

2013 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Case Study House Program Nomination Project



*Case Study House #22, the Stahl House,
designed by original owners Buck & Carlotta Stahl with architect Pierre Koenig*

The Case Study House program, conceived and organized by Arts and Architecture magazine, was one of the seminal efforts in designing and building residential housing ever attempted in the United States. From 1945 until 1966, plans for 35 houses and one apartment building were published and 25 were built.

Some of the most significant architects associated with the Modern Movement were selected including Rudolph Schindler, Richard Neutra, Gregory Ain, Julius Ralph Davidson, and Craig Ellwood. They designed single-family residences incorporating the latest advances in construction, materials, landscaping, and even furnishings. The result was a series of bold, individualized architectural statements that profoundly impacted architectural design the world over.

In 2002, the all-volunteer Modern Committee of the Los Angeles Conservancy recognized that the Case Study Houses were at risk of demolition or alterations that could diminish their authenticity. The Committee formed a Nomination Project Team and work began to get the homes listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The team's work over the next eleven years resulted in creation of a Multiple Property Documentation Form, under which eleven of the case study homes were nominated to the National Register. Ten of those properties achieved listing on the Register with another one being determined eligible for listing.

The Case Study House Program Nomination Project was an exemplary achievement both for the successful National Register listings, and for raising awareness of, and appreciation for, these iconic homes and their architects.

Learn more about the Case Study houses and the project to list them on the National Register of Historic Places: <https://www.laconservancy.org/issues/case-study-houses>