2022 THIRD PRIZE

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Approaching from Canyon Golf Road, archaeologists and visitors will observe a series of seemingly standard contemporary barn structures reminiscent of the vernacular architecture of the area. As they pass through the buildings and site, they will find that the surfaces of the buildings begin to undulate over their frame and form a veiled threshold between modern time and the geology of the site. The negative space between the draped surfaces and the building’s skeleton create necessary shade to protect from the Texas sun, and form several democratized spaces for scientists to coalesce in an interpretation of ‘the porch’, a typology that has existed in the San Antonio area for hundreds of years. They also act as exterior circulation paths that direct visitors and archaeologists from Canyon Golf Road to Friesenhahn Cave.

**STRUCTURE**

{skeleton}

**DRAPE**

cloak

**CONJUGATE**

{skeleton} + {cloak}

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2. Clay study models
The first of the barns titled the Archaeology Center houses the climate-controlled archive on its first floor with the lab above it. The lab is open for observation of the archive below, and its organization is informed by the typology of the building’s wooden trusses. The entire building is pointed toward Friesenhahn Cave to facilitate the movement of equipment and circulation of scientists to and from the cave. The second barn or Field House includes the field house on the first floor and the library on the second floor to establish circulation between the researchers and the visitor center. The final and smallest building titled the Information Center includes a classroom, the visitor check-in, and support spaces.
first level plan of 3 barns

view from point d facing the cave

ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER
1. archive

INFORMATION CENTER
2. classroom
3. offices (support)

FIELD HOUSE
4. field house

view from point d facing the cave
7 view from point b between archive spaces

8 second level plan of 3 barns

ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER
5 lab

INFORMATION CENTER
6 visitor check-in
7 bathrooms (support)

FIELD HOUSE
8 library
9] longitudinal perspective section through information center and field house

10] view into 'draped' porch and balcony space

11] looking from point g down shaded interior-exterior circulation path
12. Site plan

13. View from point e of exterior circulation through site underneath draped porch.
perspective sections

view from point e looking out into lab and down into archive space

view from point f looking down the wing of a truss providing shaded exterior circulation