Internationally Renowned Architect To Give Hearst Lecture at Cal Poly

Los Angeles-based Michele Saee, renowned designer of the Golzari Guest House in Westlake, will give a free lecture, "Instances of Space," at 3 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Rotunda (Room 213) of Cal Poly's Business Building.

The talk is part of a special Centennial Hearst Lecture Series sponsored by the university's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Saee will give his perspective on architecture and other elements detailed in his book "Michele Saee: Buildings Plus Projects."

The Iranian-born Saee practiced and studied in Italy. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in architecture in Florence in 1981. In 1982 he earned an advanced degree in urban studies in Milan.

Saee immigrated to Los Angeles in 1985 and has since completed more than 50 projects, including houses, restaurants and stores.

"Saee's style of architecture is unpredictable," said Cal Poly Architecture Professor Karen Lange, coordinator of the annual lecture series. "Some of his finished designs evolve around floating sculptural shapes and material interaction with light."

Works of art by Saee are displayed in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco and the Regional Contemporary Art Collection in Orléans, France, which assembles collections focusing on the relationship between art and architecture.

Saee was named one of the "Forty Under Forty in Southern California" most promising American architects by author Beverly Russell. He is recognized as an emerging voice for the Architectural League of New
York and his work is included in the LA 12 Architect Exhibit at the Pacific Design Center in Los Angeles.

For more information, 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 presentations, visit classrooms and critique student design projects. The series is supported by a grant from the Hearst Foundation.

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