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Society of Architectural Historians Receives 3-Year Grant from The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation

(CHICAGO) May 8, 2015 — The Society of Architectural Historians has been awarded a general operating grant of \$150,000 from The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation. SAH will receive the grant in three annual installments of \$50,000, beginning in 2015.

“We are very grateful to The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation for making this grant for general operating support. General operating funds are essential for day-to-day activities, such as sustaining staff that will manage the educational and outreach initiatives SAH will undertake in the next three years,” said SAH Executive Director Pauline Saliga.



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The funds will help manage ongoing programs such as the Society’s annual conferences, Buildings of the United States book series and *SAH Archipedia Classic Buildings*, an open-access online encyclopedia of American architecture. The grant will also enable SAH to manage new initiatives that include the “Hit the Ground Rounding” program, designed to introduce high school and community college students to the architectural and landscape riches in their regions, and an archaeological dig behind SAH’s headquarters building, the Charnley-Persky House, which will take place this summer.

A portion of the grant is designated for exterior improvements to the Charnley-Persky House. The interior of the house has undergone extensive restoration work following severe flooding in August 2014. Flood repairs and restoration was supported in part by a [grant from The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation](#).

“Now that the interior of the Charnley-Persky House has been restored to good condition, it is time that we address long-standing exterior issues including landscaping and lighting. Again, we are grateful to Richard Driehaus who recognized our need to improve the exterior of the house and provided funding for that important work,” said Saliga.

The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation seeks to improve the built environment, to enhance the city through the arts, to use investigative reporting to strengthen democracy, and to ameliorate the effects of low wages.

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Founded in 1940, the Society of Architectural Historians is a nonprofit membership organization that promotes the study, interpretation and conservation of architecture, design, landscapes and urbanism worldwide. SAH serves a network of local, national and international institutions and individuals who, by vocation or avocation, focus on the built environment and its role in shaping contemporary life. SAH promotes meaningful public engagement with the history of the built environment through advocacy efforts, print and online publications, and local, national and international programs. Learn more at sah.org.