



FAU School of Architecture

Spring 2015 Lecture Series

TRANSMUTATIONS

Marlon Blackwell
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FEB. 9
6:00pm



Marlon Blackwell will discuss his architecture and design process as being based in design strategies that draw upon vernaculars and building typologies and the contradictions of place; strategies that seek to transgress conventional boundaries for architecture. He will demonstrate how ideas and actions are generated from careful observations of intersections of nature-made and culture-made conditions particular to an architectural situation. Using examples of selected design works from his firm, he will demonstrate that a resilient architecture can be achieved as interplay between details, form, and place. In particular, he will illustrate the necessity of being responsive to environmental factors, the specificities of site, and sustainable design principles that ultimately provides an architecture that can be felt as much as it is understood, as immediate and tactile as it is legible, contributing to the fundamental civic dignity of communities.

Marlon Blackwell, FAIA, USA Ford Fellow, is a practicing architect in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Distinguished Professor and Department Head in the Fay Jones School of Architecture at the University of Arkansas. Work produced in his professional office, Marlon Blackwell Architect, has received recognition with numerous national and international design awards and significant publication in books, architectural journals and magazines. The office of Marlon Blackwell Architect was recognized as the Firm of the Year by Residential Architect magazine in 2011. Recent honors include the St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church (Springdale, Arkansas) winning a 2013 AIA National Honor Award and the 2011 Civic and Community Building category at the World Architecture Festival in Barcelona, Spain, and the IMA Ruth Lilly.

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