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## GREAT NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR!



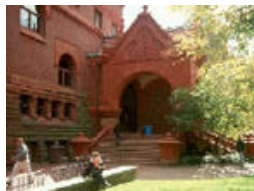
Penn's graduate **architecture program ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>** and graduate **landscape architecture program ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>** in a recent survey by the DC-based Greenway Group, which asked several hundred employers: "In your firm's hiring experience in the past five years, which schools have best prepared students for the profession?" **Dean Gary Hack ranked 5<sup>th</sup>** on the honor roll of 30 notable leaders who effectively link teaching and practice, and **PennDesign faculty ranked 4<sup>th</sup>** in terms of national teaching awards. "These rankings, like all others, have their limitations, but I do believe that we are in the very highest ranks in each of these fields," said Dean Hack.

## VENTURI SCOTT BROWN BOOKSIGNING - JAN 19

Join **Robert Venturi HON'80** and **Denise Scott Brown MCP'60 MArch'65 HON'94** to celebrate the publication of their new book, *Architecture as Signs and Systems: For a Mannerist Time*, in the Kroiz Gallery of the Architectural Archives on Wed, January 19. PennDesign, the Penn Libraries and Harvard University Press will sponsor the reception and booksigning from 5:30-7pm, with remarks by the authors at 6:15 pm. RSVP to the Architectural Archives: [nthorne@design.upenn.edu](mailto:nthorne@design.upenn.edu)



## SPRING 2005 EVENTS



**Mark your calendars for these spring events** and scroll down to Lectures, Exhibitions & Events for more. Further details will be posted at [www.design.upenn.edu/alumni](http://www.design.upenn.edu/alumni).

March 2: PennDesign New York Event

March 21: Alumni Reception @ APA San Francisco

April 7: Chuck Close: Locks Foundation Distinguished Artist Lecture @ Penn

May 13 - 14: Alumni Weekend @ Penn

## ON THE LINE

### 1990s

#### Aaron D. Brooks MFA'96

is one of the featured artists in an exhibition of landscape paintings at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, 124 East Leasure Avenue, New Castle, PA through February 25. The opening reception is on Sunday, January 9 from 2 - 4 pm. [www.hoytartcenter.org](http://www.hoytartcenter.org)

#### Cynthia Rose Hamilton MS'90 [chamilton@heritage-consulting.com](mailto:chamilton@heritage-consulting.com)

has opened a Philadelphia office for the Portland, OR-based Heritage Consulting Group, a national consulting firm that specializes in historic tax credits. Heritage assists clients in evaluating the historic character of their properties and in devising economically viable strategies for their reuse. Clients include private developers, attorneys, accountants, investors, public agencies, and not-for-profit groups.

**Jenna Merola C'94 MArch'97** [JMerola@kling.us](mailto:JMerola@kling.us)

was recently made an associate at Kling. A project architect at Kling's Philadelphia office, she is currently working on lab and animal research projects for the Astra Zeneca Research and Development Facility in Wilmington, DE and a lighting project for the US Navy at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. Additionally, she will be getting married to Daniel Trotzer C'94, a fellow Design of Environment classmate, in May 2005.



**Jason Travers MFA'98** [jasontravers@earthlink.net](mailto:jasontravers@earthlink.net)

adjunct assistant professor of art at Lehigh University, reports that his solo exhibition "The Spirit of Myth" will be on view at the Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton, Hyland Hall, 4th Floor from January 9 through February 25. He will give a gallery lecture on Sunday, February 6 from 1 – 2 pm, with the opening reception to follow from 2 – 4 pm. Travers' recent paintings were on view at The David E. Rodale Gallery of the Baum School of Art, Allentown, PA, from July 12 - August 14, 2004.

## 1980s

It is with sadness that we report that **Rick Buckley MArch'83**, a partner at NBBJ in Seattle, died of cancer on January 2.

## 1970s

**Carol Bailey MFA'77** [baileybricks@earthlink.net](mailto:baileybricks@earthlink.net)

is a New York-based set and costume designer for the theater and opera. Her upcoming projects in New York are L'Opera Français de New York's "Pellias et Mélisande" for which she is designing scenery and costumes and the Gotham Opera's "Arianna in Crete" for which she is designing scenery. She is designing costumes for "Kafka's Process" which opens in the Royal Danish Opera's new opera house in March.

**Barbara Danin MFA'76** [barbaradanin@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaradanin@yahoo.com)

will be exhibiting paintings at the JMS Gallery in Chestnut Hill, PA from January 8 through February 12. The opening reception is on Saturday, January 8 from 4 – 7 pm.

**Belmont Freeman MArch'76** [bfreeman@belmontfreeman.com](mailto:bfreeman@belmontfreeman.com)

won an honorable mention in the 2004 AIA Connecticut Design Awards program for his renovation of the Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University. The Zilkha Gallery is part of Wesleyan's Center for the Arts, a complex of iconic modern buildings designed in 1970 by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo Associates. Freeman's firm, Belmont Freeman Architects, is based in New York City.

**James F. Williamson, AIA MArch'73** [jfw@wparchitects.com](mailto:jfw@wparchitects.com)

of Williamson Pounders Architects, Memphis, TN made the winning nomination of the Yale Center for British Art, designed by Louis I. Kahn BArch'24, for the AIA 2005 Twenty-Five Year Award. The nomination read in part: "On a gray day the building looks like a moth; on a sunny day, like a butterfly – just as Kahn once predicted. With its dramatic use of controlled natural light and sensitive response to urban context ... the Yale Center for British Art has been influential as a milestone in the evolution of the contemporary art museum and ranks among the final works by one of the greatest architects of the twentieth century."

## 1950s

**Hugh C. Miller BArch'55** [hcmfaia@mindspring.com](mailto:hcmfaia@mindspring.com)

received a presidential citation from the American Institute of Architects in November in recognition of his lifetime contributions to historic preservation thought and practice. Hugh is active with the current AIA program to "mainstream" preservation thought into architectural education within colleges and universities. He is an adjunct professor in the Masters of Arts in historic preservation program at Goucher College, where he teaches preservation technology and is director of thesis.

**Douglas Simms Stenhouse BArch'57** [dsssts@quixnet.net](mailto:dsssts@quixnet.net)

received the Strathmore Papers Award at the 36th Annual Juried Exhibition of Watercolor West which was open to the public through December 10 at the Brea Cultural Center, Brea, CA. His transparent watercolor painting "Grainery @ Keeler" was completed last May at Henry Fukuhara's Workshop in Manzanar, CA.

## LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

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**Thursday, January 13**

**ANITA BERRIZBEITIA**

"Roberto Burle Marx in Caracas: Parque del Este Caracas, 1956-1961"

**JOHN DIXON HUNT**

"The Afterlife of Gardens"

Booksigning and Reception  
6pm, Meyerson Hall

**Wednesday, January 19**

**ROBERT VENTURI AND  
DENISE SCOTT BROWN**

"Architecture as Signs and Systems: For a Mannerist Time"  
Booksigning and Reception  
5:30 – 7pm, Remarks @ 6:15  
Kroiz Gallery, Arch. Archives



**Thursday, January 20**

Slide Lecture

**DAVID GRAHAM**

Photographer, Philadelphia  
5pm, B-3 Meyerson Hall

**Monday, January 24**

Slide Lecture

**SARAH McCOUBREY MFA'81**

Painter, Fayetteville, NY  
5pm, B-3 Meyerson Hall

### EXHIBITIONS

**EARTH AND LIGHT:**

Ceramics & Photography

**January 10 – February 11**

Addams Gallery

**Opening Reception:**

January 12, 5 – 7 pm

**RYAN ROSS MFA'05**

**January 10 – February 11**

Graduate Student Center,  
3615 Locust Walk

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

**January 17 – 28**

Meyerson Hall Lower Gallery



**MFA THEME SHOW**

**January 17 – February 2**

Fox Gallery, Logan Hall

**Opening Reception:**

January 18, 5 – 7 pm

### ALUMNI EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 2, 6 pm**

**PENNDISIGN NY EVENT**

Speaker and location TBA

**Monday, March 21, 6:30-8pm**

**ALUMNI RECEPTION @**

**APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

San Francisco Marriott, CA

**April 4 – 15, 2005**

**VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**

For students and alumni employers and jobseekers who have registered with PennLink:  
[www.upenn.edu/careerservices](http://www.upenn.edu/careerservices)

**April 8, 2005**

**PENNDISIGN CAREER DAY**

Meyerson Hall

**May 13 – 14, 2005**

**ALUMNI WEEKEND @ PENN**

Philadelphia, PA

**May 19 – 21, 2005**

**ALUMNI RECEPTION @ AIA**

Las Vegas, NV

Final date and location TBA

### KEEP IN TOUCH

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