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Centennial Hearst Lecture Series To Continue With Talks on Modernism and the Legacy of African-American Builders

Cal Poly's Hearst Lecture series will continue with a talk on "Transposing Modernism" Feb. 15 and "Laboring in Obscurity: The Hidden Legacy of African-American Builders, Craftsmen and Architects" on Feb. 22.

The free public lectures will be at 3 p.m. in the Rotunda (Room 213) of Cal Poly's Business Building. They are part of a special Centennial Hearst Lecture Series sponsored by the university's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Cal Poly graduates Leonardo Marmol and Ronald Radziner will speak on Feb. 15 about their style of implementing projects -- from the first sketches to the completion of construction.

Radziner earned his bachelor's degree in engineering science from the College of Engineering and later earned a master's in architecture from the University of Colorado. He is the design principal of Marmol Radziner + Associates AIA, Architecture + Construction. His projects are known for architectural identity and connection between interior and exterior space.

Marmol is the firm's managing principal, overseeing the firm's construction. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

"Leo and Ron have gone on to create a unique design-build firm in Los Angeles," said Architecture Professor Karen Lange, coordinator of the lecture series. "Cal Poly's emphasis on interdisciplinary learning has come to professional fruition through their many successful collaborations."

The following week, as part of Black History Month events at Cal Poly,
Trent Green will speak about the legacy of African-American builders and designers. An architect, urban designer and community planner, Green said black builders and artisans "played an integral role in the construction of some of the most noted civic, commercial and residential buildings" in such cities as Washington, D.C., Charleston, Savannah and New Orleans.

Green attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Real Estate Development and went on to earn a master's degree in architecture and urban design from Harvard University. Currently an assistant professor of architecture at the University of South Florida's School of Architecture and Community Design, Green also heads his own private design company and is involved with several groups, including the National Organization of Minority Architects. He is a board member of Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough County, Fla.

For more information on the talks, call Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design at 756-1321.

The Hearst Lecture Series brings internationally respected design professionals to Cal Poly to give lectures, visit classrooms and critique student design projects. The series is supported by a grant from the Hearst Foundation.

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