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Buildings of Michigan, first and revised editions, Oxford University and University of Virginia Presses; The Sandstone Architecture of the Lake Superior Region, Wayne State University Press; and The Campus Guide: Cranbrook, Princeton Architectural Press, are among her writings on state and regional architecture. In 1994, she received Honorary Affiliate Member awards for distinguished service to the profession of architecture from the Michigan and Detroit Chapters of the American Institute of Architects, as well as the President's Award for contributions to Michigan's architectural heritage from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. She was a 2012 Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians.