

# DCP News

Newsletter for Faculty and Staff of the College of Design, Construction & Planning

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## Message from the Dean



I am very pleased to inform you that Ms. Dianna Fuller Morgan has accepted our invitation to be the commencement speaker at our first DCP College Commencement on April 30, 2004. She was the unanimous recommendation of the College Commencement Committee.

Ms. Morgan currently serves as a member of the UF Board of Trustees and the UF Foundation Board of Trustees. A recently retired Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for Walt Disney World, she is dedicated to community and public service.

In addition to her UF responsibilities, she serves on the board of directors of many organizations, including Give Kids the World and the Children's Miracle Network. As the recipient of Leadership Orlando's Distinguished Service Award, Ms. Morgan has been appropriately asked to speak at our DCP Commencement on the importance of public service and giving back to the community. The day will be even more special for Ms. Morgan and her family as her son will be graduating from the Rinker School of Building Construction.

I would also like to briefly comment on the

just completed bonus process. Funds for the bonuses were distributed to each unit in direct proportion to their salary base. Based on this allocation, the department chair or school director made recommendations to me consistent with the merit criteria developed by each academic unit.

To avoid any conflict of interest, a separate fund was created for administrators (the dean is excluded) with bonus funds allocated in the same proportion as for faculty. New faculty appointees were not considered eligible for this year.

I accepted all the unit recommendations, and they have been forwarded to the Provost's Office. The college also added additional discretionary funds that were awarded to active members of two DCP College Committees that made an unusual contribution to the progress of the college in the past year - the ad hoc committee on tenure and promotion guidelines and the historic preservation committee.

I believe that there is great value in recognizing the contribution of faculty at both the unit level and the college level. It is anticipated that the bonuses will be included in the December 12, 2003 paycheck. I congratulate all of you that received bonuses and sincerely regret that our funds are insufficient to recognize all members of our community.

I wish you and your families a happy holiday season.



Dean and Professor

## News Bulletin

- ◆ **URP Seminar Series Continues Dec. 4** – As part of the URP Seminar Series, Linda Crider will present “Kids, Cars and Community ... Is There a Way Out of Our Dilemma?” at the Florida Community Design Center on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. Crider, director of the Florida Department of Transportation “Safeways to School” program, will discuss the societal dilemma of car dependence and what it means to children's health and community vitality.
- ◆ **DCP Raises Record-Breaking Amount for UFCC** – Thanks to everyone who contributed to the many charitable organizations. Together, we raised nearly \$8,000– a record amount! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped work on the campaign.
- ◆ **ARC Professors Win Florida AIA Award** – ARC professors Michael Kuenstle and Nancy Clark won an Honor Award for Unbuilt Design from the Florida AIA for their firm's (Clark & Kuenstle Associates, Inc.) Festival Between the Palace Walls, Theater in Movement, Stratford, Ontario, Canada.
- ◆ **LAE Students Present Designs Dec. 10** – Students in Peggy Carr's Site Planning course will present their designs and ideas on Dec. 10 for shared use of public property to benefit local residents, the School Board of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville Parks Department. The public will have an opportunity to review the students ideas and provide feedback. The designs will be presented from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Middle School Media Center.

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## Guest Column: Abdol Chini

Each month, we will print a guest column from a DCP academic unit chair or director. This month, we hear from Dr. Abdol Chini, Interim Director for the Rinker School of Building Construction.



The first undeveloped potential identified by the American Council for Construction Education accreditation team that visited the BCN program in April 2003 reads:

“The visiting team sees great potential for the Building Construction faculty, in more interaction with design professionals in Architectural Design, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design, and Urban and Regional Planning.”

This semester Kevin Grosskopf of BCN and Chevy Sidhu of ARC pulled together a diverse group of BCN and Architecture students into a cohesive Design-Build team that placed first in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) - Associated General Contractors (AGC) regional competition in Atlanta winning out against Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern, Southern Poly, Clemson, and University of North Florida.

Team members include Kellie Kirby, Amy Norman, Mike Rice, David Epps of BCN and Carolina Lara and Jordan Parrott of ARC. The College Design-Build team will advance to the National Championship in Orlando during Spring 04.

Each year during the fall semester the Interior Design students under the direction of John Marsden examine the homes of senior citizens in need, make as-built drawings, and determine the work needed that is within the capabilities of the students. Then, the BCN students under the direction of Leon Wetherington determine the materials and tools required to perform the work. This fall, they have identified 11 homes and performed the work on November 22. More than 70 students participated.

The above examples along with other successful interdisciplinary efforts (Witters Competition) are evidence of the great opportunity that exists for collaboration among DCP faculty and students.

Developing college-wide senior/graduate level courses and encouraging all DCP students to take these courses as their free electives, exploring potential for writing interdisciplinary research proposals, and providing more opportunities for the students to participate in interdisciplinary activities within DCP are examples of actions that will enhance our programs.

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- ◆ **International Exchange Program** – DCP has entered into the Consortium for Urban Conservation in North America with five other universities. This exchange program focuses on architecture and urban conservation in the historic cities and settlements in North America. It provides students the opportunity for semester-long study at a partner institution in Mexico or Canada as well as specialized intensive field study opportunities. For more information, please contact Roy Eugene Graham at 392-0205, ext. 233.
- ◆ **LAE Students Design Garden For Harn Museum** – Students in LAE professor Kay Williams’s graduate studio presented their designs for an Asian-themed garden at the Harn Museum of Art on December 1. Students spent part of the semester working on a new design for the Marshall and Paula Criser Garden. The students were challenged to create designs that would complement the Harn’s Asian collection and would enhance the museum’s ability to display works of art in the adjacent space.
- ◆ **Architecture Student Wins Top Award** – ARC graduate student Eric Oskar Kleinsteuber was awarded the 2002-03 American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) Special Accomplishment Honor Award. Eric was recognized for his achievements as editor of the *Architrave*, the publication produced by the UF chapter of AIAS each semester that highlights the work of architecture students.
- ◆ **IND and BCN Students Repair Homes** – IND and BCN students, under the direction of IND professor John Marsden and BCN professor Leon Wetherington, repaired the homes of 11 low-income elderly Gainesville residents on November 22. The students benefited by receiving hands-on experience with a real-world problem and by experiencing issues related to aging. At the same time, the clients benefited from handyman services that allow them to continue living in their own homes.
- ◆ **MADERA Project Presentation** – LAE professor Glenn Acomb presented techniques of low impact design in land development projects, along with his work on MADERA, an 88-single family subdivision in Gainesville which emphasizes resource efficiency, to the Hillsborough River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Team on November 20. The CWM has identified development design as one of the most important means of protecting watershed functions in the Hillsborough River watershed.
- ◆ **Book Publication** – Editorial Gustavo Gili, S.A. has formally accepted “The Houses of El Pedregal, 1948-1968” by ARC professor Alfonso Pérez-Méndez and Alejandro Aptilón for publication under its label. The book will be published in English and Spanish editions and is scheduled to be produced by the end of 2004.

## Finding Funding: A Faculty's Primer on Philanthropy

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*This is the first in a four-part series on fundraising in DCP by Marcia O'D. Bourdon, Director of Development. This month, she explores the opportunities available through private foundations.*

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According to Giving USA, an annual report compiled by the American Association of Fundraising Counsel Trust for Philanthropy, charitable giving in inflation-adjusted dollars more than doubled between 1992 and 2002, to \$240 billion.

Research from the Foundation Center shows that, over the same period, the number of private foundations nearly doubled, while their inflation-adjusted assets increased from \$177 billion to \$477 billion.

DCP is uniquely positioned to make an appealing case to foundations interested in investing in our mission. Our interdisciplinary

approach to the built environment makes us a very versatile and attractive partner to donors who "want to make a difference."

My role as your fundraiser is to assist you in the process of seeking private funding. Identifying prospects, cultivating their interests and developing their connection to DCP are stages in the process that ultimately sets the stage to presenting a funding proposal.

We have solid resources and an infrastructure in place to support our faculty in the quest for the funding of research, teaching and service. Here are but a few of the resources available through the DCP development office and the

University of Florida Foundation, Inc. (UFF).

◆ **Established Relationships.** Larger foundations are likely to have established contacts with UFF's Corporate and Foundation Relations Department. Program officers and executive directors that have interacted with other areas on campus can build on their familiarity with UF. This can provide valuable insight as to the funding priorities, giving histories and request for proposal (RFP) formats and deadlines. Some program officers review pre-proposal drafts and offer valuable insight as to how it aligns with their foundation's gift mission.

◆ **Research.** Through UFF's Research Department, we are able to request in depth keyword searches

to identify private foundations' interests. This research also helps to better qualify a foundation's giving track record and potential to support to DCP proposals.

◆ **Online Resources.** Form 990-PF is the tax return that the IRS requires all private foundations to file annually. The 990-PF indicates the assets, expenditures and in some cases the recipients and dollar amounts of grants made by the private foundation. It also lists the names of officers of the foundation. You can search for any foundation at [http://lnp.fdncenter.org/finder\\_990.html](http://lnp.fdncenter.org/finder_990.html).

If you would like to discuss funding opportunities or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mbourdon@ufl.edu](mailto:mbourdon@ufl.edu) or 392-4836, ext.314.

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- ◆ **DCP Design-Build Team Wins Competition** – For the third consecutive year, the DCP team won the Southeast Regional design-build competition hosted by the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) and Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). The team was coached by BCN professor Kevin Grosskopf and ARC professor Shivjit Sidhu. Members include Kellie Kirby, Amy Norman, Mike Rice and David Epps from BCN and Carolina Lara and Jordan Parrott from ARC. The team will advance to the National Championship in March 2004 at the site of the AGC National Convention in Orlando.
- ◆ **Designing Safe Schools** – The Florida Department of Education released the research report "Florida Safe School Design Guidelines, Strategies to Enhance Security and Reduce Vandalism." ARC professor Michael Kuenstle served as principal investigator and project manager, ARC professor Nancy Clark served as co-principal investigator and URP professor Richard Schneider served as senior researcher. The guidelines

presented in the report are based on the idea that the proper design and management of the physical environment can help prevent and deter criminal behavior in Florida's schools and community colleges. The guidelines illustrate how school architects, facility managers, risk managers, planners and others can translate crime prevention ideas into action.

- ◆ **Graham Elected Chairman of NCPTT** – Roy Eugene Graham, Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Professor and Director of DCP Preservation Programs, was elected Chairman of the Advisory Board of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) at its November meeting in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Created by Congress in 1992 as part of the Historic Preservation Act Amendments, the NCPTT is part of the National Park Service. It promotes and enhances the preservation and conservation of prehistoric and historic resources in the United States through the advancement and dissemination of preservation technology and training.

## Architecture Gallery

### December 1-6

Architecture, Graduate Design Three

### December 8-13

Final Studio Reviews – Jury Presentation

### January 5-10

Architecture, Independent Studies

### January 12-17

Preservation Institute: Caribbean

## UF Critical Dates

### December 10

Classes End

### December 11-12

Reading Days - No Classes

### December 13-19

Final Examinations

### December 19-20

Commencement Ceremonies

### December 22

Final Grades Available in Evening from ISIS

### December 23

Degree Certification Status Available in Late Afternoon on ISIS

### January 5

Registration

### January 6

Classes Begin

### January 6-9

Drop/Add, by 11:59 PM on the last day

Late Registration

### January 9

Deadline to Withdraw with no Fee Liability by 11:59 PM

### January 12

Deadline to Change Address

### January 16

Fee Payment Deadline

Deadline for Residency Reclassification

### January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No Classes

### January 23

S-U Option Deadline

### January 30

Degree Application Deadline

Deadline to Withdraw with 25% Refund

## DCP Web Site

Check out DCP's new Web site at [www.dcp.ufl.edu](http://www.dcp.ufl.edu)! We've added many features, including a calendar of events, historic preservation page, spring commencement page and more information under college governance including T&P Guidelines and Administrative Council minutes. Please let us know what you think by emailing Julie Frey at [jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu).

The next issue of *DCP News* will be distributed in January. Email submissions for the January issue to [jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu](mailto:jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu) by January 16!

## DCP Calendar of Events

### December 4

"Kids, Cars and Community...Is There A Way Out of Our Dilemma?"

Linda Crider, Florida Community Design Center, 5:30 p.m.

### December 10

Landscape architecture students in Peggy Carr's Site Planning course will present their designs for shared use of school recreation areas

Lincoln Middle School Media Center, 7:30 p.m.

### December 11

DCP Faculty and Staff Holiday Reception

Hilton-UF Conference Center on 34th Street, 6 p.m.

### December 20

Fall Commencement, includes DCP graduates

O'Connell Center, 2 p.m.

### December 25

Christmas Holiday

### December 26-31

Many departments throughout UF will be closed.

### January 27

"3D Urban Visualization for Urban Design Public Participation" and "A New Framework for FDOT Transportation Planning: Integrating Modeling, Work Program and Environmental Databases"

Iliir Bejleri, Florida Community Design Center, 5:30 p.m.

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