

Paul R. Williams in Newspapers and Magazines

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1916 Designed senior home for Western Baptist Association (**SW Builder and Contractor**)

1919 Winner of Hollow Tile House Competition conducted by the LA Pressed Brick Co. (**SW Builder and Contractor**)

1926 Paul R. Williams becomes first Black member of AIA (**Black World**)

1926 Golden West Lodge (**LA Times**)

1929 Named to board to erect Negro Memorial (**LA Times**)

1931 Design work on Cord home featured in the *Architects Building Materials Exhibit* in Los Angeles. Said to be an unusually large example of Southern Colonial style of architecture (**Architect and Engineer**)

1931 Samples of his architectural drawings were included in an exhibition *Maya to Monterey* sponsored by the May Co. The display was comprised of a series of colored architectural drawings covering the period of Maya civilization and its influence on modern California architecture to the present time (**LA Times**)

1933 Mayor Shaw submits Paul R. Williams for Municipal Housing Commission. One of 15 prominent citizens (**LA Times**)

1933 Named to Citizens' School Committee a group "has no other purpose than to bring about the election to the Board of Education the best possible timber." (**LA Times**)

1934 Williams exhibits furniture he designed at the Education Bldg at UCLA (**LA Times**)

1934 Judge in the *Tempo Rooms* contest (**LA Times**)

1935 Reappointed by Mayor Shaw of LA to the Municipal Housing Commission (**LA Times**)

1936 Participated along with Byers, Muir, Kelley, Estep, Neutra, and Risley in *California House and Garden Exhibition* with a complete model house (**LA Times**)

1937 Listed with business and civic leaders of LA (**LA Times**)

1938 Member of Arts & Crafts Committee for 5th annual art contest for *Southern California Festival of Allied Arts* (**LA Times**)

1938 Member of California delegation to 16th *International Housing and Town Planning Congress* in Mexico City (**LA Times**)

1938 Interviewed on his views of architectural style and design (**LA Times**)

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1940 Named to draft board (**LA Times**)

1941 Contributed to the display *Architecture under the Sun* with Neutra, Schindler, Kirby, Cliff May, Wright, Lee (**LA Times**)

1941 Represented LA Housing Authority on panel "Theory and Practice Regarding the Negro in the Public Housing Program" (**LA Times**)

1945 Member of Citizen's Revenue and Taxation Committee for LA (**LA Times**)

1946 Architectural drawings included in *American Negro in the Fine Arts* presented by the Interfaith Council of the University Religious Conference (Westwood Village) (**LA Times**)

1948 Acting chairman of LA City Planning Commission (**LA Times**)

1951 Will design LA Court House with 3 other architects. The four will split 6.5% of total cost for project (**Jet**)

1951 Offers free design to Danny Thomas to build a 1000 bed hospital in the South for destitute Negroes (**Jet**)

1951 Honored by Builders and Allied Trades Committee of the National Conference of Christians & Jews with three others for his efforts in promoting brotherhood among men (**LA Times**)

1951 Quoted in fund raising article as supporting memorial to Gen. MacArthur (**LA Times**)

1952 Named to Board of Broadway Federal (**LA Times**)

1952 GOP Presidential delegate for Earl Warren (**LA Times**)

1952 Elected to LA County Museum's Association board (**LA Times**)

1952 Designs Architecture and Engineering Building at Howard (**Jet**)

1952 Proposes design for Memorial to the Unknown Sailor and helps begin the campaign to raise money (**Jet**)

1953 Designs proposed \$1 million jai alai stadium in Las Vegas. Described as most modern in the world (**Jet**)

1953 Designs Wilshire Terrace Apartment/Hotel (**Jet**)

1953 Appointed to Airport Bond committee (**LA Times**)

1953 Named to LA Municipal Art Commission by Mayor (**Jet**)

1953 Awarded Spingarn medal (**Jet**)

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1953 FHA administrator (Albert Cole) mentions Paul R. Williams in national speech to National Association of Housing Officials as “an honored Negro leader and one of the Nation’s most distinguished architects.” (**LA Times**)

1953 Member of Citizen’s Committee for Major League Baseball chaired by Conrad Hilton (**LA Times**)

1953 Appointed to a new Housing Advisory Commission by Eisenhower (**LA Times**)

1954 Proposed by GOP as a possible replacement for Archibald Carey as US alternate delegate at the United Nations. Seen as one of top African American leaders (**Jet**)

1954 Presented the George Washington Carver Institute 1st memorial plaque to Sol B Fielding (**Jet**)

1954 Will design for free St. Jude in Memphis. Described as interracial hospital (**Jet**)

1954 Co-designs with Howard W. Frank unusual futuristic office building in Beverly Hills for Victor Orsetti (**Jet**)

1954 Member of Board of Trustees of Hall of Our History (includes Ralph Bunche, Gen. Lucius Clay) announce plans to build and open a monument in Georgia (**Jet**)

1954 Designs Mercedes Benz show room in LA (**Jet**)

1954 Co-designs Osteopathic Hospital in LA (**Jet**)

1954 Designs at no charge the Washington DC shrine (headquarters?) Omega fraternity (**Jet**)

1954 Announces designs for an interracial hotel in LA the 250 room Continental (**Jet**)

1955 Designs additions and alterations to Knickerbocker Hotel in LA (**Jet**)

1955 Is proposed as a top civil rights leader to participate in a 1-3 month \$1 million State Dept junket. The suggestion was spurred by foreign leaders chiding the US for its failure to utilize African Americans as diplomats. In his proposal Congressman Adam Clayton Powell charged that “the presence of one Negro would do more for morale in Asian and African countries than a \$1 million worth of equipment!” (**Jet**)

1955 Completion of Howard University Dental School Bldg (**Jet**)

1956 Suggests placing a Golden Crown on LA City Hall to show city’s rank as a “monarch among cities” (**LA Times**)

1955 Appointed by California’s Governor Knight to commission to study needs of State and local correctional facilities (**LA Times**)

1956 Appointed by Mayor Poulson to UN Day Committee (**LA Times**)

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1956 Honored by **Wisdom Magazine** for “significant contributions to knowledge and distinguished service to mankind.” (**LA Times**)

1957 Paul R. Williams becomes first Black architect to be awarded membership to AIA College of Fellows (**Black World**)

1957 Proposed design for a 300-room resort hotel for African Americans in Las Vegas with singer Billy Daniels (**Jet**)

1957 Meets with other national African American leaders to form a \$30 million insurance firm (National Equity Life temporary name) owned and operated by African Americans (**Jet**)

1958 Board member of Catholic Big Brothers and Jewish Big Brothers (**LA Times**)

1958 Not selected for State Department architect’s job, seen as not enough experience (**Jet**)

1958 Designs Linde Building, LA (**Jet**)

1958 Backs Dodger’s plan for ravine (**LA Times**)

1958 Designs church center for Church of Religious Science, LA (**Jet**)

1958 Forms an insurance company with others at a meeting in Denver to provide insurance policies to African Americans at the same rate as others, changes name from National Equity Life to International Opportunity Life Insurance Company. Is named Chairman of the Board (**Jet**)

1958 Named to California advisory committee on Civil Rights part of National Commission on Civil Rights (**LA Times**)

1958 Grand opening for Sloan’s described as “dazzling” (**LA Times**)

1958 Appointed to State committee to investigate cases of “deprivation of vote” (**LA Times**)

1959 Named by GOP to 43-member *Committee on Programs and Progress*. Only African American and one of four from California (including Mayor of San Francisco) to formulate a long range GOP program for “the people.” (**Jet**)

1959 In an advertisement Martin Luther King Jr. endorses Paul R. Williams’ insurance company International Opportunity Life Insurance Company as “1st integrated life insurance company,” Paul R. Williams listed on the board (**Jet**)

1959 Member of executive board (chairman) of Community Service Center in LA, centralized place for new African American residents in LA to find jobs and housing (**Jet**)

1959 Completes home for Julie London and states “will announce two more important commissions in Washington, DC and Nashville” (**Jet**)

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1960s Appeared on national TV show *This is Your Life* honoring Mrs. Robert L. Vann (**Ebony**)

1960 Joins Joe Louis in endorsing Nixon-Lodge ticket for President (**LA Times**)

1960 GOP delegate for Nixon (**LA Times**)

1961 On board of LA Big Brothers along with Ronald Reagan (**LA Times**)

1962 Listed among "America's 100 Richest Negroes" (**Ebony** May 1962)

1962 Designs City of LA float in the Rose Bowl Parade (**Jet**)

1962 Donates plans for new \$1 million First AME Church addition, expansion (**Jet**)

1963 Essay "If I Were Young Today" published in **Ebony**

1964 Designs PS 154 in NYC. First African American to design a municipal project in NYC since Vertner Tandy (**Jet**)

1964 Member of advisory board for the *International Design Center* (**LA Times**)

1965 Five-day festival on "Creativity and the Negro" at Rockford College a liberal arts school near Chicago, Illinois featured architectural renderings by Paul R. Williams along with photos by Gordon Parks (**Black World**)

1966 Designs buildings at Fisk (**Jet**)

1967 An article in **Jet** on African American philanthropy lists Paul R. Williams. Also notes he and six other members of his family are Life Members of the NAACP (**Jet**)

1968 Redesign of Angelus Funeral Home complete and dedicated (**Jet**)

1969 Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Williams attended first State dinner ever held away from White House in honor of Apollo 11 Astronauts. Was held in LA and given by Nixon. 1440 attended and only 40 African Americans. Only two couples from LA...the Williamses and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Anderson. Was called the "dinner party of the decade." (**Jet**)

1973 Colleagues honor Paul R. Williams (**LA Times**)

1980 Obituaries. "This Man Should be Remembered" (**Chicago Tribune**). "Paul R. Williams, Architect, Dies" (**LA Times**)

2008 Paul R. Williams named as recipient of Trump Award (electronic press release from www.PRLog)