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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND THANK YOU to all those alums who have contributed to this year's Annual Fund!**

## GARY HACK LECTURE CANCELLED

Please note, the January 15 lecture by Dean Gary Hack, and the alumni reception to follow, have been cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

## ALUMNI SURVEY LATER THIS MONTH

Help us help you! PennDesign Alumni Association has designed an online survey that will be emailed to you at the end of January. When it arrives, please take a few moments to complete it and submit your responses, so we can design better alumni programs and receptions. Thanks in advance for your time and the information you provide, and we'll post the results later this semester.

## CURExPenn OPEN SESSIONS IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

The Center for Urban Redevelopment Excellence [CURExPenn] is pleased to present a number of Open Sessions during January and February for its first cohort of Fellows, the University of Pennsylvania community and the public. Open Sessions include guest speakers on particular topics, and structured interviews of successful practitioners in urban redevelopment and related fields. Structured interviews are intended to give Fellows examples of how leaders in urban redevelopment have evolved their vision and approach to their work. They are also intended to provide a deeper perspective on current projects and challenges as seen by the leader being interviewed. Interviews will allow significant time for questions and discussion with the audience.



Open Sessions begin this week; please check the Center's website at [www.upenn.edu/curexpenn](http://www.upenn.edu/curexpenn), **under Curriculum**, for a list of speakers and schedule updates. To check for weather cancellations, please call the University at (215)898-MELT (6358).

## SAVE THE DATES

**MARCH 4: President Judith Rodin CW'66** will present a special lecture at PennDesign, focusing on the University's neighborhood and community planning initiatives. Lecture begins at 4:00 pm, Meyerson Hall.

MARCH 16: **Daniel Libeskind** will present the Louis I. Kahn Memorial Lecture at the University Museum. Reception at 5:30, Lecture at 6:30. Pre-Registration is required, for ticket and registration information, **contact AIA Philadelphia** at 215-569-3186 or [pat@aiaphila.org](mailto:pat@aiaphila.org). Sponsored by the AIA Center for Architecture

MARCH 19: **PennDesign Career Day** (tentative)  
2-5 pm, Meyerson  
Sponsored by Penn Career Services, interested firms should contact Julie Vick at 215-898-7531.

JUNE 11: PennDesign/AIA Pennsylvania Reception in Chicago  
6-8 pm, location TBA during AIA National Conference

## BOSTON PREMIERE OF "MY ARCHITECT"

The Boston Jewish Film Festival and the Museum of Fine Arts Film Program will co-present the Boston premiere of Nathaniel Kahn's film "My Architect," about the life and work of his father, architect **Louis Kahn BArch'24**, on Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 pm. A panel discussion about the film is scheduled for the following Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 am, with panelists to include Ted Landsmark, architect and president, Boston Architectural Center; and **Andrea P. Leers MArch'66**, Principal, Leers Weinzapfel.

For information about tickets for the film and the panel discussion, visit [www.bjff.org/events](http://www.bjff.org/events) or contact the MFA Box Office at 617-369-3306.

## ON THE LINE

### 1990s

**Elizabeth Hitchcock MArch'92** [elizabeth@alumni.upenn.edu](mailto:elizabeth@alumni.upenn.edu)

has been named senior facilities planner at Northwestern University and looks forward to welcoming fellow PennDesign alums to the Chicago area during the AIA convention in June.

**David Jones PhD'94 MCP'93** [david.jones@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:david.jones@adelaide.edu.au)

has been appointed Head of School of the School of Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Urban Design at the University of Adelaide, and is currently completing a Conservation Study of the Adelaide Botanic Garden. [www.arch.adelaide.edu.au/](http://www.arch.adelaide.edu.au/)

**Shawn Evans MArch '95** [sevans@aol-b.com](mailto:sevans@aol-b.com)

has been elected to the Board of Directors of AIA Philadelphia. He is an associate at Atkin Olshin Lawson-Bell Architects.

**Vella Chan MLA'96** [vellarla@yahoo.com](mailto:vellarla@yahoo.com)

is now working in the New York office of EDAW, is licensed, LEED-accredited, and actively involved with the local chapter of the ASLA.

## 1980s

**Steve Spalding MCP'80** [sspalding@louisville-medcenter.com](mailto:sspalding@louisville-medcenter.com)

reports the completion and occupancy of MedCenter Three within the Louisville Medical Center Research Park. The 50,000 SF structure houses business incubator programs for life sciences and information technology programs. The architect was **Graham Rapp AR'55**, Arrasmith Judd Rapp and Chovan, of Louisville. The building has about 12 tenants and houses wet labs, a major data center, conference rooms, and an "internet cafe" to serve start-up companies being incubated there.

**Robert J. Ravelli MCP'82** [east.passyunk@verizon.net](mailto:east.passyunk@verizon.net)

has been named the first executive director of the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District (EPBID). In his new position he will be responsible for promoting the district to the Delaware Valley, retaining and attracting business, managing capital improvements and providing sidewalk cleaning within the district.

**Michael Ryan MArch'80** [mryanarchitect@starband.net](mailto:mryanarchitect@starband.net)



of Michael Ryan Architects in Loveladies, NJ received a gold award and two bronze awards this year at the annual Design Day Program sponsored by the New Jersey chapter of AIA. The award-winning projects can be viewed at <http://www.aia-nj.org/awardwinners.htm>

Left: Norcross Residence

## 1970s

**Ralph Heimlich MCP/MA'77** [heimlichfamily@comcast.net](mailto:heimlichfamily@comcast.net)

retired from USDA's Economic Research Service as Deputy Director in May and is doing business as Agricultural Conservation Economics (ACE), a consulting firm specializing in the economics of conservation and environmental policy. He has been busy with client Environmental Defense analyzing improvements to USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a \$1 billion a year program of incentives for on-farm conservation and environmental improvement. Materials from this project can be seen at <http://troop424.freesevers.com/ACEweb/materialsEQIP.htm>

**Terry Jacobs MArch'75** [haj3@jacobswyper.com](mailto:haj3@jacobswyper.com)

and his firm Jacobs/Wyper Architects, LLP have completed Steinhardt Hall at Penn, the new Hillel on campus. At 36,500 SF, it is the largest Hillel building of any college or university in the country, serving over 6,000 Jewish students at Penn Hillel and also as the headquarters for Hillel of Greater Philadelphia. The building is designed not only to respond to the needs of the Jewish student community but as an open and friendly place of meeting, socializing and dining for all Penn students. The design has already received Hillel's Design Excellence Award.

## 1960s

**Dennis L. Johnson MArch/MCP'61** [jnsnsmith@att.net](mailto:jnsnsmith@att.net)

retired at the end of 2003 after 28 years of independent practice with George W. Smith, in Philadelphia. Johnson, a native of Minnesota, did his undergraduate work in architecture at the University of Minnesota. He attended Penn in 1960 and 1961 in the Urban Design Program while working part time with Oskar Stonorov, and continued at that office until 1975, two years after the death of Stonorov in a plane crash in Michigan. In 1975, he and George Smith (also a partner at the Stonorov office), left to form the firm of Johnson/Smith Architects. Their office was located in Chestnut Hill from that time until their joint retirement this year.

## EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

### LECTURES

**Thursday, January 22**

"Ten Arquitectos"

**EDUARDO D. GLANDT**

Dean, School of Engineering & Applied Science

**ENRIQUE NORTEN**

Practice Professor of Architecture, School of Design  
6 pm, The Wu & Chen Auditorium, Levine Hall  
(Entrance is on Chancellor Walk south of Bennett Hall)  
Reception to follow

**Thursday, January 29**

**EDITH NEWHALL**

Slide Lecture

5 pm, B-3 Meyerson

**Thursday, January 29**

"Genetic Space"

**KARL CHU**

Co-director, Genetic Architecture, ESARO, UIC, Barcelona/ Visiting Adjunct Professor GSAPP, Columbia  
6 pm, B-1 Meyerson

### EXHIBITIONS

**DRAWING SHOW**

Through February 6  
Curated by Jeremy Vaughn, MFA'04  
Graduate Student Center,  
3615 Locust Walk

**SOLEMN: SEAN RILEY,  
JESSICA SLAVEN, DUSTIN  
LONDON**

January 12 – 29  
Fox Gallery, Logan Hall

**MFA 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR EXHIBITION**

January 20 – 31

Meyerson Lower Gallery

**Reception:** Wed Jan 21,  
5-7pm

**UNDERGRADUATE  
SCULPTURE AND DRAWING  
SHOW**

January 20 – February 6  
Addams Gallery

**Reception:** Thurs, Jan 22,  
5-7pm

### Future Events

**APA ALUMNI RECEPTION**

**April 26, 2004**

American Planning Association  
National Planning Conference,  
Washington, DC  
6:30-8 pm, Hilton Washington  
(location TENTATIVE)

**ALUMNI WEEKEND**

**May 15-16, 2004**

For Classes ending in  
'04 & '09

**AIA ALUMNI RECEPTION**

**June 11, 2004**

American Institute of Architects  
National Convention, Chicago  
6-8 PM, location TBA

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