

The background features a stylized mountain range with green peaks and a yellow-orange base, separated by a horizontal line with a torn paper effect.

Uncovering a Hidden Treasure

Adrienne Aluzzo, Lawrence Technological University

The Library

Nearly 3,000 titles so far of books, periodicals, scrapbooks, and photographs housed within the very walls of Kahn's Detroit architectural office.



No Archives at LTU

- It is not always a given that your administration will recognize and support an Archives
 - Keep Alumni involved/Fundraising
 - Have materials ready for anniversary events or articles
 - Material for growing digital image collection
 - Bring in researchers
- Reasons were varied:
 - No space set aside
 - No money for it
 - Misunderstanding around privacy issues and how an archives is maintained

We had to take the first steps

- We knew we had a gem in the AK collection
 - Write a grant to have collection evaluated by a professional
 - Investigate current research into Kahn
 - Catalog materials
 - Discover exactly what we have
 - Investigate ways to attract scholars and researchers



AK Research Coalition

- It started with a granddaughter
- Carol Rose Kahn never knew her grandfather. Her first visit to LTU changed everything.



Claire Zimmerman

June 2016 Zimmerman &
Deirdre Hennebury visit the
Kahn Library while visiting
gallery space for AK exhibit
at LTU.



Deirdre Hennebury

The Partnership

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Albert Kahn Research Coalition is to preserve Albert Kahn's legacy and to educate our community on the importance of his work.



Albert Kahn: From the Archives

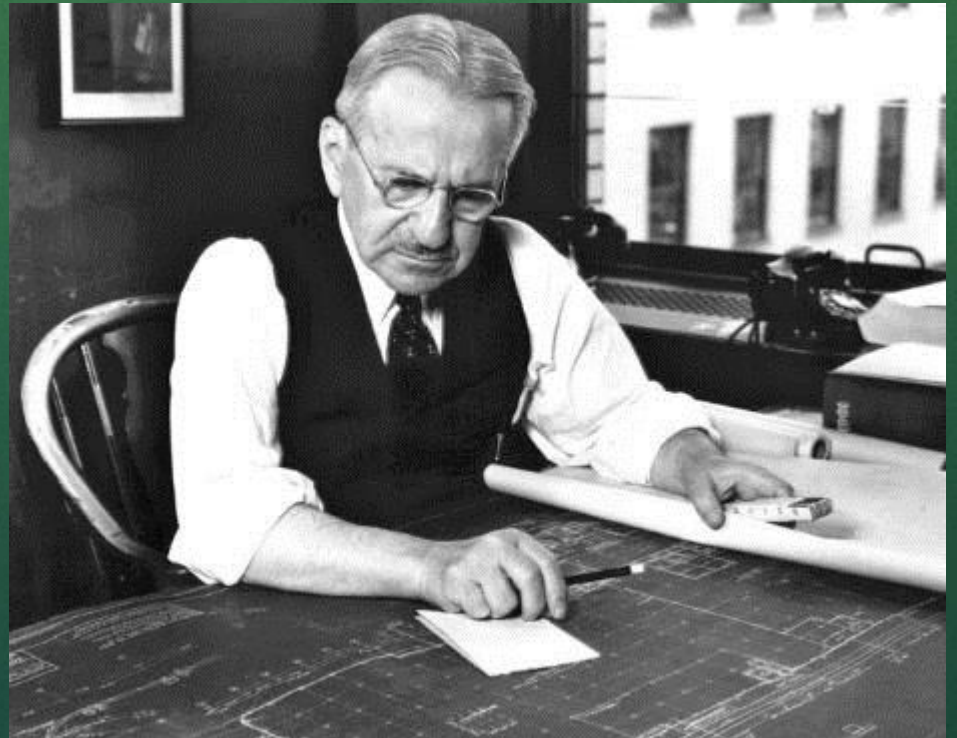
Four Events

General Interest Lecture

Exhibition

Research Symposium

Special Collection
Open House



The Ubiquitous Mr. Kahn:

Albert Kahn's
Architectural Legacy



Joel Stone

Senior Curator,
Detroit Historical Society

General Audience interest
lecture from noted local
historian.

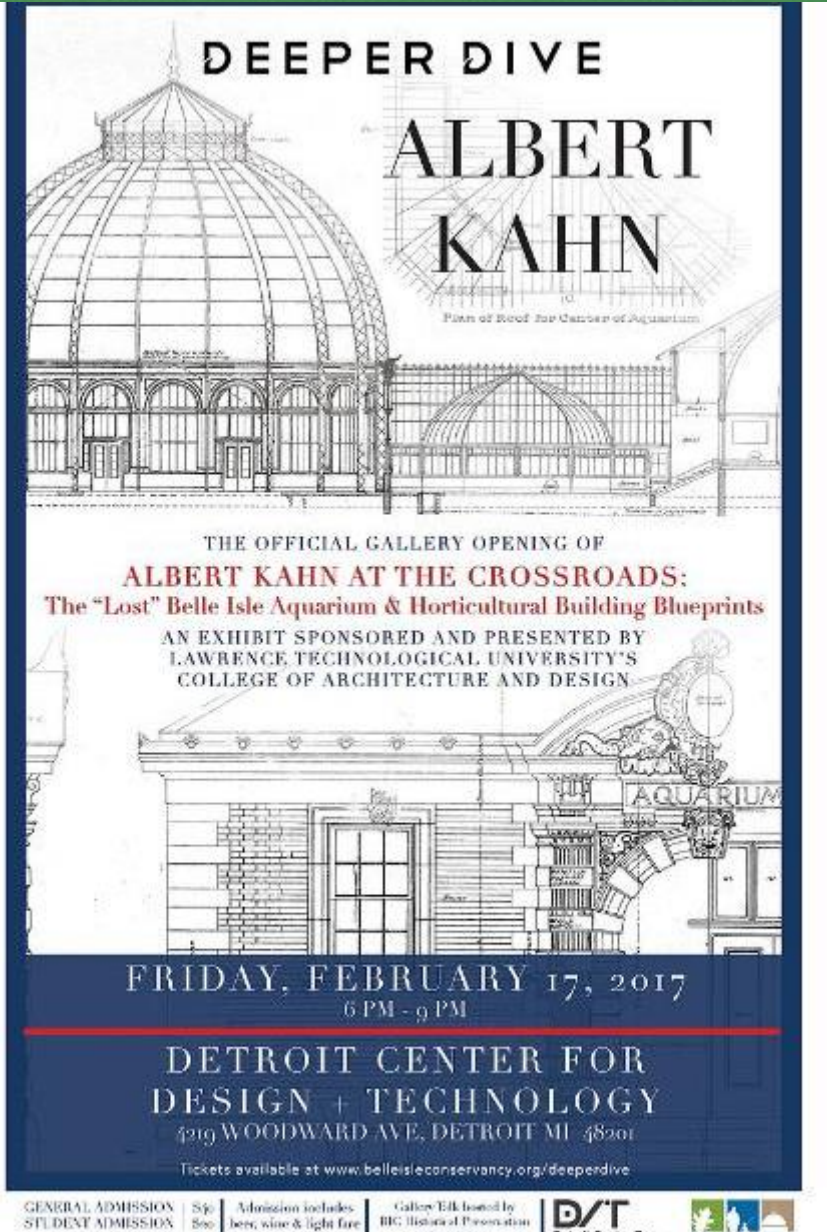


Albert Kahn at the
Crossroads:
The "Lost" Belle Isle
Aquarium & Horticultural
Building Blueprints

Christopher Meister
Independent Kahn Scholar

Event featured a special night
for LTU Alumni to visit the
DCDT, attend lecture by
Meister and dinner

Exhibition ran February 17 –
March 10th



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ALBERT KAHN

Plan of Roof for Center of Aquarium

THE OFFICIAL GALLERY OPENING OF
ALBERT KAHN AT THE CROSSROADS:
The "Lost" Belle Isle Aquarium & Horticultural Building Blueprints
AN EXHIBIT SPONSORED AND PRESENTED BY
LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY'S
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017
6 PM - 9 PM

**DETROIT CENTER FOR
DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY**
4219 WOODWARD AVE, DETROIT MI 48201

Tickets available at www.belleisleconservancy.org/deeperdive

GENERAL ADMISSION	\$10	Admission includes beer, wine & light fare	Gallery Etk issued by BIG: Institute of Preservation Construction
STUDENT ADMISSION	\$5		

D/T
Detroit Center for
Design + Technology



Albert Kahn under Construction

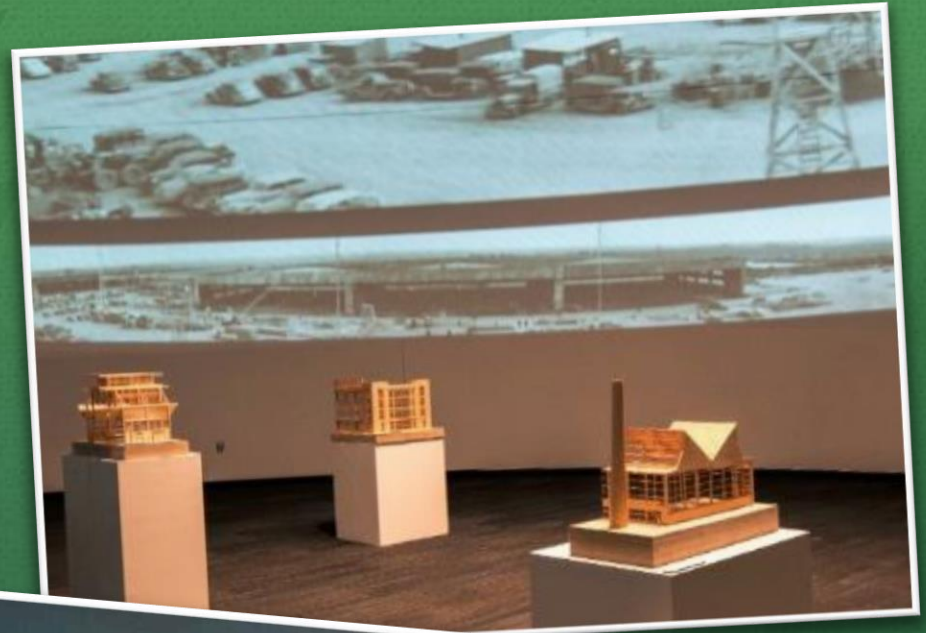
Digital Exhibition

Curated by

Dr. Claire Zimmerman

Chaired by

Dr. Deirdre Hennebury



Albert Kahn: From the Archives

Albert Kahn under Construction

Claire Zimmerman,
University of Michigan,
"The Kahn Library"

Michael Abrahamson,
University of Michigan,
"Actual Center of Detroit: Decentralizing
Tendencies in Albert Kahn's General
Motors Building"

Francesco Marullo,
University of Illinois, Chicago
"Architecture and Revolution. Albert
Kahn's Typical Plans and the evolution of
the Social Factory"



Albert Kahn: Reuse and Restoration

Albert Kahn Associates:

Don Bauman

"New Center One Reimagined"

Alan Cobb

"Albert Kahn's Influence on the Modern
Movement"

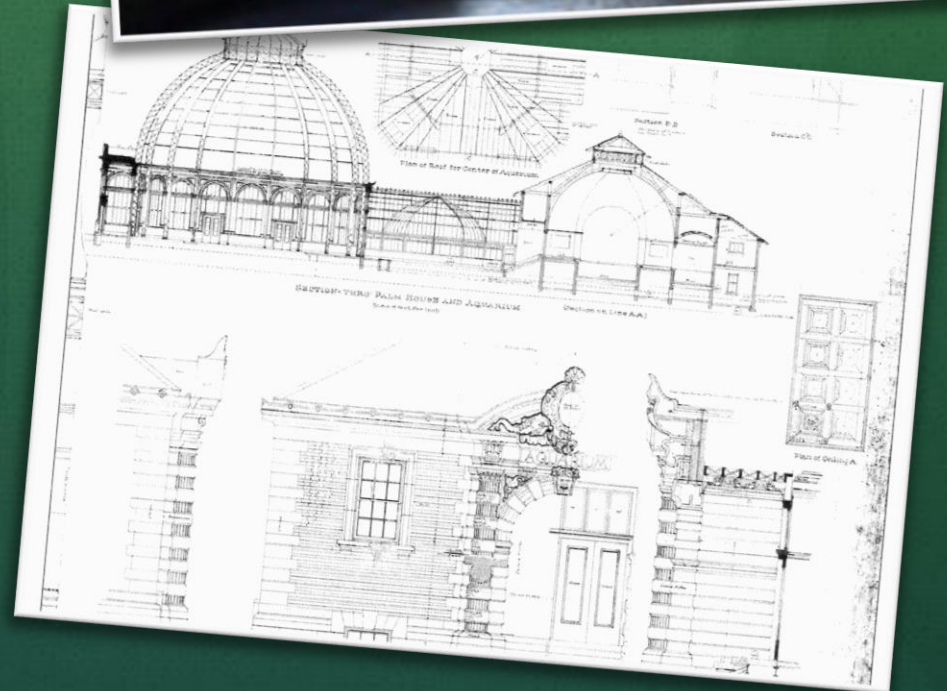
Chris Meister

Unique Opportunity: The Belle Isle Aquarium
& Horticultural Bldg.

Robbert McKay

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
"Practical Preservation Issues"

Panel Discussion



Albert Kahn Library Open House



Lessons Learned

- Recommendations from Evaluations
 - More breaks
 - Student poster session
 - Hold next symposium in a Kahn building
- Suggestions for future events
 - Dan Gilbert and/or new owners to speak of their plans for AK buildings
 - Create an online forum to promote discussion after the event
 - Feature University of Michigan buildings

More Lessons

- You can't advertise your events too much!
- Underwriters for next year's event
- Mixture of scholarly and general interest programming

Future Plans

Kahn Special Collection

- Submitted another NEH “Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions”
- Arrange & Describe the AK archival items and create finding aid
- Budget for archives at LTU

Symposium

- Decide next year's program
 - Big symposium every other year, smaller lecture series off year
- Look into grants or other means of financial assistance for Symposium
- Recruit more partners



Questions??