

It is a great honor this evening, for me to recognize Dr. Richard Longstreth as a Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians. As a professor of American studies and director of the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at The George Washington University, Richard has gained a reputation as an outstanding teacher and mentor. He has trained dozens of students who have gone on to become first-class scholars in their own right and who have helped redefine the fields of heritage conservation and architectural history. As one of the country's most respected figures in heritage conservation, Richard has figured prominently in efforts to save significant historic properties of all kinds, especially mid to late 20<sup>th</sup>-century buildings. Several of his articles on these types of resources have become classics in the field and are frequently cited in defense of properties from the recent past.

As president of SAH from 1998 to 2000, Richard played a key role in the Society's move from Philadelphia to the Charnley-Persky House and edited the definitive volume on its history and significance. Following the completion of his Ph.D. work at Berkeley, Richard was employed by the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission and then taught at Kansas State University before joining the faculty at The George Washington University in 1983. A prolific scholar, he has written on many topics, including retail development in major American metropolitan areas during the twentieth century; documenting the economic, planning, and cultural factors that shaped these important monuments of commerce; monuments, which in turn, reshaped the American urban landscape. For this work, Richard has received four national awards in the fields of architectural history, urban history, and historic preservation. Since 1984, he has been a tireless advocate for preservation initiatives in the Washington, D.C., area and nationally. In addition to having served as president of SAH, Dr. Longstreth is past president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, and past vice president of the Vernacular Architecture Forum. For his numerous achievements in the fields of heritage conservation and architectural history, Richard is truly worthy of the honor being bestowed upon him this evening.

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