Architecture Lecture Series Continues Today

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Maurice Cox, whose career spans the fields of architecture, design education and politics, has travelled a "rare path" that should be especially enlightening for the Tulane School of Architecture students who will be among the audience today (Oct. 13) for Cox's lecture on "Design for All."



The director of design for the National Endowment for the Arts, Maurice Cox speaks on campus today (Oct. 13) in the School of Architecture's lecture series.

Cox, currently the director of design for the National Endowment for the Arts, will give the Eskew+Dumez+Ripple Lecture at 6 p.m. in room 201 of Richardson Memorial Hall as part of the school's Fall 2008 Practices <u>lecture series</u>. Co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects New Orleans, the series is designed to present a variety of innovative approaches to architecture and design.

At the National Endowment for the Arts, Cox supervises the grant-making process in design, oversees the Mayors' Institute on City Design and the Governors' Institute on Community Design, and provides professional leadership in architecture and design on the national level. On an entirely different career track, Cox served as mayor of Charlottesville, Va., from 2002â\[''2004\]. He is on leave from the University of Virginia School of Architecture where he is an associate professor.

"Cox's role as designer and public servant is a rare path," said Kenneth Schwartz, Tulane architecture dean, who hopes the lecture will expose students to different perspectives within the field.

Continuing the lecture series on Oct. 27, Dan Maginn and Jamie Darnell from El Dorardo Inc. will talk about "Radical Pragmatism." Based in Kansas City, Mo., El Dorado's collaborative approach to define and solve architectural problems stands out in the industry.

As a graduate of the Tulane class of 1989, Maginn returns to campus as a successful architect whose work is innovative and exciting, says Schwartz. "Both the students and faculty are looking forward to see him come back 'home' and share his experiences and ideas."

On Nov. 10, Meejin Yoon, associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, founder of MY Studio and co-founder of Howeler + Yoon Architecture, will lecture on "Tactical Innovations: Forms of Performance."

Yoon is engaged in a multidisciplinary practice, working in the space connecting architecture, art and landscape. Her design research investigates the relationship between form and performance, public space and technology, and interactivity and architecture. Her projects include architecture, urban design, installations, concept clothing and book design.

The series will conclude on Nov. 14 with the lecture, "Sustainability in the Age of China" by architecture student W. Tyler Sandlass. Completing his final year at Tulane, Sandlass is the recipient of the Class of '73 Architectural History Travel Fellowship, awarded annually to a student for research of architectural history.