

Today's News - Tuesday, January 19, 2010

- Weinstein chats with Nelson-Atkins' director/CEO re: life at Steven Holl Architects' Bloch Building - three years after opening.
- Managing disasters with small steps that involve local people (and they're working!).
- Sinclair lays out AFH's plan for rebuilding Haiti: "There is no 'ownership' in rebuilding lives," so help out - or steal this plan (and use it).
- Earthquake response efforts in Haiti being aided by satellite imagery - which could play a similar role for urban planners on a regular basis.
- An Upjohn grant allows research to explore how power utilities could harness multiple power generation systems within a single structure.
- New Jersey's plans for solar and renewable-energy projects on landfills and brownfields are not without challenges, but why not "build solar there where you can't build a building"?
- King explains why H&deMs de Young made his Top 10 list for the decade, and Piano's Academy of Sciences didn't make the cut.
- OMA lands a campus project in Hong Kong.
- Chipperfield "knows his place" with a "sensitive, yet innovative approach" to expanding the St. Louis Art Museum: he put the original Cass Gilbert design first.
- In Toronto, a green retrofit of a Brutalist landmark (an inverted pyramid, no less) offers "the opportunity to improve a building that had grown tired in the eyes of the public."
- Allies and Morrison's Knowledge Enrichment Centre in Qatar (it floats!).
- DohaLand sponsors a professorship at Qatar University to teach students of architecture and urban planning the modern Qatari architectural "language" which could "signal the end of the 'blue glass' - an irony not lost on building professionals or journalists."
- BD launches websites for architecture students everywhere.
- Winners all:
- Montreal chooses a winner in its bus shelter design competition.
- Volkswagen chooses architecture students' design for a signature part of its Chattanooga plant.
- EyeFuls of 2010 AIA Institute Honor Awards in Architecture, Interiors, and Urban Design.
- In the U.K., shortlists announced for Civic Trust Awards and Small Projects Awards.
- Call for Expressions of Interest/EOI: International competition to create two new iconic spaces near Westminster Cathedral.
- Call for submissions: ASLA's 2010 Olmsted Scholars Program and Leadership in Landscape Scholarships.

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[Beyond the Egg-crate Museum: Reflections on the Bloch Building: Q&A with Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Director/CEO Marc Wilson re: life at Steven Holl Architects' Bloch Building - three years after opening.](#) By Norman Weinstein- ArchNewsNow

[Managing Disasters With Small Steps: Organizations like Containers to Clinics and D-Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\) are involving local people in developing nations in projects that include housing, energy, water, waste treatment and health care. -- Build Change; Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group \[links\]- New York Times](#)

[Haiti Quake: A Plan for Reconstruction: There is no 'ownership' in rebuilding lives...If you like what we are doing either support us or steal this plan. We need dozens of tug boat NGO's working together...Let's not waste donor dollars on working in silos. Haiti has suffered enough.](#) By Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity/Open Architecture Network- Huffington Post

[Watching Urban Change Via Satellite: Recent earthquake response efforts in Haiti showed how comparing satellite imagery could help to identify physical changes in the damaged country and assist rescue workers. That same sort of imagery could play a similar role for urban planners. - PLANetizen](#)

[Upjohn Research Initiative: Renewable Energy Generation on an Industrial Scale: Renewable Energy Infrastructures \(REIs\) could allow power utilities to harness all the renewable energy potential the earth allows...integrates geothermal, wind, and solar power generation systems all within a single structure... -- Chris Ford/University of Nebraska - Lincoln \[images\]- American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#)

[Green future for brownfields development: Solar, renewable-energy projects may find homes upon landfills, other contaminated sites in N.J...where real estate development may be difficult or not feasible..."build solar there where you can't build a building"...But polluted sites have numerous challenges in being redeveloped for renewable-energy generation...- NJBIZ \(New Jersey\)](#)

[How the de Young trumps the academy: I'm not totally seduced by the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park - at least not in comparison to the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum across the way...the academy is a joyous collection of parts. The de Young is a sublime and smooth-flowing whole.](#) By John King -- Herzog & de Meuron/Fong & Chan; Renzo Piano [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

[OMA lands international competition for new Hong Kong campus: Office for Metropolitan Architecture and locals Leigh & Orange Architects have bagged the contest to design a new campus for Chu Hai College of Higher Education \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Architect pays homage to original museum design: David Chipperfield knows his place...his \\$130 million design to expand the St. Louis Art Museum puts the original Cass Gilbert design first...sensitive, yet innovative approach.- St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)

[From brutal brooding to retrofit chic: A landmark of 60s brutalist style, 222 Jarvis Street in Toronto is touted as one of the largest retrofit projects in North America...has great bones, but some of its extraordinary architectural features present challenges...the opportunity to improve a building that had grown tired in the eyes of the public... -- Maxwell Miller \(1971\); Hatice Yazar/WZMH Architects - Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Dohaland unveils new cultural and education centre: Knowledge Enrichment Centre, a new landmark moored off Doha Corniche will celebrate and enhance the country's rich heritage, tradition and culture, and initiate a knowledge-sharing exercise among people in Qatar. -- Allies and Morrison- AME Info \(United Arab Emirates/UAE\)](#)

[DohaLand looks to engage young Qatari architects: ...has sponsored a professorship at Qatar University in an effort to begin teaching students of architecture and urban planning the modern Qatari architectural 'language'...could signal the end of the 'blue glass'...an irony not lost on building professionals or journalists...- ConstructionWeekOnline \(Dubai, UAE\)](#)

[BD launches Student Space: BD's guide to architecture education includes Polyark – a networking site for architecture students and a space where students and tutors can connect, share work and ideas, blog and discuss, etc.- BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Leblanc + Turcotte + Spooner win Montreal bus shelter design competition: ...jury was especially impressed with the](#)

[potential for integration and modular construction... \[images\]](#)- Archiseek (Canada)

[VW hails students' bridge design: Volkswagen...plans to use the ideas from dozens of Southern architecture students to design a signature part of its Chattanooga plant. Auburn University students won a competition for design of a pedestrian bridge...between its employee parking lots and the \\$1 billion assembly plant... \[images\]](#)- Chattanooga Times Free Press (Tennessee)

[2010 AIA Institute Honor Awards Recognize Excellence in Architecture, Interiors, and Urban Design: 28 recipients located throughout the world -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro/FXFOWLE; Mack Scogin Merrill Elam; Thomas Phifer; Daly Genik; Barkow Leibinger; Office dA; Olson Kundig; Epstein | Metter Studio; Tod Williams Billie Tsien; Pugh + Scarpa; Polshek Partnership; Wallace Roberts & Todd \(WRT\); Architecture Research Office \(ARO\); Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg \(KPMB\) \[links to images/info\]](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Three Stirling finalists make Civic Trust Awards shortlist: ...among 44 projects whittled down from 335 entries. -- BDP; AHMM; Rogers Stirk Harbour; Conran & Partners; Page and Park Architects; dRMM; Thomas Heatherwick; Foreign Office Architects \(FOA\); Penoyre & Prasad; Wilkinson Eyre; etc.](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[AJ Small Projects Awards 2010 shortlist revealed: ...annual competition for projects built for less than £250,000... -- Theis + Khan; ASD Projects; BuckleyGrayYeoman; Spaced Out Architecture Studio; We Made That; Studio Octopi; Blee Halligan Architects; Campaign; Nissen Adams; Honey; Burd Haward Architects; AOC Architecture \[link to images, info\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Call for Expressions of Interest/EOI: International competition to create two new iconic spaces in Victoria improve the setting of one of London's iconic landmarks near Westminster Cathedral; deadline: February 1, 2010](#)- Westminster City Council (UK)

[Call for submissions: 2010 Olmsted Scholars Program - \\$25,000 Award; nominations due February 16, applications Due March 15 + Leadership in Landscape Scholarships; application deadline: February 16, 2010](#)- Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF)



-- Sanaa & Imrey Culbert: Musée Louvre-Lens, Lens, France
-- Dietmar Feichtinger Architectes: Voestalpine AG, Linz, Austria

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