

**BLANCHE LEMCO VAN GINKEL** CM, FRAIC, RPP, RCA, Hon.FAIA, FCIP

B. Architecture McGill University 1945  
M. City Planning Harvard University 1950

#### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Fellow, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada  
Life Member, Ontario Association of Architects  
Life Member, Toronto Society of Architects  
Royal Canadian Academy of Arts  
Retired Member, Canadian Institute of Planners  
Retired Member, l'Ordre des Urbanistes du Québec (Founding Member)  
Hon. Fellow, American Institute of Architects

#### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

1945 McGill entrance scholarship;  
1950 Miss I. McLennan Prize for Highest Standing in Final Year Architecture and Lieutenant-Governor's Medal, McGill  
Harvard Graduate Fellowships 1948, 1949; 1958:  
1948 International Federation of Housing and Planning Grand Prix for Film (*It Can Be Done*);  
1956 *Mademoiselle Magazine* Woman of the Year;  
1961 *Canadian Architect Magazine* Award;  
1962 Massey Medal for Architecture;  
1973 Fellow, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada; 1975 Montreal YWCA Award;  
1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal;  
1984 Service Award, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA);  
1989 Distinguished Professor Award, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture;  
1991 Canadian Citizenship Citation;  
1991 University of Toronto Architecture and Landscape Architecture Alumni Award;  
1995 Honorary Fellow, American Institute of Architects;  
1995 Award of Merit, McGill Alma Mater Fund;  
1998 Fellow, Toronto Society of Architects;  
1998 Life Member, Ontario Association of Architects;  
2000 Member, Order of Canada;  
2002 Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal;  
2003 Corporation des Urbanistes du Québec, *Le Prix Blanche Lemco van Ginkel*  
2005 Symposium *Metropoles en France et au Canada (Aix-en-Provence)*, named *Colloque Franco-Canadien Blanche Lemco van Ginkel*;  
2005 Doctorat Honoris Causa, Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille;  
2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal;  
2013 Chateau de Ramezay, Montreal: City of Montreal Achievement Award;  
2014 Ordre des Urbanistes du Québec, Prix Blanche Lemco van Ginkel;  
2014 Honorary Doctorate of Science, McGill University;  
2018 Fellow, Canadian Institute of Planning.

#### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

## At University of Toronto:

1992 -- -- Professor Emeritus  
 1980-82 Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Architecture  
 1980-81 Acting Chair, Department of Architecture  
 1977-80 Dean, School of Architecture  
 1977-82 Chair, Graduate Program in Architecture  
 1977-92 Professor of Architecture

1971-77 Visiting Professor, Urban Planning, McGill University

1975, '71 Visiting Lecturer, City Planning and Urban Design, Harvard University

1961-67 and 1969-70 Lecturer, Institut d'Urbanisme, Université de Montréal

1958 Visiting Lecturer, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design

1952-57 Assistant Professor of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

**Visitor/Critic/Committees, etc**

2005 Studio critic and reviews, School of Interior Design, Ryerson University.  
 2004 Reviews, Department of Architecture, U. of Toronto  
 2003 Reviews, Ryerson University and at U. of Toronto  
 1999 Jury, Morden Yolles Award, U. of Toronto  
 1998 Reviews, U. of Toronto  
 1997 Final Reviews GSD, Harvard  
 1995 CACB Examining Committee, Carleton University  
 1989 Committee to advise the Assoc. of Icelandic Architects on establishing a school of architecture  
 1989 NAAB Examining Committee: Rhode Island School of Design  
 1989 -ditto- University of North Dakota  
 1986 -ditto- Temple University  
 1985 Visiting Critic University of Waterloo  
 1985 Visiting Critic, Rensselaer Polytechnic  
 1983-91 Advisory Committee, U. of Miami, School of Architecture  
 1982 Visitor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
 1984 Tenure Committee, Graduate School of Design, Harvard  
 1981-87 Advisory Committee of the Board of Overseers, Graduate School of Design, Harvard  
 1981 Advisory Committee, Planning Program, Graduate School of Design, Harvard  
 1981 Visiting Thesis Critic, McGill U., School of Architecture  
 1976-84 Member, Advisory Council, Princeton U., School of Architecture

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

1957-present Principal van Ginkel Associates Architecture, City and Regional Planning  
 1952-58 Sole Principal Blanche Lemco, Architect and Planner  
 1950-'51 Designer, Architect Mayerovitch and Bernstein, Montreal  
 1949 (summer) City Planner Central Mortgage and Housing  
 1948 Architect/designer Le Corbusier, (ATBAT) Paris  
 1947 Architecture assistant W. Crabtree, Architect London, England  
 1946 Manager, Regina City Planning Committee, Regina, Sask  
 1945 Planning assistant Windsor Planning Commission, Windsor, Ont  
 1943, 1944 Asst. to Director of Technical Services, National Film Board of Canada, Ottawa (summers)  
 1942 (summer) Draftsman/designer, Dominion Rubber Company, Montreal  
 1941 (summer) Draftsman, Canadian Custodis Chimney Company, Montreal

**ARTICLES/EXHIBITIONS****REFEREED PAPERS**

- "Slowly and Surely (and somewhat painfully): more or less the History of Women in Architecture in Canada", *Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada Bulletin*, Vol 17, No 1, March 1991
- "Planning Action By Indirection", *Environments*, Vol 20, No 3, 1990
- "New Towns in the North", *Contact*, Vol 8, No 3, August 1976, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo
- "The Form of the Core", *Journal of American Institute of Planners*, February 1961

### Non-Refereed Papers/Publications

- Introduction to conference "Métropoles au Canada et en France", Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2008.
- Comments on a Century of Canadian Architecture, *Canadian Architect*, January 2000.
- Editor, Newsletter/Bulletin, Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, 1992-2001.
- "Culture and Architecture" Toronto Society of Architects Newsletter. Jan/Feb. 1999
- "Alison Smithson", Newsletter of International Archive of Women in Architecture. Fall 1997
- "Slowly and Surely (But Somewhat Painfully) More or Less the History of Women in Architecture in Canada", *The Canadian Architect*, November 1993.
- Introduction to "An Architect's Library of 1890", (at Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, 1991), Pub. Faculty of Architecture, U. of Toronto.
- Report on Workshop on a School of Architecture in Iceland, *ACSA-AI-EAAE Workshop in Reykjavik*, Association of Icelandic Architects, 1990
- "Preface", *Architecture in Schools*, ACSA, 1989, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of ACSA 1987.
- "Lessons", *The Fifth Column*, (Architecture Alumni, U. of Toronto) Vol 5, No 2, 1985
- Urban Design entry in *Canadian Encyclopedia*, Hurtig, 1985. Revised 1988 for CD-ROM
- "Dreams of Development", *Environments*, Vol 17, No 2, 1985
- "Social Responsibility in Architecture", *Architecture and the Future*, ACSA, 1984
- "New World Capitals", *Urban Design International*, Vol 4, No 2, 1983
- "General Specialty of Education in Architecture", *l'Hotel d'Architecture*, ACSA, 1983
- "Kinetic City", *Urban Design International*, Vol 3, No 4, 1982
- "Kinetic Equilibrium in the Learning Process", International Union of Architects, Warsaw Assembly, 1981
- "Education of the Architect", *Housing for an Aging Population : Alternatives*, ed. Blossom T. Wigdor and Louise Ford, pub. Program in Gerontology, University of Toronto, 1981
- "Northern Communities - Requirements and Problems", Working Paper for NRC Study on Research and Development for Engineering in Cold Regions. NRCC 17829, *Special Technical Publication No 5 of the Division of Building Research*, October 1979.
- "Lessons". Review of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of Toronto, Spring 1978.
- "Awards for Excellence in the Urban Environment", *Habitat*, Vol 19, No 1/2, 1976
- "Centre City", *Exploring Montreal*, Gréy de Pencier, 1974, and *Découvrir Montréal*, Edition du Jour, 1975
- "Minimum Energy Systems for Maximum Community Benefit" in *Third Vail Symposium*, 1973, pub. Town of Vail, Colorado
- "Transportation : Ins and Outs", *The Canadian Architect*, June 1973
- "Les Effets Réels sur les Villes des Politiques des Affaires Urbaines", *Architecture Concept*, May 1973
- "Does James Bay Concern the Architect?", *PQAA Bulletin*, October 1972
- "Aesthetic Considerations", *Urban Problems - A Canadian Reader*, Holt Rinehard and Winston, 1971
- "Depreciation and Redevelopment", *Canadian Architect*, March 1970
- "Building Maintenance Key to Planning", *Montreal Star*, 4 October 1969
- "After Expo", and guest editor, *Architectural Design*, July 1967
- "The Phenomenon of Pollution", *Pollution Reader*, Harvest House, 1968 (paper for National Pollution Conference, Montreal, November 1966)
- "The Idea of University", *University*, Rensselaer Polytechnic, 1966.
- "The Centre City Pedestrian", *Architecture Canada*, 1966

"l'Esthétique Urbaine", *l'Association Canadienne d'Urbanisme, Division du Québec*, Vol 1, No 6, September 1964.

"Land Use and Resource Planning of the Region". *Community Planning Review*, Vol.XIII No. 4, 1963

"Aesthetic Considerations in Community Planning", *Community Planning Review*, Vol XI, No 4, 1961

"Le Port de Montréal", *Cités et Villes*, Mars, 1961

"Comment on New Forms of Family Housing", *Canadian Art*, 1960

"Urban Mapping" publication for Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation, pub. 1950, Ottawa

#### GUEST EDITOR:

*Environments*, Vol 15, No 2, "Designing for Extremes of Heat and Cold", University of Waterloo, 1983

*Habitat*, pub. CMHC, Vol 19, No 1/2, 1976

*Architectural Design*, on Montreal, 1967

*Canadian Art*, January/February 1962, special issue on the automobile. Engaged contributors, wrote editorials and papers: "The Landscape", "Structures"

#### ARTICLES/WORK PUBLISHED about BLvG and van Ginkel Associates (incomplete)

[Pioneering Women of American Architecture](https://pioneeringwomen.bwaf.org/blanche-lemco-van-ginkel/), (<https://pioneeringwomen.bwaf.org/blanche-lemco-van-ginkel/>) Beverley Willis Architecture Foundation, 2017.

[The Invisibility of Women](http://archiparlour.org/the-invisibility-of-women/) (<http://archiparlour.org/the-invisibility-of-women/>), Tanya Southcott, Parlour magazine, 2017.

[Blanche Lemco-van Ginkel : The Woman Who Saved Old Montreal](http://www.vieuxmontreal.ca/en/blog/blanche-lemco-van-ginkel-the-woman-who-saved-old-montreal/) (<http://www.vieuxmontreal.ca/en/blog/blanche-lemco-van-ginkel-the-woman-who-saved-old-montreal/>), SDC Vieux Montréal, 2014.

*McGill University awards Blanche Lemco van Ginkel with a Doctor of Science degree*,

(<https://www.canadianarchitect.com/architecture/mcgill-university-awards-blanche-lemco-van-ginkel-with-a-doctor-of-science-degree/1003092869/>), Canadian Architect, 2014.

Montreal Gazette 29 April 2014: "Van Ginkel's impact as an architect and urban planner on the city of Montreal has been huge."

Nursery School in Marseille in "Century of the Child", Juliet Kinchin and Aidan O'Connor, pub. Museum of Modern Art, New York 2013

Saviours of Our City" (<https://www.pressreader.com/canada/montreal-gazette/20120922/281814281069114>), Marion Scott, Montreal Gazette, 2012.

ARQ (Architecture Quebec) August 2012. Issue devoted to the work of van Ginkel Associates.

"Expressway Aesthetics, Montreal in the 1960's", Margaret E. Hodges, *Architecture in Canada*, Vol.37 No.1, Jan. 2012

In "Metro Design in Motion" by John Martins-Manteiga, pub: Dominion Modern 2011

Article by Linda Gyulai on highways and bridges in the Gazette. Montreal, 4 August 2007.

"La Modernité Critique, autour du CIAM 9 d'Aix-en-Provence – 1953", Editions Imbernon/2006

Several works in "The 60's Montréal Thinks Big", ed. André Lortie; pub. Canadian Centre for Architecture 2004.

"Blanche Lemco van Ginkel and the urban aesthetics of Montreal", Ph.D. dissertation of Margaret Hodges, McGill University. 2004

In *Urbanité* Vol. 2 No.3, novembre 2003

Subject of M. A. thesis of Adrienne Richter at Carleton University, 2002.

"Une entrevue avec Blanche Lemco van Ginkel, Cofondatrice de l'Ordre des urbanistes du Québec".

André Boivert. *Urbanité*, printemps 1999, cahier spécial. Pub. OUQ. (reprinted Nov. 2003)

In "Designing Women". Annmarie Adams and Peta Tancred, pub. U. of Toronto Press 2000.

In "The CIAM Discourse on Urbanism". Eric Mumford, pub.MIT Press 2000.

In Newsletter of the International Archive of Women Architects, Fall 1999.

In "En Chantier, The Collections of the Canadian Centre for Architecture 1989-1999".  
 In "Civic Visions, World's Fairs", pub. Canadian Centre for Architecture, 1993.  
 In "Canadian Motorist";, June 1978, "Queens of the Road".  
 In "Moving in Cities". Brian Richards 1976  
 "New Patterns for a Metropolis", Architectural Forum, Oct.1971  
 In "Ekistics" Vol.33, No.194, January 1972. "Movement in Midtown: New York City."  
 Student work in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Journal in 1940's.  
 Also in Toronto Star, Montreal Star, Montreal Gazette, New York Times, New York Magazine,  
 New Yorker, Winnipeg Free Press, Regina Leader Post; Canadian Architect, Progressive  
 Architecture, Architectural Record, l'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui, Architectural Design.

## EXHIBITIONS

Of work in van Ginkel Associates:

*Plan for a Park*, at Kroeller-Mueller Museum, Otterloo, Netherlands, 1959; and in Tokyo, Japan, 1960.  
 Proposals for "Le Vieux Montréal" at Place Ville Marie, Montréal, 1963.  
*Movement in Midtown*, in New York City, 1973.  
 The *Ginkelvan*, International Transportation Exhibition, Washington, D.C. 1973;  
 The Ginkelvan in Rockefeller Plaza, New York 1973.  
 In Royal Canadian Academy of Arts touring exhibition,, "Spectrum Canada", 1975/76.  
 Model of first Expo 67 proposal. (1962), at Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal, 1993  
 Model of first Expo 67 proposal in "The Collections of the CCA, 1989-1999", at the CCA. 1999.  
 Several works in "The 60's Montréal Thinks Big" at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal 2004-05.  
 In "Penser Tout Haut/Faire l'Architecture" at Centre de Design, Université du Québec à Montréal, Feb. 2010; at  
 Dalhousie University and in Graz, Austria.

Exhibition of own work (prior to VGA)

Roof of the Unité, Marseille, in an exhibition, "Century of the Child", at the Museum of Modern Art,  
 New York, July 2012  
 Designed Exhibition on Eastview for Philadelphia Housing Authority, 1956  
 With GAI, Philadelphia, "An Answer to Levittown", at CIAM, Dubrovnik, 1956.  
 Study of Decatur, Illinois, for ACTION (American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods), at the Coliseum,  
 New York, 1955  
 Study of the Row House, exhibited Philadelphia, 1954  
 With GAI, Philadelphia, Study of Levittown, at CIAM, Aix-en-Provence, 1953.  
 Designs for "Everyman" (McGill U. production) at Montreal Museum of Fine Art, 1946

Organized/Designed/Curated/Installed Exhibitions:

Installation, "Italian Portraits", Sorel Etrog sculpture and prints at Italian Cultural Institute, Toronto, 1999  
 Curator and installation, "Earthworks", for the RCA, at the John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, 1998  
 Curator, installation, "Not a Diploma Work Show", for the RCA, at the John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, 1994.  
 Curator and installation "Art For Giving", Royal Canadian Academy of Arts Gallery, Toronto, 1991  
 Co-Curator/installation "Teatro Magico" and "Four Generations of Italian Artists", at RCA , Toronto 1990.  
 Curator/designer, "Restatements and Realizations", University of Toronto, 1991  
 Installation, "Santiago Calatrava", at Academy House, Toronto, and School of Architecture, U. of T., 1990.  
 Curator/Designer, "Statements and Aspirations" , University of Toronto, 1990  
 Curator/Designer, "Connaître/Reconnaître Le Corbusier", 1987 at University of Toronto. Organized  
 showing at National Library of Canada, Ottawa, eight other museums in Ontario and five in Quebec  
 Curator/Designer, "From Toronto... 1988" and "From Toronto...1989" at University of Toronto, Architecture  
 Director of exhibition programme, Faculty of Architecture, U of Toronto, 1983-92. Continuous  
 programme of national and international erchitecture exhibitions. Curated/originated: "Working

Drawings Working" (Piccaluga) 1982; "Morden Yolles", 1981; "Arthur Erickson", 1987; "Patkau, Architects", 1991, "Connaître/Reconnaître LeCorbusier", 1987.

Initiated and responsible for programme of circulating exhibitions to Canadian Schools of Architecture 1983 to '92.

## ADDRESSES/LECTURES

Panel, "Healthy Communities, Women in the Forefront", RAIC Convention, Toronto 2007  
 Opening address, "Metropoles en France et au Canada, Colloque Franco-Canadien Blanche Lemco van Ginkel" at Institut d'Aménagement Régional, Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseille November 2005.  
 Video for the exhibition "The 60's Montréal Thinks Big" at the CCA, Montreal 2004-05.  
 Lecture, "Slowly, Surely -- and Finally", FALD, U. of Toronto March 2004  
 Seminar on the Arctic, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, U. of Toronto March 2004  
 Panelist, Women in Architecture, RAIC/OAA Convention, Toronto, 2003.  
 On women in architecture with Annmarie Adams at the Canadian Centre for Architecture May 2001.  
 "New York City", Virginia Polytechnic Institute 2000  
 "Culture and Architecture", Toronto Society of Architects, 1998  
 Panel on Education, Gropius/Hudnut Symposium, GSD Harvard, May 1997  
 "Translation", LeCorbusier Symposium, GSD and Carpenter Center, Harvard, October 1996.  
 "Saving the Old City of Montreal", International Union of Women Architects, Budapest, September 1996.  
 Commencement Address, School of Architecture, SUNY, Buffalo, May 1996.  
 On CIAM and Team X, School of Architecture, Cooper Union, New York, March 1996.  
 "Early Canadian Women in Architecture", Virginia Tech, October 1995  
 Panelist, "A Decade of Commitment", International Archive of Women in Architecture, Oct. 1995  
 Panelist, "Women's Contribution to Architecture and Urban Design", at *Future Forum*, Toronto, Sept 1995  
 "The Time and Place", Winter Cities Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, 1994.  
 "Honouring Academics", Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, Montreal, 1994.  
 "Women in Architecture in Canada", Toronto Historical Board, 1993  
 "History of Women in Architecture in Canada", Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, Baddeck, 1991  
 "The Process of Subversion", International Union of Architects Assembly, Montreal, 1990  
 "Women's Work --- Done and Never Done", Symposium, organized and moderated, U. of Toronto, 1990  
 "Planning Action By Indirection", Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, Montreal, 1989  
 Panel Chair: "Buildings in the Year 2000", Construction Canada Conference, May 1988  
 "Culture and Architecture", Morgan State University, Baltimore, March 1988  
 "The Invisible Partners", Virginia Polytechnic Institute, January 1988  
 "Architectural Design of Secure Settings", Ontario Ministry of Social Services Conference, Nov. 1987  
 Panel: "Benefits of Urban Design", CIP Annual Meeting, Toronto, 8 July 1987  
 "Knowledge and Design", ACSA Teachers' Seminar, Cranbrook, July 1987  
 Harvard 350th Anniversary Celebration; panelist in Symposium at Graduate School of Design, 1986  
 Chair, ACSA 75th Jubilee Symposium, University of Virginia, 1986  
 "Design and Society in Finland", CJRT Radio, Toronto, 1986  
 "Toronto Architecture", CBC National French Television, 1984  
 "Small Urban Streets", Longboat Residents' Association, 1984  
 "Architecture and Design in Finland", Koffler Gallery, Toronto, 1984  
 Panel, chair: "Social Responsibility in Architecture", ACSA Annual Meet., Charleston, S. Carolina, 1984  
 Panelist: "Aesthetics for the Cold", Symposium, SUNY, Buffalo, 1983  
 Panel Chair: "Research and Technology", ACSA Annual Meeting, Santa Fé, 1983  
 "The Finnish Tradition in Architecture", Canadian Friends of Finland, Toronto, 1982  
 Program Chairman; Panel Chair: "Urban Design of Capital Cities", International Urban Design Conference,

Toronto, 1982

"Urban Image", Ball State University, Indiana, 1982  
 Panel Chairman: "Specialization vs Generalization", ACSA, Quebec, 1982  
 "Canadian Architecture", Canadian Perspective Lecture Series, University of Toronto, 1981  
 Panel: Urban Design Education, National Endowment of the Arts, San Juan, P.R. 1981  
 "Urban Public Spaces", Living Spaces Conference, North York Board of Education, 1981  
 "Education for the Architect", Housing for an Aging Population Conference, U. of Toronto, 1980  
 Keynote address, "A View of the Middle Years", ACSA Meeting, Carleton University, 1980  
 "Coming Home", CHDC Public Lecture Series, University of Guelph, 1980  
 "Urban Land Banking", Canadian Council on Social Development, 1976  
 "Building under Extreme Climatic Conditions", Habitat Forum, Vancouver, 1976  
 "Minimum Energy Systems for Maximum Community Benefit", Third Vail Symposium, 1973  
 "The Hidden Creators of the Urban Environment", RAIC/PQAA Annual Convention, 1973  
 "Transportation", Ontario Association of Architects Convention, 1973  
 "The Architect as Citizen", Province of Quebec Association of Architects Annual Assembly, 1972  
 "Planning as Part of the Government Process", McGill University, 1971  
 "L'Architecture Fantastique in the Urban Context", RAIC Assembly, 1965  
 "Recreation in the City", Parks and Playgrounds Association, Montreal, 1964  
 "Land Use and Resource Planning of the Region", CPAC Convention, 1963  
 In CBC Television Citizens' Forum series, "Big City", March 1963.  
 "L'Esthétique Urbaine". Jour Mondial de l'Urbanisme, Montreal, 1963  
 "The City, Automobility or Immobility", Canadian Good Roads Association Convention, 1962  
 "The Institution as Generator of Urban Form", Harvard University, 1961  
 "Aesthetic Considerations in Community Planning", CPAC Convention, 1961  
 "Le Port de Montréal", PQAA Assembly, 1961

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION** (*competition juries, editorships, offices held in associations, etc*)

Architecture Jury, Canada Council for the Arts, 2004.  
 Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada Annual Meeting 2000, Programme Committee.  
 Honorary Panel, Journal of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, 1997--  
 Examiner, Canadian Architectural Accreditation Board, 1995  
 Harvard Graduate School of Design, Alumni Council 1992-97  
 Edited Royal Canadian Academy of Arts Newsletter, 1992 to 2000; contributor 2001-  
 Managed Royal Canadian Academy of Arts office 1992-'94. RCA Archivist 1995 - 2001  
 Jury, Urban Design Awards, Mississauga 1991  
 International Review Board, *Environments*, pub. University of Waterloo, 1981 - 1998  
 Canada Mortgage and Housing Scholarship Committee 1988-90  
 Examiner, National Association of Accrediting Boards, Washington, 1985-90  
 Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture: Board of Directors 1981-84  
     Vice-President 1985-86, President 1986-87, Past-President 1987-88  
     Joint AIA/ACSA Awards Committee 1987-88  
 Founding Board Member, International Archive of Women in Architecture, 1985-2000  
 Jury, Sparks Street Mall Competition, Ottawa, 1985  
 Canada Museums Construction Corporation, Advisory Committee, 1982-84  
 American Society of Landscape Architects, Annual National Awards Jury, Washington, 1982 (pub.  
     *Landscape Architecture*, September 1982)  
 "Design for Transportation" Award Jury, US Department of Transportation and National Endowment for  
 the Arts, 1981 (pub October 1982)

Program Chairman, Urban Design Conference, Institute of Urban Design, 1982, Toronto.  
 Assessor for Social Sciences and Humanities Council grants, 1980-1991  
 Design Awards Jury, Progressive Architecture, *Progressive Architecture*, PA, January 1980  
 Examiner for Canada Council grants, 1979-89  
 Philadelphia Chapter AIA Design Award Jury, 1979  
 Registration Board, Ontario Association of Architects, 1978-84  
 Canadian Representative, Education Committee, International Union of Architects, Mexico City, 1978  
 Chairman, Massey Awards for Excellence in the Urban Environment, 1975  
 Editorial Advisory Board, *Contact*, (later *Environments*) University of Waterloo, 1975-81  
 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Executive (Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer) 1971-74  
 Province of Quebec Association of Architects, Council 1970-73, Treasurer 1971-72  
 Founder, Vice-President, Corporation of Urbanists of Quebec, 1963-65  
 TPIC representative on the Canadian Centenary Council 1963--  
 Council of Town Planning Institute of Canada (now CIP) 1961-64  
 Canadian Housing Design Council, Ottawa, Board 1960-63, Vice-President 1962-1963  
 Invited to attend Wo De Co '60 by Japanese Government, 1960  
 Team X, Otterloo, 1959  
 Secretary, Harvard Graduate School of Design Alumni Association, 1957-60  
 US Delegate, International Federation of Housing and Town Planning Congress, Vienna, 1956  
 President, Philadelphia Planners' Association 1954-56  
 Founding member, Philadelphia CIAM Group for Architectural Investigation, 1952-57  
 Member, Congr s Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne, 1948-58

## MAJOR PROFESSIONAL COMMISSIONS

### Personal

- Participated in McGill University study of housing in Montreal, for CMHC, 1952
- Study for urban mapping and production of publication for CMHC 1949.
- Consultant to ACTION (American Council to Improve Our Neighbourhoods), pilot study of urban renewal in Decatur, Illinois, 1955. Exhibited at the Coliseum, New York City.
- Consultant to Pan-American Union on Library Material, slide collection, 1955
- Wrote and produced film, "It Can Be Done", on aided self-help housing for the US State Department, which won the Grand Prix for Film of the International Federation of Housing and Planning 1956.
- Study tour of housing in the Caribbean for International Cooperation Administration, US Government, 1955
- Series of lectures on architecture on CBC radio, 1957
- Consultant to the National Film Board of Canada and appeared in film "Suburban Living - Six Solutions", 1959-60 (CBC and U.S. television).
- Consultant to Expo '67, Montreal, on the Theme of the International Exhibition, 1963.
- Appointed to the Provincial Town Planning Commission by the Quebec Government; charged with writing draft planning legislation for the Province, 1963-67
- Consultant to the Canadian Council of Resource Ministers, Canada
- Consultant to Montreal Urban Community, 1973
- Member of Task Force on Housing, Quebec Provincial Government, 1974-76
- National Capital Planning Committee (Advisory), Ottawa, 1975-83
- National Capital Design Advisory Committee, Ottawa, 1979-83

### In van Ginkel Associates

- Design of Bowring Park, a regional park in St John's, Newfoundland 1958-1960.
- Study of the Port of Montreal for the Montreal Port Council, 1960



- Central Area Circulation Study and design for the Montreal Citizens' Committee 1961
- Study of the Old City of Montréal and Proposals for Rehabilitation, for the City of Montreal, 1962
- Design of new town for Meadowvale Developments Ltd., Toronto, 1962
- Planning of Expo '67, Montreal; theme and design guidelines.
- Planning and design proposals for International Mineral and Chemicals Corp, Esterhazy, Saskatchewan
- Studies of aviation requirements for Montreal, for Canadian Department of Transportation 1968
- Design of passenger terminal prototype for Department of Transportation, Canada
- Feasibility Study for Salvador Airport, in FENCO consortium 1970
- Transportation and urban design proposals for Midtown Manhattan for the Office of the Mayor, New York City, 1970
- Site planning of the Université du Québec at Trois Rivières, Québec
- House designs in Montreal and Winnipeg
- Atlas of the Mackenzie Communities for Canadian Arctic Gas Study, Ltd 1974
- Study of the communities of the Mackenzie for Canadian Arctic Gas Study Ltd 1975
- Design of exhibition in China Pavilion, Man and His World, Montreal, 1975
- Study, Building in the North, 1976

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, 1994-2009; Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2010.

Royal Canadian Academy of Arts: 1990 -94, member of Exhibition Committee; curated/installed four exhibitions; organized visits of school children; organized visits of the public to artists' studios and architects' offices. Council 1992-2000. Executive Committee 1992 - 95

As a volunteer, 1992 to 1994, was secretary and administrator of the RCA office (without any paid staff). During this time, took care of the administration of an Annual Meeting in Montreal and was solely responsible for organizing an Annual Meeting in Ottawa; reorganized administration of the office and records; found new office premises and moved the office; inventoried all art holdings and organized the sale of part of the collection; edited and published two newsletters per year. From 1994 to 2000, continued to edit, format, etc. the RCA newsletter twice a year; acted as archivist; curated and installed two exhibitions; organized an Annual Meeting in Toronto.

Organized Jan Kuypers Memorial at the Design Exchange, Toronto, 1997

Harvard Graduate School of Design, Alumni Council, 1957-'59, 1992 - '97.

Organized exhibitions from several foreign embassies at U. of Toronto 1978 – 1991.

Italy in Canada Festival Committee, 1990-91. Curated exhibitions at the Italian Cultural Institute c. 1992-95.

Board, Sterling Hall School, Toronto, 1989-92.

Toronto Arts Week Committee, 1987-90. Initiated "Open House" visits to artists and architects; and to noteworthy buildings.

Advisory Council, Canadian Friends of Finland, 1984-91

Class Agent, McGill Alumni Society 1980's,-1990's.

Board, St. George's School, Montreal, 1972-75

Founding Board, Winnipeg Film Society, 1966-68

Council, National Council of Women, Canada; Chair of Housing and Town Planning, 1962-69

Founding Advisory Board, Montreal International Film Festivals, 1961-66

Initiated "Save the Mountain Committee" to protect Mount Royal Park, 1960; and, with others, presented a proposal to the Québec Government which resulted in provincial action (and stopped construction of an apartment building).

Board, Montreal Citizens Committee, 1961

Hospital volunteer, Montreal, 1942 to 1945.

### Conferences/Annual Meetings

- International Congresses of Modern Architecture (CIAM) 1947, 1953, 1956. Presented work.
- Philadelphia Planners Association 1952-1956. President 1955/56.
- American Institute of Planners 1955?
- American Society of Planning Officials 1975?
- Urban Design Conferences, Harvard 1958, 1959, 1960?. Prepared material for symposia.
- International Federation of Housing and Planning, Vienna 1956, U.S. delegation.
- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada 1957 -----
- Province of Quebec Association of Architects (now OAQ) 1958- ?? 76 Presented paper.
- Town Planning Institute of Canada (now CIP) 1957, 1958 ----- Council.
- Team X, Otterloo, 1959. Presented work.
- Community Planning Association of Canada 1961, 1963 ----- ?
- Quality of man's Environment Conference. Smithsonian Institute, Washington February 1967. Guest.
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