

THE MERRY OVNICK FELLOWSHIP

The Merry Ovnick Fellowship is established by the [Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter \(SAH/SCC\)](#) in honor of past-President and longtime board member Merry Ovnick. It provides for \$1,000 annually to support the travel of an advanced graduate student to the SAH Annual International Conference. Any graduate student studying at a college or University in Southern California is qualified to apply but must have research interests in architectural and/or cultural history and be actively pursuing their Masters degree or PhD at an accredited college or university. The Fellowship will be awarded annually, with its first recipient in early 2025.

In celebration of the Fellowship, The Merry Ovnick Fellowship Fundraiser and Lecture will be held on Saturday, January 25th, 2025 at the historic Neutra Office in Silver Lake and broadcast via Zoom. Daniel Paul, architectural historian, will be the featured speaker. Paul, known for his groundbreaking work on glass skinned office buildings, was mentored by Ovnick. One hundred percent of the proceeds of the lecture will go to the support of the Fellowship.

As an author and educator, Merry wrote extensively on the Southern California built environment and was the author of *Los Angeles: The End of the Rainbow* (Princeton Architectural Press, 1999). For years, she also was the editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*. As a teacher in the history department at California State University, Northridge, she educated and mentored young historians for decades. She served as President of SAH/SCC and was a long-time board member. Her final wishes were that those of us left behind pay forward the passion and enjoyment of architecture and history that she had.

Individuals wishing to make a donation in support of the Fellowship can do so at www.sahscc.org. Tickets for the lecture will be available January 1st, 2025.

Fellowship Timeline:

Call for Applications	November 15th
Submissions Due to Selection Committee	January 15 th
Merry Ovnick Fellowship Lecture/Fundraiser	January 25th
Selection/announcement of recipient	February 15 th
Advise SAH International of recipient	March 1st
Spring Conference in Atlanta	April 30 th -May 4th