

Dewey Thorbeck, FAIA, FAAR
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Founder and Principal of Thorbeck Architects	1970 to present
Founder and Director, Center for Rural Design, U of MN	1997 to present
Adjunct Professor, School of Architecture, College of Design	1965 to present
Fellowship to American Academy in Rome, Italy	1962-1964
Master of Architecture, Yale University	1961
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Minnesota	1960

Background: An adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Minnesota, he taught architectural design for a number of years. Recognizing that rural areas in America were undergoing profound demographic, economic, cultural, and environmental changes, he founded the Center for Rural Design (CRD) in 1997 and serves as its director. Co-sponsored by the College of Design and the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, the CRD is the first in the world to bring design as a problem-solving process to rural issues and challenges.

Books: He is the author of *Rural Design: A New Design Discipline*, the first ever book on the emerging new design discipline of rural design, published worldwide by Routledge in January 2012. The book is the first step along the path for rural design to emerge as an important new design discipline.

Exhibits: *Architect's Travel Sketches: A Visual Review of Human and Natural Systems* displayed in College of Design Library Gallery and in AIA Minnesota Gallery in 2010; *Rural Design* organized by the Goldstein Museum of Design opening January 12, 2013 in the College of Design that will transform into a pop-up traveling exhibit for display at universities and other venues nationwide.

Recent refereed papers and presentations: *Rural Design: Establishing the Research Foundation for a New Design Discipline*, ARCC/EAAE 2010 International Conference on Architectural Research; *Rural Design*, Association for Community Design Conference, 2011; speaker at the Manitoba Planning Conference; Kenyon College in Ohio; the American Planning Association convention in Chicago; and World Green Design Forum at Yangzhou, China in 2013.

Architectural work: His firm, Thorbeck Architects, has been published in numerous architectural magazines and publications in United States and internationally, and has won over 30 awards for design excellence. His design work is developed through a participatory process that helps people connect with nature. It is the strength of the connection that is a measure of the success of architecture. To Thorbeck, form follows function, climate, and place and a beautiful building that is part of nature is poetic. Architectural projects include Minnesota Zoological Garden; Purina Farms Visitor Center; International Wolf Center; Animal Education Center at Milton Hershey School; Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota; Minneapolis College of Art & Design; and Norway House Conference and Event Center.

Civic: Involvement in numerous civic and professional groups including: Past President of AIA Minnesota; Governor's Task Force on State Buildings; Minneapolis Committee on the Urban Environment; Board of Directors of Torske Klubben; Past President of Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce; Member of review panels for National Endowment for the Arts and National Building Museum; and service on a number of design award juries and speaker at seminars locally, nationally, and internationally.