

## ***Juror Biographies***

### **Brian Bushay**

Brian is a 33 year resident of the Old Highland Neighborhood in North Minneapolis. He has been active on the board of Northside Neighborhood Residents Council reviewing housing and development plans for close to 30 years. Currently Brian is the chair of NRRC Residential and Commercial taskforce and also the President of the Old Highland Neighborhood association.

### **Tom Fisher**

Thomas Fisher is a Professor and Dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota. Educated at Cornell University in architecture and Case Western Reserve University in intellectual history, he previously served as the Regional Preservation Officer at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, the Historical Architect of the Connecticut State Historical Commission in Hartford, and the Editorial Director of Progressive Architecture magazine in Stamford, Connecticut. He has lectured or juried at over 40 different schools of architecture and 60 professional societies, and has published 35 book chapters and over 250 articles in various magazines and journals. He has published four books over the last eight years: two with the University of Minnesota Press entitled, *In the Scheme of Things*, *Alternative Thinking on the Practice of Architecture* and *Salmela Architect*, one by Rockport Press *Lake/Flato Buildings and Landscapes*, and one by the Architectural Press *Architectural Design and Ethics*, *Tools for Survival*. He recently completed a manuscript of case studies, *Ethics for Architects*, to be published by the Princeton Architectural Press, and a second manuscript on the work of architect David Salmela for the University of Minnesota Press, both of which will be published in 2010.

### **Roxanne Givens**

Roxanne Givens is a lifelong community leader, award winning entrepreneur, philanthropist and third generation Minneapolitan. The Museums' project sponsor, Roxanne Givens, is known as a visionary and advocate of innovative housing and design trends. Ms. Givens was developing and environmentally sustainable housing before it was deemed "green". She is the retired President and Founder of Minnesota based, Legacy, Inc., a real Estate management and development corporation. Under Roxanne's leadership, Legacy developed and managed over 1,200 affordable, market-rate, single family and multifamily award winning communities.

She is a local expert in Culturally Sensitive Housing and has incorporated specific cultural design elements into her housing designs. As an associate Professor at the University of Minnesota: College of Human Ecology; Roxanne designed and developed curriculum for the Graduate course offering, "*Changing the Face of Housing*" making culture and ethnicity and important aspect of the development process.

She, along with her family is one of the founders of The Givens Foundation that acquired the Givens Collection of Literature housed at the University of Minnesota Elmer Anderson's Special Collection Library. The collection is a repository of over 25,000 literary works by and about African American's around the globe" - the 2nd largest known African American Literary Collection.

Roxanne has served in leadership roles as a Director for many Philanthropic Boards throughout her continued career; such as past Chair of the Ordway Performing Arts Center in St. Paul, the Minneapolis Urban League, a former Hennepin County Commissioner on Judicial selection, and the Archibald Bush Foundation to name a few.

### **Garth Rockcastle**

Garth Rockcastle is recognized for his architectural creativity and expertise and his academic leadership. In 1981, he co-founded the architectural firm of Meyer, Scherer and Rockcastle, LTD in Minneapolis, MN. He is also a consultant and peer advisor to both the US General Services Administration and the Federal Reserve Bank to assist those agencies with architect selection and design review processes.

In academia, from 1978 to 2004, Garth was a professor on the faculty of the University of Minnesota, where he taught design and theory. He was Head of the Department of Architecture from 1991 to 1997 and launched their Continuing Professional Studies Program in 1998. Starting in July 2004, as Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at Maryland, he has initiated efforts to expand (adding a Real Estate Development Program and cross-connecting the curricular offerings (architecture, planning and preservation) of the School while diversifying and deepening its faculty and digital tool resources.

A most recent publication is his editing of a 2008 issue of Places Magazine on Adaptive Reuse entitled *Replacing*. His overarching concerns address the how and why we practice and teach in the ways we do, and how (or why) we might do otherwise. He regularly crosses and links his concerns between professional practice and academic perspectives.

### **Tom Streitz**

Thomas Streitz is currently Housing Policy & Development Director for the City of Minneapolis. Prior to this position he served as Deputy Executive Director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA), managing and providing strategic leadership to the largest provider of affordable housing in Minnesota. Prior to his service at MPHA, Mr. Streitz was a government relations attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, advocating and lobbying on behalf of low-income clients and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Streitz also served for six years as legislative counsel for the U.S. Senate.

### **Steve Williams**

Steve Williams has over 30 years of experience in various areas of the housing industry. Steve has acted in many capacities in his career including: new home sales and marketing, custom homebuilding, residential remodeling, land development and home building management. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California. Steve began his early career years in architectural and civil engineering design and drafting. Steve is a past board of director member, and past president of the local homebuilders association, and has also served on the board of directors of the Twin Cities chapter of Habitat for Humanity. He is currently the vice-chair of the Builders Outreach Foundation of the Builders Association of the Twin Cities. Steve believes strongly that as a society, we all need to assist in the goal of creation of more affordable housing units in the Twin Cities metro area.