

## **JOHN T. ACORN**

Retired Head, Department of Visual Arts and History  
College of Architecture, Clemson University  
Clemson, SC

Born: November 1, 1937, Paterson, New Jersey

### **EDUCATION**

Hochschule Fur Bildende Kunst, West Berlin, Germany, Post Graduate Study, Major-Sculpture,  
1969-70

Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, MFA-Master of Fine Arts, Major-Sculpture,  
1959-61

Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, B.A. Fine Arts, 1955-59

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Clemson University, College of Architecture, Professor, Head of Department of Visual Arts and  
History, 1976-1997

Clemson University, College of Architecture, Associate Professor, 1961-1976

Penland School of Crafts, Penland North Carolina,  
Visiting Scholar, Guest Artist-Instructor, Summer Sessions.

**COMMISSIONS and EXHIBITIONS** – *lists of both may be found in the linked full resume*

### **AWARDS**

Fulbright Scholar, Creative Arts-Sculpture, Hochschule Fur Bildende Kunst, West Berlin,  
Germany, 1969-70

Recipient of the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award in Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to  
the Arts in South Carolina -- SC Arts Commission, Columbia, SC, 1998

American Institute of Architects Award for Art-in-Architecture, SC Chapter, 1975

Inducted into the Clemson University College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Hall of  
Fame for his dedication to enriching the experience of every individual at Clemson University.

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First Award, permanent collection of Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC, 1963

Merit Award, 16th Birmingham Festival of Arts, Birmingham, AL, 1967

Second Award, Southern Sculpture: '67; 21st Annual Exhibit of SC Artists, Gibbs Gallery,  
Charleston, SC .

Award, National Sculpture Exhibition, USA Traveling Exhibition (Sponsored by Southern Assoc. of Sculptors)  
Award for Permanent Collection of Springs Mills, Inc. 10th Annual Exhibition, 1968  
Award in *14th Annual Drawing and Small Sculpture Show*, Ball State University Art Gallery, Muncie, IN  
Purchase Award for Permanent Collection of the State of SC (Artists Guild Exhibition), 1969  
Artist in Residence, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH, 1971  
Honorable Mention Award, April 28, 1972. Guild for Religious Architecture  
Award for Sculpture, "Mainstreams, USA" National Competition. Marietta College, OH, 1972  
Award and Purchase for 41st Southeastern Annual, Winston-Salem, NC, 1974  
Appointed Commissioner to SC Arts Commission, Governor's Appointment, 1974-77  
Silver Medal, Tau Sigma Delta "Outstanding Work in the Allied Arts", 1976  
Winner of National Sculpture Competition for wall relief, East Jefferson General Hospital, Metairie, LA, 1978  
Merit Award 10th Annual Juried Exhibition. Anderson County Arts Council, 1985

### **MUSEUM COLLECTIONS**

Greenville County Museum of Art, Greenville, SC  
Asheville Museum of Art, Asheville, NC  
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC  
South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, SC  
Johnson Collection, Spartanburg, SC  
Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA  
Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC