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**THE SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL FOUNDATION AWARDS TRAVELING
FELLOWSHIP IN URBAN DESIGN**

Can Tiryaki is the 2001 recipient

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announced today its 2001 Urban Design Traveling Fellow: Can Tiryaki, a June 2001 Urban Design graduate from Yale University. The SOM Foundation awarded a \$7,500 fellowship to Tiryaki to complete his self-determined travel itinerary specifically designed to complement his college studies and professional interests.

Marilyn Taylor, Urban Design Partner for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP New York, chaired the 2001 Urban Design Jury. Joining Ms. Taylor on the jury were Liz Diller of New York's Diller + Scofidio, Ken Greenberg of Greenberg Consultants Ltd. in Toronto, and Alex Washburn, Chief Executive Officer of Next Move in New York.

Mr. Greenberg commented, "The jury faced a very difficult choice given the high caliber of the finalists. Can Tiryaki proposed an examination of the Nomos against the Polis _ the fluid informal against the formally structured sector _ in a band of ancient cities stretching from Tunisia to Uzbekistan. This struck us as a highly fertile area of investigation, rich in possibilities for his personal evolution as an urban designer, and likely to produce insights of broad relevance for many contexts in the developing and developed worlds."

Alex Washburn continued, "Can has a promising combination of talents. He is a keen observer and articulates his discoveries in a beautiful hand, whether through CADD or his sketchbook. His project will develop his understanding of the power and limits of how architecture shapes cities."

The mission of the SOM Foundation Traveling Fellowship program is to assist young architects, engineers, and urban planners in expanding their professional education through the observations of foreign culture, history, building, and design that can only be achieved through travels. Prior Fellows have traveled to China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and Russia, as well as throughout Europe and the United States.

Since 1980, the SOM Foundation has awarded more than \$950,000 to 117 students, faculty and young professional engineers. The programs of the SOM Foundation are funded through an endowment established by the Partners of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Established in 1936, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) is the first two-time recipient of the prestigious American Institute of Architects Architecture Firm Award. Among SOM's completed work are Chicago's Sears Tower and John Hancock Center, the Lever House, the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and the Weyerhaeuser Headquarters in Tacoma, Washington – all winners of the American Institute of Architecture's 25-year Award. Recently completed work includes the new International Terminal at the San Francisco Airport, Canary Wharf in London, the Jin Mao Tower in Shanghai and the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center. The Foundation's activities are wholly separate from those of the firm.

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