# **USA Research Efforts**

Research in the USA has been pretty much confined to architectural students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Norwich University. At MIT Mr. Shuji Suzumori is pursuing a Master of Architecture with a thesis topic in textile formwork. And, at The School of Architecture & Art, Norwich University assistant professor Eleanor D'Aponte and her students have conducted two workshops exploring "Innovations in Fabric Formed Concrete". These workshops were held at and co-sponsored by Yestermorrow Design/Build School located in Warren, VT. They took place during the summers of 2009 and 2010.

Research into the engineering aspects of fabric-formed concrete has been done by Robert Schmitz while pursuing a Masters in Structural Engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering located in Milwaukee, WI [1]. His research interest in fabric formwork comes as a result of work he completed for his Master's degree and his desire to see this unique method of forming concrete brought into mainstream construction practice. See USA\_Schmitz for a paper entitled "Fabric-Formed Concrete Panel Design" written for and presented at the 17th Analysis and Computation Specialty Conference held in conjunction with the 2006 ASCE Structures Congress held in St. Louis, MO [2].

## See Also

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### **External Links**

#### Fabric-Formed Concrete - FabWiki

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