
The Dedication

of the

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

School of Architecture
and Design Exhibit

Gallery

Honoring the late

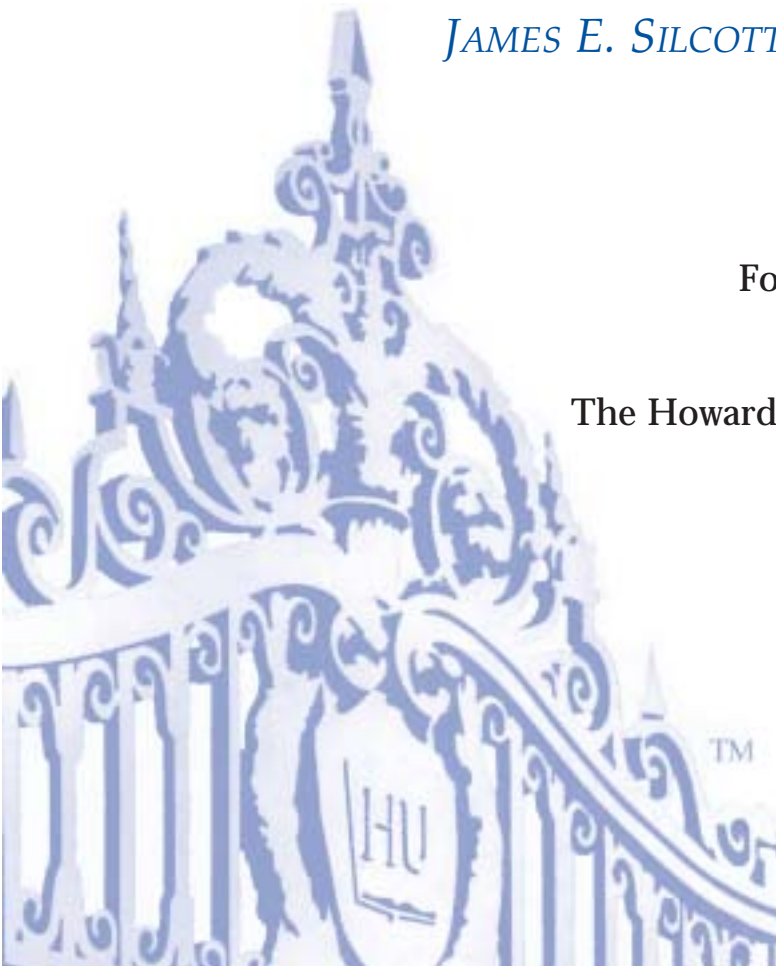
T. GEORGE SILCOTT

And the announcement of the

JAMES E. SILCOTT ENDOWED CHAIR

Friday, February 21, 2003
Four o'clock in the afternoon

The Howard H. Mackey Building Lobby
2366 Sixth Street, NW
Washington, DC



T. GEORGE SILCOTT



“This donation is my way of commemorating not just my brother, but a great man.”

JAMES SILCOTT

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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T George Silcott was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was educated in Springfield, Massachusetts and graduated from Springfield College in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He later earned a Master of Social Work at the University of Connecticut and did post-graduate work at the Kennedy School of Business at Columbia University.

He made his home in Mount Kisco, New York, where he was a successful social worker, administrator, consultant and entrepreneur. He retired from a teaching career after 20 years and established himself as a successful New York businessman. With the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation, he and Dr. Hans Spiegel created Urban Home Ownership, a nonprofit organization that renovated and managed abandoned tenements in New York City. He was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the Juvenile Justice Commission. Shortly before his death in August of 2002, he received the American Civil Liberties Union's Myron S. Isaacs Community Service Award for being a "longtime activist and tireless champion of social causes, especially the needs of youth."

T. George Silcott is survived by his wife Kathleen Duffy-Silcott and seven children. Memorabilia commemorating the achievements of the late T. George Silcott – his works and the many philanthropic contributions he made for the betterment of society, especially the youth – will be on display during the ceremony by permission of his wife.



*Message from the
President*

Today we celebrate the extraordinary generosity of a beloved son of Howard University, Mr. James E. Silcott. Because of his largesse, we dedicate the Exhibit Gallery in memory of his much loved, younger brother, T. George Silcott. On this occasion, we also celebrate the creation of the James E. Silcott Endowed Chair in Architecture and Design. Both the Endowed Chair and the Exhibit Gallery are made possible by Mr. Silcott's gifts to the University of more than \$2,200,000.

The entire Howard University community joins me in thanking Mr. Silcott, a man whose love of family and community is clearly manifested in his life's work and in his support of opportunity for others. We commend him for his vision, for his philanthropic spirit in general, and, in particular, for his generous support of *alma mater*. We also thank his family for its contributions of memorabilia commemorating Mr. Silcott's community service and achievements as a social activist. These artifacts will be on display in the T. George Silcott Exhibit Gallery.

P R O G R A M

Welcome

Dr. James H. Johnson

Dean, College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Bernard L. Richardson

Dean, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

Remarks

Mr. H. Patrick Swygert

President

The Occasion

Mr. Harry G. Robinson III

Professor of Urban Design and Dean Emeritus
School of Architecture and Design

Acknowledgements

Mrs. T. George Silcott

Mr. James E. Silcott

Closing Remarks

Mr. H. Patrick Swygert

President

Reception

MUSIC PROVIDED BY
THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE





THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN
James E. Silcott
Endowed Chair

While growing up in Boston, Massachusetts, James Silcott developed an interest in architecture and design. He pursued this interest at Howard University, graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1957. Mr. Silcott returned to Boston after graduation and worked from 1957 until 1959 as a designer for Arthur Herman Cohen. In 1959, he moved to Los Angeles where, for the next several decades, he built an impressive career in architecture and public service.

In the course of his distinguished career, Mr. Silcott built a reputation as one of the foremost African-American architects in the Los Angeles area as well as a leader in public service. He is also a source of significant philanthropic assistance to Howard University and particularly the students of architecture.

With the recollection of the difficulties he and other black students faced trying to pursue professional careers, Mr. Silcott created the James E. Silcott Fund at Howard to provide financial assistance to students of architecture. The Fund has now grown to over \$200,000. In addition, he has since donated \$2 million to the University.

In March of 2002, James E. Silcott received a Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for his contributions to the fields of Architecture and Public Service at the University's 135th Charter Day observance.

Presently, he is a board member of the Kennard Design Group, the largest African American architectural firm west of the Mississippi, and has been re-appointed to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission by Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn.

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