

# DCP News

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

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## Message from the Dean



### *In Memory of Walter Beinecke*

We have launched a number of important initiatives this year that include task forces on diversity/communications/strategic planning and the college constitutional/governance committee. I intend to discuss these issues in the future, but I have decided to devote this column to the memory and contributions of Walter Beinecke.

Walter passed away after a long illness on Sunday, May 23 at his home at the age of 85 in the place he dearly loved – Nantucket. A memorial service was held in Nantucket shortly thereafter that I attended representing our college along with Rhonda Phillips and Pete and Holly Prugh.

I only knew Walter about five years, a relatively brief period of time. Yet I felt like I knew him for much longer as he was the type of person who immediately touched and engaged you with the power of his intellect, warmth and humor. Even in failing health and in his mid-80s, with a voice barely above a whisper that you had to strain to hear, Walter could zing you with a comment or observation.

We all know that our Preservation Institute: Nantucket program (PI:N) exists due to Walter's generosity in donating land and facilities, and creating a substantial endowment in support of the program's operations. Now, PI:N has more than 400 graduates engaged in historic preservation work around the world - and that would not be possible without Walter. This generosity is all the more remarkable given that Walter had no official ties to the UF - other than his friendship and respect for Professor Emeritus Blair Reeves.

Walter's contributions to our college are certainly immense, but must be viewed as part of a broad-ranging, nationally recognized commitment to public service. He served on more than a dozen boards in his lifetime and was the mastermind behind the creation of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation which initiated so many innovative land use policies to preserve and protect Nantucket. Increasingly, Walter's work in Nantucket and with the National Trust for Historic Preservation received national recognition, and in 1988, President Reagan presented him with the President's Historic Preservation Award.

He is survived by a loving family and our college is honored to be associated with them. I would like to close with these words from the memorial service:

*The tide recedes but leaves behind  
bright seashells on the sand.  
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth  
still lingers on the land.  
The music stops and yet  
it echoes on in sweet refrains.  
For every joy that passes...  
Something beautiful remains.*

  
Dean and Professor

## News Bulletin

- ◆ **College Administration** – Over the summer, Dean Stein announced several appointments to college administration. Bob Stroh has been appointed as Associate Dean for Research, Abdol Chini has been appointed Director of the Rinker School of Building Construction and Margaret Portillo has been appointed as Chair of the Department of Interior Design.
- ◆ **Tenure & Promotion** – Congratulations to Alfonso Perez-Mendez and Richard Schneider for promotion to Professor, Michael Kuenstle for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure and Raymond Issa for selection for a Salary Step Plan for Full Professors award.

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## Student Design Contest Call For Submissions Redesign the DCP Newsletter

**Deadline for submissions: October 15**  
\$200 awarded to winner

**Go to: [www.dcp.ufl.edu/contest.php](http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/contest.php)**

For more information, contact Julie Frey at  
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## News Bulletin, continued

- ◆ **New Woodshop Hours** – Due to an increased need for access to the Woodshop and safety issues in the studios, the Woodshop hours have been extended. The new hours will be: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 10 p.m.
- ◆ **New Faculty** – We'd like to welcome new faculty to DCP. **IND:** Margaret Portillo, Chair; **ARC:** Paul Robinson, Assistant Professor; Charles Hailey, Assistant Professor; Claude Armstrong, Visiting Professor; Joseph Walker, Visiting Assistant Professor; **BCN:** Svetlana Olbina, Visiting Assistant Professor; Rick Smailes, Lecturer; Chuck Smeby, Lecturer; **URP:** Joseli Macedo, Assistant Professor.
- ◆ **Lecture Series Speaker** – World renowned architect Nathalie de Vries, principal of the design firm MVRDV, contributed to the ARC Lecture Series on Oct. 4, where she presented some of her firm's latest work in a discussion titled "New Collectivities, or how public life transforms in a privatized and individualized world." She spoke about the intersection of urban issues with architecture and illuminated her firm's design approach towards this intersection, focusing on the design exploration of public and domestic life. De Vries was educated at the Technical University of Delft, Department of Architecture, where she graduated in 1990 with honorable mention. Nathalie is one of three founding principals of the Dutch firm MVRDV.

### Development News

#### President Machen's Faculty Challenge

In his quest to make the UF one of the nation's premier universities, President Machen announced the UF Faculty Challenge. This initiative aims to raise \$150 million in private support to give faculty the tools they need to enhance classroom instruction and conduct world-class research. Reaching that goal is a critical step in UF's strategic plan to become one of the nation's premier universities.

These gifts from donors will provide more discretionary funds for faculty research and can be used for equipment, studies or stipends for student research assistants. The gifts also will create an endowment to provide competitive salaries so UF can attract and retain the best and brightest faculty.

In addition to what the state matches, Machen has pledged to match each gift of \$1 million or more with \$250,000 from a special discretionary fund established with private donations specifically for the Faculty Challenge until the fund is exhausted.

For more information, please contact Marcia Bourdon at mbourdon@dcp.ufl.edu or 352-392-4836, ext. 314.

- ◆ **LAE In Paris** – LAE students are spending this fall semester at the UF Paris Research Center. While there, they will study French language and culture and participate in design studio and seminar. This year, the focus of the design studio is redesigning the Place du Lourve, the starting point of the Paris Grande Axe. Also, this is the first year of a new lecture series at the research center. LAE professor and study abroad coordinator Terry Schnadelbach presented the inaugural lecture on Sept. 29, titled "Transmigration to Landscape."
- ◆ **AIA Florida Award** – ARC professor Donna Cohen and ARC affiliate professor Claude Armstrong, both principals with Armstrong + Cohen Architecture, received an award of excellence from the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects. The award recognized the Great Hall House in Gainesville, designed in collaboration with the owners, ARC professor Nina Hofer and Peter Polshek.
- ◆ **URP Awarded ASO Contract** – URP has received a \$100,000 contract from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office to design and implement a GIS-based crime-mapping system. The work is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Program and is intended to coordinate with a matching grant to the Gainesville Police Department. The principal investigator of the project is Richard Schneider. Co-principal investigators for the project are Ilir Bejleri and Paul Zwick.
- ◆ **LEED Training Participation** – IND chair Margaret Portillo was invited by the FIDER board to participate in an Introduction to LEED training seminar at the Interface Americas Atlanta Downtown Showroom and Georgia Tech University last May.
- ◆ **Hunt House Drawings on Display** – ARC professors Nancy Clark and Michael Kuenstle's architecture firm, Clark + Kuenstle Associates, Inc., is currently designing and building a series of modern houses in the coastal community of Steinhatchee, Fla. Drawings for the first of a series of houses, "The Hunt House," will be on exhibit at the Thomas Center Mezzanine Gallery in Gainesville Oct. 2 - Nov. 14.
- ◆ **France-Florida Research Institute** – IND professor Susan Tate is developing an interchange on historic preservation processes in France and Florida in association with the France-Florida Research Institute. Designated in 2002 by the French embassy, FFRI at UF is one of 18 such interdisciplinary centers in the United States. This past summer, Tate traveled to France to review restoration work at the Hotel de Talleyrand Marshall Center and the U.S. Ambassador's Residence with Vivien Woofter and Dr. Ulrich Leben, expert of historic Rothschild properties.

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## News Bulletin, continued

- ◆ **Spring 2005 Commencement** – UF has announced the Spring 2005 Commencement schedule. As we did last spring, the college will host its own commencement in April 2005. Our college commencement will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005 in the Phillips Center for Performing Arts. The faculty are invited and encouraged to participate in the processional. The college will provide regalia. For more information, please visit [www.dcp.ufl.edu/grad.php](http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/grad.php). The Fall 2004 Commencement will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004 at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.
- ◆ **New Grant Money** – IND professor Debra Harris was awarded a grant from the Coalition for Healthy Environments Research to investigate spatial layout considerations for neonatal intensive care units. The study will compare traditional open-bay unit designs with single family room designs, a new trend in healthcare design. She is also focusing the senior interior design studio on healthcare design using an evidence-based design model to teach design alternatives for NICUs promoting supportive environments for the well being of neonates, families and healthcare staff.
- ◆ **Bike Safety Program News** – The Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program, housed in URP, has been working with FDOT on implementing their Strategic Highway Safety Plan. They completed workshops around the state, training teachers, law enforcement and community volunteers how to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety to children. URP professor Ruth Steiner is working with the program on a new FDOT contract looking at “SafeWays to school” in conjunction with their multi-modal planning efforts. Also, Mandi Hall has joined the staff of the Bicycle and Traffic Safety Education Program. Her background is in health science education.
- ◆ **Daytona Beach Research Project** – This summer, ARC professor Michael Kuenstle completed a funded research project for the City of Daytona Beach, Fla. The research reviewed the city’s Ocean Front Development Standards and provided simulation modeling for an urban impact study. In addition, Kuenstle currently serves on the UF Land Use and Planning Committee and is completing his term as president of AIA Gainesville.
- ◆ **Hong Kong-China Program** – The UF Hong Kong-China program had a successful launch this summer with 21 students residing in Hong Kong and traveling to Schenzhen, Shanghai, Suzhou and Beijing. An exhibition of the work entitled “vernacular METROPOLIS 1 [Podium-City] Intertwining Scalar Extremes in a 60-story Village” was held at the 1a Space Gallery in Kowloon, Hong Kong and will travel to Florida and Jakarta, Indonesia. The program is led

## Calendar of Events

### October 16-19

FIDER Accreditation Visit for IND

### October 18

ARC Lecture Series, 6 p.m., Harn Museum of Art  
Giuseppe Mazzotta, Yale University

### October 20

IND Exhibit Opening, 4 p.m., Gallery

### October 27

Historic Preservation Lecture Series, 6 p.m.,  
Gerson Hall Auditorium  
Pascal Filâtre, 2004 Richard Morris Hunt Fellow

### November 22

ARC Lecture Series, 6 p.m., Harn Museum of Art  
Carlo Pozzi (with Rosario Pavia), Università degli Studi “G.  
d’Annunzio” – Chieti, Pescara, Italy

## Gallery

### October 11-22

IND FIDER Accreditation

### October 25-29

ARC Design Seven

### November 1-5

ARC Graduate Design One

by ARC professors Nancy Sanders and Robert MacLeod. ARC professor Diana Bitz was a guest scholar with the program.

- ◆ **Bicycle Master Plan** – In June, the Alachua County Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization adopted the Bicycle Master Plan Addendum developed by ARC professor Martin Gold and students from his vertical studio, in collaboration with the county. While researching the addendum, students were able to travel to Portland, Davis, Copenhagen, Malmo, Amsterdam, Utrecht, Basil and Freiburg for field observations of multi-modal transportation infrastructure, integration with civic space and culture of use. Gold’s work on the “Bicycle Promenade Eco-History Trail” is published in the July issue of Landscape Architecture.
- ◆ **LAE at the Harn Museum** – In Fall 2003, in conjunction with a class in Ornamental Horticulture, graduate students, under the direction of LAE professor Kay Williams, designed an Asian garden for the Harn Museum. The winning project by Michelle Hall, second year LAE student, was implemented in August and September.

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- ◆ **PI:C** – The Preservation Institute: Caribbean, under the direction of ARC professors William Tilson and Alfonso Perez-Mendez, has just completed its 2004 field work in the town of Estancia de Ayllones located north of Guadalajara. The studio-based program focuses on the design of new public space and architecture for rural communities formally dominated by haciendas. An exhibit of the work is planned for January 2005.
- ◆ **IND Accreditation** – Oct. 16 - 19 marks the FIDER (Foundation for Interior Design Education Research) accreditation visit for IND. FIDER provides the foundation for excellence in the interior design profession by establishing standards for education. Everyone is invited to the public opening of the FIDER student work exhibition titled, “the red label STANDARD,” on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. in the gallery in the Architecture building.
- ◆ **NEH Summer Institute** – ARC professor Charles Hailey recently participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute at the Newberry Library in Chicago.
- ◆ **LAE in Germany** – LAE professor Kay Williams was the first non-European to serve on an accreditation team for Zentrale Evaluations-und Akkreditierungsdgrntur (ZEVA). The February 2004 visit was to the MLA program at Anhalt University in Bernberg, Germany and was conducted according to the European Common Market accreditation standards. ZEVA accredits not only landscape architecture, but medicine, law, forestry and other fields.
- ◆ **Brooklyn Charrette** – ARC professor Mark McGlothlin led the “pre-charrette” for the AIA Florida Convention in August. Approximately 50 participants, including UF students, studied the ongoing master plan proposals for the Brooklyn neighborhood of Jacksonville, Fla. and offered insights and opportunities for the neighborhood’s engagement to the St. Johns River within initial limitations of a specific site.
- ◆ **ASLA 2004 Student Awards** – Congratulations to the UF students who received 2004 student awards from the American Society of Landscape Architects. For individual graduate research, Kelly Hughes received first place for her project, “Redesigning Renourishment” and graduate student Ginerva Anuszkiewicz received first place for her project, “Regional Wetlands Mitigation Framework for the Protection of Biodiversity: The Northeast Florida Region as a Case Study.” For undergraduate individual research, Jared Smith received special commendation for his project, “South Brevard Wildlife Corridor.”
- ◆ **Paper Presentation** – Ph.D. Director M. Jo Hasell presented a refereed paper with Maruja Torres-Antonini titled, “How Much Community in Community? Negotiating Privacy in the Common House” at the international IDEC conference.

### From the Editor’s Desk

I’d like to thank all of you for your continued support of our communications efforts. Your submissions to the DCP News have become a record of events and activities at DCP, which in turn, assists with the development of content for the DCP alumni magazine, *Perspective*, due out in December. We hope to expand our efforts this year with the addition of Paul Wiseman. Paul is a master’s student in public relations and will focus on writing, media relations and commencement.

We appreciate receiving your feedback, so please email me or stop by my office. Also, you can talk with Paul, our college Webmaster Karen Cano or your unit’s representative on the college public relations committee.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to another great year.

*Sincerely,*  
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### Note from the Assistant Editor

First, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me into the DCP family. Over the past six weeks, I have met many of you and learned a great deal about what is going on in the college. For those faculty and staff that I haven’t met, I hope to get to know each of you during this semester. I will strive to keep open channels of communication between this office and the rest of the college. With your help, we will be able to raise awareness of the work being done here.

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