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Geraldine Forbes Isais was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She received her undergraduate degree in Cultural Anthropology from California State University, Fullerton, where she also did graduate work in Ethnomusicology. Her Master of Architecture degree is from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 1986, she was a founding partner of the Los Angeles based design firm, Butler, Forbes, Jubany and served as a Principal for the successor firm, Jubany Architecture.

In 2010, Professor Forbes Isais was appointed Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico. She has been on the faculty and held administrative positions at a number of colleges and universities, including Woodbury University in Burbank, California where she served as Chair of the Department of Architecture and Founding Dean of the San Diego Campus of Woodbury. She served as Chair of the Department of Architecture at the University of Colorado, Denver and Boulder campuses and, in 2005, was appointed as Professor and Director of the Architecture Program in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico.

Forbes Isais has received numerous awards from the AIA and SARA for her design work and for her contributions to both the profession of architecture and architectural education. In 2003 she was honored by her educational colleagues who elected her to the national position of President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. In March, 2007 she was nominated and selected by that same organization to carry the prestigious title of ACSA Distinguished Professor. In October, 2009 Professor Forbes Isais was honored by Woodbury University who inducted her to the University's Faculty Hall of Fame.

