# **ACSA Distinguished Professor**

2016-2017 Winner Submission Materials

CHRISTINE THEODOROPOULOS
California Polytechnic State University



# **Christine Theodoropoulos**

### **Transforming Architectural Education**

As a board member serving the ACSA, the NAAB, and the AIAS, and as founding president of the BTES, I have volunteered for initiatives that led to positive change. We have increased the quality of education that prepares architecture students for careers, and helped educators and employers support student success. We have advanced international and interdisciplinary collaborations, and enhanced the value of accreditation. Collaborating with faculty, students and practitioners on projects concerning the future of architectural education has been deeply rewarding, both professionally and personally.

### **Transforming Schools of Design**

I am Dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where it is my privilege to steward five nationally recognized accredited programs in architecture, landscape architecture, planning, engineering and construction. Previously, I served for nine years as Head of the University of Oregon Architecture Department. In collaboration with colleagues and inspired by students, I have led curricular innovations, launched new programs, supported research initiatives, and realized opportunities for partnerships and recognition that have advanced the missions and increased the visibility of schools of design.

### **Transforming Building for Resilience**

As an architect-engineer working in the realm of structural design, I have explored ways to integrate architecture and engineering practice to improve earthquake-resistant design, address environmental implications of structural systems, and develop teaching materials that advance architects' understanding of structures. As an advisor on building stock data development that informs decisions made by state and local governments, and as an international delegate at post-earthquake planning exchanges with China, Taiwan and Japan, I raise awareness about seismic risk and advocate for design practices that ensure safer, more resilient communities.

# Transforming Architectural Education Service to the ACSA

### **TREASURER**

Financial planning and implementation of budget at a time of transition for the association. Assumed key financial management responsibilities and led the board in discussions of budgetary aspects of strategic planning. Assisted with the executive director search and selection committee;

### **FACULTY LIAISON ON THE AIAS BOARD**

Contributed a faculty perspective to board discussions and served on the executive committee as an advisor to the officers and executive director. Advised on the development of conference and event programs, student competitions and awards programs. Helped to launch the Studio Culture Initiative.

# The Redesign of Studio Culture A Report of the AIAS Studio Culture Task Force The American Institute of Architecture Students

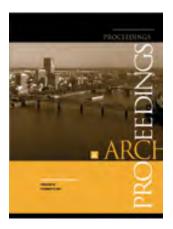
### **PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES**

Women's Leadership Group Member, Mentor, Session Organizer Topic Chair, Session Moderator for Annual Meetings Presenter Administrators Meetings, New Administrators Workshop Reviewer of Manuscript, Papers and Session Proposals Juror for Faculty Awards Member of Task Forces

### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**



West Region Meeting Co-Chair
University of Oregon
West Region Meeting
Contested Absences

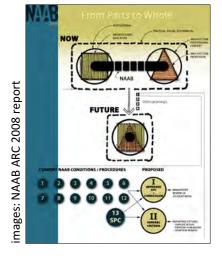


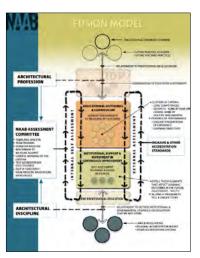
Technology & Housing Meeting Co-Chair University of British Columbia University of Oregon



Annual Meeting Host
University of Oregon
97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:
The Value of Design

### Transforming Architectural Education Service to the NAAB





### **OBJECTIVES: FROM PARTS TO WHOLE**

Maximize flexibility in both requirements and reporting options so that accredited schools and schools seeking accreditation are better positioned to offer innovative programs.

Enable schools to pursue unique missions and alternative formats that can increase the accessibility of an architectural education and promote diversity in the schools and the profession.

Reaffirm the success of NAAB's performance-based approach to student educational outcomes by emphasizing educational outcomes assessment in the accreditation review process.

### **BOARD MEMBER**

Contributed to deliberations about accreditation processes and the terms of accreditation for schools; developed guiding policies and plans; assisted with outreach to the ACSA.

# TREASURER & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chaired the operations committee; proposed revisions to NAAB's data collection procedures; served on the executive director search and selection committee; presented orientation sessions for new visiting team members and school administrators preparing for accreditation reviews.

# CO-CHAIR: ACCREDITATION MODELS TASK FORCE

Developed and evaluated accreditation models with input from collateral organizations; author of the Parts to Whole Model and co-author of the Fusion Model; helped to create the conceptual framework that formed the basis for the 2009 Conditions.

### **TASK FORCES MEMBER**

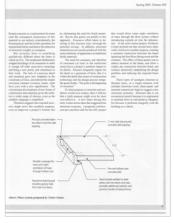
Recommended improvements to accreditation processes and contributed to national and international dialogs on the future of architectural accreditation.

# VISITING TEAM MEMBER & CHAIR

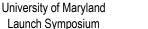
For over a dozen visits, reviewed APRs, planned and completed on-site reviews, trained teams, prepared and presented team reports.

### Transforming Architectural Education Service to the BTES











University of New Mexico Inaugural Conference







### **CONNECTOR:**

### A Forum for Teachers of Technology in Schools of Architecture

Founded by Edward Allen, *Connector* served as an exchange about teaching approaches and philosophies. As editor I added the new voices of early career faculty and graduate students. In 2006 the forum transitioned to the BTES Conference.

### **FOUNDING PRESIDENT**

Contributed to the creation of the BTES, development of the biennial conference hosted by schools of architecture, and the Building Technology Teaching Award for Emerging Faculty.

### **BTES MISSION**

"The Building Technology Educators' Society (BTES) is an organization of architectural educators, passionate about teaching the technology of building design and construction. The mission of the BTES is to promote and publish the best pedagogic practices, relevant research, scholarship, and other creative activity to facilitate student learning, advance innovation, and enhance the status of our disciplines in the profession at large."

### TEACHING AWARD FOR EMERGING FACULTY

Co-author of a national award program created to recognize demonstrated excellence in teaching performance and innovation during the formative years of an architectural teaching career in building technology education.

### Collaborators:

Edward Allen Diane Armpriest Robert Dermody Dana Gulling Deborah Oakley Ryan Smith Gil Snyder

### Transforming Architectural Education Service to the AIA



District analysis for seismic risk

Build-a-Beacon: stability checkpoint



# SEISMIC DESIGN/BUILD CHARRETTE a curriculum demonstration

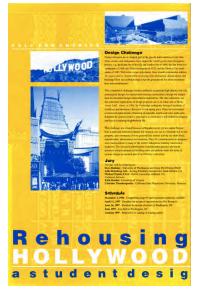
### Program developer, instructor, host

Faculty-student teams from participating schools conducted rapid visual screening surveys of buildings in Old Town Pasadena, assessing potential seismic hazards, and developed site specific earthquake scenarios to describe impacts and propose sites and structures for emergency response.

### **Collaborators:**

Deane Evans Kirk Martini Sigrid Miller Pollin Stephanie Vierra

Sponsor: FEMA





# REHOUSING HOLLYWOOD a student design competition

### Author, juror

The competition challenged students to propose high-density low-rise prototypical designs for replacement housing in the aftermath of the Northridge Earthquake. The brief included a guide for developing a preliminary assessment of seismic feasibility.

### Collaborators:

Deane Evans Kirk Martini Stephanie Vierra

Sponsor: FEMA



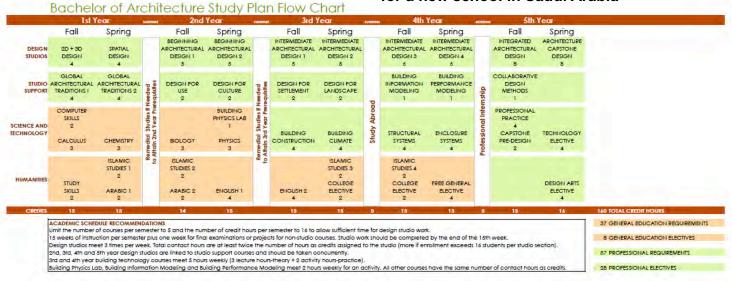
### SEISMIC DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

**Presenter:** Regulation of Non-structural Design **Panelist:** Investing in our City's Resilience

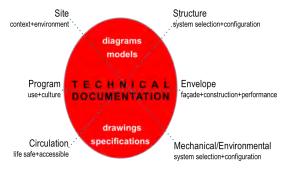
### Transforming Architectural Education Service to International Programs

### **CURRICULUM DESIGN**

for a new school in Saudi Arabia



### The Building Systems Review



### A Studio Framework



The Integrated Design Studio: Cal Poly Methods

### **CURRICULUM**

### + ACCREDITATION EXCHANGE

# University of Dammam College of Architecture & Planning

### **Program Advisor**

Sharing US approaches to architectural education, accreditation review, and teaching practice at Cal Poly.

### Collaborator:

Thomas Fowler

### PROGRAM REVIEW

### + CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Qatar University
College of Engineering

### **Program Advisor**

Sharing US approaches to architectural education and accreditation review.

# Transforming Schools of Design National Recognition

### NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE RANKINGS

2016		2015	2014	2013	
2	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	2	1	5	



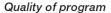
### **REGIONAL RANKINGS**

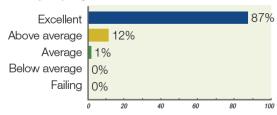
### TOP ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS IN THE WEST



### STUDENT SURVEY

### CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO





Believe they'll be well prepared for their profession upon graduation

### ARCHITECTURE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

## CONSTRUCTION METHODS & MATERIALS

1. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

# SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES & PRINCIPLES

1. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

### **CROSS-DISCIPLINARY TEAMWORK**

2. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

### **COMPUTER APPLICATIONS**

4. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

### **COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS**

5. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

### ARCHITECTURE DEANS SURVEY

# Most admired undergraduate architecture programs

2. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
For its dedicated faculty and balance of
theory and practice with an emphasis on
technology

### **MOST ADMIRED EDUCATORS FOR 2016**

### CHRISTINE THEODOROPOULOS

A visionary dean challenging the status quo, Christine Theodoropoulos epitomizes and champions Cal Poly's "Learning by Doing" philosophy, preparing graduates to be effective and productive contributors early in their professional lives.

# Transforming Schools of Design Solar Cal Poly





# Administrative and External Relations Lead for SOLAR CAL POLY

The Solar Decathlon is a competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, which challenges collegiate teams from across the nation to design, engineer and construct a net zero home. An interdisciplinary team of more than 100 Cal Poly students and faculty across 12 majors and five colleges participated, with the College of Architecture and Environmental Design taking the lead on organizing and fundraising for the award-winning project.

### Collaborators: Kevin Dong Natalie Schaefer Solar Cal Poly Team

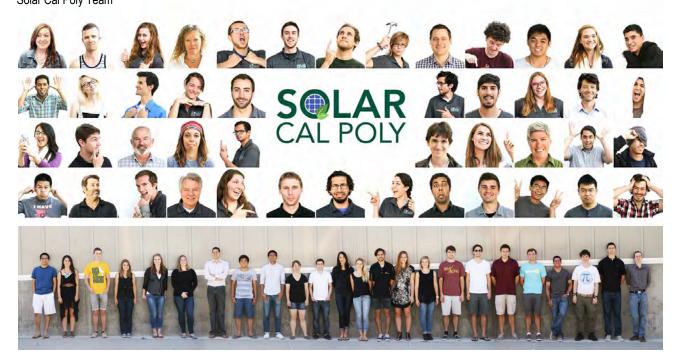
### 3RD PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> place Market Appeal 2<sup>nd</sup> place Home Life 3<sup>rd</sup> place Architecture 4<sup>th</sup> place Engineering









# Transforming Schools of Design UO Portland





### SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED ARTS IN PORTLAND

### **NEW FACILITIES**

Lead tenant for development of a university center in the White Stag Building
Building Selection, Programming, Design Review
Revitalizing + Expanding Architecture Studies in Portland
New Studios, Shops, Exhibit Spaces, Classrooms, Library, Infrastructure, Faculty, Staff

Collaborators:
Terri Warpinski
Rob Thallon
Hajo Neis
User Group Members
Fletcher Farr Ayotte Inc.
Walsh Construction









### **ENHANCED PROGRAMS**

Transit Oriented
Sustainable Cities
Performance Studies



Urban Design Focus Practitioners Teach Small School Quality

**Collaborators:** Portland Architecture Faculty



### **NEW COLLABORATORS + PUBLIC PRESENCE**

Career Discovery
Internships
Community Service
Summer Session
Professional Education
Public Education
Public Events
Public Exhibits
Public Dialog





Images: architecture.uoregon.edu/PDX pdx.uoregon.edu aaa.uoregon.edu/portland

### Transforming Schools of Design New Programs



# Administrative Lead for development of a unique PH.D. IN ARCHITECTURE

### Advanced research

focusing on multidisciplinary integration to create knowledge that advances sustainability

### **Applied research**

meeting the needs of the profession and society related to environmental impacts of building materials, buildings and cities

### **Preparation for careers**

at universities and entities engaged in sustainable design research

Collaborators:
Howard Davis
Alison Kwok
Graduate Studies Committee



Interdisciplinary Leadership Team for development of a new curricular area:

### **BA, BS, BFA, MINOR IN PRODUCT DESIGN**

**Interdisciplinary connections** and shared courses between design, art, architecture, interior architecture, and business

**Emphasis on making** to explore materials, use, manufacture and aesthetics

Preparation for careers through internships in the Pacific Northwest's leading design companies

Collaborators:
Alison Snyder
Kate Wagle
Linda Zimmer



### Administrative Lead for development of a:

### **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ECOLOGICAL DESIGN**

**Interdisciplinary design practice** for the integration of the built environment with natural systems

Collaborators:
Brook Muller
Graduate Studies Committee

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# Transforming Schools of Design Student-Civic Collaboration

### **NCARB PRIZE**

Police Station Salem, Oregon

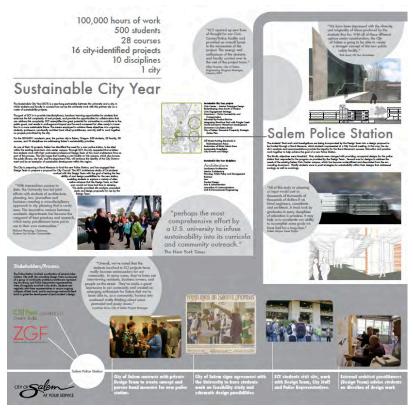
Sustainable City Year University of Oregon

Students collaborated with architects and municipal officials as part of a yearlong sustainability partnership with the city of Salem. Student teams worked with professional design teams to produce site analyses, precedent studies and conceptual designs that informed city council decision-making for a municipal bond measure to fund the station.

The NCARB Prize Jury commended the project for giving students insight into civic processes, which are seldom experienced before entering practice.

### Collaborators

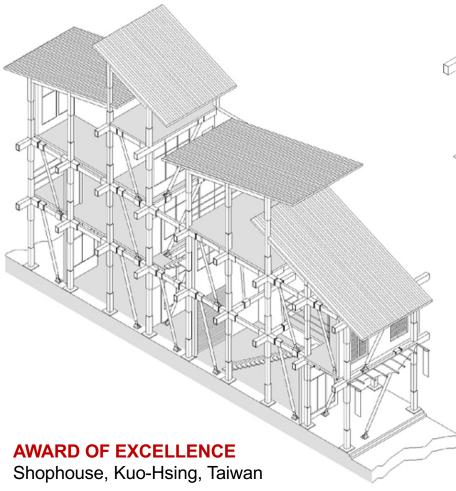
Nico Larco Josh Hilton Garth Brandaw, CB Two Mark Foster, ZGF Architects Debbie Munson, ZGF Architects Kirk Sund, CB Two

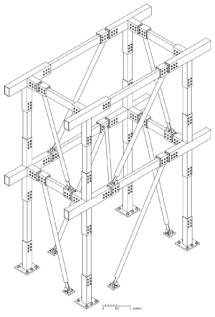




# Transforming Schools of Design Learning from Earthquakes Studio

# ACSA/STEEL TUBE INSTITUTE HSS DESIGN & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

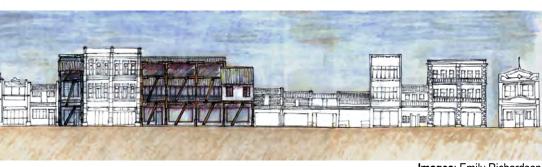




The studio examined the effects of the 1999 Chi Chi earthquake on vernacular shophouses in the village of Kuo-Hsing, Taiwan and proposed earthquake resistant replacement structures.

The Challenge called for students in architecture, structural engineering, industrial design, and other engineering and design disciplines to work individually or as a team to explore aesthetic and technical issues related to the use of hollow structural sections.





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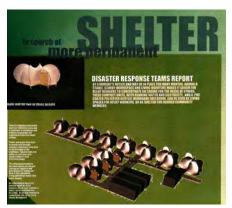
# Transforming Schools of Design Tensile Structures Studio

### **FABRIC ARCHITECTURE**

Student Design Challenge

### **Shelters for Disaster Relief**

Collaborator
A. Scott Howe



First Place: Stability Shelter for Disaster Relief

Students created tensile structural models and full scale installations to study membrane behavior, techniques for form finding, and methods for constructing tensile connections.

This informed the development of design concepts for fabric architecture shelters for disaster relief and experimental environments.

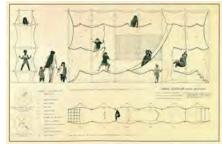
The Fabric Architecture Student Design Challenge Jury recognized projects for creativity, viability and design communications.

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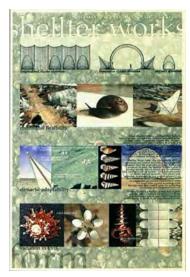
Fabric Architecture Magazine







First Place: Fabric Playscape



Honorable Mention: Shelterworks









**Study Models** 



Honorable Mention: Relief Shelter

# **Transforming Schools of Design Faculty-Student Collaboration**

# HOUSING THE NEXT 10 MILLION: ENVISIONING CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY

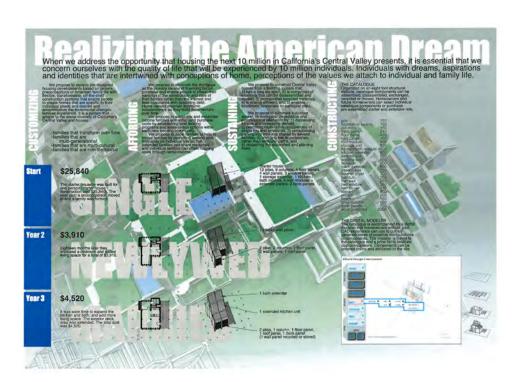
**AIA CALIFORNIA COUNCIL** 

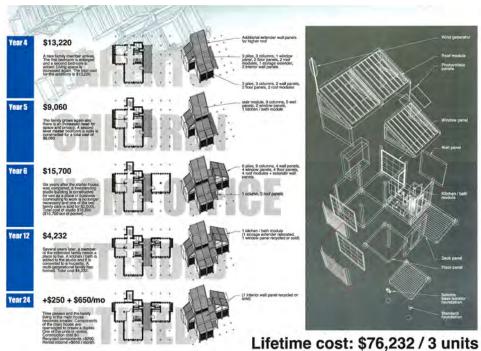
# Honorable Mentions:

RURAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

**Collaborators:**A. Scott Howe
Undergraduate student assistants





# Transforming Schools of Design Faculty-Student Collaboration

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# Walnut Street Bridge (1860) Hellertown, PA

### PROJECTS FOR THE HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

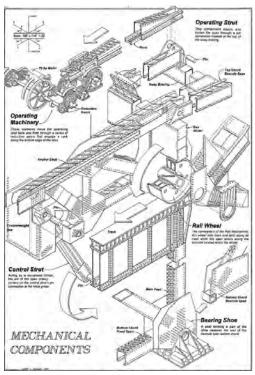
### **CAST AND WROUGHT IRON BRIDGES (1850-1870)**







### **WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES, PORTLAND, OREGON (1910-1969)**





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Collaborators:
Eric Delony
Richard O'Connor
Joseph Boquiren
Judith McGaw
Sharon Wood Wortman

Linda Dodds Eric Kenyan Manuel Hernandez Shannon Sardell Nicholas A. Zydycryn James P. Norman

Broadway Bridge (1913)



### **Transforming Building for Resilience Integrating Architecture** & Engineering Practice

**Chapter Author, Steering Committee Member Principal investigator** 

### **SEISMIC DESIGN EDUCATION** FOR ARCHITECTS

# **CURRENT PRACTICES**

a project of: The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

Sponsors: FEMA, NSF.





Designing

A Manual for Architects

FEMA 454 / December 2006

for Earthquakes



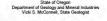
### **CHAPTER 6** THE REGULATION OF SEISMIC DESIGN

### **Effects of Architectural Design Decisions on Seismic Code Applications**

New insights are emerging, particularly the recognition that seismic design regulations affect all stakeholders concerned with the built environment. For architects, codes and the performance-based concepts behind them will require more involvement in seismic design decisions. As architects collaborate with owners and engineers to investigate options for the feasibility of building projects in earthquake country, they will need to understand the interactions between design decisions and seismic performance.

IBC SEISMIC DESIGN PARAMETERS	ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN DECISIONS	SEISMIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS		
Ground motion acceleration	- Site selection (national, regional)	Affects design earthquake forces		
Site classes (soils properties) combined with ground motion accelerations determine the site coefficient	Site selection (regional, local)     Building placement on a site	Failure-prone soils require site- specific geotechnical investigation     Site coefficient affects design earthquake forces     Soils properties affect building response to ground motion		
•Fundamental period of the structure	Building height     Structural system selected	Affects design earthquake forces     Affects building response to ground motion		
Seismic use groups     Occupancy importance factors	Assignment of program spaces to buildings	Affects eligibility for simplified analysis methods     Can require more stringent code requirements		
Seismic design category that relates structure importance to design accelerations	Site selection for particular building uses	Used to identify appropriate code procedures		
Building configuration classification	Building size     Footprint geometry and massing     Organization of interior spaces     Structural framing patterns	Used to modify analysis     procedures specified by the code     Can require more extensive     analysis requirements		
Response modification factor     System over strength factor     Deflection amplification factor     Redundancy coefficient	Lateral load resisting system type     Materials of construction of the lateral load resisting system	Affects design earthquake forces     Affects building response to     earthquake forces		

### **Transforming Building for Resilience Building Stock Data Development**



STATEWIDE SEISMIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF OREGON 2005 SENATE BILL 2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY, EARTHQUAKES, AND SEISMIC REHABILITATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS





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University of Oregon

### **OREGON STATEWIDE SEISMIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Oregon Department of Geology Eastern Oregon Building Data Lead, Screening Methods Trainer

Summary of Selemic Risk for all Qualifying Sites & Buildings		Score:	<0.0	0.1-1.0	1.1-2.0	>2.0	
	#of #of			FEMA 154-Based Collapse Potential			
Seismic Needs Assessment District		Schools	Buildings	Very High	High	Moderate	Low
Education:			The Later of		110		
K12 Public School Districts 8 ESD		1101	2185	273	745	501	666
Community College Districts	17	179	184	20	73	33	58
Sum Education	187	1280	2369	293	818	534	724
Emergency:							
City Districts (Police & Fire Departments)	143		327	26	78	75	148
Rural Fire Protection Districts	191		440	13	62	62	303
County Sheriff's Offices	34		73	5	24	18	26
Oregon State Police			26	. 0	5	4	17
Port of Portland	1		1	0	0	0	1
Acute Care Hospitals	- 58		116	10	26	10	70
Sum Emergency	428		983	54	195	169	565
	S	UM ALL:	3352	347	1013	703	1289

**Collaborators:** Yumei Wang Don Lewis Carol Hasenberg Tom Miller Bill Burns Natalie Richards Sam Jensen Henry Pierce John Mikkelsen Jared Fischer Nathan Wallace Andrew Tibbetts Juan Hernandez

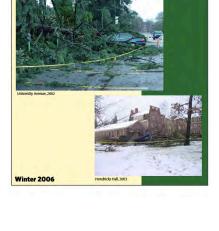
### NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN **UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**

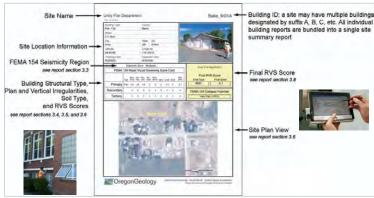
### **Buildings Studies Lead**

### Collaborators: Andre LeDuc Bethany Johnson

Ken Kato Erik Steiner Steering Committee

Sponsor: FEMA





### RAPID VISUAL SCREENING METHODS

Oregon Department of Geology **Principal Investigator** "Development of a New Methodology

to Improve Building Inventory Collection"

**Applied Technology Council Review Panelist** FEMA 154: Rapid Visual Screening

Sponsors: FEMA, State of Oregon

### Transforming Building for Resilience International Outreach

### 中美地震科学与高文学术研讨会 China-USA Symposium for the Advancement of Earthquake Sciences and Hazard Miligation Practices

### 论文集 PROCEEDINGS



"Implementation of Seismic Regulations for Nonstructural Components in Essential and Important Buildings in the United States" pp. 171-180

### **ARCHITECTURAL TOPICS EXPERT**

China-USA Symposium
For the Advancement of
Earthquake Sciences and Hazard Mitigation Practices

The Conference Center of the National People's Congress
Beijing, China
October 19, 2010



China Academy of Sciences
President Lu Yongxiang and Members of the China Organizing Committee

China-USA Symposium for Advancement of Earthquake Sciences and Hazard Mitigation

Sponsors: NSF Architectural Society of China China Academy of Building Research China Academy of Urban Planning & Design



Wenchuan Earthquake Memorial

Contributor at participatory planning workshops serving as a resource on best practices for seismic deign of buildings



Restoring Indigenous Identity

### **WORKSHOPS CONSULTANT**

Post-Earthquake Planning for Rural Taiwan in the Aftermath of the Chi-Chi Earthquake

A project of the National Taiwan University Building and Planning Research Foundation

Symposium speaker on US seismic design practice in Tokyo for practitioners, scholars, students and government agency representatives.

Contributor to study tour workshops hosted by the Japan Institute of Architects in Kobe.

Symposium respondent in Washington DC with presentations by Japanese Architects to an audience of US architects and government agency representatives.



### ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION EXPERT

Japan-USA Research & Practice Exchange

Architectural & Planning Lessons from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake

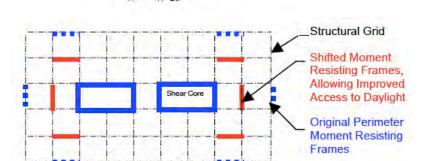
Sponsors: NSF AIA The Japan Institute of Architects

# Transforming Building for Resilience Integrating Architecture & Engineering Practice

**Principal Investigator** 

# CONFIGURING STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE DAYLIGHT ACCESS IN MULTISTORY BUILDINGS

A project of the University of Oregon Energy Studies in Buildings Laboratory



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Move lateral load resisting systems from perimeters to interiors

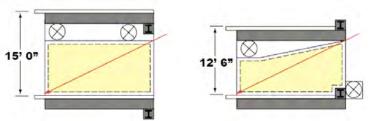
10 case study buildings

200'

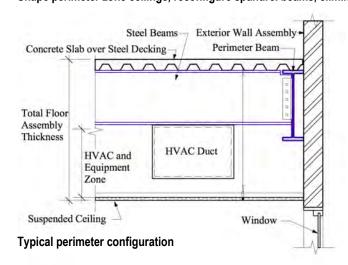
Using an interdisciplinary approach that treats daylighting as a system, we can generate economically viable alternatives to the structural and HVAC systems in multistory buildings that increase daylight in the building interior.

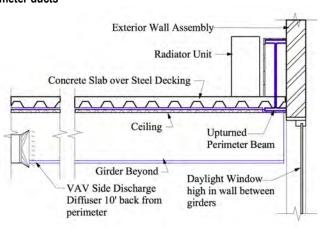
Collaborators:
G.Z. Brown
Arthur Johnson
Michael Hatten
Christopher Flint Chatto
Jeff Kline
Dale Northcutt

**Sponsor:** Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance



Shape perimeter zone ceilings, reconfigure spandrel beams, eliminate perimeter ducts





Proposed reconfiguration



**GREEN STRUCTURAL MATERIALS GAPS** 

PERCEIVED INCREASE IN COST

REGULATIONS THAT DO NOT RECOGNIZE **NEW MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS** 

LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF GREEN MATERIALS

LACK OF READILY ACCESSIBLE. RELIABLE INFORMATION **COMPARING MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS** 

**NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION AMONG GREEN MATERIALS EXPERTS AND STAKEHOLDERS** 

Due to their perceived higher cost, many green structural materials are currently eliminated from projects before the real costs are understood. Increased costs in the structural system could be offset by using less material elsewhere or reducing the size of other systems. Consequently, analysis should include structural system impacts on other aspects of the project. Barriers in the supply chain can be addressed by product manufactures to ensure availability as this study indicates there is clearly green materials demand in Oregon that is not currently being met.

Focus groups frequently responded that stakeholders need to know how work in an integrated design process where the different technical systems are more dependent on one another can increase the performance of the building and reduce the resources required to construct it. This would include a better understanding of how different stakeholders approach the design and construction process where current educational and professional models isolate stakeholders from one another.

### Transforming Building for Resilience **Integrating Architecture & Engineering Practice**

### **GREENING BUILDING STRUCTURES**

### **GAP ANALYSIS RESEARCH IN SUPPORT OF** PROFESSIONAL AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

### **Principal Investigator**

### Collaborators:

Chris Knowles Jennifer Allen Corey Griffin Brian Lockyear Kate Kamke

### Sponsors:

Oregon Built Environment and Sustainable Technologies Oregon Forest Research Institute

### **GREEN MATERIALS CURRICULUM**

- 1. Principles of Green Building Materials
- 2. Economics of Green Building Materials
- 3. Regulation of Green Building Materials
- 4. Role of Materials in the Optimization of Green Building Design
- 5. Green Building Materials Leadership
- 6. Green Building Materials Research and Development

A series of hybrid courses combine distance learning with a low residency immersion experience. By scheduling meetings during intersession periods, courses would be accessible to students in programs throughout Oregon without scheduling conflicts. Each course provides 4 graduate level quarter credits and requires approximately 120 hours of engagement, 40 of which would be completed during the on-site portion of the program. Courses would be offered by members of BEST(Portland State University. Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon), with the objective of engaging faculty and graduate students in programs at all four schools.

To encourage students enrolled in programs in architecture, product design, engineering, materials science, business and other fields to consider participating, academic departments will be asked to review the courses for inclusion in their degree programs. After a two year period testing pilot courses, a refined cluster of green materials courses could form a 24 credit Green Building Materials Certificate Program for students enrolled in OUS degree programs and building industry professionals.