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Ray co-authors first U.S. book on Marina City

They're Chicago landmarks, their signature round towers highly visible from the waterfront and shown in innumerable films, advertisements and billboards around the world. Yet Marina City has been strangely overlooked by architecture writers. A new book by Igor Marjanović of Washington University in St. Louis and Dr. Katerina Rüedi Ray, director of the School of Art, sets the iconic complex in its context, architecturally, historically and socially.

Marina City: Bertrand Goldberg's Urban Vision, published in June by Princeton Architectural Press, tells how one man's singular vision for urban revitalization was achieved through unprecedented collaboration with labor leaders, politicians and business leaders. An interview with the two authors is featured on the PBS NewsHour blog ArtBeat at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/art/blog/2010/07/honoring-a-modern-chicago-landmark-as-an-urban-vision.html>

"Bertrand Goldberg had a strong commitment to improving society and was a thorough blend of idealism and pragmatism," Ray said. "He was a great model for architectural practice and for creating beautiful buildings that contribute to the life of a city. Marina Center is also an example of how the fate of buildings is subject to larger forces beyond anyone's control."

At a time, in the late 1950s, when Chicagoans were fleeing the city and federal mortgage insurance was aimed largely at suburban development, Goldberg devised his plan for a unique complex of apartments, offices, commercial businesses, recreation and public spaces. This required convincing the city to rezone the area for mixed-use structures, which then had an encouraging effect on the neighborhood. To enable funding for the project, Goldberg went to Washington, D.C., to persuade the Federal Housing Authority to allow federal mortgage insurance for investors.

He partnered with the leader of the powerful Building Service Employees International Union, who invested union pension funds; with real estate developer Chuck Swibel (future leader of the Chicago Housing Authority), and the first Mayor Daley to get the project off the ground.

When the 60-story buildings rose, they embodied a number of "firsts": built on the first piece of land to have legal status in Chicago, they were the largest real estate deal in the Midwest and the tallest housing structure and largest concrete structure in the U.S. They were also the first all-electric housing structure: General Electric provided all the appliances for the apartments.

An architect's delight, Marina City's ingenious curvilinear design enabled the foundation to be much lighter than usual, saving considerably on materials and construction costs. "It is very efficient structurally," said Ray, who lived in the building for three years. The glass fronts of the small, wedge-shaped apartments provide sight lines out to the lake while deflecting Chicago's notorious winds. With large balconies and individual boat ramps, its middle-class residents could enjoy a quality of life usually reserved for the better off, and today Marina City is the home of many architects, Ray noted.

However, even visionary developments are subject to the fortunes of the day, and as its champions fell out of power, Marina City eventually was sold and then became a virtual "ward of the court," said Ray, during the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s, until its revival in the late 1990s.

She and Marjanović have unearthed a trove of information about the remarkable project, finally giving it its due.

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Conference looks at Kenya at globalization crossroads

The Kenyan ambassador to the United States, Elkanah Odembo, will give the keynote address at this year's Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA) conference, Friday and Saturday (Sept. 17 and 18) at BGSU.

The theme of the third annual conference is "Kenya at the Crossroads of Globalization." Scholars from around the country and from Kenya will discuss aspects of such topics as "State Formation, Security and Corruption," "Health," and "Women, Religion and the Elderly."

Ambassador Odembo comes to Washington after serving as the Kenyan ambassador to France since January 2009. Before representing Kenya abroad, he held senior-level positions at philanthropic and non-governmental organizations in East Africa for more than two decades. Advocating for human rights and social justice has always been at the core of his work.

In June, Odembo received the Common Good Award from his alma mater, Bowdoin College.

University and community members wishing to attend the luncheon keynote address in 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union on Sept. 17 may submit \$12 through Paypal for the lunch at http://kessa.org/2010_conference (scroll down to the "Keynote Speaker Luncheon" option). Checks can also be made out to KESSA and sent to the Department of Geography. For more information on the conference, email Dr. Kefa Otiso, geography, at kmotiso@bgsu.edu.

The address will also be streamed live to 115 Olscamp Hall. The live feed is open to the campus community, and faculty are welcome to use the event for instructional purposes.

Led by Otiso, KESSA is an independent, nonprofit professional association established for the exclusive purpose of advancing scholarly, scientific and research work on the Republic of Kenya. Since its independence in 1963, Kenya has been one of the United States' most important allies in Africa, and Kenya is very important to American foreign policy. The country adopted a new constitution very similar to the United States' following an Aug. 4 referendum. "President Obama, whose father was from Kenya, and Vice-President Biden actively supported the passage of the new constitution which analysts believe will put Kenya on the fast track to social and economic development," Otiso said.

IN BRIEF**Make connections at volunteer, partnership fair**

The University community is invited to the Volunteer and Community Partnership Fair, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 15) in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

"It is an ideal opportunity for students to identify community partners for service-learning course placements, for internships, or for community service activities. It will also be a great opportunity for faculty and staff to talk to agencies about potential partnerships and projects. There will be over 40 agencies with us for the day, so we look forward to seeing everyone," said Dr. Jane Rosser, director of the Office of Service-Learning.

For more information on the fair, contact the office at BGSUPartnerships@bgsu.edu or 2-9865.

And remember to help BGSU meet its Centennial Service Challenge by logging all your volunteer hours, from on- and off-campus activities, at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/service-learning/page76045.html>

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Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Learning 2.0 with Web 2.0 Tools," 10:30-11:30a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "The Ethics of Teaching," 1:30-3:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "You CAN Have Your Cake and Eat It, Too!: Using Humanities Perspectives on Food for Service-Learning Projects," 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Conversations About Unionization, informal discussion with Dr. Ken Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 308 Union, and again from 5-6 p.m., 1007 Business Administration Building Annex.

Volleyball vs. Wright State, 7 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Tuesdays at the Gish Film Series, "Serial Mom" (U.S., 1994), 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Volunteer and Community Partnership Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. For more information, contact the service-learning office at BGSUPartnerships@bgsu.edu or 2-9865.

Brown Bag Series, "Laughing and Sneezing and Leaking, Oh My!" presented by Marsa Birdsell, PT, ProMedica, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall. In recognition of Women's Health Month.

ICS Artists and Scholars in Residence Series, "The Romance of Race: The Familial Origins of American Multiculturalism, 1880-1930," presented by ICS Scholar Dr. Jolie Sheffer, English, 2:30 p.m., 207 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Conversation About Unionization, informal discussion with Dr. Ken Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, 3-4 p.m., 221 West Hall.

Biology Seminar, "Bacterial Secretion: Mechanistic Features of the Sec and Tat Protein Export Systems," presented by Dr. Siegfried Musser, Texas A&M Health Science

Center, Molecular and Cellular Medicine, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building. **Harold McMaster Visiting Scientist Lecture**, "Nano Eco Art," presented by Dr. Catherine J. Murphy, Peter C. and Gretchen Miller Markunas Professor of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 4-5 p.m., 206 Union.

Faculty Artist Series, featuring Robert Satterlee and Friends, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Conversation About Unionization, informal discussion with Dr. Ken Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, 8-9 a.m., 308 Union.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Principles for Good Practice," 10-11 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page68950.html>.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "RefWorks: Bibliographic Software," 1-2:15 p.m., and 7-8:15 p.m., 142 Jerome Library. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Active Learning and Problem-based Learning Strategies," 3-4 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

College of Education and Human Development Centennial Lecture, by BGSU alumnus Wiley Blevins, vice president and editorial director for Macmillan/McGraw Hill Publishers, 4 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union.

MFA Reading, with Nikkita Cohoon, poetry, and Bess Winter, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Concert, featuring guest artist Valerie Errante, soprano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, Sept. 17

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Using e-Portfolios to Foster Intentional Learning," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Constitution Day, free U.S. Constitutions distributed in the Nest, Union, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Group Projects-Structures, Substance, and Slackers," 11:30-12:30 p.m.,

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201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>.

Women's Professional Development Series, "This Class is Bullsh*t, Student Resistance, Teacher Authority and Negotiations of Power," presented by Julie Haught, English and Women's Studies, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Writing and Higher-Order Thinking in Larger Classes Using Calibrated Peer Review," 2:30-3:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page56598.html>.

Women's Soccer vs. Michigan State, 5 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Artists' Talk and Reception, Aaron Macy Scholarship Exhibition, 7 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Women's Tennis vs. BGSU Invitational, 9 a.m., Keefe Courts.

Concert, "This Is Your Life, Ashel Bryan," 7 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Football vs. Marshall, 7 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Women's Tennis vs. BGSU Invitational, 9 a.m., Keefe Courts.

Sunday Matinee, "Two Comic Stars," featuring a sampling of work by BGSU alumnus Tim Conway, of Willoughby, and Phyllis Diller, from Lima, 3 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. Part of the Centennial celebration of Ohio and BGSU actors.

Monday, Sept. 20

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Integrating Your Courses with BGSU Learning Outcomes & Core Values," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page74987.html>.

CFDR Speaker Series, "Demographic Perspectives on Same-Sex Couples," presented by Dr. Gary Gates, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, noon-1 p.m., 314

Union. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

Conversation About Unionization, informal discussion with Dr. Ken Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, 2-3 p.m., 201 Union.

ARTalks 100@100 Alumni Lecture, "Inward: Recent Work and a Journey," by digital artist Walter Behrnes, 6 p.m., 206 Union.

Continuing Events

Sept. 14 and 15

Print Responsibly: Xerox Product Demo Sessions, ComDoc representatives will answer questions about the Print Responsibly program, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, 316 Union.

Through Sept. 17

Art Exhibit, The Aaron Macy Legacy Exhibit, ceramics by scholarship recipients, Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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Through Sept. 21

Art Exhibit, paintings by Robert McCann, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Sept. 26

Art Exhibit, "Re-imagining the Distaff Toolkit," Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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FACULTY

German, Russian and East Asian Languages. Assistant Professor. Call the Search Committee, 2-2268. Deadline: Dec. 23.

Philosophy. Assistant Professor (two positions). Call Priscilla Ibarra, 2-2117. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR website at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.