



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BUILDING CONSERVANCY

JOHN G. THORPE

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP

Program Overview

The Thorpe Fellowship provides an opportunity for young professionals and graduate students to attend the annual Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy conference by covering the registration fee for the event. The conference provides educational panels, presentations and commentary about various aspects of Wright's work by scholars, practitioners, building owners and other experts. The conference also enables attendees to experience the architecture directly through tours to Wright sites in the vicinity of the conference, including private residences that are rarely open to the public, and to buildings by other architects of interest. The program was established in 2016 to honor John Garrett Thorpe, restoration architect and longtime Conservancy board member.

Program Award

Fellowship recipients receive one regular general conference registration to attend the Conservancy's annual conference, including all education sessions, regular tours (optional add-on events may be added at the fellowship recipient's expense, based on availability), and the Wright Spirit Awards gala dinner. For the 2019 Conservancy conference in Los Angeles, Oct. 2-6, the program award is valued at \$750. Fellowship recipients from outside Los Angeles may be eligible for a small travel stipend, but recipients are responsible for their own transportation to the conference and all lodging expenses. Two or more awards will be made in 2019.

Eligibility

Young professionals in the first five years of their careers in architecture or historic preservation and graduate students in architecture or historic preservation (full-time or part-time) currently enrolled at the time of application are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Students may have completed their degree by the time of the conference.

Recognition

John G. Thorpe Fellows will be introduced at the conference and will be required to submit a brief report following the conference. Fellows also will receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Conservancy.

Deadline and Notification

Deadline to apply for 2019 is July 11. Notification will be made by July 30. See brochure for conference program and details.



John Thorpe at the 2015 Conservancy conference

PHOTO BY MARK HERTZBERG

John G. Thorpe (1944-2016) founded his own architectural firm, John Garrett Thorpe & Associates, in Oak Park in 1984 and earned renown as a restoration architect through work on numerous Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and elsewhere, including the Frederick C. Robie House in Chicago, the Isabel Roberts House in River Forest, Illinois, and the Arthur Heurtley House, William Martin House and Unity Temple in Oak Park. He was instrumental in the preservation of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, serving as author, with Don Kalec, of the master plan for the property's restoration to its 1909 condition, published as *The Plan for Restoration and Adaptive Use of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio* in 1978. He also acted to secure its purchase by the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation (now the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust), which he helped to found, and to implement its 13-year restoration process.

Thorpe was a longtime board member of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy who acted tirelessly

to preserve existing Wright structures, to formulate plans for their continued use and to provide technical preservation advice to prospective purchasers, homeowners and Wright house museum curators. Among his many other volunteer efforts, Thorpe was an architectural consultant for the Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park and served on the board of the Pleasant Home Foundation, providing strategic and practical planning related to the restoration and preservation of the George W. Maher-designed National Historic Landmark house in Oak Park. He was the first docent at the H.H. Richardson-designed Glessner House in Chicago when it first opened for tours in 1971. Thorpe received many awards, including the national and Chicago chapter AIA Honor Awards for his restoration work on the Wright Home and Studio. He received his master of architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and his bachelor of architecture from the University of Illinois. He previously worked for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in their Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Algiers offices before starting his own practice.



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Application

Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

Email

Phone Number

School / Employer

Academic Program / Position at Employer

I am applying as a: Graduate Student
 Young Professional

Students, please attach:

Copy of most recent course schedule
and contact information for registrar

Young professionals, please attach:

Current resume and employer contact
information

Return completed application to:
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What are your career goals? *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

How would attending the conference enhance your career development? *(attach additional pages if necessary)*