

The 2011 Annual Architectural Research Centers Consortium Spring Research Conference  
**CONSIDERING RESEARCH:** Reflecting upon current themes in Architectural Research  
April 20 – 24, 2011 | Detroit, Michigan | Hosted by: Lawrence Technological University

#### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Active until 9/15/10

The 2011 ARCC Spring Architectural Research Conference invites papers by those conducting architectural research, in both academia and the profession, which reflects on current and future architectural research. Papers by PhD candidates and other graduate students are encouraged and will be included in a special session.

In addressing this year's theme, the conference will explore the following issues of how can research help us reflect on various contemporary environmental, sustainable, social, political, formal, and psychological paradigms. The exploration is expected to raise questions around the impacts of these paradigms, whether they have they addressed what they claimed they intend to address, examine where they stand and what effect might they have, and, ultimately, consider how research is an integrated part of our practice and discipline.

The 2011 ARCC Spring Architectural Research Conference is an intra- and inter-disciplinary conference on architectural research. The specific areas of the conference include, but are not limited to, reflection on research that pertains to the following:

Presentation slots are limited in this academic conference. Individuals affiliated with ARCC Member Institutions will be given preferential placement for paper/presentation if those submittals meet academic quality and theme standards. ARCC is committed to our member schools.

For more information, please see the conference website:

<http://arcc201.ltu.edu>

Call for Papers/Abstracts notification:

<http://arcc2011.ltu.edu/call/ARCC2011-Call%20for%20Papers.pdf>

Technical Review Committee:

[http://arcc2011.ltu.edu/tech\\_com/tech\\_com.html](http://arcc2011.ltu.edu/tech_com/tech_com.html)

#### Keynote Speakers

The ARCC 2011 Conference will have several keynote speakers spread across the conference dates. The first release of a keynote speaker is Alan M. Berger. Alan's talk will be on aimed at the idea of what the world could be as opposed to what normative practice produces out of the limitations of the current systems.

"Alan Berger is Associate Professor of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he teaches courses in the department of urban studies and planning. He founded and directs P-REX, The Project for Reclamation Excellence ([www.theprex.net](http://www.theprex.net)), a multi-disciplinary research effort at MIT focusing on the design and reuse of deindustrialized landscapes worldwide. By using low-angle aerial photography, maps, and other graphic evidence, Berger visually reveals evidence and trends of landscape waste throughout the world—from public health hazards such as abandoned mine pits, mountains of slag, and pools of cyanide, to vacant land, landfills, military installations, and places associated with high and low-density urbanization. How these sites are cleansed, valued and considered for adaptive reuse at local and regional

scales is Berger's main area of interest. His work emphasizes the link between our consumption of natural resources, and the waste and destruction of landscape, to help us better understand how to proceed with redesigning our wasteful places for future productive uses and more sustainable outcomes. Berger currently serves as a consultant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Brownfield and Superfund site revitalization in the American landscape.

His book *Drosscape: Wasting Land in Urban America*, published in 2006, won I.D. Magazine's 53rd Annual Design Review Silver Medal for Design Distinction, and was named a top 10 planning book of 2007 by Planetizen. His 2002 book, *Reclaiming the American West*, received the Research Award from the Environmental Design Research Association and *Places Magazine*, and was named a Colorado Book of the Year by the Center for the Book. His other books include *Designing the Reclaimed Landscape*, published by Taylor & Francis in January 2008, and co-edited *Nansha Coastal City: Landscape and Urbanism in the Pearl River Delta*, published in early 2006." (from: <http://web.mit.edu/aberger/www/>)

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