

Architecture prof receives prestigious statewide honor

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Longtime Tulane School of Architecture professor and alumnus Errol Barron has received the prestigious American Institute of Architects Louisiana Medal of Honor, the highest award given by the organization.



Errol Barron is the recipient of the highest award from members of the Louisiana architecture community. He is a Tulane architecture alumnus and university professor. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Barron has taught architecture for more than 35 years and currently is the Favrot Professor of Architecture at Tulane.

New Orleans architect Allan Eskew said, "Errol has been a motivating force at the Tulane School of Architecture â?| regarded by graduating students as one of their most stimulating and motivational instructors."

[Barron](#) is a principal of Barron/Toups Architects, an award-winning firm entering its fifth decade of business. He is widely recognized as a designer, painter, educator, preservationist, musician, photographer, critic, lecturer, author and civic leader. He recently published a [book of drawings](#) called *New Orleans Observed: Drawings and*

Observations of America's Most Foreign City.

The Medal of Honor is given by AIA LA to architects who have sustained a lifetime affecting the profession of architecture, and who have significantly advanced the profession and provided strong influence on fellow practitioners.

Barron received the medal at the organization's annual Design Conference in Lafayette, La., on September 28.

Barron/Toups Architects is recognized for its artful blend of modern sensibilities with historic vernacular, as in St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Gulfport, Miss., and the use of natural light in the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans. His designs are found both throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Barron, who has served as president of AIA New Orleans and as a board member of AIA Louisiana, was elected to AIA Fellowship in 1996. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from Tulane, his master's in architecture from Yale University, and has studied and practiced in London and New York.