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## Woodbury Architecture Student Shweta Joshi Among Winners at Pasadena & Foothill AIA Design Awards 2015

*AIA Chapter Honors Architects at Pasadena Civic Auditorium Gala*



*AIA Awards Committee member John Luttrell (left), Shweta Joshi, committee member Steve Lewis (photo credit: DennisHill.com)*

BURBANK, Calif. (October 6, 2015) – Shweta Joshi, a Master of Architecture student at Woodbury University’s School of Architecture, has been honored with the Student Citation Award from the Pasadena & Foothill chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Pasadena-area winners and outstanding area projects were announced at the Annual Pasadena & Foothill AIA Design Awards gala held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on Sept. 24. Sponsored by the Pasadena & Foothill AIA, and attended by leading architects, design

firms and architecture students, the annual awards celebrate design excellence and innovation as well as provide a forum for architects to be recognized by their peers for their effort, talent and professional dedication.

Joshi's work, "Creating a Fragile Forest of Light," imagines a school building that incorporated living spaces in a highly-stylized yet delicate environment. "The energy and talent this project represents is very positive," the jurors noted. The jury panel consisted of: Mark Cavagnero, FAIA (Mark Cavagnero Associates); Richard Holbrook (International Furniture Designer); Coulter Winn, AIA (Walt Disney Imagineering); Kate Diamond, FAIA (HDR Pasadena); and Armando Gonzalez, FAIA (Gonzales/Goodale Architects Pasadena).

"These awards aim to raise public consciousness and foster a wider appreciation for excellence in design by highlighting the significant role of the architect in the community," said John Luttrell, AIA who was part of the Awards Committee. "Each year, our entries represent some of the most notable work done by architects in the Southern California area."

"Shweta's project explores the potential to innovate within a highly defined building envelope in a dense urban condition," said Norman Millar, AIA, Dean of the School of Architecture. "Her design, which is as inspired as it is thoughtful, operates between extremes public and private. Her project maintains a clear identity while filtering its environment. It truly is a tour de force."

To view Joshi's project, visit: <http://aia-awards.com/AIAPF/gallery/displayAll.php>.

#### **About the Pasadena & Foothill Chapter of the American Institute of Architects**

The Pasadena & Foothill Chapter of the American Institute of Architects serves the local architect, promotes architecture and the built environment within the chapter's boundaries, provides resources to the community for professional development and education, and serves as a vital link to local allied professionals as well as other chapter components of the AIA. For more information on the Pasadena & Foothill Chapter of the AIA, visit [www.aiapf.org](http://www.aiapf.org).

#### **About Woodbury University**

Founded in 1884, Woodbury University is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in Southern California. With campuses in Burbank/Los Angeles and San Diego, the university offers bachelor's degrees from the School of Architecture, School of Business, School of Media, Culture & Design, and College of Transdisciplinarity, along with a Master of Arts in Media for Social Justice, Master of Architecture (MArch), Master of Interior Architecture (MIA), Master of Science in Architecture (MSArch), and Master of Leadership. The San Diego campus offers Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture, Master of Interior Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture degrees, as well as an MSArch degree with concentrations in Real Estate Development and Landscape + Urbanism. *DesignIntelligence* has ranked the Interior Architecture BFA #2 in the West. Woodbury ranks 15th among the nation's "25 Colleges That Add the Most Value," according to *Money Magazine* and is a 2014-2015 College of Distinction. Visit [woodbury.edu](http://woodbury.edu) for more information.

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