

DCP News

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

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Message from the Dean



This month I would like to share with you two new exciting DCP initiatives that relate to our state's urban character.

In his classic, "The City in History: Its Origin, Its Transformation and Its

Prospects," Lewis Mumford begins the book, "with a city that was, symbolically, a world; it closes with a world that has become, in many practical aspects, a city (p. xi)." Indeed, Florida has evolved from its agrarian roots to being primarily an urban state with about ninety percent of its total population (14 plus out of 17 million) living in urban areas.

The urbanization of Florida offers challenging opportunities and fertile ground for all the academic units in our college. Our location is also a strategic opportunity in that three major urban centers — Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa — are within reasonable driving distance for day trips.

Thus, I am pleased that several units in the college are exploring the creation of various outreach centers and activities to serve these major cities.

The School of Architecture is in preliminary discussion about forming a design center in Orlando, and the Rinker School of Building Construction's Shimberg Center for Affordable

Housing is in the process of opening a Tampa Community Outreach Center. It will be located in a facility owned by the Tampa Housing Authority and represents a joint effort with the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida and the Institute of Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida A&M University. The goal of the Office is to house community development efforts of the three universities in a single location to provide a coordinated outreach function.

Anticipated functions include technical assistance, applied research, workshops and symposia and student internships.

In the urban area, we also have an important new initiative by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning to offer an undergraduate major in Urban Studies. Several major universities have such programs including Stanford, MIT, University of Illinois-Urbana, University of Texas-Austin, and the University of Utah.

The proposed program would structure existing undergraduate courses at the University of Florida into three tracks and would include a 4 plus 1 option.

The purpose of the program would be to educate more of the future citizens of Florida about urbanization issues and challenges, and also to create a pre-professional option for students considering graduate work in planning as well as in other related disciplines. Preliminary indications show a strong demand for the program. It's a positive initiative that mostly uses existing resources.

I hope you all enjoy the forthcoming Spring Break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Stein".

Dean and Professor

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- ◆ **Historic Preservation Award** — Bonnie Burnham was selected as the first recipient of the Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award in Historic Preservation. The award is given to the person who most embodies the "Spirit of Historic Preservation" in Florida. Burnham received the award in recognition of her work as president of the World Monuments Fund, which is devoted to conservation of significant architecture, sites and works of art in an architectural setting.
- ◆ **AICP College of Fellows** — Dean Jay M. Stein has been selected as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in

recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to the planning profession. Fellowship is granted to planners who have been members of AICP and have achieved excellence in professional practice, teaching and mentoring, research, public and community service and leadership.

- ◆ **BCN Career Fair** — BCN held its career fair on Feb. 10 with a record number 431 students. More than 80 companies were in attendance.
- ◆ **Kahn Symposium** — ARC professor Robert McCarter presented "Louis I. Kahn and Aldo van Eyck: Parallels in the Other Tradition of Modern Architecture" at the symposium "Engaging Louis I. Kahn: A Legacy for the Future" at the Yale Center for British Art in January.

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- ◆ **Community Indicators** – URP professor Rhonda Phillips' Planning Advisory Service Report "Community Indicators" was released by the American Planning Association in January. The report highlights how community indicators can be used as a balance sheet for the community and how community stakeholders can use indicators as a way to connect growth and development with the quality of life.
- ◆ **DCP Awards Ceremony** – The DCP Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. on April 15 in the atrium of the Architecture Building. Please join us for this special event. It is an excellent opportunity to visit with our donors and other special guests and to extend well-deserved congratulations to those who have achieved distinction through scholastic achievement, service or leadership.
- ◆ **Murdock Village Charrette** – LAE professor Glenn Acomb was part of a team of UF faculty invited to attend the Murdock Village Charrette on January 28 and 29. The purpose of the charrette was to assist in determining sustainable design criteria and development guidelines for this 1,100 acre redevelopment in-fill opportunity of a platted (but largely undeveloped) community near the center of the county. The faculty members are part of the Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities, a multi-disciplinary group of UF faculty that includes Glenn Acomb, Pierce Jones, director and professor of the Energy Extension Service and Mark Hostetler, assistant professor of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.
- ◆ **Golden Gator Awards** – ARC students Eric Kleinsteuber and Aaron Plewke received top student honors in the magazine category at the UF Golden Gator Awards for their submissions of the Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 "Architrave." The Golden Gator Award recognizes outstanding examples of public relations tactics, techniques, products or other elements of programs or campaigns executed by UF Communication Network members. The competition is coordinated by the UF Office of Public Relations.

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Calendar of Events

March 2

Historic Preservation Lecture Series
Carol Shull, Keeper of National Register of Historic Places
"The New National Register"
6 p.m., Harn Museum of Art

March 4

Conversations for a Sustainable Future
Wendell Chastain, "Green Fleets Save Greenbacks"
Noon, Rinker Hall, Room 238

March 4

Historic Preservation Lecture Series
Consortium for Urban Conservation in North America
Mini-Forum at the Harn Museum of Art

2 p.m.

"Housing Design and Neighborhood Conservation in Historic Beijing," David Covo, FRAIC, Director, McGill University, School of Architecture, Montreal, Quebec

4:30 p.m.

"Restoration of Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico City"
Dr. Gabriel Merigo Basurto, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Facultad de Arquitectura

5:30 p.m.

Reception

6:30 p.m.

"Sustainability is Historic Preservation"
Susan Piedmont-Palladino, Associate Professor of Architecture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

March 18

Conversations for a Sustainable Future
Marc Van Soestbergen and Jeff Johnson, "Energy, Carbon and Clean UF," Noon, Rinker Hall, Room 238

March 25-28

FLabash.04 National Conference
Landscape architecture students will host the 34th annual LABASH conference, the national landscape architecture conference hosted each year by students for students. For more information, please visit the FLabash.04 Web site at <http://labash04.dcp.ufl.edu>.

Upcoming Events

April 15

DCP Annual Awards Ceremony, 3 p.m.

April 30

DCP Spring Commencement, 9 a.m.

The next issue of *DCP News* will be distributed in March. Email submissions for the March issue to jsfrey@dcp.ufl.edu by March 15!