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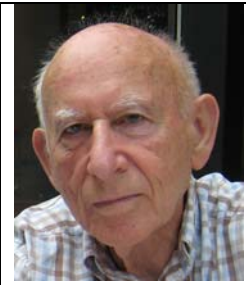
Environmental Design Research Association Assembles Esteemed Jury to Judge 13th Annual Great Places Awards

Awards to be presented at Great Places Awards Reception May 26 in Chicago

March 29, 2011 (McLean, VA) – The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) recently assembled a jury of well-respected professionals with diverse backgrounds in design, research, teaching and practice to judge the 2011 Great Places Awards for Place Design, Place Planning Place Research, and Book Award. The jury participated in the peer review, deliberation, and scoring necessary to select the winners of the 2011 Great Places Awards during the day-long judging session, hosted by the School of Planning and Architecture at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

The Great Places Awards recognize professional and scholarly excellence in environmental design. This year's judges paid special attention to the relationship between physical form and human activity or experience. Entries addressed the full breadth of environmental design and related research activities, including architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, interior design, environmental psychology, and the physical sciences.

This year's esteemed panel of judges for the Great Places Awards featured:

	<p>Sidney Brower <i>Professor in the Urban Studies and Planning Program in the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Maryland.</i> He is the author a numerous papers and articles, and three books: <i>Design in Familiar Places</i>, <i>Good Neighborhoods</i>, and <i>Designing for Communities</i>. Mr. Brower graduated from the School of Architecture, University of Cape Town, South Africa with a B.Arch degree, and earned an MCP degree from MIT.</p>
	<p>Mark Cameron, <i>Executive Director of the Neighborhood Design Center.</i> He has lectured nationally and internationally in the fields of crime prevention through environmental design, community design, and urban landscape architecture. Mr. Cameron was also featured in the May 2006 issue of <i>Landscape Architecture</i>. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati and Masters Degrees in Architecture and Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania.</p>

	<p>Carol Macht, RLA, ASLA, <i>Hord Coplan Macht Landscape Architecture</i>. Carol and her team have worked on a continually varied range of project types from contemporary urban parks and plazas, educational and healthcare campuses, historic landscape preservation and private gardens. HCM has been recognized with awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects, Baltimore Heritage, and the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. She earned her BA in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis and her MLA from the University of Michigan.</p>
	<p>Glenn LaRue Smith, <i>Principal, Smith + Murray studios, Inc.</i> Mr. Smith has 34 years of experience in landscape architecture and urban design and has a portfolio of design work that encompasses urban waterfronts, zoo design, theme park, mixed-use, urban plaza, and park projects. He holds a Master's of Landscape Architecture from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, a Bachelor's of Landscape Architecture from Mississippi State University, and was a Loeb Fellow (Class of 96 – 97) at Harvard University.</p>
	<p>Patricia Zingsheim, <i>Associate Director of Revitalization and Design, DC Office of Planning</i>. Ms. Zingsheim manages major plans for developing urban areas of central Washington, including the new downtown strategy, <i>the Center City Action Agenda</i>. A registered architect, she has devoted her 30-year career to downtown and waterfront development, working for private consulting firms as well as municipal governments. She has a Master of Architecture from the University of Wisconsin and was a Loeb Fellow (Class of 95-96) at Harvard University.</p>

The Great Places Awards are distinguished by their interdisciplinary focus, concern for human factors the design of the built environment, and a commitment to promoting links between design research and practice. The 2011 awards will be presented at the Great Places Awards Reception during EDRA's 42nd Annual Conference, ERDRA42Chicago, on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. Tickets to the Great Places Reception are available for \$55 and can be purchased by clicking [here](#).

About EDRA: The Environmental Design Research Association is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators and facility managers. The purpose of EDRA is the advancement and dissemination of environmental design research, thereby improving understanding of the interrelationships between people, their built and natural surroundings, and helping to create environments responsive to human needs. For more information on the organization, membership and services provided, visit www.edra.org.

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