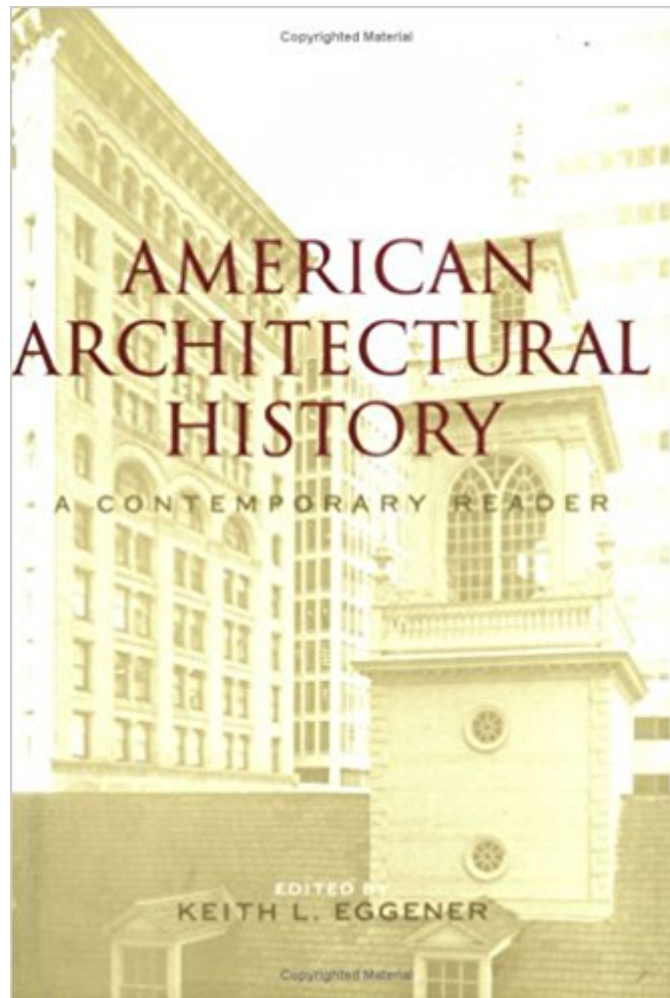


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Keith Eggener teaches American Art and Architectural History at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has previously published one book with Princeton Architectural Press and is currently the Series Editor of the Buildings of the United States Series published by Oxford University Press/Society of Architectural Historians.

This was the textbook for my American Architecture class. If you want to know about this topic, this is the book for you.

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