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The 2015/2016 Rotch Travelling Studio and Travelling Scholarship winners announced

The Rotch Travelling Scholarship competition jury announced the 2016 Rotch Scholar on Monday, March 14, at BSA Space. Managed by the Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA), this annual two-stage design competition results in one person traveling the world for at least six months studying architecture. With more than 75 entrants, this year's six finalists emerged after two rigorous stages of competition. Each finalist then presented to a group of distinguished jurors in Boston, including Mariana Ibanez, partner at IK Studio and Associate Professor at Harvard GSD; Ashley Schafer, Associate Professor at Ohio Knowlton School of Architecture, editor of Praxis and curator of the US Pavilion for the 2014 Venice Biennale; Ana Miljacki, Associate Professor of Architecture at MIT and also a curator of the US Pavilion for the 2014 Venice Biennale; Andrew Scott, a practicing architect and Professor of Architecture at MIT; Joel Lamere, a partner in GLD Architecture and Assistant Professor of Architecture at MIT; and Steve Foote, Vice President of the Rotch Travelling Scholarship

The 2016 Rotch Travelling Scholarship winner is Taylor Dover, recognized for his project *The Common Bath*. Dover will receive up to \$38,500 to fund at least six months of travel in the coming year. Taylor graduated with a masters in architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design in 2013 and currently lives in Berlin, Germany, working for Studio Olafur Eliasson.

The jury observed, "All six projects engaged the brief for a new public bath on Boston's Downtown Crossing with ingenuity and imagination. The caliber of projects was exceptional, with strengths on rather different registers from one project to another. We ultimately and unanimously chose the winner on the basis of the project's conceptual strength and clarity."

The 2016 runner-up is Jennifer Ly for her project *The Forum*. Ly receives an automatic pass into next year's final competition.

An intimate display featuring all submission boards will be on view in the Harbor Room at BSA Space from May 1 through June 11. Complete jury comments and full competition briefs can be found at rotch.org.

The 2015/2016 Rotch Travelling Studio

The Travelling Studio jury selected the recipient for this award last November from among a pool of XX applicants. Convened by Grace E. La, principal at LA DALLMAN and director of



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the master of architecture program at the Harvard GSD, the jury also included Tim Love AIA, principal at Utile and professor at the Northeastern University School of Architecture; Robert Miklos FAIA, principal, designLAB architects; and Joshua Simoneau AIA, Rotch Committee member and 2008 Travelling Scholar. Selection criteria included demonstrating how the proposed travel would enhance the pedagogical objectives of the studio; originality of research and its benefit to the architectural academy; and innovation in the studio structure and delivery.

This year's stipend of up to \$20,000 in travel expenses went to Gustav Crembil, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for his project *Old Accra: Upcycling of Agrowaste*.

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About Rotch Travelling Scholarship and Travelling Studio

Founded in 1883 in honor of Benjamin Smith Rotch, the Rotch Travelling Scholarship is the oldest of its kind in the United States, and its influence has been felt throughout the entire architecture profession. The annual two-stage design competition results in one person, deemed the Rotch Scholar, traveling the world for at least six months studying architecture. The Rotch Travelling Studio is an annual foreign-travel grant toward enhancing students' architectural education. For more information, visit rotch.org.

About the Boston Society of Architects/AIA

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