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The day was capped by an HRC cocktail party in the newly restored (Lord Aeck Sargent), mid-century modern library space of the architecture school. The next day, HRC held their annual luncheon and were treated to a talk by Dean Baker about the evolution of John Portman buildings. This lecture, more than any others I heard at convention, help to explain the surrounding Atlanta context. While many of us wrestle with the sunbelt-scale of Portman hotels, the buildings are evocative of their time and are in their vulnerable point of adolescence- still ungainly - yet becoming eligible for tax credits. The massive scale of these buildings, mean they will hopefully, be reinterpreted and used rather than demolished. This topic was further explored by Jean Carroon, FAIA, Carl Elfante, FAIA and myself in a session on Friday entitled *Confronting Climate Change through Stewardship and Reuse*. One of the underlying themes of this session was that Preservationists are moving from a defensive position of saving designated buildings to an offensive position of saving a larger stock of historic buildings because it sustains a sense of cultural continuity. As Jack Pyburn elegantly stated, "longevity is sustainable". For more about HRC events at the conference, see Peter Miller, HonFAIA, blog for Traditional Building and Period Home: *For Pete's sake. [What I learned at Atlanta AIA 2015.](#)*

The next HRC event will discuss sustainability and preservation more in-depth at the Taliesin West Colloquium with COTE (Committee on the Environment) held October 9-10, 2015, titled *Whole-Building Life Cycle Assessment: New Conversations in Holistic Sustainability*. This conference is chaired by [Peyton Hall, FAIA](#). Please contact him for more information on how you can earn 8 HSW CEUs.

We are always looking for fresh ideas and new volunteers so if you are interested in working with HRC on one of the subcommittees, please contact the following committee members:

Education subcommittee including Preservation as Provocation Competition: [Michael Bjornborg](#)

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I'd like to thank our entire group of Advisors including Karl Stumpf, Wendy Hillis, Michael Bjornberg, Lauren Pinney Burge and Michael Smith and Jamie Malanaphy, who all work to bring good programming and ideas to the Historic Resources Committee. It was encouraging to see so many past HRC Chairs and Advisors at the conference and we thank you for the continued support and mentorship. Finally, it was our pleasure to meet so many new and young members and we encourage you to stay in touch.

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2015 Historic Resource Committee Chair

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This year's annual 2015 American Institute of Architects Convention took place last week in Atlanta, poster child for the new south with a skyline devoid of traditional buildings. But if late midcentury modern architecture is your passion, John Portman's mega modern buildings will speak to you.

At an AIA Historic Resources Committee luncheon, Portman architecture expert Dean Baker spoke to us, showing a chronology of John Portman's work, much of it in Atlanta. Who knew that all those acoustically challenged Hyatt Hotel atriums were Portman's idea? As Carl Elefante put it, "John Portman's work is both powerful and anti-urbanist." The best thing about modern architecture is that it's falling apart, providing good jobs for preservation architects and contractors.

I found a collegial gothic architectural oasis on the Georgia Tech campus while attending "Exploring Preservation and Design at Georgia Tech," organized by Jack Pyburn. The campus has twelve historic buildings which provided a living lab for this session. The college campus is fertile ground for architects who integrate an historic-building "brand," which alumni love, with what students need, modern usage. The library is a good example where classical cherry paneled bookshelves must co-exist with minimalist computer stations. We learned that in Georgia Tech preservation planning process the building's users: faculty, staff and students have an important voice in how the old buildings are adapted in new ways.

A dream team of HRC members presented a sunrise seminar called, "Confronting Climate Change through Stewardship and Reuse." Despite a 7:00 am start this session was well attended. [Peyton Hall](#), Architectural Resource Group moderated a panel of three traditional building architects: [Jean Carroon](#), Goody Clancy; Carl Elefante, Quinn Evans Architects and Ashley Wilson, the Graham Gund Architect for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and this year's HRC chair person. Each chipped off a different piece of the sustainability stone but together these pieces made a rock solid case for adaptive reuse.

Jean Carroon spoke first using holy-cow! power-point slides which documented the construction industry's contribution to our consumptive culture. "In the past 50 years, humans have consumed more raw materials and

created more waste than in ALL previous human history.” Construction materials top the list of materials consumed, many of which are bad for your health. In a pie chart which titled “Human Toxicity,” Carroon quoted the EPA with data that ranks construction materials #1 in toxicity followed by electric services and vehicle bodies. “Toxic chemicals show up in every human tested anywhere in the world including newborn babies,” exclaimed Carroon, “because there are 300-500 million tons of hazardous waste per year.”

Jean Carroon is an unapologetic tree hugger who began her career as a white water river guide. In a presentation which could charm a water moccasin, she associates the conservation of our natural environment with the recycle of existing buildings, both historic and otherwise, to conserve our built environment. “Building reuse offers greater environmental savings than demolition and new construction,” said Carroon. “It can take as much as 80 years for a new building to overcome the climate change impact created by its construction.” In conclusion, Carroon kidded, “I’m good at bad data.”

Whether you agree with her EPA data or not, it makes “radical common sense,” according to Ashley Wilson, chief steward for National Trust for Historic Preservation sites. Wilson talked about the value of repairing traditional buildings; NTHP has 21 historic properties covering 4,190 acres. “Buildings which have a long life and loose fit can be maintained. This saves energy, money and jobs,” said Wilson.

It also saves space in our nation’s landfills which are as overcrowded as an Atlanta freeway. Replacement products are necessary but what they replace is not biodegradable. Wilson cited data from the Preservation Green Lab, an excellent resource for traditional building professionals and historic preservation advocates. Green Lab is a good example of how the National Trust for Historic Preservation is transforming from a culture of “no” to an organization which provides research and solutions. Ashley Wilson is managing the compromises required to make preservation economically viable.

The “Stewardship and Reuse” seminar’s third speaker was the venerable Carl Elefante who is credited with the slogan, “the greenest building is the one that’s already built.” Elefante tied this session back to AIA’s theme, “Materials Matter,” with a discussion of Life Cycle Assessment LCA.

“LCA is being incorporated into a broad spectrum of codes, performance guidelines and design tools,” said Elefante. “Architects will need to know what goes into our building materials and how this affects human health and the environment.” Citing “AIA’s Guide to Life Cycle Assessment in Practice” as well as data from the EPA Building for Economic and Environmental Sustainability” he showed how the “environmental score” of a building’s impact on health and the environment trumps the “economic performance score.”

Nowhere was the “Materials Matter” theme more evident than on the AIA Exhibition floor where half of the conference Continuing Education Credits were delivered via supplier education from the display booths. This made for a pleasant buzz on the exhibit floor which, while impressive, is short on products and services for traditional buildings. Exceptions were those suppliers who serve the particular needs and interests of preservation architect members of the AIA Historic Resources Committee. These companies not only exhibit at AIA but also engage with their brethren at the HRC happy hour and sponsor appreciation dinner. St Louis Antique Lighting is no stranger to historic buildings having restored chandeliers in a half dozen state capitols around the country. Ludowici Clay Tile is restoring the roof on St Bartholomew’s Church in New York, as soon as they get back from the AIA Convention in Atlanta.

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The **US General Services Administration, Historic Buildings Preservation Technical Resources** web site provides technical specifications, guidance, and resource information for planning and executing historic building projects. The GSA database includes many specifications developed for GSA buildings and projects, as well as National Park Service Preservation Briefs, Tech Notes, and industry standards for the care of traditional building materials. [Learn more](#).

The **HABS Guide to Field Documentation** offers step-by-step instructions about how to observe, take field measurements, and create field notes and a short-form report about a historic site or structure to HABS standards. [Learn more](#).

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Save the Date! HRC Luncheon at 2015 National Preservation Conference | Thu November 5, 12 - 1:30 PM, The Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. An annual program of the HRC, this year's HRC/NRHP Affinity luncheon program will recognize the 2015 Charles Peterson Prize student competition of measured drawings winners. **Registration information is not yet available.**

Save the Date! HRC Reception/Pub Crawl at 2015 National Preservation Conference | Fri November 6, 7 - 9:30 PM, The Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. Plan to join HRC members and conference attendees in this increasingly popular annual event. The HRC Reception and Historic Pub Crawl itinerary is still under development. Please forward your suggestions to [James Malanaphy, AIA](#).

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