

ABSTRACT

This study seeks to determine whether the dispersion of art deco architecture in the State of Delaware validates the theory of geographic cultural diffusion. Through an inventory of all found examples of art deco architecture, which were evaluated on a devised rating factor, a geographic analysis tested the actual diffusion of this style against predicted theory. The analysis determined that the actual diffusion of art deco architecture deviated from the expected results at the secondary and tertiary levels. The study did identify a significant number of art deco architectural structures whose locations illuminated the pathways of geographic cultural diffusion that occurred in the State of Delaware during the period of 1922 to 1960.