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Institute Honors and Awards **Fellowship**



THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS

2017 AIA Fellowship

Nominee Anne Marie Duvall Decker
Organization Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Location Jackson, MS
Chapter AIA Mississippi

Category of Nomination

Category One - Design

Summary Statement

Anne Marie Duvall Decker creates meaningful public works. Grounded in the concrete realities of local tradition, these works invite the intangible and uncommon that are tangible and common to all. Her architecture elevates human experience.

Education

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, 5 years, Bachelor of Architecture

Licensed in: Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, Pennsylvania

Employment

Duvall Decker Architects, P.A., 1998 - Present (18 years)
WFT Architects, P.A., 1994 - 1998 (4 years)

October 11, 2016

Mary Kay Lanzillotta, FAIA, Chair, Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
Washington DC 20006-5292

RE: Nomination of Anne Marie Duvall Decker, AIA to the College of Fellows

Dear Mary Kay Lanzillotta and Members of the FAIA Jury

It gives me great pleasure and is an honor to nominate Anne Marie Decker, AIA, for elevation to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Anne Marie is a colleague, a peer design architect and a personal friend for countless years. She exhibits a rare combination of design ability, technical skill and intimate care for her community. Her work has garnered national, regional, state and local AIA awards, she has been a servant leader to the AIA for her entire career, she lectures, teaches and mentors others, and she utilizes her gift of design as an instrument to better the public good with remarkable economy and restraint.

Her elevation to fellowship would be a historic accomplishment in our region. When elevated, she would be the first woman Fellow in the State of Mississippi to be recognized for the Object of Design. This much deserved recognition would help to fulfill her hope to be a quiet "teacher by example", one who promotes the public value of design, the professional advancement of architects, and the role of women within our profession.

The enclosed application for fellowship demonstrates the professional achievements and distinctions that support her elevation under Object One — "To promote the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession". She is submitting under "Design". I believe the material she has assembled in concert with her body of work is clear evidence is worthy of elevation to the College.

Anne Marie's references are outstanding as they are all members of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in Object One: Design. I, as her sponsor, am also a Fellow in the Object of Design. I believe this is a testimony of her contributions in the world of progressive vernacular architecture. Anne Marie's references are stellar designers who offer their recommendations after spending time in many of her projects, serving on juries with her, and participating in architectural dialogue with her. These references speak to Anne Marie's impact on the discourse of design and the immense contribution her body of work contributes to the profession.

In closing, her support is a coast to coast representation of how she is viewed within our profession. For the past two decades she has pursued a hopeful public southern architecture in a state that struggles for sufficient funds and the collective skill set to build well. This resonates with me personally as we too practice in a similar area of the U.S.

I therefore ask that you highly consider Anne Marie Decker to be elevated to the College of Fellows.

Sincerely,
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Barry Alan Yoakum, FAIA

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Anne Marie, a Tennessee native, founded her firm in Mississippi, a place with a rich literary heritage and revolutionary musical tradition, albeit largely lacking a substantial legacy of modern architecture. For the past two decades she has pursued a hopeful public southern architecture in a state that struggles for sufficient funds and the collective skill set to build well. She has designed award-winning public schools, affordable housing, state institutions, libraries and university buildings that embrace their physical surrounds and cultural traditions with innovation and invention.

Design Recognition

Anne Marie's design work has garnered many peer recognized awards; a national AIA Housing Award, AIA Committee on Architecture for Education Excellence Award, American Architecture Award, American Architecture Prize, five AIA Gulf States Region Awards, and eighteen AIA Mississippi Design Awards. Her work has been published in *Architect*, *50 US Architects*, *Oxford American*, *Journal of Architectural Education*, *Houses for All Regions*, *AIA CRAN Residential Collection*, *dwell*, *Dezeen*, *Architizer* and many other online, regional and local publications. In addition, her work was featured in the national AIA Design for the Decades: Civic Buildings traveling exhibit.

Design Leadership in the AIA

Anne Marie demonstrates consistent design leadership in the AIA. She will begin service on the AIA Trust Board of Trustees in 2017. She received an AIA Mississippi Presidential Citation for her development of the Mississippi Celebrates Architecture program that promotes design awareness through an outreach competition, a design symposium, and a public design awards celebration. As a long-term AIA Mississippi board member and its president (2013), Anne Marie created tools for managing the mission and daily work of the board. These tools, still used today, permit AIA Mississippi to focus on quality of service.

Teaching Design

Anne Marie has lectured on her work at numerous universities and AIA components. She has held the Paul Rudolph Visiting Professorship at Auburn University and was Mississippi State University's Eminent Architect of Practice. Anne Marie is a committed mentor in her daily practice and to all she encounters through her work. She frequently serves as guest critic on design reviews in the southeast region and has served on many design awards juries throughout the country.

Design - Architecture as Instrument

Anne Marie has found a design idea in the space between us and others, between us and the built environment. In this space between, she strives for an instrumentality that accommodates use and shelter while it promotes growth and well-being. Anne Marie describes this instrumentality as resonance; a sublime experience when we are individually present and also awed by the sense that we are part of "something more". Like a musical instrument whose shape and structure are designed to make the phenomenon of sound present, her work is designed to awaken and intertwine us with the phenomena of our environment.



2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



CONTEXT & PRACTICE

Landform

The stance of building in a rural landscape of rolling pastures, tree farms and delta horizons can be casual and impermanent. Once a necessity, today this casual stance has become habit. At the same time, traditional plinths or elaborate site developments can feel overwrought. By cultivating shadows and spaces around its perimeter, a building can make a stance with a sort of shadow plinth and hold its place like a stand of pasture trees.

Shedding Water

In sub-tropical climates, building shape, structure and details must be studied in shedding water. Continually imagining the paths of water and moisture can inform all of the variables of form making, giving it prominence with certain programs, simplifying it for certain budgets and always intertwining enclosure and environmental performance with architectural expression.

Reflected Light

Reflected light in a shadow, an unpredictable gradation of highlight or an inexplicable sensation of warmth in otherwise cool light; these penumbra conditions are the heart of southern light. They have an evocative and long history in this region of shade trees and screened porches. The clarity of a cause and effect world is softened, and the desire to measure what is before us is awakened.

Economy & Durability

Economy and expediency often encourage fast, light construction, low craft and overlay finishes, but making buildings materially durable and encouraging local craft is economical and productive. A thing that is durable in material can become durable in memory by inviting us to compare and question differences discovered over time.

Instrumentality

These are the phenomena of our environment to be engaged and intertwined in our experience of architecture, in the space between us and things. In this resonant condition, we feel individually present and also awed by the sense that we are part of something more. This is a proposition that meaningful public work would be distinctly of its place but also reaching for the intangible qualities that awaken us to experience.

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



PROJECTS

Venyu Data Center Shreveport **Completed 2016**
Shreveport, Louisiana. Historic preservation and renovation of 1950s department store into new, hardened data center. **Role:** Lead Design

Rowan Hall **Completed 2014**
Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi. Restoration of a historic administration building including interior and exterior finishes, windows, enclosure systems, and mechanical and electrical systems. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Dumas Hall Renovation **Completed 2013**
Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi. Renovation of the School of Business at a rural HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: Design with Brick Merit Award, AIA Mississippi Citation Award, AIA Mississippi People's Choice Award

James H. White Library **Completed 2013**
Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi. Renovation recreates the building's exterior and reconfigures and upgrades the interior on this rural HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) campus. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Midtown Affordable Housing **Completed 2012**
Jackson, Mississippi. Jackson Housing Authority. Multi-phase urban infill affordable housing. **Role:** Lead Design Principal.

Awards: American Architecture Prize Bronze Award, AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Publications: PORTICO Jackson, Boom Jackson

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



PROJECTS

Mississippi Center for Justice

Completed 2012

Indianola, Mississippi. Renovation and interior fit-out of an aged furniture store to house the new offices of the Mississippi Center for Justice. **Role:** Lead Design Principal.

Oak Ridge House

Completed 2011

Jackson, Mississippi. Single family, three bedroom home with open living/dining space and detached screen porch and pool. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA National Housing Award, AIA Gulf States Honor Award, AIA Mississippi Honor Award

Publications: dwell, ARCHITECT Magazine, Huffington Post, Houses for All Regions: CRAN Residential Collection, 50 US Architects: Residential Planning, PORTICO Jackson

Jobie L. Martin Building

Completed 2011

Hinds Community College, Jackson, Mississippi. A durable, efficient and climate responsible design facilitates ease of maintenance and reduced operating costs for the college. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Committee on Architecture For Education Excellence Award, AIA Gulf States Merit Award, AIA Mississippi Honor Award

Publications: American-Architects

Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center

Completed 2011

Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi. New academic building and art gallery for Tougaloo College, located next to the original plantation mansion and reinforcing the historic center of campus. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Gulf States Honor Citation, AIA Mississippi Honor Award

Publications: ARCHITECTURE: People, Places, and Ideas Driving Contemporary Design, Jackson Free Press

Belhaven Poolhouse

Completed 2010

Jackson, Mississippi. A small but effective pool house and garden shed building that unites the owners' two lots across a drainage creek. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Honor Award

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



PROJECTS

Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services

Completed 2010

Jackson, Mississippi. Two building complex consisting of an office building and a data center to house the state's critical communications infrastructure.

Role: Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Magee High School Classroom

Completed 2010

Magee, Mississippi. A new 28,000 sf classroom building for a rural public school district. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Coahoma County Higher Education Center

Completed 2009

Delta State University, Coahoma Community College and Coahoma County, Clarksdale, Mississippi. A community and educational center serving the Mississippi Delta. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: Design with Brick Honor Award, AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings

Completed 2006

One Jackson Place, Jackson, Mississippi. Third and Fourth Floor Expansions and phased interior renovation. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

2915 North State Street Office

Completed 2006

Jackson, Mississippi. Renovation of existing commercial building as a new office space for Duvall Decker Architects. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Merit Award

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



PROJECTS

Mendenhall Elementary School **Completed 2006**

Mendenhall, Mississippi. New classrooms and a media center in a rural school district. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Gulf States Honor Citation, AIA Mississippi Honor Award

Publications: AIA Industry News

Mississippi Library Commission **Completed 2005**

Jackson, Mississippi. A joint venture with Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. A state building to integrate and house all divisions of the Mississippi Library Commission including the library for the blind and physically handicapped.

Role: Lead Design Principal

Awards: American Architecture Award, AIA Gulf States Honor Award, AIA Mississippi Honor Award, AIA Mississippi Sambo Mockbee Membership Award

Publications: Manufacturing Architecture: An Architect's Guide to Custom Processes, Materials, and Applications, Wallpaper City Guide

Mendenhall High School Gymnasium **Completed 2005**

Mendenhall, Mississippi. Renovation of existing gymnasium and addition of two classrooms, new entrance, lobby, concession, toilet facilities and trophy display. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Diaz Boat House **Completed 2003**

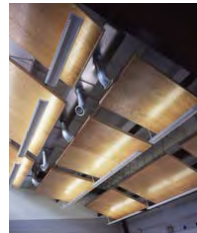
Madison, Mississippi. Open-air boat enclosure that doubles as a deck. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Citation Award

Yelverton Lake House **Completed 2002**

Greers Ferry Lake, Arkansas. Lakefront retreat. **Role:** Lead Design Principal.

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



PROJECTS

Newton High School Fine Arts Building **Completed 2001**
Newton, Mississippi. In Association with Easom Architects & WFT Architects.
New choral hall, band hall, art classroom, offices and support spaces. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Newton High School **Completed 2000**
Newton, Mississippi, In Association with Easom Architects & WFT Architects.
New classrooms, offices, teachers' lounge, guidance office, public lobby and new campus entrance in a rural school district. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Venyu Data Center Jackson **On Hold**
Jackson, Mississippi. Mississippi historic preservation and renovation of 1950s department store into new, hardened data center and technology campus. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

UMMC Center for Telehealth **On Hold**
Jackson, Mississippi. New headquarters for rapidly expanding telehealth medicine department. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

Awards: AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Simulator Building **On Hold**
Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Mississippi Military Department. 66,000 sf virtual battlefield training complex. **Role:** Lead Design Principal

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



LEADERSHIP

AIA Trust

Board of Trustees
2017-2021

AIA Mississippi

Chapter President, 2013
Board Member, 2010-2014
Member, 1998-Present

AIA National

Member, 1998-Present

Mississippi Celebrates Architecture

Program Chair, 2011-2013
Symposium Coordinator, 2011-2015
Program Mentor, 2015-Present

Eminent Architect of Practice

Mississippi State University, 2015

Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program

Walton Family Foundation, 2015
Firm selected for inaugural pool of designers

Architects Teaching Architecture,

Volunteer, 1994

A joint program of the Mississippi State University School of Architecture and Jackson Public Schools.

TEACHING

Eminent Architect of Practice

Mississippi State University, 2015

Paul Rudolph Visiting Professorship

Auburn University, 2009

Guest Critic

Louisiana State University, Multiple Years

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



TEACHING CONTINUED

Tulane School of Architecture

Guest Critic, 2016

Mississippi State University

Adjunct Professor, 5th Year Design Studios, 2004-2005

Guest Critic, Multiple Years

Professional Practice, Lecturer, 2008

Professional Practice, Lecturer, 2007

JURIES

AIA Springfield Design Awards

Jury Chair, 2010

AIA Iowa Design Awards

Jury Member, 2015

AIA Louisiana Design Awards

Jury Member, 2015

AIA Alabama Design Awards

Jury Member, 2015

AIA Pittsburgh Design Awards

Jury Member, 2013

AIA Utah Design Awards

Jury Member, 2009

LECTURES

AIA Alabama Annual Convention, Orange Beach, AL

"Public Work: Architecture as Instrument", 2016

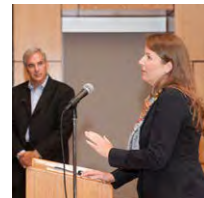
University of Tennessee Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

College of Architecture + Design, 2016

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design Lecture Series, Invited
Lecturer, 2016

2.1 SIGNIFICANT WORK



LECTURES CONTINUED

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

School of Architecture Recognition Ceremony, Jean P. Giles Memorial Lecturer, 2015

AIA Louisiana Celebrates Architecture, Baton Rouge, LA

Lecturer 2014

AIA Committee on Architecture for Education Facility Design Awards

Webinar, Awards Presentation, 2013

American Planning Association of Mississippi, Meridian, MS

Annual Conference, "Creating Sense of PLACE", 2012

Louisiana State University, School of Architecture, Baton Rouge, LA

"Indirect Form", 2010

The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

College of Architecture + Planning, "Public Work", 2010

International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Starkville, MS

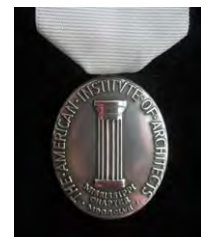
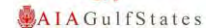
34th Annual Conference, Space and Flesh: Intertwining Merleau-Ponty and Architecture, Keynote Lecture, "Public Work", 2009

St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Jackson, MS

Living Green Event, 2009

Living Green Event, 2010

2.2 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



NATIONAL DESIGN AWARDS

AIA National Housing Award

AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community, Oak Ridge House, 2016

AIA Committee on Architecture For Education Excellence Award

Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building, 2013

American Architecture Prize

Midtown Affordable Housing, 2016

American Architecture Award

Chicago Anthanaeum, Mississippi Library Commission Headquarters, 2007

REGIONAL DESIGN AWARDS

Honor Award

AIA Gulf States Region, Oak Ridge House, 2013

Honor Award

AIA Gulf States Region, Mississippi Library Commission Headquarters, 2008

Honor Citation

AIA Gulf States Region, Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center, 2013

Honor Citation

AIA Gulf States Region, Mendenhall Elementary Classroom and Media Center Buildings, 2009

Merit Award

AIA Gulf States Region, Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building, 2014

STATE DESIGN AWARDS

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Bellhaven Pool House, 2016

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building, 2012

2.2 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

STATE DESIGN AWARDS CONTINUED

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Oak Ridge House, 2012

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center, 2011

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Mendenhall Elementary Classroom and Media Center Buildings, 2007

Honor Award

AIA Mississippi, Mississippi Library Commission Headquarters, 2006

People's Choice Award

AIA Mississippi, Dumas Hall Renovation, 2014

Sambo Mockbee Membership Award, Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building, 2012

Sambo Mockbee Membership Award, AIA Mississippi, Mississippi Library Commission Headquarters, 2006

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Cooperative Data Center and Agency, 2014

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, James H. White Library Renovation, 2014

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, Midtown Affordable Housing, 2013

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, Coahoma County Higher Education Center, 2011

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, 2915 North State Street Renovation, 2007

Merit Award

AIA Mississippi, Mendenhall High School Gymnasium Addition, 2006

2.2 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

STATE DESIGN AWARDS CONTINUED

Citation Award

AIA Mississippi, UMMC Center for Telehealth, 2016

Citation Award

AIA Mississippi, Dumas Hall Renovation, 2015

Citation Award

AIA Mississippi, Diaz Boat House, 2006

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Design with Brick President's Award

Brick Industry Southeast, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Cooperative Data Center and Agency, 2014

Design with Brick President's Award

Brick Industry Southeast, Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center, 2011

Design with Brick Honor Award

Brick Industry Southeast, Coahoma County Higher Education Center, 2011

Design with Brick Merit Award

Brick Industry Southeast, Dumas Hall Renovation, 2014

PERSONAL RECOGNITION

Eminent Architect of Practice

Mississippi State University School of Architecture, 2015

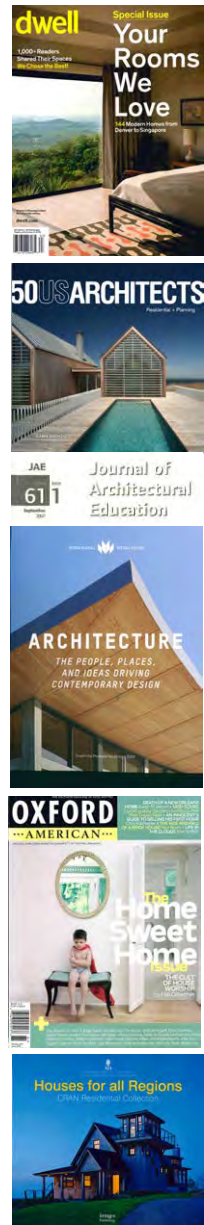
AIA Mississippi Presidential Citation

Recognized for development of the award-winning Mississippi Celebrates Architecture Program, 2011

Alumni Fellow, Mississippi State University

Outstanding Professional Achievements, 2004

2.3 PUBLICATIONS



BY ANNE MARIE DUVALL DECKER

Oxford American

Decker, Anne Marie, and Roy T. Decker. "Beyond Nostalgia: Barton House" 2008. Print.

Journal of Architectural Education

Decker, Anne Marie, and Roy T. Decker. "Inquiry in Practice and Experience." Vol. 61, Issue 1 Sept. 2007. Print.

ABOUT ANNE MARIE DUVALL DECKER

Mississippi Business Journal

Croft, Lynn. "Oh, Those Formidable Years." 22 Mar. 2013. Print.

MARCH Magazine

Guy, Sandra. "A Family Affair." Mar. 2011. Print.

PORTICO Jackson

Wells, Amanda. "Life by Design." Dec. 2011. Print.

ABOUT PROJECTS

Manufacturing Architecture: An Architect's Guide to Custom Processes, Materials, and Applications

Gulling, Dana K. Laurence King, scheduled publication 2017.

Mississippi Library Commission Headquarters, Project Architect
Features the design, detailing and fabrication of cast stone panels.

dwell

"Oak Ridge House." Your Rooms We Love, Special Issue, Fall 2016. Print

dezeen magazine

"Duvall Decker clads a Mississippi dwelling in grey-green slate shingles." 29 July 2016. Web.

ELLE DECOR

"The 50 Best Libraries in the United States", Mississippi: Mississippi Library Commission, 26 September 2016. Web.

2.3 PUBLICATIONS



ABOUT PROJECTS CONTINUED

Houses for All Regions: CRAN Residential Collection

Faith, Driss and Sabita Naheswaren, editors. "Tropical / Sub-Tropical, Jackson, Mississippi, Oak Ridge House." American Institute of Architects (AIA). IMAGES Group Pty, 2014. Print.

ARCHITECT Magazine

"Honor Awards: AIA Housing." AIA Awards Issue, 05 May 2016. Print.

ARCHITECTURE: People, Places, and Ideas Driving Contemporary Design

Force, Chris, ed. "Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center." Design Bureau Special Edition, 2012. Print.

American-Architects

Hill, John (interview). *50x50 Building of the Week: Jobie L. Martin Classroom Building*. PSA Publishers. 09 June 2013. Web.

50 US Architects: Residential Planning

Sinovic, Damir. "MISSISSIPPI, Duvall Decker Architects, P.A." 2012. Print.

ARCHITECT Magazine

"Mississippi Library Commission." Design for Decades, 16 Dec. 2010. Web.

Wallpaper* City Guide

New Orleans, *Escapes: Where You Want to Go if You Leave Town*, Mississippi Library Commission. Phaidon, 2012. Print.

AIA Industry News

Boniface, Russell. "Mendenhall Elementary School Does a Great Deal with Very Little." American Institute of Architects (AIA), 29 May 2009. Web.

ARCHITECT Magazine

Lester, Margot C., and Claire Parker. "Local Market: Jackson, Miss." Hanley-Wood, LLC, 2 Apr. 2012. Web.

Huffington Post

Kearns, Landess. "The 10 Most Beautiful Housing Designs of 2016, According to Architects." 07 April 2016. Web.

2.3 PUBLICATIONS

ABOUT PROJECTS CONTINUED

PORTICO Jackson

Cackett, Marika. "Midtown Housing and the Master Plan." Dec. 2012. Print.

Dicker, Melia. "Masters of Design." Dec. 2009. Print.

Jackson Free Press

McLaughlin, Lacey. Tougaloo Opens Civil-Rights Center, 09 May 2011. Web.

Ladd, Donna. "Eyes on the Street: A Case Study." 19 Oct. 2011. Print.

Mississippi Business Journal

Nunnery, Nash. "Talking Points." 27 Mar. 2011. Web.

Mississippi Magazine

Jones, Brenda W. "Living Green." May 2009: Print.

Boom Jackson

Schaefer, Ward. "Iconoclasts, Dealmakers and Dreamers." 2009. Print.

Schaefer, Ward. "Dreaming Big in Midtown." July 2010. Print.

McLaughlin, Lacey, and Casey Purvis. "Beyond Profit: The Business of Changing the World." 2011. Print.



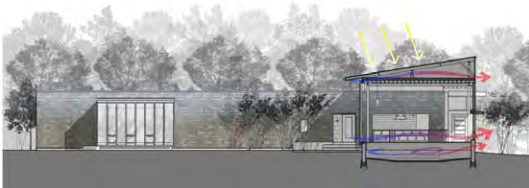
3 EXHIBITS

3.0 EXHIBITS LIST

- 3.1 Oak Ridge House**
Jackson, Mississippi
Completed 2011
Photographer: Timothy Hursley
- 3.2 Mississippi Library Commission**
Jackson, Mississippi
Completed 2005
Photographer: Timothy Hursley
- 3.3 Jobie L. Martin Building**
Jackson, Mississippi
Completed 2012
Photographer: Mark Howell / Timothy Hursley
- 3.4 Bennie G. Thompson Academic & Civil Rights Research Center**
Tougaloo, Mississippi
Completed 2011
Photographer: Timothy Hursley
- 3.5 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services**
Jackson, Mississippi
Completed 2011
Photographer: Timothy Hursley
- 3.6 Simpson County School District Buildings**
Mendenhall, Mississippi
Completed 2006
Photographer: Eric Hudson
- 3.7 Dumas Hall**
Lorman, Mississippi
Completed 2013
Photographer: Timothy Hursley

3.1 EXHIBITS

*"A home of dignity and grace that is achieved in an understated way without a sense of struggling."
Allen Eskew, FAIA*



OAK RIDGE HOUSE

Jackson, Mississippi
3,750 sf new construction

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2011
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

Home is not just a place of comfort and shelter but a place to locate ourselves in the world. The design of the house continually places its inhabitants between envelopment and exposure. Envelopment is that condition in which we are at ease, protected, comfortable. We need this to feel secure. Exposure is that condition in which we feel at risk, boundless, vulnerable. We need this to feel creative freedom.

Every space in the Oak Ridge House provides the opportunity to experience both of these spatial poles of experience; sometimes separated by time or location, often experienced simultaneously.

Awards

2016 National AIA Housing Award
2013 AIA Gulf States Region Honor Award
2012 AIA Mississippi Honor Award

Publications

dwel, 2016
ARCHITECT Magazine, 2016
Huffington Post, 2016
Houses for All Regions, 2014
50 US Architects: Residential Planning, 2012
PORTICO Jackson, 2012

Responsibility

I have personal knowledge that the nominee was largely responsible for the design of the project listed above.

Roy T. Decker, AIA, Principal, Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.







3.2 EXHIBITS

*"This project exhibited elegant massing,
beautiful detailing and use of materials."
- AIA Gulf States Awards Jury*



MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

Jackson, Mississippi
60,000 sf new construction

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A./Burris?Wagon Architects, P.A., A Joint Venture
Completed	2005
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

The Mississippi Library Commission, which had been housed in a strip mall for twenty-three years, sought a new building design that would renew its public service mission and increase access to its collections and diverse services.

The design of the building replaces the traditional central authority plan with an intertwined set of welcoming public spaces that offer both pause and horizon. The building stakes its place on a shadow plinth, and its exterior skin weaves southern highlights and shadows into an everchanging surface that seems alive, breathing in the phenomena of its environment.

Awards

2010 AIA Design for Decades: Civic Buildings
2008 AIA Gulf State Region Honor Award
2007 American Architecture Awards
2006 AIA Mississippi Honor Award
2006 AIA Mississippi Sambo Mockbee Award

Publications

ELLE DECOR online, 50 Best Libraries in the United States, 2016
Wallpaper* City Guide: New Orleans, 2012
ARCHITECT Magazine, 2010
Manufacturing Architecture: An Architect's Guide to Custom Processes, Materials, and Applications, Scheduled 2017

Responsibility

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Sharman Smith, Executive Director 2001-2014 , Mississippi Library Commission

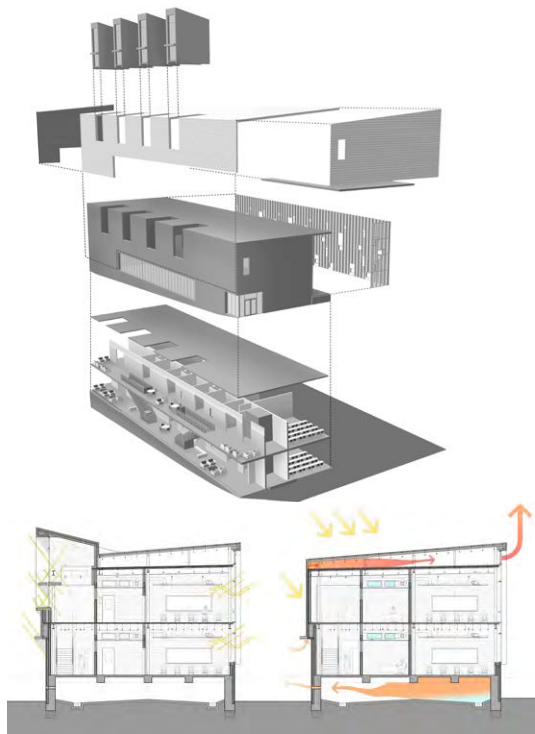






3.3 EXHIBITS

"This simple and honest building, with strong forms and an elegant façade, shows that a few simple gestures can render a sense of identity to an otherwise nondescript campus." - AIA CAE Jury



JOBIE L. MARTIN CLASSROOM BUILDING

Hind Community College, Jackson, Mississippi
18,800 sf new construction

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2012
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

This fast-growing community college campus serves the non-traditional student all hours of the day and night with needed programs and even childcare, but the pragmatic campus was lacking in identity and student oriented lounge and study spaces.

This new energy-efficient academic building creates a landmark in this low-income neighborhood and a prospect on the campus to compete with the wide landscape of the adjacent airport. Laboratories and classrooms line the north side and are illuminated by a light-harvesting curtain wall lens. Widened halls and stairs along the south create shadowed, flexible lounge and study areas overlooking the runway. The double shell rainscreen envelope and attic efficiently shed heat. This durable building, filled with natural light and activity, has become the student center of the campus.

Awards

2014 AIA Gulf States Region Honor Award
2013 AIA Community on Architecture in Education Design Excellence Award
2012 AIA Mississippi Honor Award
2012 AIA Mississippi Sambo Mockbee Award

Publications

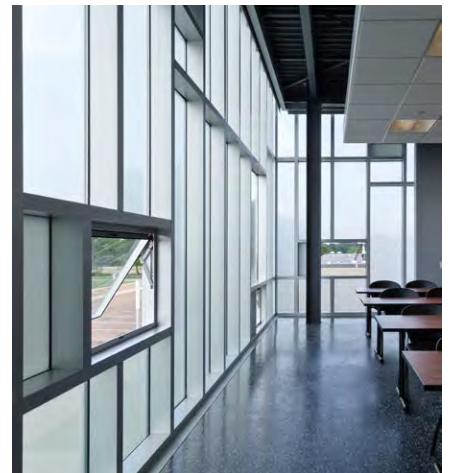
American-Architects, 2013

Responsibility

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Clyde Muse, President, Hinds Community College





3.4 EXHIBITS

"A work...that transcends a certain period of time with the timelessness and nobleness of the whole." - AIA Gulf States Region Jury



BENNIE G. THOMPSON ACADEMIC & CIVIL RIGHTS RESEARCH CENTER

Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi
27,000 sf New Construction

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2011
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

This new building on the historic Tougaloo College campus replaced Beard Hall, the building where Ernst Borinski's Social Science seminars turned students into non-violent, civil rights activists and heroes. The diverse program of the new building includes multi-disciplinary meeting and teaching spaces, a conference suite, and a lecture hall. The building also accommodates Tougaloo's impressive art collection with archival, curatorial, storage and display spaces.

The educational mission is advanced by entangling students, faculty, art, visitors and campus leaders in cross-disciplinary environments. Images of the Civil Rights history form the thresholds between the wings of the building, larger than life images that feel too close, oppressive and inspiring, like the Civil Rights era itself.

Awards

2013 AIA Gulf State Region Honor Citation
2011 AIA Mississippi Honor Award
2011 Brick Industry Southeast Design With Brick President's Award

Publications

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Responsibility

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Beverly Wade Hogan, President, Tougaloo College



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3.5 EXHIBITS

"The two buildings and corresponding courtyard space - sisters - combine to create an environment that is both welcoming and dynamic." - AIA Mississippi Design Awards Jury



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Jackson, Mississippi
3,750 sf New Construction

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2011
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

Two buildings with disparate functions and programming create an ensemble, in which an expanded field of potential experience is promoted. A monolithic, poured-in-place hardened concrete data center and a flexible, open steel frame office building, are positioned and shaped as sisters. Their reciprocal volumes respond dynamically to and measure each other. A third shape - an internal court - grounds their pairing.

The data center provides 24-7 emergency operations for the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and has full redundancy for critical data processing, telecommunication systems and network operations. The complex is designed to meet or exceed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and General Services Administration (GSA) data center and force protection guidelines. The data center building is designed with redundant systems and enclosure assemblies.

Awards

2014 AIA Mississippi Merit Award
2014 Design with Brick President's Award

Responsibility

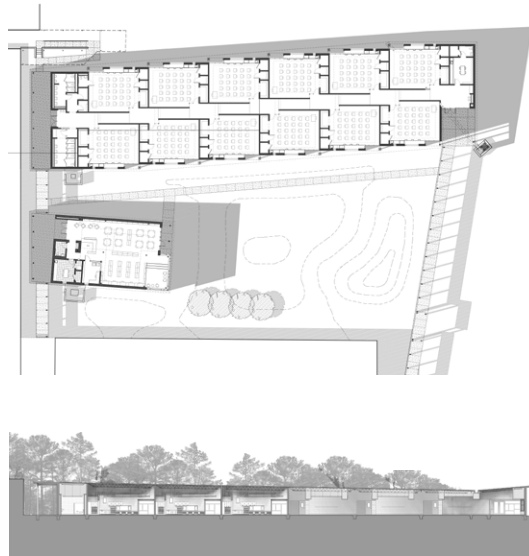
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Roy T. Decker, AIA, Principal, Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.



3.6 EXHIBITS

"...impressed by the project's humility and the designer's ability to do a great deal with very little." - AIA Gulf States Region Jury



SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS

Mendenhall, Mississippi

27,240 sf new construction, 10,200 sf renovation

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2006
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

A master plan and multiple buildings/renovations were completed for the Mendenhall campus of the Simpson County School District. Careful planning, documentation and detailing allowed all to bid under their minimal budgets. Projects included a new elementary classroom building and media center and a renovation/addition to the existing high school gymnasium to add health classrooms, public lobby and facilities for patrons of and visitors to games and events.

The educational spaces are durable and efficient but they offer more than the expected minimum classroom standards. The innovative and engaging forms and spaces fit well into the small town setting but they are also a departure from the normal order of things and evidence of the district's hopes and expectations for its children.

Awards

2009 AIA Gulf States Region Honor Citation

2007 AIA Mississippi Honor Award

2006 AIA Mississippi Merit Award

Publications

AIA Industry News, 2009

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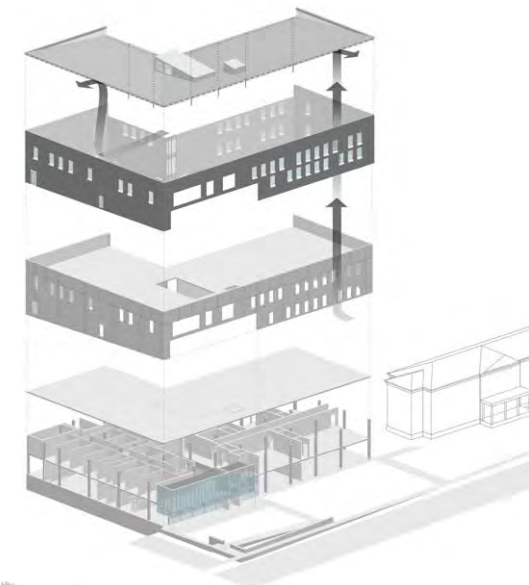
Jack McAlpin, Superintendent 2000-2009, Simpson County School District



3.7 EXHIBITS

"The composition of the exterior is an interesting combination of modern glass form with its implied 'lightness', juxtaposed against the weight and mass of the brick walls..."

- Southeast Region Design with Brick Awards Jury



DUMAS HALL

Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi
29,000 sf renovation

Design Firm	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Architect of Record	Duvall Decker Architects, P.A.
Completed	2013
Role of Nominee	Design Principal

This significant energy-efficient renovation of an existing building on the historic Alcorn State University campus includes a new brick rainscreen and vented attic enclosure, mechanical and electrical systems, and new classrooms, faculty offices and a lecture hall. It is located along the eastern side of the campus green, between the historic president's house and chapel and a porch-fronted row of residence halls to the west.

While the shape and character of the new building are progressive, it is compatible with the overall campus character and adjacent buildings. The "porch", a cantilevered conference room, aligns with the line of traditional porches on the adjacent buildings and provides a great prospect from the interior to the campus green. The conference room and porch strategy visibly lifts the building out of the ground and provides a shaded main entry, student lounge and study areas across the front of the building.

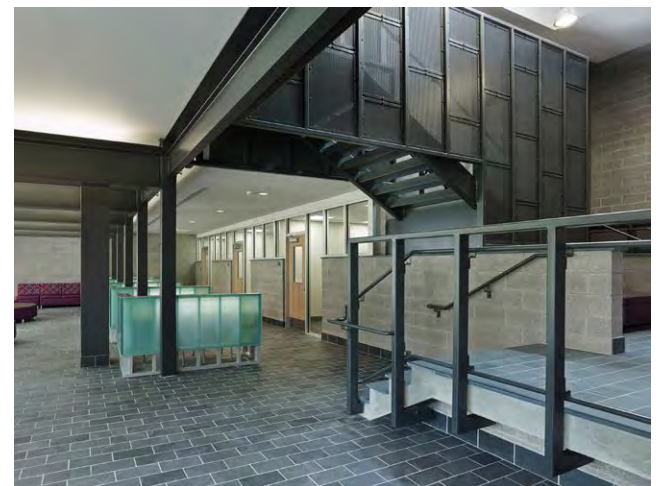
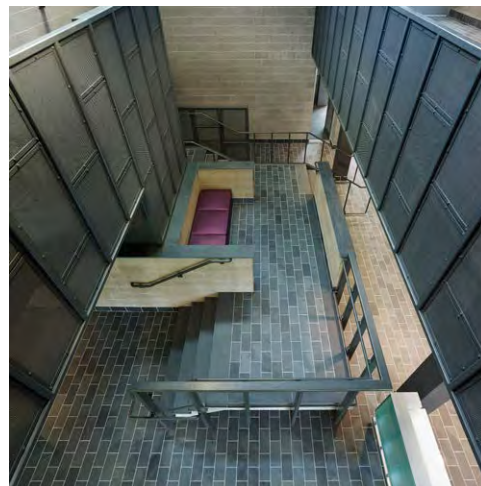
Awards

2015 AIA Mississippi Citation Award
2014 AIA Mississippi People's Choice Award
2014 Design with Brick Merit Award

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