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42 ... and Counting
arcCA, the journal of the American Institute of Architects California Council, is dedicated to exploring ideas, issues, and projects relevant to the practice of architecture in California. arcCA focuses quarterly editions on professional practice, the architect in the community, the AIACC Design Awards, and works/sectors.
“Where’s the beef?” If you’re looking for editorial content other than the awards, relax and open up your laptop. This is the vegetarian edition of arcCA, the meat is now on the web—the newly refreshed AIACC.org. But fear not; this is not the last edition of arcCA that you will ever hold, on paper, in your hand. In 2012, you can count on two issues, both of which will be definite keepers. The first, at mid-year, will be a focused practice resource; the second, at year’s end, will gather the Best Of AIACC.org and the annual awards.

Meanwhile, you will find that the AIACC homepage will have four blogs—“The Value of Design,” “The Scope of Practice,” “Public Advocacy,” and “Emerging Professionals”—each incorporating three modes of articles: current, newsworthy items; strategic, forward-looking investigations under the arcCA brand; and regular “columns” by noted experts. At the end of each article is an opportunity for you to respond. We will be counting on your feedback to help us determine the contents of the Best Of issue of the printed journal, as well as to guide our ongoing assignments.

You will also find a new, public page, introducing the architectural riches of California to the world at large; and a prominent link to the California Architectural Foundation, our liaison with the state’s architecture schools.

Thus, we enter the 21st century in 2012—not bad for a member-governed organization! We owe a big-ol’ “Thank you!” to Mike Malinowski, AIA, 2009-10 AIACC Vice President of Communications/Public Affairs, for initiating the process that reoriented us toward web-based communication and led to the rebuilding of our website on an agile, WordPress platform; and to Evelyn Lee, AIA, current VP for Communications/Public Affairs, who brings deep expertise in social media to guide our progress.

The arcCA Editorial Board also extends our warm thanks to Lori Reed, outgoing AIACC Director of Communications/Public Affairs, who has provided thoughtful organization and follow-up—and much good cheer!—to our quarterly meetings, along with her many other fine contributions to AIACC.

Spend some quality time in these pages with the distinguished individuals, firms, and projects honored by these awards . . . then crank up that browser and look for my smiling face in the new year at AIACC.org.

With all best wishes for 2012,

Tim Culvahouse, FAIA
Editor-in-Chief
AIA California Council
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WOOD DESIGN AWARDS

Nomination Deadline:
January 13, 2012

Each year, WoodWorks hosts three regional award programs to recognize excellence in wood design and showcase innovative buildings that demonstrate wood’s strength, beauty, versatility and cost-effectiveness. California firms, designers and/or projects are eligible for the west region awards, which will be presented on February 29 at the Long Beach Wood Solutions Fair. There is no cost to nominate a project and multiple submissions are encouraged. For information and nomination forms, visit woodworks.org.

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- Institutional Wood Design
- Green Building
- Interior Beauty of Wood
- Multi-story/Midrise Wood Design
- Traditional Use of Wood
- Innovative Engineering with Wood

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AIACC AWARDS
The Maybeck Award recognizes outstanding achievement in architectural design as expressed in a body of work produced by an individual architect over the course of a career.

In more than thirty years of practicing architecture with his Los Angeles-based firm, Ehrlich Architects, Steven Ehrlich has developed an approach to design whose hallmark is the flexible integration of modern form and new technologies with influences from ancient traditions.

Ehrlich’s design philosophy, which he calls Multicultural Modernism, began to evolve during six post-university years of practicing and teaching architecture in Morocco and West Africa in the 1970s. During this time, he observed the ways that indigenous buildings shared an economy of means and sustainable strategies for adapting to their harsh climates. He also admired how African towns fulfilled social needs and expressed deeply held cultural values of their communities.

Returning to the United States in the late seventies to establish his practice in Southern California, Ehrlich began to fuse the formative ideals he learned as an “architectural anthropologist” in Africa with the dynamic influences of Los Angeles, which he calls “the incubator of change.”

For the first ten years, working within the continuum of California modernism on primarily residential commissions, he explored the connection between indoor-outdoor spaces with transformational technologies that allowed spaces to open and close.

Ehrlich expanded his practice in its second decade into the realm of public and civic projects. Stimulated by the diversity of Los Angeles’s melting pot, he sought to bring people together through innovative gathering spaces in schools, libraries and office buildings.

In the new millennium, Ehrlich’s firm has become a global practice. He continues to travel widely, working in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, refining his inclusive multi-cultural philosophy of design. Through lectures and teaching, he is able to share his work and vision with students and professionals around the globe.
**Selected Work**

**KALFUS STUDIO 1981**
Los Angeles, CA
Art Studio and Guest House adjacent to 1950 house by Richard Neutra

**SCHULMAN RESIDENCE 1992**
Brentwood, CA
Single Family Residence

**PAUL CUMMINS LIBRARY – CROSSROADS SCHOOL 1996**
Santa Monica, CA
Educational Library

**ADDITION TO NEUTRA BEACH HOUSE 1998**
Santa Monica, CA
New wing built on adjacent lot

**675 WEST KENDALL STREET 2002**
Cambridge, MA
Biotech Research Laboratory/ Retail at ground level

**700 PALMS RESIDENCE 2004**
Venice, CA
Single Family Sustainable Residence

**HELAL “NEW MOON” RESIDENCE 2007**
Dubai, UAE
Single Family Residence

**ASU WALTER CRONKITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION 2008**
Phoenix, AZ
Journalism School, Broadcasting Facilities and Retail at ground level

**ZEIDLER RESIDENCE 2008**
Aptos, CA
Single Family Residence

**CITY PLACE LOFTS 2009**
Santa Ana, CA
75 Live-Work Lofts

**331 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD 2011**
Beverly Hills, CA
City Owned Office and Retail Building including the City’s Cable-TV station

**POMONA COLLEGE STUDENT HOUSING 2011**
Claremont, CA
Sustainable Residence Halls

**In progress:**
**LA Valley College Performing & Media Arts Center**
Valley Glen, CA, 2013

**John M. Roll United States Court House**
Yuma, AZ, 2012

**FNC New Parliament Building Complex**
Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2015

**ASU School of Earth and Space Exploration - ISTB 4**
Tempe, AZ, 2012
The AIACC Twenty-Five Year Award recognizes buildings between twenty-five and fifty years old that have stood the test of time, remaining vital and beloved, continuing in service of their original purpose.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is precisely such a building, a delight to architects and engineers, marine scientists, educators, and the casual visitor, both young and old. Departing from the typical black-box model, it is a light-filled ensemble of diverse spaces, unique among aquaria in its interweaving of indoors and out. Built half over land and half over the water, it embraces views of the Bay whose ecosystem it celebrates.

In appearance, the Aquarium is the rare building that is frankly contemporary while gracefully complementing its historic context. As the 1988 American Institute of Architects Honor Awards Jury commented, “With great spirit, humility, nobility, and intelligence, this poetic waterside aquarium celebrates both the life in the sea and the life its coastal community has drawn from the sea. It is completely unpretentious and unselfconscious, drawing people to its sympathetic and respectful portrayal of sea life through the power of its Cannery Row imagery.”

The Aquarium is also a technical masterwork. In Architecture: the Story of a Practice (1992), Dana Cuff wrote, “Technically the aquarium is the most advanced of its kind…. As conceived from the very beginning, [it] had virtually no precedents, either in terms of exhibitions, their organization or technical systems.” The building’s construction is equally sophisticated. Seawater is among the most corrosive substances in the
world, and its use led to many innovative construction solutions.

The Aquarium also represents an exemplary partnership of client and architect. The client, David Packard (of Hewlett Packard), was himself an engineer and was bold, insightful, and demanding; his wife Lucille contributed a keen eye for color and materials. Their two daughters, both marine biologists, were driving forces in the aquarium’s development; Julie Packard remains its executive director. She recently wrote, “Over the past twenty-five years, there has been a proliferation of aquariums throughout the world. Many of them look and feel like the Monterey Bay Aquarium, because they have been influenced by its design. Chuck Davis’s design changed the way people think about aquariums, which allowed the Monterey Bay Aquarium to change the way people think about the ocean.”

ARCHITECT: EHDD Architecture
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS: Rudolph & Sletten, Inc.
STRUCTURAL/CIVIL/GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER: Rutherford & Chekene
MECHANICAL ENGINEER: Guttmann & Blaevoet (formerly Guttmann & MacRitchie)
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Cammis & Wipf
CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGINEER: Pipeline Systems, Inc.
ACOUSTICAL CONSULTANT: Charles M. Salter Associates
LIGHTING CONSULTANT: Architectural Lighting Design
EXHIBIT DESIGNER: MBA Exhibit Design
The Firm Award is the highest honor bestowed on an architectural firm by the AIACC. It recognizes firms who have consistently produced distinguished architecture for a period of at least ten years.

Established in 1988, Mark Cavagnero Associates is known for the design of elegant, well-crafted civic and institutional buildings that elevate community identity. The high quality and subtle integration of the firm’s work, which has received more than fifty local, state, and national design awards, has led to its being entrusted with the rehabilitation of a series of architectural landmarks. These include the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, the Oakland Museum of California (originally designed by Kevin Roche), the Marin Civic Center (by Frank Lloyd Wright), and the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley (by Louis Kahn).

These sensitive additions to beloved buildings are characterized by clarity of form, durability of materials and construction, and expansiveness of light and volume. The same qualities distinguish the ground-up work of the firm, exemplified in the Trinity School Enrichment Center, Menlo Park; the Community School of Arts and Music, Mountain View; and San Francisco’s Sava Pool, a joint venture with Paulett Taggart Architects.

To maintain a cohesive vision and a consistent level of care over the long time span typical of such community-intensive projects (the Sava Pool, for example, developed over a period of nine years), Mark Cavagnero and principals Laura Blake and Kang Kiang have established...
a solid tradition of mentorship, enabling the firm’s core values and principles to take hold, thus encouraging shared commitment among the staff of thirty.

Mark Cavagnero Associates has been recognized previously with the 2011 AIACC Distinguished Practice Award. In 2010, the firm ranked #14 in Architecture magazine’s ranking of the top Architecture/Engineering/Construction (AEC) firms in the country, based on ecological commitment, design quality, and profitability; it ranked #5 among top award-winning firms.

above, ODC Theater Center, San Francisco, 2011; photo by Michael David Rose
right top, Oakland Museum of California Renovation, 2010; photo by Tim Griffith
right bottom, Park City Museum, Park City, Utah, 2009; photo by Tim Griffith
The AIACC Distinguished Practice Award recognizes significant accomplishments in a specific building type or practice area, as well as an architect’s responses to challenges, innovations within the design and construction process, design excellence, and collaborative spirit.

Established in 1982, David Baker + Partners (DB+P) is best known for the design of environmentally and socially sustainable affordable housing that fosters a lively sense of community. Working with partners Peter MacKenzie and Kevin Wilcock, founder David Baker, FAIA, has pioneered tactics that have significantly changed the way planners, developers, tenants, and neighbors approach such projects. The firm’s primary tactic is thinking not outside the box, but outside the building: conceiving of the project as part of the holistic fabric of the block, neighborhood, or city.

The firm has received more than 150 national and local design awards, including most recently two national Housing Awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), for Tassafaronga Village in Oakland, California, and Armstrong Place Senior + Family Housing in San Francisco; an AIA/HUD Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing Design for Paseo Senter in San Jose; and an Award of Excellence from the Home Depot Foundation for Folsom + Dore Supportive Apartments in San Francisco, recognizing “Affordable Housing Built Responsibly.”

The work of the firm is characterized by the integration of simple, dependable, energy conserving practices, with provision for future
enhancement as technologies continue to develop. Embracing emerging, sustainable materials and systems, DB+P crafts colorful, multi-use urban communities, which bring vitality to their surroundings.

David Baker travels widely, giving lectures on green, high-density housing and leading awards juries, design charrettes, and workshops on creative solutions to the increasingly dire problem of carbon footprint. The firm has been an early and continuing participant in the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Pilot Programs, and it supports its creative staff in acquiring LEED Accredited Professional education, to create an ongoing legacy of humane and sustainable practice among the architects and designers of the future.
HONOR AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Giant Interactive Group Corporate Headquarters
Shanghai, China

ARCHITECT:
Morphosis

LOCAL DESIGN INSTITUTE: MAA Engineering Consultants (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
LOCAL ARCHITECT: SURV (Shanghai)
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: China State Construction Engineering Company 3rd Bureau
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: BaoYe; MAA Engineering Consultants (Shanghai) Co. Ltd.; Thornton Tomasetti Group, Inc. (concept design)
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: IBE Consulting Engineers (concept design); MAA Engineering Consultants (Shanghai) Co. Ltd.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: SWA Group
LOCAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: TOPO Design Group
ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING DESIGN: Heather Libonati, LC, LuminesceDesign
Photos: Iwan Baan

The project is a compact corporate village that accommodates diverse functions—offices, library, auditorium, exhibition space, café, fitness spaces, and a company guest hotel—in a flexible framework of forms that move in and out of a folded landscape plane. Situated amid existing canals and a new manmade lake, the undulating office building joins architecture to landscape and environment to site.

The project maximizes both energy efficiency and occupant comfort. The West Campus’s landscaped green roof provides thermal mass, which limits heat gain and reduces cooling expenditures. The façade’s double skin and insulated glass curtain wall minimize solar heat gain and improve overall efficiency. The central circulation spine, recreational amenities, and plazas provide opportunities for chance encounters and places for employees to gather without the confines of cubicles or unnecessary divisions. The narrow profile of the office building, combined with a system of skylights, ensures that employees have continuous access to natural daylight.
Believing that a horizontal scheme is best for lab organization and research collaboration, the architect found a way to plan a horizontal building despite the challenging site. The main floor functions as one continuous laboratory divided into four split levels, each stepping down a half-story as the building descends the forested mountain slope, and each topped by an office cluster and a green roof. Exterior ramps and stairs, taking advantage of the temperate climate, provide continuous circulation among all levels, and the facility connects to three nearby research and medical buildings via a pedestrian bridge. The building structure is supported by cantilevered steel columns resting on concrete piers, minimizing site excavation and incorporating seismic base isolation to absorb earthquake forces.

Inside the building, the transitions between the levels are hubs of activity. Break rooms and stairs located at these interfaces increase the potential for chance interaction, and interior glazing maximizes visual connectivity between the lower labs and the upper offices. To further promote collaboration, the laboratories occupy a horizontal open-floor plan.
MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust (LAMOTH)
Los Angeles
ARCHITECT: Belzberg Architects
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Winters Schram Associates
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: William Koh & Associates
MECHANICAL ENGINEER: John Dorius & Associates
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: A&F Consultants
PLUMBING ENGINEER: Tom Nasrollahi
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Karla Dakin & Lisa Benjamin
Photos: Iwan Baan

The sounds and sights of kids playing in the park and families picnicking gradually disappear as visitors descend a long ramp into the museum. Spaces contract and light fades in the passage to the darkest, most isolated room of the museum, focusing on the concentration camps, before ascending once again to the comfort of familiar space and the open park.

MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Apple Store, Covent Garden
London, United Kingdom
ARCHITECT: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
EXECUTIVE ARCHITECT: MPA Architects
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Faithdean PLC
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Eckersley O’Callaghan Structural Engineers
M/E/P ENGINEER: Buro Happold
LIGHTING DESIGNER: ISP Lighting Design
HISTORICAL CONSULTANT: Julian Harrap Architects
Photos: Roy Zipstein

The Apple Store, Covent Garden occupies the first three levels of a nineteenth century hotel and adjacent warehouse building facing Inigo Jones’ market square in London’s West End. It respects and restores the original building fabric as a site-specific backdrop for the products on display, brings order and unity to the highly compartmentalized interior, and reinforces the contrast between old and new.
**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**
**Lofts at Cherokee Studios**
**Los Angeles**

**ARCHITECT:**
**Brooks + Scarpa**

**CLIENT:** ReThink Development, Inc.
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** JT Builders
**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:** BPA
**M/E/P ENGINEER:** Cobalt Engineering
**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS:** Albert Bicol, Cobalt, and Greg Reitz, ReThink

**FAÇADE CONSULTANT:** CR Laurence, Inc.
**LANDSCAPE:** FormLA
**Photos:** John Edward Linden

Cherokee Mixed-Use Lofts is an urban infill, market rate housing project. Inspired by a series of paintings by British artist Patrick Hughes, its façade is made up of moveable, perforated, anodized aluminum panels. This ever-changing screen sparkles in the sun and glows at night, while providing shade, reducing noise, and enhancing privacy. It is the first LEED Platinum (pending) building in Hollywood.

**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**
**Westside Road Private Residence**
**Healdsburg**

**ARCHITECT:**
**Dowling Studios**

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Paul White Construction, Inc.
**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:** Eric Kreager
**GREEN BUILDING CONSULTANT:** Gilleran Energy Management
**LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR:** Dexter Estate Landscapes

**Photos:** Matthew Millman Photography

Conceived as a pre-fab/site-built hybrid—utilizing the efficiencies of a pre-fabricated, panelized framing system incorporated into custom, site-built construction—the project is an experiment in green living and a laboratory for learning, testing, and teaching sustainable building concepts within a modern aesthetic framework. The house was positioned to face true south to take advantage of the most efficient solar orientation, while commanding expansive views of the Russian River Valley.
This two-bedroom house, originally designed by Rudolf M. Schindler in 1939, is one of three single-story plaster-façade homes by Schindler on this street. The architects' intention was to honor and conserve the vocabulary of Schindler's work, while adding modern amenities for contemporary living. Extensive new drought-resistant landscaping forms a communal gathering place with the neighboring Schindler-designed home.

**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**

Schindler House on Ellis Avenue
Inglewood

**ARCHITECT:**
Ehrlich Architects

**CLIENTS:** Joel Bell and Onna Ehrlich-Bell
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Shramek Building Co.
**LIGHTING:** David Silverman & Associates, Inc.
**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** Hammerschmidt & Lidow, Landscape Design
**Photos:** Grant Mudford

This renovation and expansion of the airport's original 1950s terminal balances the needs of building performance and passenger delight, highlighting unique artwork by world-renowned artists. The ticket lobby is designed to be warm and inviting, more like a hotel lobby than a traditional civic building. The renovation is the first LEED Gold registered airport terminal in the United States.

**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**

San Francisco International Airport
Terminal 2
Renovation
Burlingame

**ARCHITECT:**
Gensler

**Photos:** Nic Lehoux
MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
St. Thomas the Apostle School
Los Angeles

ARCHITECT:
Griffin Enright Architects

CLIENT: St. Thomas the Apostle School
LIGHTING DESIGN: Revolver Design
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Del Amo Construction, Inc.
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Seneca Structural Engineering, Inc.
CIVIL ENGINEER: KPFF Consulting Engineers
M/E/P ENGINEER: Antieri & Haloossim Consulting Engineers, Inc.
ACoustical CONSULTANT: Arup Acoustics
PARKING GARAGE CONTRACTOR: Covi Concrete Construction
Photos: Benny Chan / Fotoworks

This K-8 Catholic school, completed at half the cost of comparable LAUSD schools, maximizes the spatial potential of a tight urban site, multiplying learning environments through design and planning. An over-scaled ramp rises up to a large urban porch, which has become a new nexus for the school, whose exceptional educational and community program requires intensive use of the facility beyond school hours.

MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
King Residence
Santa Monica

ARCHITECT:
John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Anthony Bonomo
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: William K. Koh & Associates
CIVIL ENGINEER: JMC2
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER: Erin King
LIGHTING DESIGNER: FIRE, Ltd.
CABINERY FABRICATION: A Single Tree
SELECTED FURNITURE AND ARTWORK: Rumba
Photos: Benny Chan / Fotoworks

Most single-family residences in Los Angeles present an impersonal, formal façade and front yard that, while superficially pleasant, create a strict wall between the life within the house and the community at large. By contrast, this residence offers the modern equivalent of a big front porch—a space that says, “Come visit. We want to know our neighbors.”
MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE

1020 Pine
San Francisco

ARCHITECT:
Kennerly Architecture & Planning

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Buena Vista Builders
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Santos & Urrutia Structural Engineers
MECHANICAL ENGINEER: Belden Engineering
ACOUSTICAL ENGINEER: Walsh-Norris Engineers
Photos: Tim Griffith

On a tiny parcel in downtown San Francisco, this infill building draws upon the spirit of the City’s fine-grained urbanism to create eight luminous dwellings and an optimistic vision for urban living. Without resorting to mimicry, the building animates the street wall with quintessential San Francisco syntax; its window “bays” are glass rooms that establish a rhythm in sync with the neighboring Victorian row-house fabric.

MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE

Belles Townhomes
San Francisco

ARCHITECT:
KieranTimberlake

CLIENT: Forest City; LivingHomes
ARCHITECT OF RECORD: WRNS Studio
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Plant Construction Company
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Ficcadenti Waggoner & Castle Consulting
CIVIL ENGINEER: Sherwood Design Engineers
M/E/P ENGINEER: Gutman & Blaevoet Consulting Engineers
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: CMG Landscape Architecture
Photos: Richard Barnes

Developed as part of an adaptive re-use project, San Francisco’s first LEED Platinum multi-family residence is adjacent to a former hospital renovated into over 200 rental units and a former officers’ quarters. Confined within a compact footprint of 6,720 square feet, it overlooks a central green and wooded area. Each unit has a patio at ground level, a terrace at the main living level, and a panoramic roof deck.
**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**

**Ed Roberts Campus**  
Berkeley

**ARCHITECT:**  
Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects

**CLIENT:** Ed Robert Campus  
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR (WARM SHELL):** Cahill Construction  
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR (TENANT IMPROVEMENTS):** BCCI Construction  
**STRUCTURAL & M/E/P ENGINEER:** Arup San Francisco  
**CIVIL ENGINEER:** BKF Engineers  
**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** Moore Iacofano Goltz & Heger  
**ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTANT:** Mikiten Architecture  
**LIGHTING DESIGN:** Architectural Lighting Design  
**ACoustics/AV/Telecom:** Charles M. Salter Associates  
**Elevator Consultant:** Hesselberg Keesee  
**Waterproofing Consultant:** Simpson Gumpertz & Heger  
**Geotechnical:** Treadwell & Rolo  
**Parking Consultant:** International Parking Design  
**Signage Designer:** Debra Nichols Design  
**Photos:** Tim Griffith

Located on a former Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) parking lot adjacent to Berkeley’s Ashby Station, the Center is one of the foremost disability rights service, advocacy, education, training, and policy centers in the world. Built by a partnership of seven non-profit organizations with a common history in the Disabled Rights/Independent Living Movement, it was designed from the ground up to meet the needs of people with all ability levels.

**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**

**Canyon Residence**  
Santa Monica

**ARCHITECT:**  
Lehrer Architects

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Horizon General Contractors  
**Structural Engineer:** Reiss Brown Ekmekji  
**Mep Engineer:** IBE Consulting Engineers  
**Interior Designer:** Unique Custom Interiors  
**Lighting Designers:** Lighting Design Alliance; John Brubaker Architectural Lighting Consultants  
**Landscapes Designed:** Landscapes Designed  
**Photos:** Benny Chan / Fotoworks

The designed flatness of the ground plane—and the client’s desire to preserve key aspects of the woods and fauna— influenced the design, shaping views of and spatially engaging the landscape, which includes a working fruit and vegetable garden. The project blurs indoor/outdoor boundaries in a seamless play of transparencies and solids and de-materializes structural mass through abundant natural light and glass.
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MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Durant Hall, University of California
Berkeley

ARCHITECT:
Mark Cavagnero Associates

PROJECT/CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
UC Capital Projects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: West Coast Contractors

CIVIL ENGINEERING: Van Maren & Associates

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Tipping Mar Associates

MEP ENGINEER: Cammisa and Wipf

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: GLS Landscape Architecture

LIGHTING DESIGN: Silverman & Light

ACOUSTICAL DESIGN: Charles M. Salter Associates

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: TEECOM

Photos: Tim Griffith

Designed by John Galen Howard and completed in 1911, this building most recently served as a library before its current conversion into the administrative offices for the College of Letters and Sciences. Incorporating structural improvements, material upgrades, and improved accessibility, the renovation transforms the building into a contemporary setting befitting the deans and administrators of the university’s largest college, while preserving the landmark building’s architectural legacy.

MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Playa Vista Park
Playa Vista

ARCHITECT:
Michael Maltzan Architecture, Inc.

PARK GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Park West Companies, Inc.

PARK WATER FEATURES CONTRACTOR: Pacific Aquascape, Inc.

BANDSHELL CONTRACTOR, RESTROOM LEVEL: Fassberg Contracting Co.

BANDSHELL CONTRACTOR, CANOPY STEEL: Plas-Tal Manufacturing Co.

EXECUTIVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: The Office of James Burnett

M/E/P ENGINEER: Arup

PARK ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: West Coast Design

CIVIL ENGINEER: Psomas

GEOTECH ENGINEER: Group Delta Consultants, Inc.

LIGHTING DESIGNER: Horton Lees Brogden

METHANE CONSULTANT: Terra-Petra, Inc.

PARK WATER FEATURES COORDINATOR: Pacific Aquascape, Inc.

SIGNAGE: Biesek Design

Photos: Iwan Baan

This eight-acre Park creates an infrastructure of active recreation and performance spaces that supports unscripted activity. Located on a former airfield at the eastern terminus of one of the largest infill urban developments in the United States, the Park is a flexible campus extension for the adjacent office buildings and a resource for the entire neighborhood.
MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
Granada Theatre Renovation
Santa Barbara

ARCHITECT: PMSM Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Melchiori Construction
THEATRE CONSULTANT: Sachs Morgan Studio
ACOUSTICS/AUDIO VISUAL: McKay Conant Hoover
LIGHTING DESIGN: Norman Russell Design
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Stork Wolfe & Associates
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: ANE
MECHANICAL ENGINEER: TMAD Taylor & Gaines

RESTORATION CONTRACTOR: Evergreen Painting Studio Inc.
MARQUEE CONTRACTOR: Fernando Duarte Design
Photos: Lawrence Anderson Photography/ESTO

Originally constructed in 1924, this grand performance hall hosted world premier movies and musicals featuring such luminaries as Lotte Lehman, Fred Astaire, and Ginger Rogers. By the time the doors closed in 2004, it had been turned into a three-screen multiplex. Now restored, it boasts Santa Barbara’s largest stage for music, theatre, dance, opera, films, lectures and conferences.

MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
San Dieguito River Park Administration Headquarters
Escondido

ARCHITECT: Rinehart Herbst

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Robert Lackey Construction
ENGINEER: Envision Engineering
Photos: Brighton Noing

For an environmental agency that lost its headquarters in the wildfires of 2007, the architect developed the replacement cost arguments for the insurance settlement, negotiated an expedited public process, coordinated and secured a contractor, salvaged furniture, and served as occasional day labor. The project was completed for a construction cost of $633,000 in just under three years.
When Rios Clementi Hale Studios needed to expand its office, it expanded its domain as well, becoming a developer and landlord, renovating an out-of-date, stucco-covered mini-mall in Hancock Park. An inviting lobby allows glimpses into the front office, meeting rooms, and model shop. Outside, porches enclosed in alternating glass and water-jet-cut aluminum panels blur into the interior spaces.

First envisioned in 1908 by urban planner John Nolen, the Park-to-Bay Link is intended to enhance pedestrian and trolley flow through the Park Boulevard corridor, a route south from Balboa Park to the San Diego Bay waterfront. Spanning a road that runs along the waterfront, this footbridge completes the park-to-bay route and provides a safe pedestrian crossing over a heavily traveled four-lane road and six train and trolley tracks.
**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**
Poly International Plaza
Guangzhou, China

ARCHITECT:
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

LOCAL DESIGN INSTITUTE/COST ESTIMATOR:
Guangzhou Design Institute

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:
SWA Group

M/E/P ENGINEER:
Flack & Kurtz, Inc.

VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION:
Edgett Williams Consulting Group, Inc.

WINDOW WASHING:
CS Caulkins

Photos: Fu Xing (top) and Tim Griffith

Two office towers, rising from a retail and exhibition podium over a below-grade exhibition hall, face north to maximize views towards the Pearl River and minimize eastern and western exposure. Structural X-bracing doubles as shade for the southern façade. Towers and pavilions enclose a central garden that calls together the river to the north and the wooded landscape of the historical pagoda temple to the southeast.

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**MERIT AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE**
Naka House

ARCHITECT:
XTEN Architecture

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
NWGC, Inc.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:
Axial Engineering Group, Inc.

Photos: Steve King

The exterior of this remodel of a 1960s hillside home is finished in a smooth, black, Meoded Venetian plaster. Abstract, indoor-outdoor spaces with framed views to nature are rendered in white surfaces of various materials and finishes—lacquered cabinetry, epoxy resin floors and decks, and painted metal. While the exterior is perceived as a finite, irregular object in the landscape, white interior surfaces blend and extend the space of the rooms.
The project was an effort to reframe the requirements and performance of the 21st Century office by leveraging mobility, transparency, multiple tailor-made work settings, collaboration zones, destination work plazas, ‘follow-me’ technology and carbon neutral systems. The design solution opens up the ten-story atrium, showcasing cantilevered meeting pods that form a “Meeting Tree,” emblematic of the interconnectedness of the financial bank’s client relationships.

The client adopted a new form of working called Activity Based Working (ABW), involving a wide choice of work settings for staff within work neighborhoods structured for specific uses. The benefits involve high space utilization in a highly supported mobile work environment, meaning almost 20% space saving and 20% less building carbon footprint. Post occupancy surveys revealed 95% staff endorsement and an 11% increase in productivity. Increased collaboration and knowledge sharing between departments is a major transformation.
MERIT AWARD FOR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
Graduate Aerospace Labs, Caltech (GALCIT)
Pasadena

ARCHITECT:
John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Del Amo Construction
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: TMAD Taylor & Gaines
MEP ENGINEER: MEDG Engineers
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Pacific Engineers Group
GRAPHICS: JFAK with Patricia Kovic + Maureen Nishikawa

LIGHTING DESIGNERS: LightVision; FIRE, Ltd.
Photos: Benny Chan / Fotoworks

For an academic department that has pioneered some of the world’s most important advances in aeronautics and space exploration, this new environment was imagined as an architectural wind tunnel—a relatively neutral container into which new objects, in the form of new ceilings and wrappers—could be dropped and whose flow patterns could be metaphorically studied as they interfaced with existing walls, columns, and voids.

MERIT AWARD FOR INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
Washington Square Park Dental
San Francisco

ARCHITECT:
Montalba Architects, Inc.

CONSULTING STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Julia Y. Chen Design, Inc.
MEP ENGINEER: ACIES Engineering
LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT: Venice Studio
LIGHTING CONSULTANT: John Brubaker Architectural Lighting

LEED CONSULTANT: reBUILD Consulting
Photos: Mitch Tobias

The project is located directly west of Washington Square Park. Interior details bring the park’s greenery and filtered light into the space and contrast them with raw and sustainable materials and refined surfaces. Programming and design decisions were made with the intent of maximizing and filtering this natural light (an often overlooked element in dental offices) from the single source storefront window through the “floss walls” to each of the successive operatories.
**MERIT AWARD FOR SMALL PROJECTS**

**reALize**
LA Live! Los Angeles

**LEAD DESIGNER:**
Buro Happold Consulting Engineers Inc.

**ARCHITECT:** Oyler Wu Collaborative

**ARTIST:** Michael Kalish

**Photos:** Scott Mayoral

This traveling installation is built as a tribute to the life and cultural significance of Muhammad Ali. The project is aimed at exposing a new generation to this larger than life character by building an appreciation for the nuanced emotional, aesthetic, and technical principles that collectively form experience—a concept that holds true as much for human persona as it does for architecture.

**MERIT AWARD FOR SMALL PROJECTS**

**The Dining Womb**
San Francisco Galleria

**ARCHITECT:**
John Lum Architecture; Brett Walters, Project Manager

**LIGHTING CONSULTANT:** Scott Dumas of David Scott Lighting LLC

**Photos:** Shae Rocco (top) and Arrowood Photography

The Dining Womb was created for the 2010 DIFFA (Design Industry Foundation Fighting Aids) fundraiser, whose simple brief was to create tables for dining. The architects focused on the critical elements necessary for a great dining experience: intimacy, intrigue, and sensuality. Over 27 gallons of white glue were used in the construction of the laminated cardboard beams. The remaining 1,640 individual parts relied solely on friction fittings for cohesion and stability.
**MERIT AWARD FOR SMALL PROJECTS**

The Cube
Oakland

ARCHITECT:
SPACEFLAVOR

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: DivisionSF
Photos: Joe Fletcher (top) and Jasmine Rose Oberste

The loft resident faced a dilemma: his 1,100 square-foot live/work apartment felt vast when he was alone, yet he needed more space for his growing feng shui classes. Based on the principles of Yin (private and closed) and Yang (public and open), the essential personal activities of study, sleep, and meditation are distilled into a compact, mobile unit allowing him to reconfigure the loft to suit his popular classes while securing his personal realm.

**MERIT AWARD FOR SMALL PROJECTS**

Flood-Proof House
Stinson Beach

ARCHITECT:
Studio Peek Ancona

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Irwin Fisher, Inc.
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Double-D Engineering
Photos: Bruce Damonte

Designed to remain intact after a storm-driven flood, tsunami, or sea level increase, this built prototype for international flood zones was recently awarded a Best Practice by FEMA. Its innovative foundation—a steel anchoring system with a concrete perimeter—is light enough that it floats in the wet soil, but heavy enough that it resists waves above; it uses thirty percent less materials than those typical of flood zone buildings.
**MERIT AWARD FOR URBAN DESIGN**

**Mission Rock**  
San Francisco

**ARCHITECT:**  
Perkins+Will

**ASSOCIATED ARCHITECT:** Beyer Blinder Belle  
**OWNER:** San Francisco Giants Baseball Club  
**DEVELOPERS:** Wilson Meany Sullivan; Farallon Capital Management; Kenwood Properties  
**RETAIL DEVELOPER:** The Cordish Company  
**ESTIMATOR/GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company  
**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:** Hargreaves Associates  
**SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT:** Atelier Ten  
**PARKING CONSULTANT:** Watry Design, Inc.  
**TRAFFIC + PARKING ANALYSIS:** Adavant Consulting

Mission Rock, linking San Francisco’s central and southern waterfronts, will comprise a 5.5 acre waterfront park, 875 units of high density housing, 1,037,400 square feet of office uses, 242,375 square feet of neighborhood and city-serving retail, and 8.7 acres of inviting public spaces. The project highlights and embraces Pier 48 and its maritime history, and all streets and pathways will maintain views to and interaction with the San Francisco Bay.

**MERIT AWARD FOR URBAN DESIGN**

**Piggyback Yard**  
Conceptual Master Plan + Vision  
Los Angeles

**PBY COLLABORATIVE DESIGN GROUP:**  
Chee Salette Architecture Office  
Mia Lehrer+Associates  
Michael Maltzan Architecture  
Perkins+Will

The fruit of a sincere collaboration among architects, landscape architects, and urban planners working pro bono, this conceptual master plan proposes to restore the Los Angeles River at the heart of the city, providing access to people and promoting sound water management; creating significant public open space; connecting to adjacent neighborhoods and bridging between east and west while maintaining existing railroads; and building a diverse, vibrant community.
MERIT AWARD FOR URBAN DESIGN
JinJiang River Corridor Master Plan
Chengdu, Sichuan, China

ARCHITECT:
Johnson Fain

The plan redirects projected urban growth to preserve the assets of the river valley. Through the control of infrastructure such as roads, rail, and sewer, growth is guided to desired land areas in the watershed and away from protected areas of the valley. The protected valley lands are then governed under an umbrella designation of a “Community Forest,” based on the successful model developed in the United Kingdom.

MERIT AWARD FOR URBAN DESIGN
XiChang City, Qiong Hai, and Surroundings Conceptual Master Plan
XiChang, Sichuan, China

ARCHITECT:
Johnson Fain

Located in a rural district of southern Sichuan Province, XiChang’s economy is focused on tourism, agriculture, and mineral extraction. Over the last several decades, uncontrolled runoff from logging on the adjacent hills and poor farming practices on the upstream slopes have polluted and shrunk the once-pristine Qiong Hai Lake. The master plan proposes to redirect city growth to allow restoration of the lake’s environment and to optimize benefits of the lake.
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Edward Dean, AIA, LEED AP, is director of the San Francisco office of Harley Ellis Devereaux, which is committed to a low-energy—or, when possible, zero net energy—design approach for every project undertaken by this branch office.

Larry Hoeksema, AIA, is president of Architects Mosher Drew in San Diego. A past president of AIA San Diego, he currently serves as President of the San Diego Architectural Foundation and on the NewSchool of Architecture and Design’s Advisory Board.

Jason A. Silva, AIA, LEED AP, is a partner and design principal with Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects in Sacramento. He is active in the AIACC as board member of the Academy of Emerging Professionals (AEP) and nationally as Regional Director for Young Architects Forum (YAF).

Peter Barsuk, AIA, LEED AP, is a Studio Leader, Project Manager, and LEED expert at Gensler, Los Angeles. He serves as a board member for the USGBC Los Angeles Chapter.
AWARD OF HONOR:
Bacon Street Offices

Recognized with the highest award in this year’s Savings By Design Energy Efficiency Integration Awards, the Bacon Street Offices project exemplifies both Zero Net Energy and adaptive reuse. Located in San Diego, the 4,500 ft² building was originally an auto repair garage and paint shop, dating back to 1955, and was recently converted into professional offices for designers. Focusing on an open work environment, the offices make use of the existing service bays from the auto repair shop.

The project was modeled, designed, and constructed to achieve Zero Net Energy usage. A monitoring system was installed to effectively track actual energy use of each building system. The project achieved LEED-NC Gold level certification. Juror Peter Barsuk of Gensler described the project by stating, “The Bacon Street Offices showcase a clear path to Zero Net Energy, with a very low environmental footprint and a comprehensive and holistic design strategy.”

Some of the impressive sustainability highlights include: 60% energy savings over the Title 24 baseline, over 90% of occupied spaces enjoy daylighting benefits, 50% reduction in site water usage, 100% natural ventilation, and use of onsite renewable energy. Passive and active strategies for power, water heating, lighting, and ventilation are all utilized in the design of the building’s operations.
AWARD OF MERIT:
Ford Assembly Building

Photo by Steve Proehl

ARCHITECT: Marcy Wong Donn Logan Architects
OWNER/DEVELOPER: Orton Development Inc.

In an impressive turnabout, the Ford Assembly Building, once a large auto plant, was successfully converted into a model of 21st century sustainability and renewable energy and received an Award of Merit in this year’s Savings By Design Energy Efficiency Integration Awards. This new waterfront structure has become a popular regional event venue in the Richmond area. Filled with inspiring views, airy spaces, and beautiful natural light, the facility plays host to frequent concerts, dances, weddings, graduations, etc. In addition, the building also houses company offices for solar power, recreational equipment, and more.

The Ford Assembly Building, a 525,000 ft² structure formerly deemed financially unfeasible to rehabilitate, was rejuvenated by blending old with new. The offices retain the building’s original industrial features, such as the massive shell, continuous windows, floods of daylight, and waterfront presence. Larry Hoeksema, a juror from Architects Mosher Drew, commented, “In the Ford Assembly Building project, it was quite impressive, the low energy use, based on the scale and size of this particular building. This historic building redisCOVERS amazing design principles from the original design of the building.”

Some of the impressive sustainability highlights include a 1-megawatt high-efficiency rooftop solar power system, and 90% of the office spaces benefit from daylighting. Energy saving measures have been employed throughout the building and are optimized by the use of passive strategies, including natural ventilation and skylights in the sawtooth roof.
AWARD OF MERIT:
The Branson Commons

The Branson School is an independent high school nestled in the hilly terrain of Ross, California, just north of San Francisco. Recognized with an Award of Merit in this year’s Savings By Design Energy Efficiency Integration Awards, the new 7,550 ft² Student Commons building is located in the center of campus, tucked between the upper and lower campuses.

Juror Edward Dean of Harley Ellis Devereaux noted, “The Branson Commons project serves as a very appropriate demonstration project for good, integrated design, offering a calmness about the building, an ease in showing how to do everything right—with low energy consumption, integrated design, and it just works well both architecturally and environmentally.”

Some of the impressive sustainability highlights include: 47.5% energy savings over ASHRAE 90.1-2004, a PV system that produces 44,640 kWh/year of renewable energy, 80% of the building benefits from daylighting, 90% of the building can be ventilated or cooled with operable windows, 90% of precipitation is managed onsite, and water usage has been reduced by 50% through low-consumption devices. This LEED Platinum project came about through a process that included a fluid dynamic model that optimized natural ventilation by studying different window sizes and locations, a solar study charting the path and depth of sunlight penetration into the building during different times of day and year, and a simulation of energy consumption and building performance based on actual weather and operational conditions.
AWARD OF CITATION:
UC Riverside School of Medicine Research Building

The UC Riverside School of Medicine Research Building represents a long-anticipated first step towards a medical school in the Inland Empire region. Receiving the Award of Citation in this year’s Savings By Design Energy Efficiency Integration Awards, this facility is targeting LEED Gold and currently uses less than half the 2030 Challenge baseline for research laboratories. The building was designed to seamlessly integrate with the existing school campus, while providing collaborative and humanizing research and office space in a uniquely flexible and adaptive health sciences laboratory.

Design of the building employed many sustainable design strategies, including careful material selection, water reduction, enhanced quality of spaces, and the maximized use of daylighting. Juror Jason Silva of Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects described the UC Riverside School of Medicine Research Building as “...a true success in overcoming the ever-present challenge in making an energy-efficient lab.”

Some of the impressive sustainability highlights include: 19% energy savings over the Title 24 baseline, 32% reduction in overall energy usage, 78% reduction in irrigation water use, and 45% reduction in domestic water use. Computer-controlled blinds at clerestory windows regulate natural daylight and eliminate glare, offices are separated from lab spaces to reduce ventilation and energy use, and the building is strategically situated close to the campus’s existing Bioinformatics computer space and vivarium, sharing its energy efficiency assets to eliminate the need for developing redundant facilities.

ARCHITECT: SRG Partnership
OWNER/DEVELOPER: University of California, Riverside
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