

Houston Practicum Studio

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LECTURE SERIES II

“The Work of Architect works”

Donna Kacmar

WEEK 5

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Donna Kacmar is principal of *architect works*, inc., a firm dedicated to developing well designed solutions for residential and small scale commercial projects that are straightforward, cost effective and environmentally responsible. She was educated at Texas A+M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Environmental Design in 1988 and a Master of Architecture in 1992.

Donna's work has received several awards and has been nationally published. In 2002 she received a Houston AIA Design Award for the Round Valley Texas Office Building + Garage in Bellaire, Texas.

In 2000, she was recognized by the Texas Society of Architects with the William W. Caudill Award and by the Houston AIA with the Young Architect Award. The Kacmar House (a.k.a. a very long skinny house), a house designed for her parents, won an AIA Houston Design Award in 1999 and was recently published in the book *A House for My Mother* by Beth Dunlop (Princeton Architectural Press).

In 1996 she joined forces with former classmates Christopher Craig and Mary Ann Young to design and build their own townhouses in Houston's West End neighborhood. The project won an AIA Houston Design Award in 1998, has been published in *Texas Architect*, and has been on several home tours including the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Meeting Home Tour, the Faculty Home Tour sponsored by University of Houston and Rice University, and the 1999 AIA Houston Home Tour.

Donna teaches architecture design studio at the University of Houston and enjoys participating in many service organizations including the Avenue CDC, a non-profit low-income housing development corporation, and the Rice Design Alliance.