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Abstract

The Kathryn Clarke Albright (1960-) Architectural Papers include design projects she developed while she was an undergraduate student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1978-1982), professional projects from her career at Daniel Solomon & Associates (1986-1993), including project descriptions, drawings, and progress photographs, professional recognitions & awards. Papers also include travel sketches, and her personal statement and other application materials for Harvard's Graduate School of Design.

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Biographical / Historical

Born in 1960, Kathryn Clarke Albright was educated in Virginia. Albright began studying architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1978, and graduated with her Bachelor of Architecture in 1982. Shortly after her graduation in 1982, Albright joined San Francisco-based architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM). During the time she spent at the firm she worked on a number of commercial and urban planning projects until 1986, when she was hired as a Senior Designer at another San Francisco firm, Daniel Solomon & Associates (later Solomon, Inc.). After three years of working at the firm she rose to the level of principal in 1989, and she would remain at the firm as a Principal Architect until 1993. In early 1993, she applied and was accepted at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. Following her M. Arch., she returned to Virginia to work at Virginia Tech.

In 1995, Albright became licensed in the State of Virginia and started working as a Principal Architect alongside her academic and architecture colleague Donna Dunay at Dunay + Albright Architects. The firm focused on commercial, retail, planning, education, and single-family residential projects in southern Virginia. Albright would work with Dunay until 2001 when she started her own practice, Kathryn Albright Design.

Over the past 20 years, Kathryn Clarke Albright has continued to teach at the Virginia Tech School of Architecture, and still serves as a consultant for several Chicago-based firms, including DeStefano + Partners and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Her research interests include urban design and community planning, communal gathering places, and locally-grown food.

Throughout her career Albright has been a member of the national professional organization American Institute of Architects (AIA) and she is a current member of the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Virginia Society. She has also served as a chair for many professional and public committees including for the Town of Blacksburg, the AIA, Harvard Alumni Council, Norwich University Steering Committee, and many Virginia Tech committees.

She has written two books on farmers markets, including *Blacksburg Farmers Market: An Archive* (2010), and *Exploring the Architecture of Place in America's Farmers Markets* (2020).

Scope and Content

The Kathryn Clarke Albright Architectural Papers include design projects Albright developed during her years as an undergraduate student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Additionally, the collection contains 67 pen-and-ink travel sketches drawn during her 1982 trip to Europe.

Albright's papers also include a mixture of professional work and project records spanning her years working at private firms, like Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill and Solomon, Inc., and in academia. Project records primarily consist of bound project notebooks that are either portfolios (built projects) or meant for the evaluation of urban planning bodies. These early projects are all located throughout California.

Albright's later academic work centers on community planning and urban design.

Related Materials

Kathryn Clarke Albright's books are cataloged as part of Special Collections and University Archives' rare book collection. The following titles may be requested and viewed in the department's reading room: Albright, Kathryn Clarke. *Blacksburg Farmers Market: An Archive*. Place of publication not identified: [publisher not identified], 2010. [Call number: SCUA Large SB319.863.A43 2010] Albright, Kathryn Clarke. *Exploring the Architecture of Place in America's Farmers Markets*. Cincinnati, Ohio: University of Cincinnati Press, 2020. [Call number: SCUA Large NA9068.A43 2020]

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Additional material is expected.

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series:

Series I: Student Work

Series II: Professional Papers

Series III: Project and Office Records

Series IV: Digital Files

Description of Subordinate Components

Student Work

Unit Date 1979-1981

Language English.

Photographic sampling of undergraduate design work, 1979-1981 [6 black-and-white prints]

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Scope and Contents

Photographs of undergraduate design work: Brick competition, plaster cast into sand Chess set, edge detail Chess set Sketches, Pembroke School Bowls, slab-built clay Staggered wall

European travel sketches, 1981 [67 original sketches, 2 folders]

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Scope and Contents

Two folders containing 67 original pen-and-ink sketches, organized alphabetically by location: A flower analysis Amsterdam, Berlage, Stock Exchange Amsterdam, DeKlerk, Eigen Haard housing Amsterdam, railings Andorra, Spain, Bofill, Sanctuary of Mexitell Apeldoorn, Netherlands, Hertzberger, Centraal Beheer Arc-et-Senans, France, Ledoux, salt works column Arles, France, Arena, passages Assisi, Italy, pathway with steps Assisi, Italy, street Barcelona, Bofill, Walden-7 housing, cement factory-RBTA office Barcelona, Bofill, Walden-7 housing, cement factory Barcelona, Bohigas & MacKay, Garbi school Barcelona, Gaudi, Casa Mila, Casa Barilto Barcelona, Gaudi, Casa Mila, rooftop stairs Barcelona, Gaudi, chapel ceiling Barcelona, Gaudi, Parc Guell, passage Barcelona, Gaudi, Parc Guell, steeple Barcelona, Gaudi, Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell, Gothic cathedral Barcelona, Sert, Fundacio Juan Miro Bellinzona, Switzerland, Campi, Museo Civico nel Castello di Montebello Bern, Switzerland, arcade Bern, Switzerland, Rathasgrasse Bern, Switzerland, Rathasgrasse Boswill, Switzerland, stone steps Bre, Switzerland, steps Carcassonne, France, inside fort walls Carcassonne, France, turrets Carona, Switzerland, passages Carona, Switzerland, portals, passages Corippo, Switzerland, streets Dole, France, Commune turret Eveux, France, Corbusier, La Tourette Convent, chapel Eveux, France, Corbusier, La Tourette, entrance view of courtyard Eveux, France, Corbusier, La Tourette, exterior Florence, Italy, passages Florence, Italy, street Le Thoronet, France, Cistercian Abbey Les Baux, France, ruins Les Baux, France, stairs Lucciagnano, Italy, church Lugano, Switzerland, Mont Bre Lugano, Switzerland, street with steps Luzern, Switzerland, Jesuit church Milano, Italy, Santa Maria Della Gracie Montebello Morbio Inferiore, Switzerland, Secondary School Narbonne, France, cathedral nave Nimes, France, Arena, portals Nimes, France, paving, railing Nimes. France, Aux Heroes Et Martyrs Orvieto & Assisi, Italy, portals Paul Klee, painting analysis Rome, Italy, Bernini, colonnade Rome, Italy, Bernini, Piazza Navona Ronchamp, France, Corbusier, Chapelle Notre Dame du Haut Sarnen, Switzerland, windows Schaffhausen, Germany, arches Schaffhausen, Germany, rooftops Siena, Italy, Piazza Della Campo Siena, Italy, Via Della Galluza St Martin's Kirsche Stein Am Rhein, Germany, street Stein Am Rhein, Germany, windows Tivoli, Italy, Hadrian's Villa, portals Turin, Italy, arcade Turin, Italy, shopping arcade unknown location Zurich, Switzerland, arcade

Professional Papers

Unit Date 1978-1998

Early career portfolio mock-up [2 folders]

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Harvard Graduate School of Design, application materials, 1992-1993

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Letters related to Clarke Albright's role at ACSA/AIA Professional Practice Summer Institute, 1996

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Thank you note from Lorenz Moser, 2001

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Project and Office Records

Unit Date 1988-1998

Daniel Solomon & Associates [later Solomon, Inc.]

Project portfolio, Glen Cove, Matrix Land and Development, Inc., Vallejo, California, undated

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Planning notebook, Mission Bay Plan, San Francisco, California, 1988

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"Mission Bay Plan," Progressive Architecture, Citation, 1988

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Planning notebook, A City of Gardens, Pasadena, California, 1988

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"A City of Gardens," Progressive Architecture, Citation, 1989

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Container 5 (folder)

"A City of Gardens: The Challenges of Implementaiton," Phoebe Wall feat. illustrations from Kathryn Clarke-Albright, Architecture California, p. 45-50, 1989

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Project portfolio, Lee's Orchard, Milpitas, California, 1991

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"Suburban Harvest," Kevin Powell, Landscape Architecture, p. 52-55, 1991

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Yountville General Plan, Yountville, California, 1992

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Yountville Zoning Ordinance, Yountville, California, 1992

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Yountville Design Document, Yountville, California, 1992

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A Specific Plan for Communications Hill, San Jose, California, 1991

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Container 12 (folder)

Site plans, Communications Hill and Curtner Neighborhood, San Jose, California, c. 1991

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Planning notebook, The Curtner Neighborhood, Communications Hill, San Jose, California, 1993

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"Communications Hill," Progressive Architecture, Citation, p. 36-39, 1994

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Solomon, Inc., firm portfolio, c. 1994

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Dunay + Albright Architects

Community planning pamphlets, Blacksburg Schools, Virginia, 1996

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Consultation Work

Booklet, New Schools for Chicago, DeStefano + Partners, 1998

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Digital Files

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Scope and Contents

Dunay + Albright Architects Building & Learning, pamphlet.pdf Community & Learning, pamphlet.pdf Sixteen Squares, aerial illustrative.pdf Consultant Work New Schools for Chicago, booklet.pdf Undergraduate Studies, Virginia Tech 2nd year competition, plaster cast into sand.pdf 5th year thesis, elevation.pdf Bowls, slab-built clay, 4th year.pdf Chess set, 3rd year.pdf Chess set, edge detail, 3rd year.pdf Drawing, staggered wall, 2nd year.pdf Sketches, Pembroke school, 5th year.pdf Tea Pot, porcelain slip cast, 5th year.pdf Travel Sketch, Bernini and Doge's Palace.pdf Professional Work, Solomon Inc, San Francisco Solomon, Inc. portfolio.pdf Milpitas, California, Lee's Orchard Lee's Orchard, aerial illustrative drawing.pdf Lee's Orchard, portfolio pages.pdf Montecito, California Hoyne Residence, Rendered Elevation, Floor Plan.pdf Pasadena, California A City of Gardens by Phoebe Wall, illustrations by Kathryn Clarke (Albright).pdf A City of Gardens, Alternative Courtyard configurations illustrative.pdf A City of Gardens, Citation Award, Progressive Architecture magazine.pdf A City of Gardens, Pasadena Design Ordinance for Multi-Family Housing, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf San Francisco, California Mission Bay Housing Types & Illustrative Blocks, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf Mission Bay, Alternative Multi-family Housing Block Configurations, axonometric drawings.pdf Mission Bay, Citation Award, Progressive Architecture magazine.pdf San Jose, California, Communications Hill Communicastions Hill, Specific Plan, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf Communication Hill, Citation Award, Progressive Architecture magazine.pdf Communications Hill, aerial illustrative drawing.pdf Communications Hill, Kathryn Albright Design, portfolio pages, v1.pdf Communications Hill, Kathryn Albright Design, portfolio pages, v2.pdf Communications Hill, mid-block stair, illustrative drawings.pdf Curtner Neighborhood, illustrative drawing.pdf Vallejo, California Glen Cove, 8.5 x 11 booklet.pdf Yountville, California Yountville Design Document, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf Yountville Design Document, View Corridor illustrative drawings.pdf Yountville Design Guidelines, Building Envelope versus FAR, diagrams.pdf Yountville General Plan, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf Yountville General Plan, Town Map, illustrative drawing.pdf Yountville Zoning Ordinance, 8.5x11 booklet.pdf 1981 Europe travel sketches - 67 total 00 Albright archive Europe Travel Sketches.png a flower analysis.pdf Amsterdam, Berlage, Stock Exchange.pdf Amsterdam,

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