

It is my great pleasure to recount Dr. Gail Dubrow's extraordinary record of achievement this evening as the Society of Architectural Historians welcomes her as a Fellow.

Gail's scholarship, teaching, stewardship of the built environment, and service in support of the Society's mission exemplify the very best principles and ideals of our profession. Gail is a committed teacher and an innovative and wide-ranging scholar who has offered many years of valued service to her academic communities, the Society, and the profession.

Gail's career has raised public awareness of the history of American women, ethnic communities, and underrepresented groups by documenting and protecting places significant to their heritage. In more recent years, she has turned her attention to scholarly and public policy issues surrounding disability studies. She founded the Preservation Planning and Design Program at the University of Washington and served as vice provost and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Minnesota, where she now teaches.

Gail's record as a scholar at the cutting edge of major intellectual developments across a variety of fields is equally impressive. She is author of two award-winning books: 2003's *Restoring Women's History Through Historic Preservation* (with Jennifer Goodman; winner of SAH's Antoinette Forrester Downing Book Award) and 2004's *Sento at Sixth and Main: Preserving Landmarks of Japanese American Heritage* (with Donna Graves; winner of the Environmental Design Research Association/Places Award for Place Research and the Gold Award, College and University Designer's Association). Her groundbreaking scholarship on preserving women's history, vernacular architecture, ethnic history, gay and lesbian history, and disability studies addresses the full spectrum of cultural diversity, and allows us to more fully and equitably comprehend our built environment. Her commitment to the stewardship of the built environment is witnessed by her authorship of many National Register of Historic Places nominations and her study "The Preservation of LGBTQ Heritage," in *LGBTQ America: A Theme Study*. She has received many honors, including Distinguished Professor, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (2020); the Ellis Lawrence Medal, Distinguished Alumni, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, University of Oregon (2015); the Award of Honor, Lake Washington Chapter, Japanese American Citizens' League (2003); and the Award of Honor, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation (2001).

Her service to SAH is similarly significant, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors, chairing the Antoinette Forrester Downing Book Award Committee, and founding and co-chairing (with Sean McPherson) the SAH Asian American and Diasporic Architectural History Affiliate Group. This Affiliate Group's highly successful virtual roundtables on Asian American cultural landscapes and community engagement have led most recently to a collaborative grant with the Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum to work towards more diverse and inclusive archival and collecting practices at the Smithsonian Institution and other major museums.

A scholar with a searching mind, staunch integrity, and an inclusive sense of social justice, Gail believes that architectural history and historic preservation should tell the stories of all of us, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, place of origin, socio-economic status, and physical disability. By pursuing these beliefs across scholarship, teaching, stewardship of the built environment, professional service, and public advocacy, Gail has created paths to make architectural history and historic preservation more inclusive and welcoming to both scholars and the public. Few people can say that they left the world a better place than they found it: Gail can, and we are all the grateful beneficiaries of her good works.

Please join me in congratulating my dear friend, Gail Dubrow, as she is inducted as a Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians.

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