



# WILLIAM KRISEL ARCHIVE

## 1946 - 2009

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William Krisel, A.I.A.,  
Architect, 1924 -



# Krisel Biography

- 1924 - Born in Shanghai, China
- 1937 - Family moves to Beverly Hills
- 1941 - Enrolls at USC
- 1942-45 - Serves in World War II
  - Burma-India-China Theater under Stilwell
- 1946 - Returns to USC
  - Studies under Lyndon, Soriano, Straub, others
  - Interns w/ Paul Laszlo

# Krisel Biography (cont'd)

- 1947-49 – Interns w/ Victor Gruen
- 1949 – Graduates from USC
- 1949-64 – Palmer & Krisel
- 1964-69 – William Krisel, A.I.A., Architect
- 1969-80 – Krisel/Shapiro & Associates
- 1981 to date – Consulting, Forensic Architecture, Lecturer

# Importance of Archive

- Krisel's prolific modernist influence on the architectural landscape of So. California
- > 900 projects spanning multiple genres
- Strengthens, broadens & supports recent acquisitions
  - Shulman, Koenig, Lautner, Kappe, etc.
- Pioneers realization of the goals of the Case Study House Program on a grand scale
  - 20,000 low-cost "modern" tract houses in 1950's
- \$40 Billion replacement value of built work

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Airport Reproduction Services, San Diego, 1961. P&K Project No. 5757. Julius Shulman Photo 3272-2.

## WILLIAM KRISEL ARCHIVE INVENTORY



# Archive Contents

- Original Drawings: prelim. design, renderings, sketches, original tracings, presentation dwgs.
- Working Drawings: blueprints (arch., mech., elect., struct., civil, landscape, interiors, furniture, graphics/color, logos)
- Photographs: Shulman, Rand, Simmonds
- Presentation Boards: b&w and color

# Archive Contents (cont'd)

- Magazine & Newspaper Articles
- Publicity Scrapbooks
- Award Presentation Submittals
- Awards, Exhibitions
- Correspondence
- Misc. Ephemera

# Archive Enhancements

## Project Database

## Project Image Files

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Coronado Shores, Krisel/Shapiro & Associates, Coronado, 1971-78

**WILLIAM KRISSEL:  
PROJECT DATABASE**



**PARK PLAZA**  
818 OCEAN AVENUE, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA  
FOR  
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
OF  
MCCULLOCH REALTY INC.  
AND  
TICOR PROPERTIES CORPORATION

KRISSEL/SHAPIRO & ASSOCIATES  
ARCHITECTS AIA

# Project Database

- 1400 row by 10 column database
- Compiled from Krisel log books, archive, & bibliographic research on DataBase Professional software
- Searchable and sortable by job no., tube no., year, client, project, project type, street, city, tract no., etc.
- Cross-referenced with Annotated Bibliography and Project Image Files

# Project Image Files

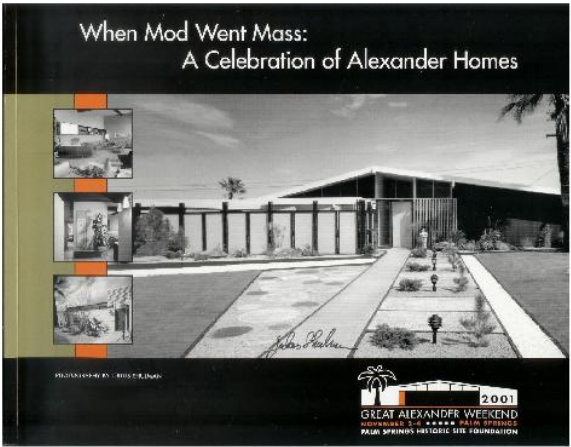
- Multiple hi-res. images for over 250 projects
- Photos by Julius Shulman, Marvin Rand, Douglas Simmonds, John Crosse & others
  - Cross-referenced to Julius Shulman Job No.s
- Original renderings by Krisel & others
- Tract brochures
- Award submittal books
- Magazine/book covers and selected articles
- Misc. pdf's, etc.

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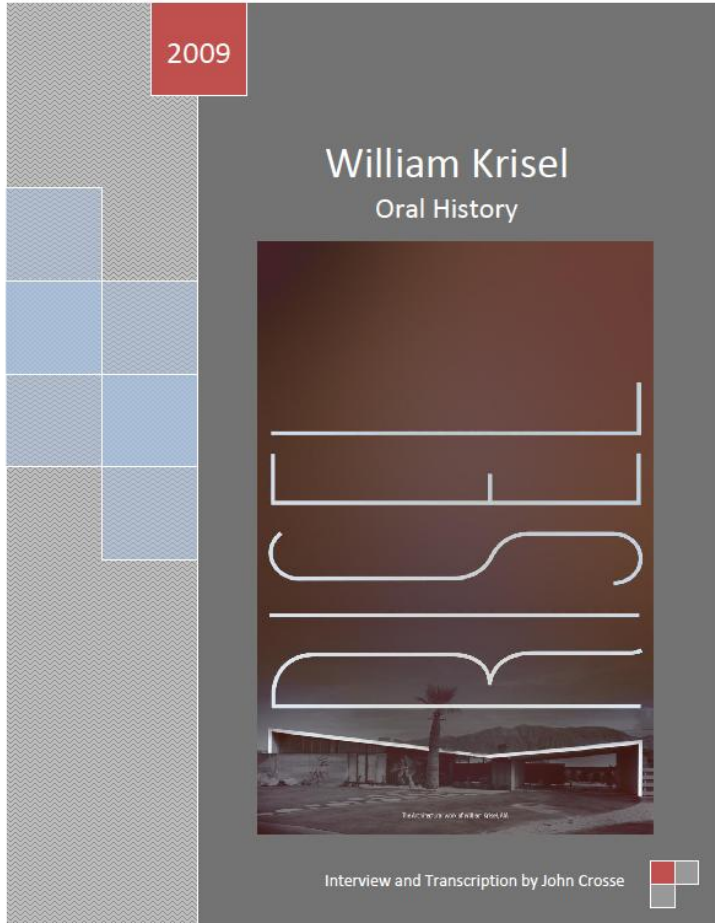


**WILLIAM KRISEL:  
ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

## Oral History

2009

William Kisel  
Oral History



Interview and Transcription by John Crosse

# Annotated Bibliography

- Over 1,200 items to date annotated by project, location, client, photographer, etc.
  - Cross-referenced to Julius Shulman Job No.s
- Compiled on EndNote software
- Searchable and sortable by year, author, journal, publisher, title, date, key words, on-line links, etc.
- Cross-referenced with Project Database and Project Image Files

# Sample Project Images by Category

## Custom Single Family Residences

