

GREGORY S. PALERMO, FAIA

Professor of Architecture and ACSA Distinguished Professor, Iowa State University

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Biographical Sketch:

Gregory Palermo's leadership experiences and contributions in teaching and scholarship, architectural practice, professional service, and community engagement have shaped a broadly informed perspective of the profession of architecture, collaborating disciplines, and architectural education. Each of these endeavors has iteratively informed the others. He views architecture as the cultural enterprise of modifying and fabricating the



landscape for enhanced human inhabitation while protecting that landscape for future generations, and believes that architecture entails manifestly ethical demands.

Teaching/Scholarship. Professor of Architecture at Iowa State University (ISU), Palermo teaches architectural design, introductory theory and professional practice. From 2010-2013 he served as Interim Chair of the department. He developed the required architecture foundation course, "Arch 182: An Introduction to Architecture," and was a co-principal in the Miller Fellowship team that developed ISU's widely-used digital on-line slide library "Plato's Cave." Ethics and architectural education are principal areas of scholarship. He is a co-author (w/ B. Wasserman & P. Sullivan) of *Ethics and the Practice of Architecture*, John Wiley & Sons, 2000. During academic 2003-2004, the inter-disciplinary Miller Fellowship team he led developed a new foundation theory lecture course Design Studies 183 "Design Cultures," now a required course for College of Design entering students. He served as an adjunct faculty member between 1976 and 1990 at Washington University and 1992-1995 at ISU. Most recently, he taught in the department's Rome Study Abroad program.

Professor Palermo's teaching and scholarship have been recognized by the American Institute of Architects Iowa chapter with its Educator Award and by the Association of Collegiate

Schools of Architecture as a Distinguished Professor for his contributions to architectural education.

Professional Practice. Prior to joining the ISU faculty, Palermo practiced architecture for 20+ years. He held leadership roles as principal, manager and/or designer for all phases of the architectural process from master planning through construction. With a focus on large-scale work, he has directed multi-disciplinary collaborative teams providing comprehensive design services within many models of project delivery. Responsibilities as an officer with Hellmuth Obata and Kassabaum and other national and regional firms have included strategic planning, personnel, marketing, and firm management. His project credits include the St. Louis Union Station national historic landmark adaptive reuse for the Rouse Development Corporation; the Burger King Corporate Headquarters in Miami; the Monsanto Agricultural Products Research Center and the Washington University School of Medicine Clinical Sciences Building, both in St. Louis; and the Chicago Nikko Hotel, a joint venture of Japan Airlines and Tishman Development. These projects have received over a dozen awards. The Des Moines Federal Courthouse Annex, for which he was the principal designer, received first place in design competition and was completed in 1995.

Professional practice experiences have been a wellspring for his teaching, scholarship, and peer, community and institutional leadership.

Peer Leadership & Community Outreach/Engagement and Service. Active as a design awards juror, lecturer, and convention and conference chair, Professor Palermo is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA), a past director and national vice-president of the AIA, and a past director and president of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) for which he has chaired 17 US and 2 international accreditation visits. In community affairs, he chaired the Design Review Committee for St. Louis' \$375 million Metrolink light rail transit system (1989-91), chaired the Des Moines Architectural Advisory Committee, and the Des Moines Gateway West Steering Committee which had oversight of the

planning of a \$300 million "Gateway District" in downtown Des Moines.

Service has increasingly focused on the interface between professional education and practice. The AIA Special Education Task Force Palermo chaired published a collection of papers by Brad Grant, William McMinn, George Hoover, Terry Vaughn, Joe Bilello, Doug Kelbaugh, and himself, that continue to have currency today. He co-chaired the 1993 NAAB Validation Conference that paved the way for greater latitude in program identity; reviewed architectural programs at the U. de los Andes, Bogota, the U. de Chile, Santiago, and Tsinghua & Chongqing Universities, in the PRC; and spoke at conferences in Brussels and Xi'an regarding international education and accreditation standards. He served on the Advisory Council to the Boyer/Mitgang landmark Carnegie study of architectural education and the profession: *Building Community: A New Future for Architecture Education and Practice*, and is a past member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Architectural Education*. He served as president of AIA Iowa in 2003, and as president of the ISU Faculty Senate in 2006-2007. He was elected to the ACSA Board of Directors, representing the West Central Region for a three-year term July

2009-June 2012, and appointed to the AIA Fellows Jury, 2010-2012, chairing the 2012 jury.

Institutional Leadership. During the past twenty years, Palermo has been active in Iowa State University service and faculty leadership. In April 2007, he completed a term as president of the ISU Faculty Senate. Having served as chair or member of 35+ university level committees, policies to which he has made significant contributions include: Non-Tenure Eligible Research Faculty Policy; Family Leave for the Arrival of Children Policy; ISU Comm; Early Retirement Policy; and the Senate's position regarding the recently adopted university budget model. As a member of the President's Budget Advisory Committee, the Search Committee to select ISU's Executive Vice President and Provost, the new budget Implementation Leadership and Transition Team, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching Board, the Library Advisory Board and the Energy Conservation Task Force, Professor Palermo has influenced a number of enduring decisions and policies for the university. College of Design and departmental service, through 30+ elected and appointed positions, has focused on curriculum, promotion and tenure, and strategic planning.

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- Education:** **Master of Architecture and Urban Design**, Washington University
Givens Memorial Teaching Assistantship
Named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*, 1974-5
Master's Thesis: "Design Supports: Soft Methods in Architectural Design"
- Bachelor of Architecture**, Carnegie Mellon University
Samuel Horelick Scholarship; NIAE Blumcraft Scholarship
- Registrations:** New York (inactive), California (retired), Missouri, Iowa, NCARB Certificate
- Grants, Recognitions & Competitions:** **Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), Distinguished Professor Award**, 2008. Recognized for sustained creative achievement in the advancement of architectural education through teaching, design, scholarship, research or service. More broadly, the award honors faculty members for inspiring and challenging students, contributing to the architecture profession's knowledge base and extending their work beyond the borders of academia into practice and the public sector. The ACSA is an international organization of the 125 schools of architecture in Canada and the US.
- American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter Educator Award**, 2007. Recognized for contributions to architectural education in the State of Iowa, nationally and internationally; and for influencing a long line of students and inspiring them in during their architectural education and after graduation as they began their careers.

Iowa State University, Miller Fellowship, 2003-2004; Principal Investigator; Co-PI's John Cunnally (Art. Hist.), Michael Martin (Landscape Arch.), Susan Bradbury (Community and Regional Planning), Gary Tartakov (Art Hist.); \$24,191. Grant awarded for development of the College of Design's new entering students foundation Core theory course "Design Cultures".

College of Design Faculty Award for Extraordinary Performance, Spring 2003.

Big XII Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2001. Invited by host university Texas Tech; funded by ISU. The Fellowship included workshops, public lectures and participation in seminars, as well as research at the TTU Architectural Research Center. Explorations of cultural foundations of built environment ethics. One week residency as a Fellow.

Iowa State University, Foreign Study Supplement, Fall 1999 and again in Fall 2000 – to cover field trip expenses to Montreal, Canada

Iowa State University, Miller Fellowship, 1996-1997; co-principal investigator; interdisciplinary team: Lisa Fontaine, Lynn Paxson, John Weinkein, Bob Harvey, John Cunnally & G. Palermo; \$18,510. Eric Dean led the software and graphic display development.

AIA/ACSA Fellowship, Design/Practice Education Institute, 1992; St. John's, Santa Fe, NM.

First Place, Federal Courthouse Annex Competition, Principal Designer, Architects Wells Woodburn O'Neil, 1992, completed 1995

College of Fellows, American Institute of Architects (FAIA), 1989. Recognized for "strengthening policies and programs which elevate the importance of architecture in the eyes of the public."

Marquis' Who's Who in America, 47th ed., and *Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders*, 4th ed., to present

St. Louis Community Leadership Fellowship, participation underwritten by the Danforth Foundation, competitive selection, 1990-91

Steedman-Rome Prize, First Alternate, 1977/78

Frederick Widmann Prize, Washington University

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Carnegie Mellon University

Project Awards and Project Publications are located on pages 25 and 26, in the Professional Practice section of the CV

Current and Previous Academic Positions:

Professor, tenured, Iowa State University, 2001- present

Associate Professor, tenure-track, Iowa State University, 1995-2001

Adjunct Associate Professor, full-time, ISU, 1993-1995

Adjunct Associate Professor, part-time, ISU, Spring 1992-Fall 1993

Affiliate Assistant Professor, part-time, Washington University, St. Louis, 1984-1990

Visiting Architect, Washington University, 1980

Teaching Assistant and Instructor, Washington University, 1973-1975

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