

Terror and Wonder: Architecture in a Tumultuous Age

First Annual David Dillon Lecture

Blair Kamin

Architecture Critic for the Chicago Tribune

4pm to 6pm
Thursday, December 8th
Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union
UMASS Amherst Campus



In this lecture, based on his acclaimed new book, Blair Kamin, the Chicago Tribune's Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic, surveys the period bracketed by the September 11 terrorist attacks and the opening of the world's tallest building in Dubai. As the book reveals, this was an era of extreme oscillation-between artistic triumph and urban disaster, frugal energy-saving architecture and giddy design excess. It was a Dickensian construction zone, a time of terror and wonder. And buildings were central to its narrative.

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