

Biographical Summary
ROGER K. Lewis, FAIA

Roger K. Lewis, FAIA, is an architect and planner, educator, and author. His firm Roger K. Lewis & Associates, is based in Washington, DC, and he is a professor of architecture at the University of Maryland. Since 1984, his award-winning column—"Shaping the City"—on architecture and urban design has appeared weekly and bi-weekly in The Washington Post.

Born in Houston, Professor Lewis studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, receiving a Bachelor in Architecture degree in 1964. After two years as a Peace Corps volunteer architect in Tunisia, where he designed and built a number of projects, he returned to M.I.T and, in 1967, earned a Master in Architecture degree. Beginning his career in architectural education in 1968, he helped start the University of Maryland's new architectural school and also first established his architecture and planning practice.

Elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 1986, Professor Lewis was recognized for "his commitment to architecture and architectural education" and for his "exemplary writing, practice, and teaching." He has designed private residences, multi-unit housing developments, recreational facilities, art institutions, community centers, commercial buildings, and schools. His urban design and planning work has included designs for new communities and creation of urban and architectural design guidelines. Built projects have received AIA and other design awards, including a 1988 Federal Design Achievement award- the highest award conferred by the National Endowment for the Arts in its quadrennial Presidential Awards Program- for design of a H.U.D. financed elderly housing project. Recently, he was the design architect for an award-winning, 12,000 square foot, public middle school, and his firm recently designed civic, commercial and residential projects in Maryland, Virginia, and Florida.

Professor Lewis authored Architect? A Candid Guide to the Profession, published in 1985 by the MIT Press. A revised edition was published in 1998. Used as an introductory text at architecture schools throughout North America, it has also been translated and published in Japan, Korea, and Mexico. The AIA Press published Shaping the City in 1987, a collection of selected essays and cartoons from The Washington Post. He was a co-author of the widely disseminated Growth Management Handbook, published in 1989, when he also began writing reviews of museum architecture for the American Association of Museums. Professor Lewis' articles on architecture, planning and urban design, historic preservation, housing, zoning, and public policy affecting the built environment appear regularly in national journals, periodicals, anthologies and encyclopedias. His "Shaping the City" cartoons, in addition to appearing continually in books and other regional and national publications, have been the subject of several exhibitions, including an exhibition in 1998/99 at The National Building Museum in Washington, DC.

A frequent guest speaker, lecturer or panelist at universities, professional conferences, and cultural and business institutions, he serves regularly on regional and national design award juries and design review committees. He also serves as a design and planning consultant to numerous governmental agencies, including the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and the U.S. General Services Administration, as well as private organizations. Professor Lewis is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Faberge Arts Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the Capital Children's Museum.