Society of Architectural Historians Announces 2018 Award Winners

(SAINT PAUL, Minn.) April 23, 2018 — The Society of Architectural Historians has announced the 2018 recipients of the SAH Publication Awards and the SAH Award for Film and Video. SAH presented the 2018 awards at its 71st Annual International Conference awards ceremony on April 20, at the Landmark Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The SAH Publication Awards honor excellence in architectural history, urban history, landscape history and historic preservation scholarship as well as architectural exhibition catalogues. The SAH Award for Film and Video is an annual award that was established in 2013 to recognize the most distinguished work of film or video on the history of the built environment. SAH will begin accepting nominations for the 2019 awards on June 1, 2018.

The 2018 award recipients are listed below.

Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award

The Alice Davis Hitchcock Book Award was established in 1949 to recognize annually the most distinguished work of scholarship in the history of architecture published by a North American scholar.

Kathryn E. O’Rourke
*Modern Architecture in Mexico City: History, Representation, and the Shaping of a Capital*
University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016

Mrinalini Rajagopalan
*Building Histories: The Archival and Affective Lives of Five Monuments in Modern Delhi*
The University of Chicago Press, 2016

Philip Johnson Exhibition Catalogue Award

As architectural history exhibitions are able to address historical and critical questions in special ways, through the presentation of both documentation and artifacts to a diversified audience, so their catalogues have become distinctive vehicles for the expression of scholarship in architectural history. They remain as the substantial and enduring contribution after the life of the exhibition is spent. The Philip Johnson Exhibition Catalogue Award was established in 1990 to recognize and encourage excellence in this form of scholarship and publication.

Nina Stritzler-Levine and Timo Riekko, Editors
*Artek and the Aaltos: Creating a Modern World*
Bard Graduate Center, New York with The Alvar Aalto Foundation, Helsinki, 2016
Spiro Kostof Book Award

This award was established in 1993 in recognition of Spiro Kostof’s extraordinarily productive and inspiring career. In the spirit of Kostof’s writings, the award recognizes interdisciplinary studies of urban history that make the greatest contribution to our understanding of the growth and development of cities.

John North Hopkins
The Genesis of Roman Architecture
Yale University Press, 2016

Honorable Mention
Michele Lamprakos
Building a World Heritage City: Sanaa, Yemen
Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2015

Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award

The Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award was established by the SAH Board in 2005 to recognize annually the most distinguished work of scholarship in the history of landscape architecture or garden design. Named for SAH past president and landscape historian Elisabeth MacDougall, the award honors the late historian’s role in developing this field of study.

John Beardsley, Editor
Cultural Landscape Heritage in Sub-Saharan Africa
Dumbarton Oaks, 2016

Founders’ JSAH Article Award

Established in 1970, the Founders’ Award recognizes an article published by an emerging scholar in the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians that exhibits excellence of scholarship and presentation.

Sabine von Fischer
“A Visual Imprint of Moving Air: Methods, Models, and Media in Architectural Sound Photography, ca. 1930”
Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Vol. 76 No. 3, September 2017

Antoinette Forrester Downing Book Award

Named for Antoinette Forrester Downing, this award recognizes excellence in a published work devoted to historical topics in preservation and honors her scholarship and recognition of the value of local inventories and surveys.

No award was given this year.
SAH Award for Film and Video

The SAH Award for Film and Video recognizes the most distinguished work of film or video on the history of the built environment. The most important criterion is the work’s contribution to the understanding of the built environment, defined either as deepening that understanding or as bringing that understanding to new audiences.

*Eero Saarinen: The Architect Who Saw the Future*
Peter Rosen, Director
Peter Rosen Productions, 2016

About the Society of Architectural Historians

Founded in 1940, the Society of Architectural Historians is an international 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.

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