

President's Report – February 2017

Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community

1. Just as education around the world continues to evolve and innovate, so do the campuses that house the brightest future artists, scholars, and financiers. This year's best university buildings were erected as far away as Norway and China, and some are brand-new builds engineered to accommodate tiny footprints. These new structures make the grade for state-of-the-art technology, adherence to historic detailing, and architecturally significant design. Lassonde Studios was listed among the nine best new university buildings around the world by *Architectural Digest*.
2. Ryan E. Smith, Associate Professor and Director of ITAC was awarded the 2016 National Institute of Building Science (NIBS) Member Award. The award was presented in Washington DC at the NIBS annual conference. The press release states, "The Institute Member Award goes to a member of the Institute who has made a substantial contribution in support of the mission, goals and objectives of the Institute. The 2016 Member Award went to Ryan E. Smith, Associate Professor and Director of Integrated Technology and Architecture, University of Utah. Though not present to receive his award, Smith was recognized for his work and leadership on the Off-Site Construction Council (OSCC). As the founding chair of the OSCC, Smith's vision and strategic planning fostered a productive start to the Council, which kicked off in 2013. He has since helped to establish the OSCC as a valued research, education and outreach center for relevant and current information on off-site design and construction." The National Institute of Building Sciences is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that successfully brings together representatives of government, the professions, industry, labor and consumer interests, and regulatory agencies to focus on the identification and resolution of problems and potential problems that hamper the construction of safe, affordable structures for housing, commerce and industry throughout the United States.