

Preservation Matters

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The Tulane University School of Architecture and its dean, Kenneth Schwartz, will host "Preservation Matters," a symposium on the future of preservation education in New Orleans, on Jan. 31. The event will feature a keynote speech by Robert Ivy, the editor-in-chief of *Architectural Record* magazine and an alumnus of the architecture school.



Kenneth Schwartz, dean of the School of Architecture, hosts the Jan. 31 "Preservation Matters" symposium that will examine the role of preservation and education about preservation in a rebuilding city. (Photo by Kathryn Hobgood)

The symposium will examine the contemporary role of preservation in a rebuilding city and will contemplate the role for preservation in the strategy and philosophy of the [architecture school](#). Tulane professor Eugene Cizek, long a leader in preservation studies at the school, also will be honored for his many achievements.

Beginning at 9 a.m. in the Kendall Cram Lecture Hall of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, the event will feature panel discussions on issues such as

preservation of monuments and public places, as well as neighborhood and social capital, sustainability, education, international issues pertaining to preservation, and preservation for diverse communities.

Discussions will involve a nationally prominent group of preservationists, scholars and community activists, including Erica Avrami, director of research and education at the World Monuments Fund; Daniel Bluestone, director of the preservation program, University of Virginia; Ned Kaufman of Kaufman Conservation; Stanley Lowe, formerly of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and Jorge Rigau, a preservation architect and former dean of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico.

“As we build on the strength of the past and the many productive connections between Tulane and the City of New Orleans, this public symposium will engage questions about the contemporary role of preservation,” Schwartz says. “Given the importance of preservation in the practice of architecture today and preservation's integral role as part of this community's identity over time, this symposium will attract strong local interest in the city and university as well as national attention.”

“Preservation Matters” is free and open to the public.