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UO selects Seattle architect for distinguished visiting architecture professorship

Johnpaul Jones of Jones and Jones to lecture and teach at University of Oregon this fall

EUGENE, Ore. -- (August 12, 2011) – Johnpaul Jones, cofounder of the multidisciplinary Seattle-based design firm Jones & Jones, will be the 2011 Pietro Belluschi distinguished visiting professor in Eugene starting fall term. Johnpaul Jones' designs have won widespread acclaim and numerous design awards for their reverence for the earth, for paying deep respect to regional architectural traditions and native landscapes, and for heightening understanding of indigenous people and cultures of America.

He has led the design of cultural centers and museums with tribes spanning the North American continent, including the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.; the Agua Caliente Tribal Cultural Museum in Palm Springs, California; The Evergreen State College Longhouse Education and Cultural Center in Olympia, Washington (the first Native American campus center at a university in the U.S.); the Southern Ute Tribe Cultural Center and Museum near Durango, Colorado; and recently the Tanana Chiefs Council Regional Medical Center in Fairbanks, Alaska. Jones is a 1967 alumnus of the UO Department of Architecture and was honored with the first Ellis F. Lawrence Medal in 1998 and the UO Distinguished Service Award in 2005. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and recently was awarded the AIA Seattle Medal for his many years of outstanding design.

Starting on September 26, Jones will teach a studio and a seminar that investigates the topic "Indigenous Design: Emerging Gifts" and explores how lessons from indigenous traditions and ways of life can be applied to current planning and design. Students will examine eight indigenous areas through four spheres: the natural world, the animal world, the spirit world, and the human world. Jones will deliver public lectures in Eugene and Portland, Oregon. The Eugene lecture will be held on October 14 on the UO campus. The Portland lecture will be held November 9 at the UO in Portland White Stag Block. For details, visit aaa.uoregon.edu/events

The Pietro Belluschi Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Architectural Design was created in 1993 as a perpetually endowed fund at the University of Oregon to foster and promote education in architectural design. Pietro Belluschi (1899-1994), one of the most notable architects in Oregon, was renowned for the Northwest regional style. The endowment supports a short-term appointment for a prominent architect to teach and lecture.

Other notable Seattle area architects who have also held the Belluschi position include Thomas Bosworth (1996), James Cutler (1999), and David Miller (2007).

The UO Department of Architecture offers accredited undergraduate and graduate professional degrees and research-oriented post professional degrees in architecture and interior architecture.

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The program places an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration and ecological design. The program was ranked first in the nation for sustainable design education in 2011 by the journal *DesignIntelligence*.

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