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Lectures on American architecture

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The Ravens House of the ICC
Krakow, 25 Rynek Gł.

The architects:

CHRISTOPHER SHARPLES, RA

Christopher Sharples received his Bachelor of History and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees from Dickinson College, and his Master of Architecture from Columbia University (1990) graduating with honors for excellence in design. In 1998 he established SHoP Architects PC with his four partners in New York City. He has taught at Parsons School of Design, The City College, City University of New York, The Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation Columbia University, and at the University of Virginia as Shure Professor of Architecture. In spring of 2008, he served as a Louis I. Kahn Assistant Visiting Professor for Architectural Design at the Yale School of Architecture. Mr. Sharples is NCARB-certified and registered architect in the State of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Mississippi and Washington D.C.

SHoP Architects was recently awarded the 2009 Cooper Hewitt/Smithsonian Institute's National Design Award in Architecture, the 2008 SBIC Beyond Green High Performance Building Award for their design of Garden street Lofts in Hoboken, NJ, and a 2007 Progressive Architecture (P/A) Award for their design of the East River Waterfront Park in Lower Manhattan. SHoP has also been recognized for their design of The Porter House in New York with a 2005 AIANY Housing Design Award, a 2005 AIANY Honor Award in Architecture, and a 2005 Chicago Athenaeum American Architecture Award. In addition, SHoP was awarded the 2001 Academy Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, as well as the 2001 Emerging Voices Award from the Architectural League of New York and the 2003 Rave Award in Architecture from Wired Magazine.

Their current work includes a two-mile waterfront park along New York's East River, and projects for the Fashion Institute of Technology and a pedestrian bridge for Battery Park City, in lower Manhattan, and Google's first ground up engineering building in Mountain View, CA. Recently completed projects include Garden Street Lofts in Hoboken, NJ, Hangil Book House in Seoul, South Korea, The Porter House in New York City, and SanLiTun in Beijing.

ANNA DYSON

Director, CASE Associate Professor of Architecture, Rensselaer

Anna Dyson teaches design, technology, and theory at the School of Architecture at Rensselaer. She is the director of The Center for Architecture, Science and Ecology (CASE) which hosts the Graduate Program in Architectural Sciences, concentration is Built Ecologies. She has worked as a design architect and product designer in several offices in Canada, Europe, and the United States. Her work has been exhibited in the MoMA Young Architects Series, and was a finalist in the international Next Generation Design Competition. Dyson holds multiple international patents for building systems inventions and is currently directing interdisciplinary research sponsored to develop new systems for on-site energy generation. Dyson received a Baccalauréat Général from Université Laval and a Master of Architecture from Yale University.

WOJCIECH T. OKTAWIEC R.A.

An architect with the 27 years of experience and the president of Path Architecture PC, which is based in New York City, and has been a registered architect in the New York State since 1995. Affiliated with the American Institute of Architects and served as an officer on the Board of Directors of the Long Island Chapter of A.I.A. in the years 1998-2001.

Professional Experience:

President of Path Architecture PC, 2004 to Present

During the years 1989-2004 worked in the numerous architectural offices on Long Island and Manhattan.

Collaborated with:

Chris Sharples and “Sharples Design” on architectural competitions, 1994-1998

Stuart Narofsky of IDT Associates and N2 Design on residential and corporate designs, 1998-2004

John DeFazio and Paul Kerzner (the Director of the ConEdison Renaissance Program) in the design and development of the churches and community centers in Brooklyn, New York, 2008 to Present

Visiting critic to the students’ studio and thesis works at the Departments of Architecture of: Drexel University, 2008-2009; the Pratt Institute, 2008; Harvard University, 2007.

Instructor of architecture - Institute of Urban Design and Town Planning, Department of Architecture of the Technical University of Krakow 1983-1988. Was involved in teaching and research work regarding design of semi-detached housing, methods of rehabilitation of the old districts and the old housing estates located in the downtowns of cities.

Founding member of the Polish Green Building Council, a chapter of the World Green Building Council, 2007 -Vice-President of the American division of the PLGBC.

Education:

Master of Architecture, the Technical University of Krakow in Poland, 1983

Awards:

Main Architect of Krakow Award, 1988

Polish Minister of Construction Award, 1990

Excellence in Teaching Award from TUK-1990

Awards in International Competitions: 1985, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2002

Archie Award 2002 (L.I. Chapter of AIA- Excellence in Design Award)

Exhibitions:

Wroclaw, Poland, 1986

Berlin, Germany, 1988

New York (NIAE) 1993

Krakow, Poland 2009

Community Service:

Board of Directors, the Ridgewood Property Owners Civic Association, 2005 to Present

Trustee, Pulaski Association of the Professional Men, 2010.

Received City of New York Council Citations for the service to the community: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008