: Modernity and Cubanidad**
  Jean-François Lejeune, Ph.D., Professor, University of Miami School of Architecture

- **The Modern Cuban House Abroad**
  Victor Deupi, Senior Lecturer, University of Miami School of Architecture

- **Mario Romanîñach in Hacana and Philadelphia**
  Monty Freeman, FAIA, Founding Principal, Belmont Freeman Architects

Moderator: Maria C. Romanach, Principal, Maria C. Romanach Architects

DOWN THE SHORE

Location: White Room, Morgan Building, ground floor

Of the many seashore communities in our region, Wildwood, New Jersey, stands out for its abundance of mid-century architecture. Comprising a colorful array of Space-Age, Googie, and Tropical themes, Wildwood motels provided a populist exposure to Modernism for middle class families. This session will examine the development of the resort city, its role as a vehicle for spreading the popularity of Modern architecture, and its history of exclusion and segregation during its heyday.

- **Learning from the Wildwoods**
  Daniel Vierya, Ph.D., AIA, Professor Emeritus, School of Architecture, Kent State University

- **Reconsidering Modernism through a Social Equity Lens**
  Ian Smith, Principal, IS-DG

- **Mainstreaming Modern: How Motels Introduced Modernism to the Middle Class**
  Stephanie Hoagland, Principal and Architectural Conservator, Jablonski Building Conservation Inc.

Moderator: George Smart, CEO and Founder, USModernist

THE ROUNDHOUSE, TRANSFORMATIONAL IN 20TH CENTURY CONCRETE ARCHITECTURE

Location: Physical Lab, Morgan Building, ground floor

Perhaps no building in Philadelphia arouses so much controversy as the former Philadelphia Police Administration Headquarters, better known as “the Roundhouse.” A marvel of concrete technology, the building, designed by the prominent firm of Geddes Brecher Qualls and Cunningham and completed in 1961, has become associated with the turbulent reign of the late Police Commissioner, Frank Rizzo. How does one—or, indeed, should one—separate the architectural significance of this site from its history of racial injustice?

- **The Significance of the Roundhouse**
  Jack Pyburn, FAIA, Principal, Lord Aeck Sargent

- **The Roundhouse: A Miracle in Concrete**
  Carl-Dag Lige, Estonian Museum of Architecture

Moderator: Theodore Prudon, FAIA, Principal, Prudon & Partners; Founding President, Docomomo US

DOCUMENTING WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

Location: Furness 306, Fisher Fine Arts Library, 3rd floor

Architecture is a profession historically dominated by men, and the substantial contributions of female architects are frequently obscured. As a result, contemporary scholars interested in their work have had to confront misattributions as well as a lack of archival resources and existing scholarship on their subjects. This session explores the efforts of three architectural historians as they write women back into the history of the built environment and architectural education, addressing themes of preservation, legacy, and storytelling.

- **Elizabeth Fleisher and Philadelphia Modernism**
  Fátima Olivieri-Martínez, KieranTimberlake

- **Soundscapes, Voices, and Places: Podcasting the Pioneering Women of American Architecture**
  Cynthia Phifer Kracauer, Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation

- **The Other Philadelphia School: Mimi Lobell, Stanislawa Nowicki, and Blanche Lemo**
  Franca Trubiano, University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: Heather Isbell Schumacher, Archivist, University of Pennsylvania Architectural Archives
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

2:00 - 5:30PM | WALKING TOURS

FRANK GEHRY IN A NEW LIGHT: THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART CORE PROJECT

Take an insider’s tour of the new renovation and interior expansion designed by Frank Gehry of the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s landmark 1928 building led by their Director of Facilities and Operations, Jane Lawson-Bell. Completed in May 2021, the Gehry project opened up the heart of the building, created 20,000 sf of new galleries, and re-opened a grand 640-foot-long corridor for the first time in 50 years.

Meet at: Philadelphia Museum of Art (front entrance)
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19130
Guide: Jane Lawson-Bell, Director of Operations, Philadelphia Museum of Art

MODERN LANDMARKS REVITALIZED: KAHN’S RICHARDS LABS AND SAARINEN’S HILL HOUSE DORMITORIES

The undisputed heavyweights of modern architecture on the University of Pennsylvania campus are Louis Kahn’s Richards Medical Research Laboratories (1957-61) and Eero Saarinen’s Hill House Dormitory (1958-60). Each has undergone major renovations that sought to reinforce the cultural significance of the site while adapting to contemporary housing preferences and environmental concerns. These in-depth tours will be led by key members of the design teams who undertook these challenging projects, as well as their counterparts at the University.

Meet at: University of Pennsylvania, Weitzman Plaza in front of Meyerson Hall, 210 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Guides: Mark Kocent and Maureen Ward, University of Pennsylvania with David Fixler, Areta Pawlynsky, Michael Mills and Meredith Bzdak.

PENICILLIN AND THE WRECKING BALL: TWO VIEWS OF PHILADELPHIA’S MODERN REDEVELOPMENT

Philadelphians were introduced to the value of modern planning in shaping the future of the city during the Better Philadelphia Exhibition of 1947. This show laid the groundwork for a reform era of public investment in urban renewal and community building. Two modes dominated in the city. Independence Mall followed the prevailing mode of demolition making way for the new, while Society Hill became a model for urban renewal that engaged with the existing historic fabric – “penicillin” over the wrecking ball. Sites on this tour include: the Philadelphia Police Administration Building, Rohm & Haas Headquarters, Society Hill Towers, African American Museum, and private houses by Mitchell/Giurgola, I.M. Pei, and Adolph deRoy Mark.

Meet at: Rohm and Haas Building, 100 South 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA (one block walk from the 5th and Market station on the Market Street Subway Line)
Guides: William Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania and Grace Ong Yan, Thomas Jefferson University

6:30 - 8:00PM | WALKING TOUR

CALDER, CONSERVATION, CRAFT BEER AND MOORE!

Take an immersive stroll along Philadelphia’s Benjamin Franklin Parkway to experience and learn about the public sculpture installations dotting this grand boulevard including the works of three generations of Calders. The experience includes a conversation with Zach Tatti, one of the country’s leading art conservators, on the restoration of sculptor Henry Moore’s 1964 Three-Way Piece Number One: Points. Conclude the tour with a complementary cold-one at one of Philadelphia’s leading craft brewers, Victory Brewing Co. And then at the end of the evening, feel free to jog up the nearby, iconic steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and take a selfie with the most iconic public sculpture of all, the Rocky statue.

Meet at: Cret Park at the corner of 16th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Guide: Laura Griffith, Deputy Director, Association for Public Art
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

MORNING BUS PICK UP: THE STUDY AND LOEWS HOTEL

FRIDAY AT BETH SHOLOM, CHESTNUT HILL & PSFS

9:30 - 10:00AM | TOUR
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT’S BETH SHOLOM AND ITS PRESERVATION
Helene Mansheim, Lead Docent, Beth Sholom Synagogue Preservation Foundation

10:00 - 11:00AM | PLENARY
THE PASTS AND FUTURES OF THE ROUNDHOUSE

Philadelphia’s Police Administration Building (1959-63, Geddes Brecher Qualls Cunningham) is a boldly sculptural, structurally expressive example of the variety of Modernism that was called the “Philadelphia School.” It was created by Richardson Dilworth, the reform-minded mayor who moved many city services to new homes and away from Philadelphia’s Victorian City Hall, the symbol of what a turn-of-the-century muckraker had called a “corrupt and contented” city.

But for many of today’s Philadelphians, the building, whose geometry earned it the nickname “the Roundhouse,” is not associated with reform but with the reign of Frank Rizzo, Philadelphia’s Police Commissioner in 1967-71 and mayor in 1972-1980. Rizzo’s racist policing and politicking scarred Philadelphians and disgraced their city. What are the possible futures for a building with such a complicated past? To discuss this problem—and probably not to solve it—this panel brings together a city official whose department will set the parameters for the future of the building, a leader of the community that adjoins the site, an accomplished facilitator of civic engagement, and the director of programming at another monument with a challenging history.

Panelists: Sean Kelley, Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site
Rosalyn J. McPherson, The ROZ Group
Eleanor Sharpe, City of Philadelphia Dept. of Planning and Development
Yue Wu, Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation

Moderator: David Brownlee, Frances Shapiro-Weizenhoff Professor Emeritus of 19th Century European Art, University of Pennsylvania

Mid-morning refreshments and lunch provided
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

11:30AM - 12:00PM | PLENARY

MODERNISM IN UKRAINE: ARCHITECTURE AT RISK DURING WAR

The architecture of Ukraine is rich and varied, from wooden churches and beaux-arts opera houses to Soviet-era modernism and contemporary buildings designed for an independent country. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine poses great risks for Ukraine’s modernist architecture, a collection of stunning works which only recently gained international recognition. This conversation will highlight some of Ukraine’s unique modernist buildings, urban plans, and artistic works which are currently under threat of destruction and how the American architectural community can aid their protection.

Speaker: Ashley Bigham, Assistant Professor, Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University; co-director, Outpost Office

12:30 - 5:30PM | BUS TOUR

MODERN CLIENTS - GLOBAL ARCHITECTS

The Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia is one of those rare urban locations that has exceptional examples of architecture and landscape design from every period of United States history. This is especially true of the 1960s when global attention came to focus on Philadelphia as its architects and planners were energizing modernism with a broader sense of history, as well as social and environmental concerns. Louis Kahn, Romaldo Giurgola, Robert Venturi, and Ian McHarg, all created environments in Chestnut Hill, three of which were for progressive minded-women clients. This tour visits Kahn’s Margaret Esherick House (1959-62), Venturi’s famed “Mother’s House” for Vanna Venturi (1959-64), architect Gunter Buchholz’ personal residence (1967), and the house and garden of famed ecological planner and landscape architect Ian McHarg (house by Oskar Stonorov; 1959). We are especially fortunate to be able to feature – for the first time in decades – Giurgola’s Dorothy White House, now under careful restoration by preservation-minded owners after a period of disheartening neglect.

Guides: William Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania; Kevin Yoder, k YODER design; Emily Cooperman, PS&S; Dan Macey

7:00 - 9:00PM | EVENING RECEPTION

PARTY LIKE ITS 1932 AT HOWE & LESCAZE’S PSFS BUILDING!

On Friday evening join us as we toast to modernism on the 33rd floor of George Howe and William Lescaze’s iconic PSFS Building, Philadelphia’s first and most famous International Style office building, meticulously restored and now functioning as Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Tours of the second floor Banking Hall every half hour until 8:30 pm
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

9:00AM - 12:00PM | MORNING BUS TOURS

KAHN’S LAST HOUSE

The Steven and Toby Korman House (1971-73) is the last house that Lou Kahn designed, and it is the last work that was completed in his lifetime. The design was a collaboration with landscape architect Harriet Pattison and marks Kahn’s increasing interest in the integration of landscape and architecture, a country house in the classic sense tied to ideas explored earlier in his Kimbell Art Museum and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial designs. Like the wood of an old barn in the countryside, Kahn envisioned that the exterior wood cladding would naturally silver with age and pictured that color against the green hues of the surrounding landscape.

Guides: William Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania and Andrew Fearon

BROODING AND BRUTALIST: 1960S ARCHITECTURE IN WEST PHILLY

George Pepper Middle School in Eastwick and the International House in University City are two of Philadelphia’s most representative examples of Brutalist architecture. The former, a commanding pile of rigid geometry – designed by Claudill Rowlett Scott in 1969 – currently sits vacant and vandalized following a wave of Philadelphia public school closures in 2013. The latter, designed by Bower & Fradley architects in 1966, is a landmark of the so-called “Philadelphia School” whose future was put into flux by the changing mission of its founding organization. Take in both of these concrete behemoths while discussing their history, architectural significance, and their future potential for serving the community again.

Guide: Michael Bixler, Hidden City Philadelphia

HIDDEN GEMS: THE MODERN HOUSES OF EAST FALLS

Framed by the picturesque Schuylkill River and the secluded Wissahickon Park, Philadelphia’s East Falls neighborhood attracted several dozen progressive clients during the mid-20th century who wanted proximity to Center City and access to nature at the same time. They hired a wide spectrum of architects – from the celebrated Richard Neutra to local talents such as Earle Bolton, Jr., Elizabeth Fleisher, Newcomb Montgomery, and others – to design their distinctive new residences. Visit some of these hidden gems in their context, including Neutra’s Kenneth Hassrick House of 1957, and see how diverse Philadelphia modernism can be.

Guide: David Breiner, Thomas Jefferson University
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

1:00 - 5:30PM  |  AFTERNOON BUS TOURS

RURAL MODERNISM: OSKAR STONOROV, ED BACON AND LOU KAHN IN CHESTER COUNTY

When Oskar Stonorov married Betty Foster, a quiet corner in northern Chester County became the unlikely center for an astounding cast of characters in national and international architecture. Betty’s father, president of the Congoleum Company, commissioned Stonorov for a significant modernist addition to Broadwater Farm in Charlestown Township. Oskar and Betty were married soon after and he designed Avon Lea Farm on the foundations of an old farmhouse in 1940. After the war, he worked with Kahn on a house nearby on French Creek, then with Ed Bacon on his own house, “Little Saffron.” This stunning group of buildings hosted such luminaries as Alvar Aalto, the CIAM Conference in the mid 30’s, and Buckminster Fuller. The tour will visit Avon Lea, Little Saffron, and Miss Betty’s Charlestown Play School also designed by Stonorov.

Guide: Jim Garrison

TRANSECTING PHILADELPHIA’S MAIN LINE

As portrayed in films like The Philadelphia Story (1939), Philadelphia’s Main Line is a quintessentially elite enclave – a “state of mind,” where everyone “knows everyone else, or, if they don’t they never will.” In reality, the Main Line is profoundly shaped by technological and cultural change, and ripe with interesting architecture. Transecting this landscape, we will visit libraries, corporate centers, educational institutions, residential housing, and commercial strips. Works will include designs by Mitchell / Giurgola, GBQC, Louis Kahn, Joel Levinson, and Vincent Kling. We’ll end the tour at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Suntop Homes and a recently-shuttered Lord & Taylor’s by Raymond Loewy.

Guides: William Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania and Joel Levinson, Architect

RUDOLPH AND RAYMOND IN QUAKER COUNTRY

When one considers the work of Paul Rudolph (1918-1997), one thinks about his Florida houses of the early 1950s and his landmark works in New Haven, Boston, and Hong Kong. Similarly, Antonin Raymond (1887-1980) is best remembered as a “father of modern Japanese architecture,” and for his sensitive translation of that country’s classical and vernacular architectural traditions into modernism. Both architects also created works of grace and eloquence in rural Bucks County, PA, and in so doing, engaged with the vernacular building traditions of the Quakers. This tour offers the rare opportunity to visit Rudolph’s John and Alice Fullam House, and Raymond Farm – a transformation of mid-18th century Quaker farmhouse designed by Antonin and Noemi Raymond in 1939-40 that remains in the family to this day.

Guide: Eric Jesse Wolff and John DeFazio, Raymond Farm Center for Living Arts & Design

7:00 - 9:00PM  |  RECEPTION BY INVITATION

AN EVENING AT THE HOME OF ROBERT VENTURI AND DENISE SCOTT BROWN

Guests will have the rare chance to visit the home of Denise Scott Brown and Robert Venturi. The 1909 residence by Milton Medary blends Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau on the exterior, while the interior has served as a de-facto laboratory for experimenting with pattern and color for Bob and Denise since 1972.

Masking required inside the house. Parking is limited; carpooling or rideshares encouraged. By invitation, RSVP required. Location details provided via email.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

10:30AM - 3:00PM  |  SELF-DRIVING TOUR

MODERN CRAFT SITES

Sold out. Only guests registered for this may participate.

Tour participants must provide their own transportation to the sites or carpool. We will meet at the Wharton Esherick Museum at 10:30 and the tour will end at George Nakashima Woodworkers. Enjoy guided tours of Modern Craft Sites beginning with the studio of revered woodworker Wharton Esherick, called the “dean of American craftsmen,” for his leadership in developing non-traditional designs, that also includes a workshop designed by his friend Louis Kahn in collaboration with Anne Griswold Tyng. Then travel to New Hope and the wonderous compound of master-craftman George Nakashima, for a focused look at the Arts Building and Cloister, Pool House, and rarely opened Nakashima House. Tour participants must provide their own transportation to the sites. or carpool. The visits will all be guided.

Note: A light breakfast will be provided at the Wharton Esherick Studio and lunch will be provided at George Nakashima Woodworkers.

Guides: Staff of the Wharton Esherick Museum William Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania; Cesar Bargues Ballester, Getty Conservation Institute; Mira Nakashima, George Nakashima Woodworkers

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DAVID BROWNLEE is a historian of modern architecture and urbanism in Europe and America, and has taught for his entire career at the University of Pennsylvania, where he won the Outstanding Teaching Award of the College Alumni Society and the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. With scholarship focused on the architecture/planning of Philadelphia, his books include histories of the Barnes Foundation, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and the Penn campus, and exhibition catalogues devoted to Louis Kahn, Denise Scott Brown, and Robert Venturi. He was named a Fellow by the SAH in 2015, which in 2020 established the Brownlee Dissertation Prize in his honor. Brownlee served for 15 years on the Philadelphia Historical Commission and is now on the boards of the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, the Beth Sholom Preservation Foundation, and the Design Advocacy Group. He is a recipient of the Wyck-Strickland Award and the Philadelphia AIA’s Paul Philippe Cret medal.

BARBARA A. CAMPAGNA, FAIA, FAPT, LEED AP BD+C, Principal, Barbara A. Campagna/A Architecture + Planning, PLLC, is an architect, planner, and historian. She was the recipient of the National AIA Young Architect of the Year Award in 2002 and was elevated to Fellowship in the AIA in 2009 as “the leading national architect and policymaker for the integration of preservation values into green building practices.” Barbara has completed restorations of significant National Historic Landmarks and is a recognized leader in the preservation and modernization of modern heritage. She has served as the Regional Preservation Officer for the Northwest Region of the GSA and the Chief Architect for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

ALLEGRA CHURCHILL is the granddaughter of Oskar and Elizabeth Stonorov. She currently serves in leadership roles at the Charlestown Playhouse and Miss Betty’s Day Camp, and practices residential landscape design. She holds a B.A. in Social Anthropology from Harvard University and a Master’s in Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia. Her career has focused on the theoretical, practical and familial connections between design, community organizing, and early childhood education.

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BELMONT FREEMAN, FAIA, familiarly known as Monty, is founding principal of Belmont Freeman Architects, an award-winning design firm in NYC with built work in North America, Europe, and Asia. His writings have appeared in Places, Journal, Architectural Record, and The Architect’s Newspaper. He holds a B.A. from Yale and an M.Arch degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Freeman has taught at Columbia University and is a visiting lecturer at Penn’s Weitzman School of Design. From 1997-2008 he was President of Storefront for Art & Architecture, on whose board he still sits. An American of Cuban descent, Monty has done extensive research, writing, and lecturing about Cuban architecture and culture, as well as leading architectural tours of Cuba.

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DOUGLAS HASSEBROEK, AIA, is an architect and associate principal at Skidmore Owings & Merrill in NYC. He has worked on icons of Modernism including Beyer Blindner Belle’s conversion of Saarinen’s 1962 TWA Flight Center, SOM’s renovation of the 1977 Wellesley College Science Center, and Vinoly’s unbuilt expansion of the 1971 Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Doug won a SARA award with BRB Architects for master planning the creative destruction of the 1970 brutalist superblock, One Pace Plaza. Doug spent his 20s in Philadelphia and had bit roles in two
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Philadelphia structures: Venturi Scott Brown’s 1992 Christopher Columbus Monument and SOM’s current renovations to 30th Street Station. Doug has architecture degrees from Rice and Columbia, where he received a Kinne Traveling Fellowship to study the postwar embassy building program.

MARK HAVENS is an educator, designer, and artist with a dual background in both graphic and industrial design. He is the Associate Director of Undergraduate Industrial Design at Thomas Jefferson University. Havens’ work has been exhibited internationally and is held in private and public collections, including The George Eastman Museum and The Library of Congress. Features on his work have appeared in the New York Times, The Atlantic, The Guardian, The British Journal of Photography and elsewhere. His first major monograph, Out of Season, chronicles the rapidly vanishing motels of Wildwood, New Jersey and has been the subject of more than 70 features worldwide.

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SEAN KELLEY is Senior Vice President/Director of Interpretation at Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site in Philadelphia, producing the site’s award-winning audio tour, and curating more than 100 art installations. He developed The Big Graph, a 16-foot infographic that illustrates the skyrocketing U.S. rate of incarceration, and a companion exhibit, Prisons Today: Questions in the Age of Mass Incarceration, which won the 2017 Overall Award for Excellence from the American Alliance of Museums. He oversaw “Hidden Lives Illuminated,” a project which generated 20 original films made by currently incarcerated individuals and projected them onto Eastern State’s façade. Mr. Kelley visits active prisons and writes critically about prison museums and sites of detention. He speaks widely on the responsibility of museums to address controversial and painful subjects, as well as the ethical and management challenges posed by large-scale fundraising events in sites with complex histories.

ERIC KEUNE has an unconventional stance on design: truly new ideas are tremendously rare - but he’s not one to abandon innovation and creativity. Instead, Eric sees our shared past as a rich source of valuable lessons. He’s an accomplished architectural historian, having authored Piaffard Keatinge-Clay: Modern Architecture/Modern Masters and co-authored 100 Buildings Every Architect Should Know. Eric’s work exists at the intersection of design, architectural history, contemporary visual arts, and state-of-the-art building technology. And, despite dozens of design awards and international acclaim, his metrics for success are simple: impact people’s lives, improve the environment, and transform contemporary society—to the benefit of all. Eric is the Design Director for the Boston studio of Perkins & Will. A devoted disciple of Modernism, he serves on the US board of Docomomo.

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THEODORE PRUDON, FAIA is a leading expert on the preservation of modern architecture and a practicing architect in New York City. Dr. Prudon has worked on the terra cotta restoration of the Woolworth Building, the exterior restoration of the Chrysler Building, and of a 1941 Lescaze townhouse in Manhattan. Dr. Prudon teaches preservation at Columbia University and Pratt Institute. He is the recipient of a Graham Foundation Individual grant for his book “Preservation of Modern Architecture.” He is the founding President of Docomomo US and a board member of Docomomo International.

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SPEAKERS

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