

James A. Chaffers

EDUCATION

Stanford University
Post-doctoral Studies
"Design Management"
Terman Engineering Center
Palo Alto, CA 1980-81

University of Michigan
Doctorate of Architecture,
D.Arch. 1971

University of Michigan
Master of Architecture,
M.Arch. 1969

Corp of Engineers
United States Army Officer (Captain)
Advanced Operations and Management
Fort Hood, TX, Fort Belvoir, VA, Fort Benning, GA;
Advanced Combat Airborne Training/ Duty
8th Army, Europe and Vietnam War
1964-67 1967-68

Southern University
Bachelor of Architecture,
B.Arch 1964
Magna cum laude

HONORS · AWARDS

Distinguished Faculty Award
(Honoring Harold Johnson, former Dean,
Literature, Science and the Arts, Schools of
Gerontology and Social Policy Planning)
Office of Academic Affairs - \$5,000 Stipend
University of Michigan 1999

Designer / Juror,
"King National Memorial Design Competition"
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
(To be built) On the Monumental Mall
Washington, DC 1997-2005

"Educator of the Year,"
Michigan Colleges and Universities
Architectural Studies Foundation
Lansing, MI 1995

First Prize,
International Design Competition
'Building With Copper' AIAS
(Student/Professor Category)
The Copper Institute
Toronto, Canada 1994

First Prize,
International Design Competition
'The Next Age of Discovery'
USA World's Fair Pavilion
(Student/Professor Category)
Seville, Spain 1992

HONORS · AWARDS (cont'd)

Distinguished Faculty Award
(Honoring Wade H. McCree, Jr., former
Solicitor General to the U.S. Supreme Court)
The UM Alumni Association 1991

"Outstanding Teacher" Award
College of Architecture + Urban Planning
University of Michigan 1989

King/Chavez/Parks Professorship
Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan 1988

Regional Finalist,
White House Fellowship
The Whitehouse
Washington, DC 1976

"Outstanding Teacher" Award
College of Engineering
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1972

Recipient of the Nation's first,
Professional Doctorate of Architecture,
D.Arch. (Spring Commencement),
University of Michigan 1971

"President's Trophy"
(Highest Academic Excellence and Student Leadership)
Office of the President
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 1964

"Brigade Commander's Trophy"
Highest Ranking Cadet Officer
U.S. Army ROTC Brigade
(Awarded a **West Point** Commission)
Southern University 1964

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION · MEMBERSHIPS

Licensed **Architect**: Michigan, Louisiana, NCARB
(National Registration)

AIA (American Institute of Architects)

MSA (Michigan Society of Architects)

ACSA (Association of Collegiate
Schools of Architecture)

MASA&L (Michigan Academy
of Science, Arts, & Letters)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Founder, "Detroit · Ann Arbor Workshop"
(Providing architectural/planning services,
pro bono, to downtown Ann Arbor and
Detroit central city residents)
1973 – 1998

PUBLIC SERVICE
(cont'd)

National Grader,
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
Professional Architectural **Licensing** Examination
Midwest Region

Design Examiner,
National Housing Center for Elderly Housing Policy
HHS, Health and Human Services
Washington, DC

Mayoral Appointee
Building Board of Appeals)
City of Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, MI

Environmental Education and
Urban Design Committee(s)
American Institute of Architects
Washington, DC

County Commissioner,
Washtenaw County Representative
Huron Clinton Metropolitan Park Authority
(5-County Recreational Park Authority)
Detroit Metro Region

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Director,
Architectural Studio
The UM Villa Corsi-Salviati
Office of International Programs
Florence, Italy 1995

Chair,
Doctoral Program in Architecture
(Ph.D., Arch.D., M.S.Arch. degrees offered)
College of Architecture + Urban Planning
University of Michigan 1991-94

Faculty Representative,
"Board in Control of Intercollegiate Athletics"
(Appointed by the President of the University to provide oversight for the University's varsity athletic programs in football, track and field, basketball, baseball, golf, hockey, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, soccer, softball, and tennis.) 1991-94*

*Official Faculty Representative to the
1992 and 1993 **Rose Bowls**
Pasadena, CA

Dean's Committee on Morehouse College
Appointed Committee was comprised of two faculty members from Morehouse College and two faculty members from the University of Michigan's College of Architecture + Urban Planning; (Committee was successful in formally crafting a Dual Degree Program that will allow Morehouse College students of Junior standing to complete the requirements for their Morehouse College degree and a University of Michigan B.Science degree in Architecture while in residence for three years at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor Campus.) 1988-89

ACADEMIC SERVICE
(cont'd)

Faculty Representative,
"Presidential Search Committee" University of Michigan,
(Appointed by the Regents of the University to assist in the selection of the "Eleventh President" of the University of Michigan) 1987

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

President and Design Principal,
J. Chaffers Architect, PC
(Residential and Public Congregational Design)
Ann Arbor, MI

Urban Design Consultant
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project
1997 - present

RTKL Associates, Inc., Baltimore, MD, / Gunn-Levin Architects, Detroit, MI / **Detroit Medical Center** / Wayne State Medical School. (Project task was to assist the **DMC** Governing Board in developing a 'Downtown Detroit Campus' and a 25 Year Facilities Development Plan for its five-hospital consortium.) 1994-95

Educational Program Consultant
Republic of South Africa
University of Durban-Westville / University of Michigan.
(Project task centered around the pedagogical development of a Masters Degree Program in Labor and Industrial Management for a consortium of 'Historically Black' Colleges in The Republic of South Africa.) 1993

Site and Infrastructure Planning Consultant,
Wayne County Road Commission / Nathan Johnson Architects, Detroit, MI.
(Worked collaboratively with an international team of aviation planners on the development of a 25 Year Master Plan for the Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.) 1982-85

Design Program and Educational Consultant
Milo Thompson Associates, Architects, and the AfricanAmerican Cultural Arts Center Board of Directors, Minneapolis, MN.
(Worked collaboratively on the design and development of a 48,000 sq ft Dance/ Arts/ Music/ Heritage Center to be sited in downtown Minneapolis) 1976-77
Center is intended as a **cultural beacon** for highlighting sacrifice + endurance + achievement within the African Diaspora.

Environmental Design Consultant,
Office of the Governor, State of Louisiana.
(Project task was to assist the Governor's staff in determining the probable environmental impact that might result from the construction of a major oil-discharging dock for world-class 'super' tankers within Louisiana's intermediate shoreline.) 1971

Educational Program Consultant,
Department of Psychology, Louisiana State University.
(Project task centered around the need to develop a set of evaluative tools that would accommodate grassroots community input and encourage a continuing *bi*-racial assessment of school desegregation efforts in the State of Louisiana.) 1970

PAPERS • PUBLICATIONS

(abbreviated)

"Spacespirit,"

Homelands

Southeast ACSA Regional Conference
Charlotte, NC,
August, 2000

*"Between Being and Well-Being:
Making Place in the 21st Century City,"*

IFOR'99, International Symposia
on Complex Global Problems
(By invitation of the Architectural Association of China
and the **Chinese Academy of Sciences**)
Beijing, China
August 1999

"Beyond Vernacular,"

International Lecture Series
Department of Architecture
University of Science & Technology
Kumasi, GHANA, West Africa
June 1998

*"New Roots, New Worlds, New Possibilities:
Giving Form to Quality," ACSA Int'l*

Conference '98, Forum de
Ciencia e Cultural
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
May 1998

*"A Black City of Quality
Need Not Be an Oxymoron,"*

A Conference in Tribute to Harold Cruse
(author, "The Crisis of the Negro Intellectual"),
Ann Arbor, MI
March 1998

*"Accelerating Change in the Geography of Power:
New Roots for Urban Design," ACSA European*

Conference '95, Universidade Lusitana
and the Centro Cultural De Belem
Lisbon, Portugal
May 1995.

*"Spirituality—the Missing Building Block in
Mass Production: Or, Why 'Mass Quality'
Need Not be an Oxymoron"*

(Issues of Critical Practice)

ACSA European Conference '94
London, England
May 1994.

"Place Making in Architecture,"

ACSA National Convention
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
March 1994.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

(in progress . . .)

'Back-to-the-city' movements in the U.S.
with particular focus on the potential
for polycultural housing typologies.

Sustaining grants have been received from
The National Endowment for the Arts,
The U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services,

The Ford Foundation,

The University of Michigan:
Center for AfricanAmerican + African Studies,
H. H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies,
Office of the Vice President for Research

Currently pursuing exploratory dialogue
for formally establishing a 'Study Abroad
Studio in **Kumasi**'—in collaboration with
the University of Science & Technology,
Kumasi, **Ghana**, West Africa.

Currently preparing the mid-draft
manuscript for "Spacespirit," a forthcoming
design text focused on issues of design quality,
human communality and ecological sustainability
for a new millennium.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Architecture

College of Architecture + Urban Planning
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 1979 - present

Teaching assignments concentrate
in the following areas:

- Architectural Design
- Urban Design
- Futurist Seminars

Associate Professor of Architecture (w/Tenure)

College of Architecture + Urban Planning
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 1975

Assistant Professor of Architecture

College of Architecture + Urban Planning
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 1973

Associate Professor of Architecture

College of Engineering
Southern University
Baton Rouge, LA 1971

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

(Current Projects . . .)

J. Chaffers • *Architect*

Ann Arbor, MI

- Working collaboratively on the development of
"A National Memorial to Honor **Martin Luther King, Jr.**"
Authorized by the U.S. Congress and the President
of the United States, the memorial is expected
to be built on the 'monumental mall' in
Washington, D.C. in close proximity
to the Washington Monument and
the Lincoln, Jefferson, and FDR
memorials.
- Developing design documents for an 'extended-
family' ecologically harmonious residence
within a semi-tropical environment.
- Developing design documents for an energy-
conscious studio / gallery / workshop space
to house the current works of an inter-
nationally renowned muralist.

PERSONAL

Born: November, 1941