

Condemnation to Rehabilitation: The Historic Audrey Geisel University House

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The Audrey Geisel University House was originally built as the William H. Black residence, a 1951-52 Pueblo Revival-style adobe which since 1967 has been the home of Chancellors serving UC San Diego. As some will remember, it was also the scene of many intimate university events. Declared in 2004 to be earthquake vulnerable and uninhabitable, it has since stood empty, waiting for the restoration project which began with a working group in 2008. Drawing on her background in historical architectural restoration, Ms. Stiegler will highlight the unique challenges of the construction material, natural and pre-historic site conditions and tell us how they were resolved.