

# Developing a Regional Perspective by Tracing Forgotten Architects and Design Professionals: Women with T-Squares



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# Harriet Abigail Morrison Irwin (1828-1897)



First woman to patent an architectural  
innovation for a dwelling



- Hexagonal house design, Aug. 24, 1869
- Easier to clean corners; economize space, building materials, and heat; good lighting and ventilation
- 912 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Charlotte, NC

# Henrietta Cuttino Dozier (1872-1947)



- BS in Architecture in four years, 1899, MIT
- One of 3 women who began, but the only one to graduate among 176
- 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to join the AIA
- 1<sup>st</sup> woman from the South to join the AIA
- Founding member of the Georgia AIA
- Only woman named among 16 prominent Jacksonville architects post-Civil War century

# Leila Ross Wilburn (1885-1965)



1913 apartments being renovated by Midtown Alliance.



# Amaza Lee Meredith (1895-1984)



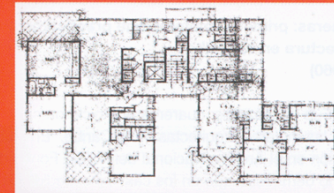
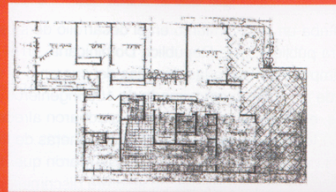
# Ellamae Ellis League (1899-1991)



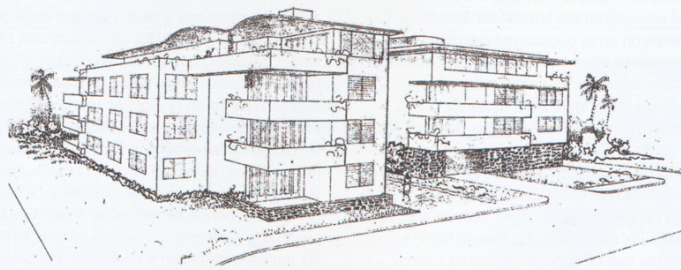
- first president of the Georgia Council of Architects
- first woman from Georgia elevated to FAIA



# Gertie Besosa-Silva (1923-1983)



*Besosa-Silva*



Edificio Guerra-Mondragón

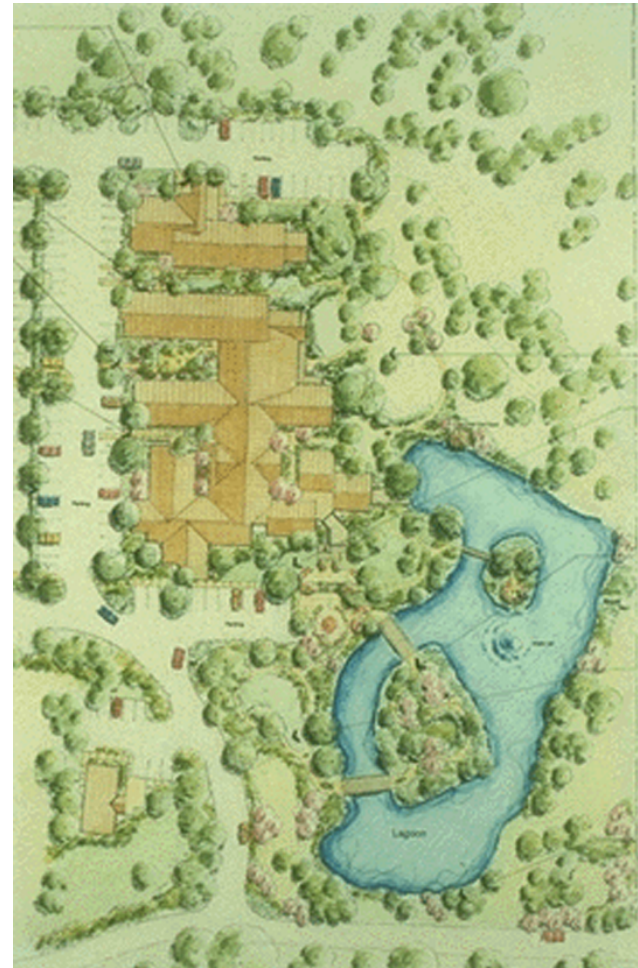


## Lolly Tai



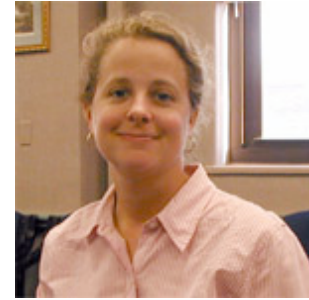
- Ph.D, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh Col. of Art
  - MLA, Harvard University
  - BSLA, Cornell University
  - 1988, new Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture in the College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities, Clemson.
  - 2002, Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, Temple University
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In 1995 Dr. Tai received South Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award for her design of the Hilton Head Island Town Hall Xeriscape Interpretive Garden. Tai also received honorable mention from the Land Resources Commission for Land Stewardship.



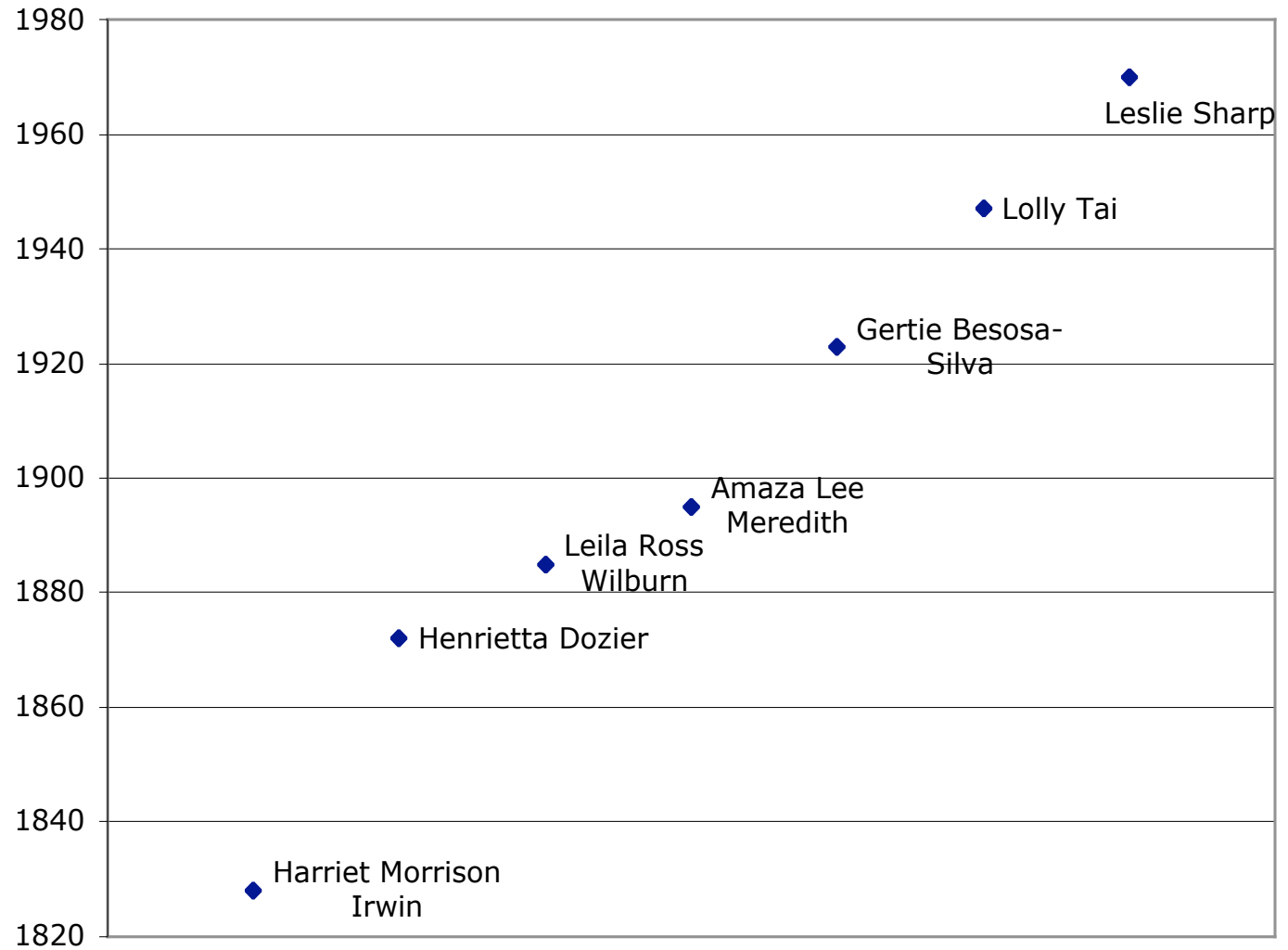


## Leslie N. Sharp

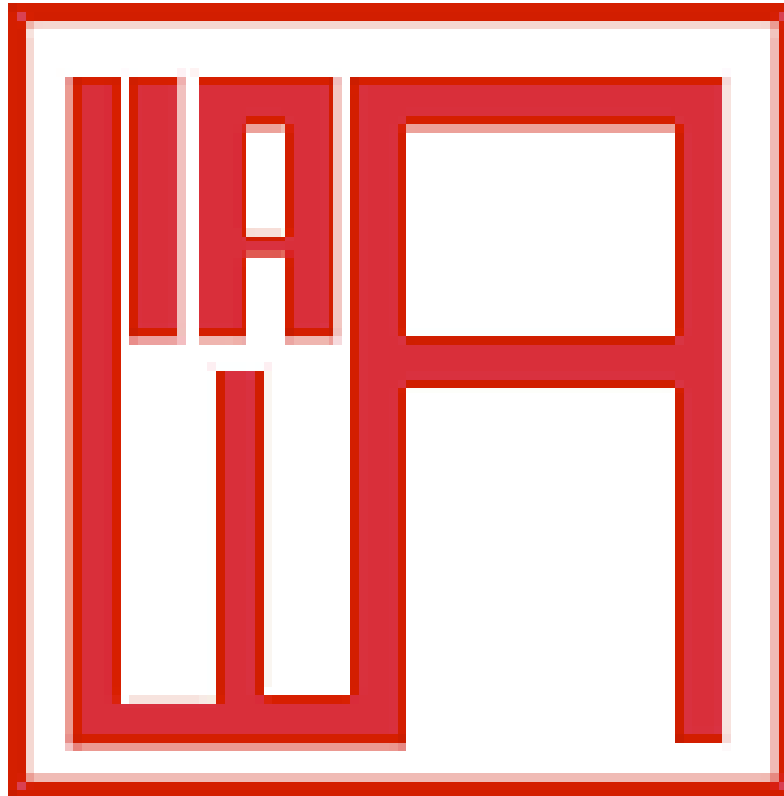


- Middle Tennessee State University, Master of Arts
  - Concentration in historic preservation and a graduate thesis on public history
- Coordinator for the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - Georgia Women’s History Initiative
- Georgia Tech
  - PhD in History: links between gender, technology, and architecture
  - *Seeking Shelter: Women as Shapers of the Built Environment*

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