

**Society of Architectural Historians**  
**Invitation for Nominations**  
**2026 Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award**

Presented by the Society of Architectural Historians for distinguished scholarship in the history of landscape architecture or garden design

### Purpose

The Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award was established by the SAH Board in 2005 to recognize annually the most distinguished work of scholarship in the history of landscape architecture or garden design. Named for SAH Past President and landscape historian Elisabeth MacDougall, the award honors the late historian's role in developing this field of study.

### Criteria for Submission

Books in English with a **2022, 2023, or 2024** printed copyright date are eligible. Entries for consideration may be submitted only by the publisher or publisher's distributor. Self-published books are not eligible. Journals are not eligible.

Subsequent editions of a book are eligible only if the original core material has been edited or revised. A new preface or introduction with no changes to the original text is not eligible.

Books submitted for this award may not be submitted in the same year for the Alice Davis Hitchcock Award, the Antoinette Forrester Downing Award, the SAH Exhibition Catalogue Award, or the Spiro Kostof Award; books that have received one of those awards in a previous year may not be submitted for the Elisabeth Blair MacDougall Book Award.

### The Award

The award consists of a certificate and citation that will be presented at the Society's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference in Mexico City, Mexico, April 15-19, 2026. The award will also be announced in the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* and the SAH Newsletter. The winning publication will become part of the Society's permanent collection, displayed in the library of the Charnley-Persky House in Chicago, Illinois.

## The Committee

The Committee is appointed by the President of the Society of Architectural Historians. One copy of the nominated publication should be sent to SAH HQ and to each committee member postmarked by **September 3, 2025**.

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Please send one copy of the book along with the nomination form to the Society's headquarters. The nomination form can be submitted via email.

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