



# SESAH NEWSLETTER

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians

Mission San Juan (Mark Menjivar)



El Tropicano River Walk Hotel

## SESAH | 2015 | SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

This year, the SESAH Annual Conference will meet in Texas for the first time. San Antonio is a city with a rich and diverse architectural heritage in one of the fastest growing regions of the country. Born of a confluence of Native American, Spanish Colonial, Mexican, German and Southern cultures, it is a quintessential “melting pot” American city in the heart of Texas. This diversity is apparent in the built environment: Colonial churches, German and Tejano vernacular buildings, Victorian commercial structures, the Regional Modernism of architect O’Neil Ford, and the legacy of the city’s many military bases, just to name a few. Celebrated as the home of the Alamo and the River Walk, San Antonio now has the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in Texas following the recent inscription of the San Antonio Missions to the World Heritage List. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a stimulating conference in a world-class historic destination.

### Conference Site and Venues

All paper sessions and Friday’s annual business meeting and luncheon will be held at the El Tropicano Hotel. Constructed in 1962, it was the first hotel to open along the city’s famed River Walk and today is celebrated for its sleek, retro vibe.

The prime downtown location means conference participants will be able to explore the River Walk and be close to a wide variety of restaurants, shops, and entertainment. Thursday evening’s welcome and keynote reception will be held at the Southwest School of Art & Craft, housed at the National Register listed former Ursuline Convent. Dr. Kathryn O’Rourke, Assistant Professor in Art and Art History at Trinity University, will present the annual keynote. She will speak on the legacy of San Antonio architect O’Neil Ford.



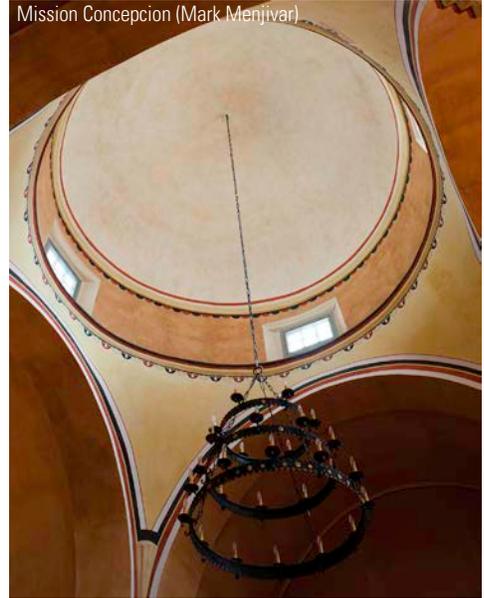
Southwest School of Art & Craft (Visit San Antonio)

Visit [SESAH.org](http://SESAH.org) for an updated conference schedule

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## Saturday Tour of the San Antonio Missions

The bus tour (9am – 12pm) will visit the chain of 18th century Spanish Colonial mission complexes that make up the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. The architectural tour will highlight the unique history and construction of the missions, recent ongoing preservation projects, and will include attending the official World Heritage Inscription Ceremony at Mission San José.

## Traveling to San Antonio

The San Antonio International Airport is located 8.5 miles north of downtown and the conference hotel, El Tropicano River Walk. We recommend you take the Go Airport Shuttle for transportation between the airport and hotel. They offer a round-trip service for \$18.

San Antonio River Walk Museum Reach (Ford, Powell & Carson)



## Architecture at HBCUs: Principles, Legacy, and Preservation

Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland | November 5-6, 2015

This event will promote current scholarship concerning the social context, legacy, and preservation of the built environment at Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) around the country. Seen as the first step of a larger academic initiative, the symposium will bring together scholars and professionals to discuss the history of HBCU's architecture, their campus planning, and the landscape architecture which connected both. The tension between an institution's architectural legacy and its vision for the future characterizes many places of higher learning in the United States; this symposium will, therefore, address specifically the competing roles of preservation, conservation, and new construction at today's HBCUs.

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