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Shōya House Tour

SAH/SCC On-Site Tour: San Marino

Join SAH/SCC for a behind-the-scenes tour of the reconstructed 320-year-old Japanese Heritage Shōya House at the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens. Los Angeles residents Yohko and Akira Yokoi offered their historic family home to The Huntington in 2016. The 3,000-square-foot house was the residence for successive generations of the Yokoi family, who served as the shōya, or village leaders, of a small farming community near Marugame, a city in Kagawa prefecture, Japan. Built around 1700, the house served as the center of life for the rural village.

Huntington representatives made numerous visits to the structure in Marugame and participated in study sessions with architects in Japan before developing a strategy for moving the house and outbuildings to Southern California. Since 2019, artisans from Japan have been working alongside

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experts here to assemble the structures and recreate the traditional wood and stone features, prioritizing the traditions of Japanese carpentry, craft, and sensitivity to materials.

At The Huntington, we will be able to view the house from the interior and walk around a re-created period compound that includes a residential garden with a pond. A new gatehouse entryway based on the original, as well as landscape elements that closely resemble the house's original garden, are part of the experience.

"Visitors will see how this 18th-century Japanese village maintained a symbiotic relationship between humans and the surrounding landscape," says Robert Hori, the Gardens Cultural Curator and Program Director at The Huntington, who will join our group and share the history and inside story of the reconstruction.







Tickets include full access to The Huntington to enjoy the grounds, visit various exhibitions at the library and galleries, and dine at the restaurants (Rose Garden Tea Room reservations are strongly recommended).

Shōya House Tour—Saturday, November 11, 2023; 9-11 AM PST; San Marino; \$35 for SAH/SCC Members; \$45 for Non-Members; go to <u>www.</u> <u>sahscc.org</u>, and pay via PayPal or mail in order form on Page 6 with check.

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SAH/SCC President's Letter

As many of you know, in addition to my duties as President of SAH/SCC, I also sit on the board of the Neutra Institute for Survival Through Design. Recently, the Institute received a proposal to use original Neutra designs to generate new projects through artificial intelligence (AI) that would be "in the Neutra style." Debate ensued among board members, using terms such as "disturbing," "alarming," and "inevitable."

My take is this: architecture, and especially modern architecture, is the application of a set of ideas toward solving a series of problems, which then results in unique and enriching spatial experiences. It is not a "style"-much to the chagrin of realtors.

The role of architects should be about evolving from past ideas, finding inspiration in new ones, and applying them to today's problems. When architecture merely apes a style, I would counter that you do not have true architecture at all.

Using AI to replicate Neutra's "style" is both intellectually dishonest and offensive to the ideas he and other modern architects championed.

Neutra is way more than a brand to be exploited, and that is what efforts like these are attempting to do. Although the Secretary of the Interior has not yet weighed in on AI that I know of, the spirit of not creating a false sense of history for future generations and honoring the authenticity of the architect's work is, I believe, an essential value that the Neutra Institute should embrace and espouse. As my work with architect Bill Krisel, AIA, taught me, you can't keep the greedy developers from ripping off your good designs, but you can speak out against it, and definitely not embrace it.

The counter argument posits that it is going to happen anyway, so accept and ignore it. It seems to me that the American Institute of Architects should be taking this on now and getting ahead of the issue, much in the way the Writer's Guild of America is making AI use and abuse a key negotiation point in the current strike (at press time, still not resolved). It is unclear if these efforts are happening in a meaningful way in architecture.

To current architects who may not care much about protecting the work of those who have passed. I challenge you with this simple notion: you are next. Why not take matters into your own hands now?



Authors on Architecture: Kathrens on Newport <u>Cottages</u>

SAH/SCC Zoom Program Sunday, October 1, 2023, 1-2:30 PM Pacific

Michael Kathrens Photo: Corie English

Michael C. Kathrens gives house enthusiasts a superbly visual and informative book on Newport, RI's early resort architecture in his latest contribution to America's architectural record, Newport Cottages 1835-1890: The

Summer Villas Before the Vanderbilt Era (Bauer and Dean Publishers, 2023). Between 1835, when the first private house was built exclusively for seasonal use, and 1890, scores of magnificent homes were commissioned by a burgeoning summer colony whose members were among America's wealthiest and most prominent families, including the Schermerhorns, Lorillards, Goelets, and Joneses. The luxury and splendor of their homes, many designed on a grand scale, often rivaled the sumptuousness of Newport's later "Gilded Age" mansions.

Kathrens is an independent scholar specializing in American residential architecture of the mid-19th through the early-20th centuries. His previous publications include Kansas City Houses 1885-1938 (Bauer and Dean Publishers, 2018), Great Houses of New York: 1880-1930 (Acanthus Press, 2015), American Splendor: The Residential Architecture of Horace Trumbauer (Acanthus Press, 2012), and Newport Villas: The Revival Styles, 1885-1935 (W.W. Norton & Company, 2009).

Kathrens on Newport Cottages-Sunday, October 1, 2023; 1-2:30 PM PST; \$5; go to www.sahscc.org, and pay via PayPal or mail in order form on Page 6 with check; Zoom connection information sent upon registration.

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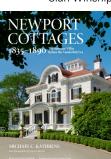
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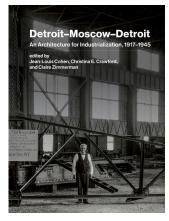


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Authors on Architecture: Crawford/ Zimmerman on Detroit/Moscow





B Building at the Ford River Rouge plant under construction with a photographer, May 11, 1918, Dearborn, MI

Photo: Ford Photographic Department, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford



Stalingrad Tractor Plant (1929), Stalingrad, Russia, USSR, Photo: Volgograd Tractor Factory Museum (Muzei OOO VMK VgTZ)

SAH/SCC Zoom Program Sunday, October 29, 2023, 1-2:30 PM Pacific

Join author/editor Christina E. Crawford and contributing author Claire Zimmerman for a look at the book Detroit-Moscow-Detroit: An Architecture for Industrialization, 1917-1945 (MIT Press, 2023). They will discuss the book's exploration of the similarities and differences between the hyper-industrialization that took place in Russia and the US during three critical decades. Crawford will also discuss her chapter on the memoirs of US architects and engineers who returned from long-term technical exchanges in the USSR in the early 1930s.

The innovative research presented here explores spatial development, manufacturing, mass production, and organizational planning across geopolitical lines to demonstrate that capitalist- and communist-built environments in the 20th century were not diametrically opposed and were, on certain sites, coproduced in a period of intense technical exchange between the two world wars.

Crawford is Associate Professor of Modern and Contemporary Architecture at Emory University and faculty of Emory's Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Program. She is the author of Spatial Revolution: Architecture and Planning in the Early Soviet Union (Cornell University Press, 2022).

Zimmerman is a member of the Daniels Faculty at the University of Toronto; previously she taught at the Taubman College of Architecture at University of Michigan. She has two books scheduled for 2024 release: Albert Kahn Inc.: Architecture, Labor, and Industry (MIT Press) and Architecture Against Democracy: Histories of the Nationalist International (co-editor; University of Minnesota Press).

Crawford/Zimmerman on Detroit/Moscow-Sunday, October 29, 2023; 1-2:30 PM PST; \$5; go to www.sahscc.org, and pay via PayPal or mail in order form on Page 6 with check; Zoom connection information sent upon registration.



Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant (1935), Chelyabinsk, Russia, USSR.

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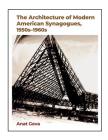


Anat M. Geva, Ph.D., Assoc. AIA

North Shore Congregation Israel (1964), Glencoe, IL, by Minoru Yamasaki, FAIA.

Authors on Architecture: Geva on Modern American Synagogues

SAH/SCC Zoom Program Sunday, November 12, 2023, 1-2:30 PM Pacific



Join author Anat M. Geva, PhD, Assoc. AIA, as she shares her new book, *The Architecture of Modern American Synagogues*, 1950s-1960s (Texas A&M Press, 2023).

In the aftermath of World War II, the United States experienced a rapid expansion of church and synagogue construction as part of a larger "religious boom." The synagogues built in that era illustrate how their designs pushed the envelope in aesthetics and construction. The design of the synagogues departed from traditional concepts, embraced modernism and innovations in building technology, and evolved beyond the formal/rational style of early

1950s modern architecture to more of an expressionistic design. The latter resulted in abstraction of architectural forms and details, and the inclusion of Jewish art in the new synagogues.

Geva is a registered architect in Israel and Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Texas A&M University where she taught design, historic preservation, and the history of sacred architecture and of building technology. She is the author of *Modernism and American Mid-20th Century Sacred Architecture* (Routledge, 2018) and *Frank Lloyd Wright's Sacred Architecture: Faith, Form, and Building Technology* (Routledge, 2011), coauthor of *Israel as a Modern Architectural Experimental Lab*, 1948-1978 (Intellect Books, 2020), and editor of *Water and Sacred Architecture* (Routledge, 2023).

Geva on Modern Synagogues—Sunday, November 12, 2023; 1-2:30 PM PST; \$5; go to <u>www.sahscc.org</u>, and pay via PayPal or mail in order form on Page 6 with check; Zoom connection information sent upon registration.



Congregation Shaarey Zedek (1963), Southfield, MI, by Percival Goodman, FAIA.

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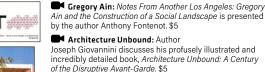












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Preserving African American History

Three Southern California sites received African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grants intended for preserving sites of African American activism, achievement, and resilience. The fund was launched in 2017 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Referred to as the "Apollo of the West," Lincoln Theatre (John Paxton Perrine, 1927) on LA's Central Avenue was a social, cultural, and political



Carson City Hall (Alexander/Kennard/Sata, 1976). Photo: Elon Schoenholz

hub for African American art, literature, and music. The \$75,000 project planning grant will assist the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (which acquired the theater in 2020) with restoring it as a place for live performances, community events, and career training.

Carson City Hall and Watts Happening Cultural Center each received \$150,000, benefiting from a new focus on conserving modernist structures designed by Black architects—an effort that is part of the Action Fund's Conserving Black Modernism program with support from the Getty Foundation.

Carson City Hall (1976) was designed by noted Black architect Robert A. Kennard, FAIA, along with Robert E. Alexander, FAIA, and Frank Sata, AIA. A Historic Structure Report will address the preservation needs of the building and landscape, as well as enhance public educational programming to raise awareness about the site's importance.

Also by Kennard, with his then-partner Arthur Silvers, AIA, the Watts Happening Cultural Center (1970) is a centerpiece for Black arts and culture in South LA. Funding will go to a preservation plan to guide future rehabilitation and programming for this cultural anchor, home to Mafundi Institute and other community organizations.

Learn more about the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund at <u>www.savingplaces.org/actionfund</u>.



Lincoln Theatre (John Paxton Perrine, 1927). Photo: Jennifer Tarango



Watts Happening Cultural Center (Kennard and Silvers, 1970). *Photo: Elon Schoenholz*



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