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2017 Awards



Our remodeling of this house a few blocks from our office has won a **2017 AIA Small Projects Award** and a **2017 Preservation Award** from the city of Evanston. (before photos VHT Studios, after pictures Jon Miller/Hedrich Blessing)

MERCHANDISE MART HALL OF FAME 2017 INDUCTEES

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STUART COHEN & JULIE HACKER Partners & Co-Founders. Stuart Cohen & Julie Hacker ARCHITECT

S tuart Cohen & Julie Hacker of Evanston are both Fellows of the American institute of Architects. Before starting their practice, Start worked for Richard Meier Julie worked for Hammond Beeby & Babka, Practicing architecture together for the past 30 years, their work, which has been ucledly published, explores contemporary open



widely published, explores contemporary open planning in the context of traditional architectural forms. Their work has been exhibited internationally and its subject of a 2009 monograph. Transforming the Traditional: The Work of Cahen & Hacker Architects. Much of their work is on older homes, and Stuart is the author of three books on Chicago's historic mainteenial excitences and the context of the subject of active the subject on a context of the subject of the subject of active the subject on the subject of the subject of active the subject on the subject of the subject of the author of three books on Chicago's historic residential architecture, including North Shore Chicago: Houses of the Lake Front Suburbs and Great Houses of Chicago, co-authored with Susan Benjamin, and in 2015, Inventing the New American House: Howard Van Doren Shaw, Architect.

Stuart is a professor of architecture emeritus at the University of Illinois Chicago. while Julie currently serves as a Preservation Commissioner for the City of Evanston, has ectured widely, mentored young architects and served on award juries.



JESSICA LAGRANGE Founder & Principal, Jessica Lagrange Interiors DESIGNER

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a diverse clientele. JINTERIORS LLC approach to design, which embraces collaboration, transparency and a deep commitment to personal service. A graduate of the interior architecture program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a veteran of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Jessica has over 30 years of experience in her field. She began her career doing commercial projects and today her practice focuses on luxury residential interiors. She is most proud of the fact that her a signature mantra: to create warm, inimate, carefully considered homes that support and respect her clients' needs, wants, aesthetics and dreams.



Ian D. Lev is the President & CEO of Belgravia Group. Alan joined Belgravia Group in 1989. Mr. Lev earned a Bachelor of Science degree



in Accountancy in 1982 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He later obtained his J.D. from Londa Hall there is from Loyola University of Chicago in 1985. Mr. Lev practiced real estate law

g belgravia group from 1985-1989. He has been a CPA since 1982, an attorney since 1985, a licensed real estate broker since 1989 and a licensed insurance broker since 2012. Alan is proud member of the Chicago Association of Realtors, is Past President of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Chicago and is Past Chairman of the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society.

He has a strong attachment to the Chicago area and the University of Illinois and has been involved in many charitable and civic organizations and with the University of Illinois by quest lecturing in the business school funding a scholarship, participating in the business school job shadow program and rving on the Business Alumni Board and Dean's Business Council.



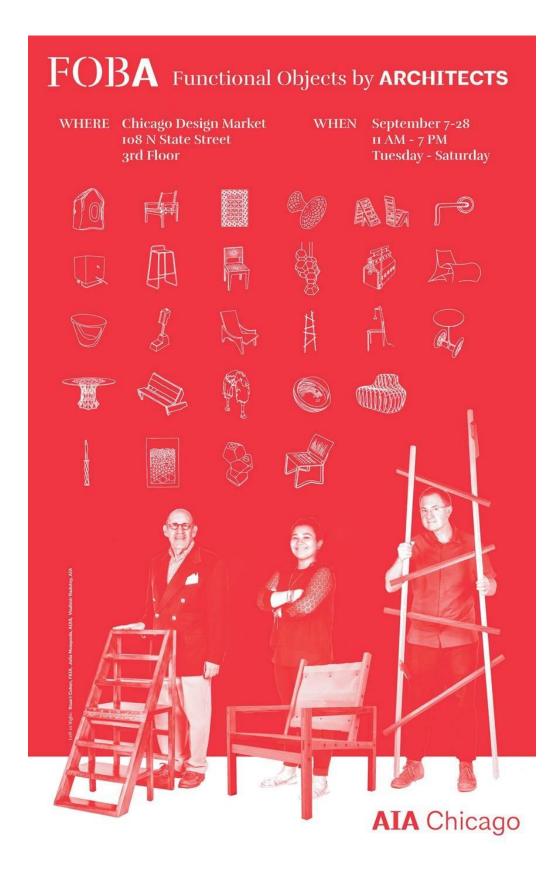
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As a part of the Chicago Merchandise Mart *Design Chicago*, held October 3rd-4th, Stuart and Julie are being inducted into the Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame for their contributions to architectural design. The ceremony will take place at the Mart on the evening of October 4.

As part of the **Design Chicago** program Julie is reprising her **Iconic House** symposium which will include presentations and a moderated discussion with Chicago architects Kathryn Quinn, Elissa Morgante, Dirk Denison, and Chip von Weise.

2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial and Exhibits

Stuart is involved in two events as a part of the Architecture Biennial. Now open through September 28th the Chicago Chapter AIA has mounted an exhibit of Functional Objects by Architects at the Chicago Design Museum's Chicago Design Market, 108 N. State Street, 3rdfloor (11am to 7pm). The exhibit includes Stuart's Ladder Back Metamorphic Library Chair.





As part of the Biennial's "partner program" Stuart will be speaking on Tuesday November 21 at the Chicago Cultural Center as part of *Mansions in the Sky: Chicago Apartments Between the Wars*, a presentation and symposium on Chicago's early highrise apartment buildings.

"Past Forward" Exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute



The Chicago Art Institute's Architecture and Design Department just opened a new installation of selections from its permanent architecture and design collection. Early schematic drawings for office space which included the design of custom "office landscape" furniture done by Stuart for the Portion-Pac Company of Chicago, one of our few commercial projects done for one of our residential clients, are included in the exhibit. Chicago architecture critic, Blair Kamin's review may be read in the attached link.

http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/ct-ent-art-institute-architecture-show-kamin-0914-20170913-story.html

2017 Print Publications of Cohen & Hacker's Work



Our interior remodeling furnished by JamesThomas Interiors was just on the cover of LUXE Chicago

Also our whole house remodeling that won an AIA Small projects award (shown above) was featured in Old House Journal in February 2017.

Remodeling Howard Van Doren Shaw (a mash-up)

This past year, Cohen & Hacker completed a kitchen as part of the remodeling/restoration of Shaw's Benjamin Bensinger House (1908). The house had been remodeled in 1936 by Chicago architect Samuel Marx giving some of the spaces and details an *Art Deco* flair which the new owner loved and wanted incorporated into the new kitchen design. The new kitchen had as it's centerpiece a restored Roper Range from the 1940s which the owner purchased. The kitchen cabinets and details are a reimagining of Shaw meets Marx. The stain matched the color woodwork Shaw used throughout the house. The murals were painted by Sam Marx in what was originally a den, and is now the dining room. The new French doors into the butler's pantry which replaced a bookcase and cabinet, now create a longitudinal view through the entire ground floor of the house. A feature a of many of Shaw's other houses.





Julie continues to mentor young architects through the "Chicago Bridge Program" organized by the Fellows of the Chicago Chapter of the AIA.

Stuart is at work on a new book to be called *The Architects of Steinway Hall*. Beginning in 1896 for a few years, Frank Lloyd Wright, Dwight Perkins, Robert Spencer and Myron Hunt shared office space together in the Chicago office building Perkins designed for the Steinway Piano Company. Collaborating on projects and sharing ideas, they were a creative circle jointly developing the ideas for which Wright would later take credit.

Pella Lecture Series

Continuing for its second year, we were asked to organize a lecture series for the Pella Crafted Luxury Showroom in Chicago's Merchandise Mart. 2017 Speakers have been John Simpson, London, Shelia Kennedy, Boston, Tom Kligerman, New York, and Tod Williams and Billie Tsien from New York will speak in November. Go to <u>http://www.pellacraftedluxury.com/events/</u>

See us on the Net

This past year we were including in or were the subject of two videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU3F0Zfs7cU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwKkQPIQwRc