

# Symposium In Honor Of The Life And Career Of:

Thomas L. Schumacher, FAAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010



University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

**Thomas L. Schumacher** was born in New York City on November 7, 1941, the son of Marcia and Joseph G. Schumacher. Raised in the Bronx, Schumacher earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell University. After a period of professional practice, Schumacher returned to Cornell to pursue a Master of Architecture, studying under Colin Rowe and forming part of the "contextualism" school of thought which was critical of modern urban design. Widely influential, "contextualism" initially attempted to reconcile modern building types with urban forms based on the traditional city. Schumacher's Master of Architecture thesis, done under Rowe's direction, was widely cited as one of the first projects to illustrate the possibilities synthesizing these two aspects of design theory. In 1967 Schumacher was awarded the Rome Prize for architecture. He spent 1967-69 at the American Academy in Rome. He held academic appointments at Princeton University, Syracuse University and lectured widely throughout the United States, Europe, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Schumacher joined the Maryland faculty in 1984, taught architectural design studios, history and theory courses, and served on the University Senate faculty affairs committee. Schumacher also originated the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation's Rome Program and published numerous books and articles on Italian modern architecture of the 1930's, in particular on the architect Giuseppe Terragni. Schumacher's studies of Terragni's built and unbuilt work focused upon the formal aspects of the work and its relationship to programmatic imperatives, often illustrating the historical foundations of the compositional and typological strategies inherent in the work. Schumacher also published a study of Terragni's Danteum project, a building designed by the architect based upon an interpretation of Dante's Divine Comedy. His major work on Terragni entitled, *Surface and Symbol: Giuseppe Terragni and the Architecture of Italian Rationalism* was published by Princeton Architectural Press in 1991 and has enjoyed wide distribution and translation into Italian and German editions. In 1992-93, Schumacher was named "Distinguished Professor" by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

As a registered architect, Schumacher was also an authority on the architectural facade and pioneered architectural theory focused upon the composition of the vertical surface. To illustrate his theories and teach students about form, technique and program when designing the facade of a building, he used studies based upon works by Renaissance and Baroque architects as well as the Modern masters. His writings have appeared in Architectural Design, The Architectural Review, Oppositions, Journal of Architectural Education, Casabella, Parametro, The Cornell Journal of Architecture, Harvard Design Magazine, Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome, Oz and The Harvard Architecture Review.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, April 9, 2010		Saturday, April 10, 2	Saturday, April 10, 2010	
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Welcome	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Coffee + Continental Breakfast	
	Brian Kelly, University of Maryland Matthew Bell, University of Maryland	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Panel Session II</b> Roma e Italia, Non Basta una Vita	
2:15 PM - 5:45 PM	<b>Panel Session I</b> Schumacher's Influence on Teaching Architectural History/Theory and the Design Studio		Moderator Matthew Bell, University of Maryland	
	<b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer Session</b> Michael Dennis, MIT Neal Payton, Torti Gallas and Partners Tim de Noble, Kansas State University Max Underwood, Arizona State University		<b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer Session</b> Elisabetta Terragni, Studio Terragni Steven Kent Peterson, Peterson-Littenberg Architects Michael Schwarting, New York Institute of Technology Adam Drisin, Florida International University	
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Break	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Gallery Talk</b> Letarouilly Then and Now Kauin Hindern, University of Illingia Lichang, Champaign	1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> Kurt Forster, Yale University	
6:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Kevin Hinders, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign <b>Break</b>	2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Refreshments	
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> Michael Graves, Michael Graves and Associates	3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>Panel Session III</b> Schumacher's Influence on Architectural Practice	
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Reception + Gallery Exhibition</b> Letarouilly Then and Now Gallery Exhibition by Kevin Hinders, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign		<b>Moderator</b> D. Blake Middleton, Handel Architects	
			<b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer Session</b> Anthony Ames, Anthony Ames Architect Frank Durkin, Square 134 Architects Alan Dynerman, Dynerman Architects Adam Gross, Ayers Saint Gross Architects Jorge Hernandez, University of Miami Sylvia Smith, FX-Fowle Architects	
		5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Reception	
		6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Schumacher Scholarship Dinner (\$65 pp)	

### **Dinner Speaker** Alan Chimacoff, ikon.5 architects

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