

NORTHEAST REGION

Cornell University: **Porus Olpadwala** has accepted the deanship of the College of Architecture, Art and Planning. He has been a faculty member in the college's Department of City and Regional Planning since 1982, and served as chair of the department for four years.

Parsons School of Design: **Peter Wheelwright**, principal of PMW Architects, has been appointed acting chair of the Department of Architecture for the 1999-2000 academic year. A member of the faculty since 1984, he will lead the department during a search for a permanent successor to **Karen Van Lengen**, who recently accepted the deanship at the University of Virginia's School of Architecture.

Pratt Institute: **Catherine Ingraham**, Ph.D., has been appointed the new chair of the graduate Architecture and Urban Design program. Ingraham has been a visiting professor at Columbia University and Harvard University, where she has taught design studios and theory seminars. She comes to Pratt from the Iowa State University Department of Architecture, from which she is taking a leave of absence.

Princeton University: Professor **M. Christine Boyer** participated in a summer workshop/symposium at the International Center for Urban Ecology in Detroit, MI, to undertake the design and construction of special projects in the Detroit area. Associate Professor **Elizabeth Diller**, and her partner **Riccardo Scofidio**, received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for the creation of an alternative form of architectural practice that unites design, performance, and electronic media with cultural and architectural theory and criticism. Visiting Professor **Peter Eisenman's** winning competition proposal for a Holocaust Memorial in Berlin was also approved in 1999 by the German Parliament for construction in 2000. Professor **Mario Gandelsonas's** latest book, *X-Urbanism. Architecture and the American City*, was published by Princeton Architectural Press; and his firm, Agrest and Gandelsonas, was recently awarded first prize in a competition for a design of a "Parkway Beltway," a six-kilometer parkway and adjacent park in Marseilles. Gandelsonas was recently commissioned to design 16 Metro North railroad stations on the Hudson River line. **Robert Gutman**, lecturer, was appointed to the editorial board of *ARQ*, the newly transformed British American architectural research quarterly published by the Cambridge University Press. Associate Professor **Guy Nordenson** has been selected the consulting engineer for the expansion of New York's Museum of Modern Art. Associate Professor **Mark Wigley** was the curator of the "Constant/New Babylon" exhibition at the Witte de With Museum in Rotterdam and The Drawing Center in New York City. Visiting faculty this fall include **Peter Eisenman**, Eisenman Architects, New York; **Michael Webb**, architect, New York City; and **Paul Lewis**, architect, New York.

State University of New York at Buffalo: **Kent Kleinman**, formerly of the University of Michigan, has been appointed chair of the Department of Architecture. After more than a decade of service, **Bruno Freschi** has stepped down as dean of the School of Architecture and Planning; a search for his replacement will commence this year. **K. Michael Hays** is the 1999 Clarkson Chair. New visiting faculty include **Michael Sorkin** and **Eric Sutherland** (OMA Hong Kong). **Jean La Marche**, **Wassim Jabi**, and **Jack Quinan** (Art History) have received a Multidisciplinary Research Pilot Project grant for \$20,000 to begin building and analyzing a virtual model of Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin D. Martin House complex in Buffalo. **Frank Fantauzzi** and **Shahin Vassigh** also received a \$20,000 grant for a project entitled "The Public Casting of Cities." La Marche, Jabi and Vassigh have also started the Center for Virtual Architecture which will explore the use of advanced technologies for improving architectural education for university and non-university populations. The Center can be contacted at <cva@ap.buffalo.edu>. **Lynda Schneckloth** participated as juror for the national design competition, "New Strategies for the Under-crowded Baltimore Neighborhood."



The City College of CUNY: **Robert Geddes** was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the City College of CUNY in June, 1999. He is a co-founder of the firm

Geddes Brecher Qualls Cunningham, and in four decades as design partner, has won numerous awards, medals and competitions. Geddes was the first dean of the Princeton University School of Architecture and in 1990 was appointed the Henry Luce Professor of Architecture, Urbanism and History at NYU. Most recently, he has served as co-director of Crosstown 116, a collaborative initiative of the CCNY School of Architecture and Environmental Studies, the AIA New York Chapter, and local communities in Upper Manhattan. Geddes' distinctions include Fellow of the AIA and Academician of the National Academy of Design.

OBITUARY

Sidney Shelov, distinguished professor and dean emeritus at Pratt Institute's School of Architecture, passed away Friday, April 16, 1999, at the age of 83. Professor Shelov was a Yale-trained architect and a fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA). He came to Pratt in 1954 as a professor of architecture and served more than four decades as professor, distinguished professor, chair of undergraduate architecture, associate dean, and dean of the School of Architecture. Professor Shelov continued to teach at Pratt until his death. He also taught at Columbia University from 1954 to 1959, served as chair of the board of trustees of Bard College from 1960 to 1965, and was a fellow of the National Institute for Architectural Education.