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The College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in partnership with SGH Inc. and Dri-Design, has established a student scholarship competition for the fourth-year, undergraduate, architectural design studios. The scholarship recognizes student projects exemplifying outstanding design investigation, resolution, and significance.

This opportunity brings together aspiring architects and industry leaders to advance disciplinary knowledge of design, materiality, and innovation.

Following the end-of-semester review, one project from each studio is selected to compete for the SGH Inc./Dri-Design Scholarship. These projects are presented to an external jury who are all established practitioners in their fields. A finalist is chosen for producing and communicating a comprehensive architectural project that is a result of design decisions at different scales. To be successful, students demonstrate a high degree of professional dedication, rigor, open-mindedness, and resourcefulness. Projects are rigorously developed and clearly communicate the breadth and depth of investigation.

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SGH, Inc. is a leading distributor and installer of customized building products primarily used for the exterior of commercial buildings. Unlike other providers, SGH, Inc. supplies only the highest quality products and expert installation services. From the initial idea to the final details, SGH, Inc. has the resources to successfully execute projects of any size from concept to completion.

Since SGH also sources the materials they install, their employees have an intricate knowledge of how the products work, the best way to install them and pass that expertise on to their customers. The SGH professional team works closely with owners, architects and contractors to ensure that the product looks stunning both on paper and in use.

We would especially like to thank Troy Burkey for helping establish this program.
DRI-DESIGN
Founded in Holland, Michigan in 1995, under the leadership of President Brad Zeeff, dri-design has turned the Metal Panel Industry on its ear. With dri-design, Zeeff set out to solve what he viewed as the significant shortfalls of traditional metal panel systems: delamination, staining due to the effects of weather on joints and gaskets, a lack of color and texture options, the rising cost of production and inefficient installation practices.

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We would especially like to thank Jason Zeeff for partnering with SGH.
ANTJE STEINMULLER
Studio Urbis

Antje Steinmuller is an assistant professor of architecture and associate director of the Urban Works Agency at California College of the Arts. Her research explores the role of designers at the confluence of citizen-led and municipally regulated processes in the design of urban space. Antje is also a principal at the architecture and urban design practice Studio Urbis, and co-founder of ideal X, a design consultancy focused on the conditions and opportunities of public spaces in transition.
BRIAN JOHENSEN
Johnsen Schmaling Architects

Brian Johnsen, AIA, is the Fitzhugh Scott Distinguished Professor in Practice at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Architecture & Urban Planning and a founding partner of Johnsen Schmaling Architects, an award-winning design and research studio based in Milwaukee whose work has garnered critical acclaim for its conceptual clarity, formal discipline, astute detailing, and an unequivocal commitment to architectural innovation and environmental sustainability. Johnsen Schmaling Architects received an Emerging Voices award from the Architectural League of New York, and Architectural Record featured their office in its Design Vanguard issue as one of “ten exceptional global architecture firms to watch.”

ERIC R. HOFFMAN
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Eric R. Hoffman, AIA NCARB LEED AP is a professor of Practice at Washington University in Saint Louis, a founding partner of patterhn ives, llc, and recipient of the 2013 National AIA Young Architects Award. A leading practitioner and educator, Eric is passionately committed to innovation, realization, mentorship and the environment. Spanning over twenty years, Eric has contributed on a diverse range of award-winning cultural, civic and public buildings. Notable experience includes the Walker Art Center, the Saint Louis Art Museum, Portal House and Ellis Hall for the Department of Music at Missouri State University.
PRE-DELIBERATION
Honor Award

Interstitial Hope

Benjamin Kunz, Mallory Lane
Faculty mentor: Mark Bacon

The design intent of this project is to provide a multi-sensory experience for sacred architecture, specifically programming for death and the grieving process through a funeral chapel. The team divided the five stages of grief into three moments: the initial death, the separation, and the reconciliation. The project goal is to change the perception of death and the grieving process through a linear progression as a sequence of the narrative of a better place. They did this by separating the mourners below ground and the body above ground.

In order to create a mysterious presence within the sacred, they created an interstitial space shrouded with a light translucent fabric on both the interior and exterior of the building wall. This creates a mysterious presence with shadows that change the lighting effect reflecting the outside nature and its sacred presence. The materials above ground where the body is located are light materials to reflect the lightness of the body being in a better place, as well as the layering offering an interstitial space for the sacred presence. The team used light and shadow qualities from the trees to create a glass frit texture, and a mysterious movement by adding two fabric screen layers surrounding the glass. This creates a quality of light from above that is changing in ways that we cannot fully understand. The materials below ground where the mourners are located are heavy slate and burned wood, reflecting the darkness of grieving and the rawness that come with it.
“Interstitial Hope” demonstrates a comprehensive approach within a poetic foundation. The concept is rich and visceral with an amazing exploration of light as a material. The design illustrated an exceptional connection between material selection and conceptual intent. The jurors were impressed with the team’s conceptual rigor and clear design trajectory.
Finalist

Fragmented Data

Mason Christensen, Chris Reeh
Faculty mentor: Matt Knutson

Fragmented Data is a mixed use information literacy center composed of a library, office, retail, and residential program. It is shaped by the collection of data from information sources located throughout Lincoln as transcribed by vectors projecting to and through the site. At the building site, the contours from these information sources overlap and intertwine representing a method to become information literate, as the more sources of information a person is exposed to, the more likely they are to reach the accurate conclusion. The overlapping of the contours creates outlines of architectural form. These forms are a physical representation of the chaotic means by which people currently receive information, and the way in which the team begin to interpret it. Architecturally, the forms are actualized as a steel diagrid shell to the building’s program and then function as a shading device and privacy barrier to the design’s residential units which are composed of wood siding and floor to ceiling expanses of glass. These residential units are open to the exterior and, where appropriate, break through the generated forms, creating unique transitions between double and single enclosure.

The ground plane of the design is also influenced by the contours, as portions of the site are cut creating a plaza centered between each of the site’s buildings. Having this plaza creates an isolating experience as the user is able to step down from the heavily landscaped site boundary to an exposed center that allows for one to experience the dialog between forms and the distinct urban condition created.
This team exhibited a coherent articulation of design intent with a clear conviction and rich exploration of design concept, design making and social strategy. The level of development in the drawings was impressive. The drawings and diagrams were strong, clear, concise and easily legible.
fragmented data

chris reeh & mason christensen

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which are composed of materials such as wood, metal, and stone. These residential units are open to
the exterior and interior alike, through the use of large windows and doors that create views of the
surrounding landscape.

The ground plane of the design is influenced by the topography, as portions of the site are cut creating a
series of terraces that provide views of the surrounding landscape. The use of wooden decks and
terrace areas allows for outdoor living spaces that integrate the natural environment.

Christensen + Reeh | Board 2
Finalist

Library For the Arts

Felipe Lopez, Josh McCormack, Christian Pierrotte
Faculty mentor: Santiago Perez

In 1907 Archer Huntington purchased Audubon Terrace from John James Audubon’s widow, Minnie. Huntington wanted to make the terrace an intellectual citadel atop of Manhattan’s heights, with the hopes that other museums and learned societies would soon follow after. Archer Huntington and his wife Anna Huntington, the primary sculptor on the site, and Charles Pratt Huntington, the architect of the existing terrace, they would help bring the Spanish culture to Manhattan.

The design team provides an extension for the Boricua College of Arts by providing a painting and ceramic studio, and a gallery space. This connects back to Anna Huntington, Archer Huntington, and John James Audubon where this brings the intellectual activities of sculpting and painting respectively into one, within the library. In the site, there is an existing outcrop of bedrock covering the majority of the site. The team carved out the rock to create a transparent view from the street to the terrace. This brings the relationship of the opaqueness and transparency together where it is designed to frame views throughout the building. The design team sought the stair core as an opportunity to create a solid void relationship within the massing of the building. They utilized the design of the fins to create transparent connections based on specific programs and solar gain.
The team exhibited a strong interest in contextual and historic research when forming the sensitive massing within a strong urban context. The jurors were extremely impressed with the team’s approach to massing.
Troy Burkey from SGH presenting material and spatial properties. (photo taken by faculty)
Jason Zeeff from Dri-Design presenting logics of systematic assembly. (photo taken by faculty)
Mark Bacon
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