

## Robert Brown

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Nationality: American; British

## Qualifications

2013 Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy (UK)  
1993 Royal Institute of British Architects  
1993 Architects Registration Board (UK)  
1989 Registered Architect, State of Illinois, USA

## Education

1988 Master of Architecture, University of Illinois  
Long Fellowship, Earl Prize (Design), Architectural Honorary  
1984 Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, University of Illinois  
College Honours, Earl Prize (Design), ISSC Scholarship

## Professional Experience

2011- Design Lab, Plymouth  
Plymouth University School of Architecture, Design and Environment in-house office  
Master planning / spatial planning consultancy including work with  
Plymouth University and Plymouth City Council  
2005- bt studio  
Private practice with housing and arts projects  
2001-2005 Max Lock Centre, London  
Urban design, planning and development consultancy including DFID-funded research  
on community development in India and Africa  
1996 Housing International, Pune, India  
Secondment, Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority  
1989-2001 Levitt Bernstein Associates, London (Associate)  
Urban regeneration including housing and arts-led regeneration  
1986-1989 Tigerman McCurry Architects, Chicago, Illinois  
1984-1985 Bradley & Bradley Architects, Rockford, Illinois

## Professional Activities

2013 Plymouth Design Review Panel  
2013- European Architectural History Network Review Panel  
2013- Architectural Research European Network Association  
2013- Plymouth University Campus Strategy Development Board  
2012- Architecture and Humanities Research Association Steering Committee  
2012- Institute for Sustainable Solutions Research Board  
2012- Pedagogic Research Institute and Observatory Fellow  
2012- Homes for Heroes (Plymouth) Steering Group  
2011- Pedagogic Research Institute and Observatory Steering Group  
2011- Association of Architectural Educators Steering Group  
2011- Standing Conference of Heads of Schools of Architecture  
2011 Plymouth (City Council) Housing Strategy Advisory Group  
2008- RIBA Validation Panel

2005- Culture, Theory and Space Research Group (Plymouth University)  
 2005- Invited referee for various conferences / publications  
 2002- Open House International editorial board  
 1998-2001 Strutton Housing Association Board Member  
 1994 National Certificate in Tenant Participation, Institute of Housing

### Teaching Experience

2002- University of Plymouth School of Architecture and Design  
 Head of Architecture (2011-)  
 Associate Head of School of Architecture, Design and Environment (2012-)  
 Associate Professor, Master of Architecture Programme Leader (2006-2011)  
 Year Tutor, Degree Year 2 (2003-2006)

1998- Visiting lecturer / guest critic  
 Aoyama Gakuin University (Tokyo), Canterbury, (UCCA), Cardiff University, Carleton University, University of Central England, University of East London, Gazi University (Ankara), Gdansk Technical University, University of Innsbruck, Kobe University, Riga Technical University, and Tama University of the Arts (Tokyo)

1997-2002 University of East London School of Architecture  
 Lecturer (1998-2002)  
 Atelier Principle in Teaching programme (1997-98)

1997-2002 University of Westminster School of Architecture  
 MA in Urban Design – Visiting Lecturer (1997-2002)

1985-1986 University of Illinois, School of Architecture  
 Design studio – Teaching Assistant

### Research Awards and Grants

2012 Pedagogic Research Institute and Observatory Research Award:  
 Language and Cultural Meaning: Establishing dialogical learning in an internationalised teaching and learning environment

2012 Pedagogic Research Institute and Observatory Research Award:  
 Situated learning in Architecture and Planning: The pedagogic benefits to practitioners and the improvement of place.

2010 University of Plymouth Research Award, '(Re)Tracing Origins: Exploring the role of tradition in emerging Japanese architecture'

2008 TQEF Research-Informed Teaching, Higher Education Funding Council of England:  
 "Peer-Assisted Learning, Critical Thinking and Pedagogy"

2006 Centre for Education in the Built Environment: Commissioned study on cross-disciplinary learning

2005 Daiwa Foundation and Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation: "Danpen (Fragments)" – Japan – UK collaborative cultural-education exchange project

2004 Japan 21 Foundation: "(Re)Encounter" – design studio project exploring Japanese sensibilities of design towards people, place and tectonics

2003 Teaching Fellowship Award, University of Plymouth: "Indoctrination or a Case of Being on the Same Wavelength?" – the role of teaching and learning in entry level students' assimilation of a discipline's prevailing values

2002 Quality in Learning and Teaching Award, University of East London: "The Social Environment of Learning" – the role of the social environment of the design studio in student learning

1999 RIBA Trust Research Award (with D. Moreau): "Architectural Interpretation and

Communication” – the role of values and dialogue in architectural education

**Publications**

- 2014 'It's not what You Think – A dialectic of affordance and sensibilities', *Spatial Thinking* (forthcoming).
- 2013 'Emplacement, Embodiment and Ritual: Some considerations from *shikii wo matagu* for our understanding of place and identity', in S. Bandyopadhyay and G. Garma-Montiel, eds., *The Territories of Identity: Architecture in the Age of Evolving Globalisation*. Routledge (forthcoming).
- 2013 'From Boudieu to Friere - By way of Boal, (with P. Clark), *Field* (forthcoming).
- 2012 'A Critique of Origins, or, the Case of Palimpsest', in M. Miles and J. Savage, eds., *Nu-topia – a critical view of future cities*. Plymouth: University of Plymouth Press.
- 2012 'Concepts of Vernacular Architecture', (with D. Maudlin), in G. Crslyer, H. Heynen and S. Cairns, eds., *The SAGE Handbook of Architectural Theory*. London: Sage.
- 2011 'The Elusiveness of Culture', in P. Beacock, et. al., eds., *Engaging in Architectural Education*. London: London Metropolitan University.
- 2011 'The City as Palimpsest: Towards the Sustainable City', in *Sustainable Cities*, special issue of *Open House International*
- 2011 'You Can't Go Home Again: The place of tradition in "Firefly's" dystopian-utopia and utopian-distopia', in *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Review*, Spring. Jeffrey Cooke Prize (Honourable Mention) for outstanding research by the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments (UoC, Berkeley).
- 2011 'Mapping the Unmappable, Knowing the Unknowable', in C. Ulrik Anderson and G. Cox, eds., *Public Interfaces*. Aarhus: Aarhus University.
- 2010 'Andrejsala is not an Island - Joined-up approaches to the layered city', in U. Bratuskins, et. al., eds., *Architecture and Planning - The Scientific Journal of Riga Technical University*. Riga: Riga Technical University
- 2008 'Redefining the Edge', in N. AlSayyad, ed., *Reinventing Traditions for the Modern World - Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Working Paper Series*, Vol. 211
- 2008 'My Kind of Town - A study in representing the city', in R. Lucas and G. Muir, eds., *Sensory Urbanism Proceedings 2008*, Edinburgh: The Flaneur Press
- 2007 'Learning through Ritual', in *Transactions*, Vol. 4, No. 1, April, pp. 55 – 72, [Online], Available at [www.cebe.heacademy.ac.uk/transactions](http://www.cebe.heacademy.ac.uk/transactions)
- 2006 'Don't Forget the Critical in Critical Regionalism', in J. Odgers, F. Samuel and A. Sharr, eds., *Primitive – Original Matters in Architecture*, Abingdon: Routledge
- 2005 *The Rough Guide to Community Asset Management* (with R. Kalra and M. Theis), London: MLC Press
- 2005 'Community Asset Management', *Open House International* special issue, guest editor (with Dr. Michael Theis)
- 2004 'The Social Environment of Learning', in *Enhancing Curricula*, A. Davies, ed., London: University of the Arts
- 2002 'Finding Your Way in the Dark', (with D. Moreau), Shared Visions Conference, Brighton University; 'Finding Your Way in the Dark' [Online] Available at [www.palatine.ac.uk/files/846.pdf](http://www.palatine.ac.uk/files/846.pdf)
- 2002 'Communicating Desire', in C. Gandelsonas, ed., *Communicating for Development*, London: ITDG Publishing
- 2001 'Between Myth and Reality: The self-image of the architect', (with D. Moreau) in N. Caglar, ed., *Re-Integrating Theory and Design*, Leuven, Belgium: EAAE
- 2001 *Involving Tenants in the Design Process* (with Levitt Bernstein and Rod Laird) London: The Housing Corporation

- 2000 'Through the Looking Glass', (with D. Moreau), in *Research By Design*, Delft, the Netherlands: DUP Satellite
- 2000 'The Search for a New Paradigm for Practice and Education', (with D. Moreau) in S. Scrivener, L. Ball, A. Woodcock, eds., *Collaborative Design*, London: Springer-Verlag
- 2000 'Seeing the World through another Person's Eyes', (with D. Moreau), in D. Nicol and S. Piling, eds., *Changing Architectural Education*, London: E & FN Spon
- 1998 'Design Games: Community Participation in Urban Design', *Urban Design Quarterly* No. 65, January
- 1997 'Personalisation Made Easy: Use of the Computer to Facilitate Personalisation by the Individual User in User-participatory Design', in *Open House International*, Vol 22 No 1, March

### **Key Conference Papers, Lectures and Symposium Panels**

- 2014 Transgressing Origins, *AHRA Transgression Conference*, University of West England
- 2013 Invited panel member: *Architctural Theory in an Expanded Field Symposium*, University of Central London
- 2013 Invited lecture: 'Escape from New York - The abuses of disorder and the need for (some) order', *Interface Lecture Series*, Plymouth University
- 2012 Keynote lecture: 'It's Not What You Think – A dialectic of affordance and sensibilities', *Spatial Thinking 2 Conference*, Innsbruck University
- 2011 Invited lecture: 'Secret Labour – Legitimacy and Creativity', *Presenting Le Corbusier – Aspects of the Life, Work and Influence Symposium*, Plymouth University
- 2011 '(Re)Inventing Tradition – sensibility and habitus in the architecture of Japan's new generation', *Fixed Conference*, Plymouth University
- 2010 Invited lecture: 'A Dialectic of Inside and Outside', *After the Post-Socialist City Symposium*, Gdansk Technical University
- 2010 'Performance and Palimpsest: Reconstructing National Identity in the Landscape of Riga, Latvia', *Architecture, Design and Nation Conference*, Nottingham Trent University
- 2010 'Palimpsest - A challenge to authenticity and authority in architecture', *The Cultural Role of Architecture Conference*, Lincoln University
- 2009 Invited lecture: '3 Cities, 3 Ports, 1 Paradigm', *Contesting the City Symposium*, University of Latvia
- 2009 'Simultaneous Situational Ambiguity', *Architectural and Phenomenology Conference*, Kyoto Seika University
- 2007 'Fighting it out over Utopia', *Utopian Studies Conference*, Plymouth University
- 2005 'Ritual Practices', *Territorial Practices Conference (ASCA Regional Conference)*, Clemson University
- 2005 'The Dancer, the Architect, the Designer and the Shrine', *UIA 2005*, Istanbul
- 2002 'Be Careful What Lessons You're Learning', *Design History and Studies Conference*, Istanbul Technical University
- 2001 Environment-behaviour studies and its absent place in architectural education' (with D. Moreau), *Architectural Education Exchange 2001*, Cardiff University
- 2000 'Teaching, Perceiving, Communicating' (with D. Moreau), *Architectural Education Exchange 2000*, Sheffield University

### **Conferences organised**

- 2013 *Uncommon Currency* (Association of Architectural Educators Annual Conference), Nottingham Trent University
- 2011 *Fixed? Architecture, Incompleteness and Change*, Plymouth University