

Dean's Message



Hard to believe! Already one month on the job. Even more remarkable to me is the depth and range of accomplishments of DCP faculty, staff and students I have witnessed over this 30-day span. Here are a few highlights: Ruth Steiner (URP) is Co-PI on a recently announced \$3 million grant from U.S. DOT; a major new grant will involve the Florida Community Design Center in the Waldo Road Corridor Study; years of effort by Ira Winarsky and colleagues from within DCP resulted in the newly approved Interdisciplinary Concentration and Certificate in Sustainable Design. In addition, numerous international initiatives have crossed my desk involving all parts of the College. Amazing! And that is a partial snapshot of DCP activities. You'll find many more highlights throughout the newsletter.

It is also important to recognize the effort of College staff and students. DCP staff continue to show their dedication to strengthening the College by engaging in team building efforts, which culminated in a day-long workshop to focus on strategies. For their part, DCP students have been extremely productive, based upon the continuous exhibits in the gallery, the constant completion of thesis and dissertation requirements, and the many activities of our student organizations. It is clear that everyone is hard at work.

For my part, I have tried to participate in as many College activities as possible in order to better understand the passions and talents of students and faculty, so that the College can provide the right kind of support. This preliminary reconnaissance on my part has served as a prelude to the development of a strategic plan for DCP that can guide us in our efforts to make us the best college of its kind. We need a plan and that is the great task before us.

DCP's strategic plan must be broad enough to embrace the diversity of our interests and our expertise, but yet focused enough to provide a means for others to understand clearly what we are about, both as a college and as distinctive professional programs within it. The initial work on

our strategic plan will require each of the units in our College, that is our schools and departments, our research centers, our various interdisciplinary programs (like the historic preservation program, the sustainability group, the Ph.D. program) and our service centers (such as IT, Information/Publications, and Development/Alumni Relations) to develop some clear sense of where we want to go. We also must think about the spaces within which we work, and how to ensure the best possible environment for learning and creativity.

It is obvious that moving us forward will require resources, and these will need to come from various places: from campus, additional support from alumni and friends, external research grants and better utilization of existing resources within the College. But it also will require the most precious resource, the time and talents of all of us. The process of developing our strategic vision will involve all of the stakeholders – faculty, students, staff and alumni. And what we come up with must be acceptable and hopefully embraced by all. Through regular meetings with the advisory group of College administrators, with involvement of the DCP Faculty Council and the various student organizations within our college, and with appropriate input from our external advisory groups, we will build this plan slowly and carefully over the rest of this academic year. So when it is time next Fall to present a State of the College report, we will have in place a clear vision to guide us.

I look forward with enthusiasm to working with all of you in this effort. And thanks for making my first month here such an inspiring experience.

Sincerely,

Christopher Silver, Ph.D., AICP
Dean and Professor

▲Parker Celebrates 90th Birthday with Art Exhibit

An art exhibit and concert was held on Oct. 19 in honor of ARC professor Al Parker's 90th birthday. Friends, former students and colleagues gathered at the gallery in the Architecture Building to celebrate Parker's life and work while viewing his artwork on display. Parker's artwork of vibrantly colored paper, which depicted characters from famous stories such as "Jack in the Beanstalk" and "Aesop's Fables," lined the walls while he graciously led family and friends around the gallery.



Parker (pictured right) spoke to the crowd about his life and the time he spent at UF as an undergraduate student in the 1940's. During his speech, he tearfully recounted his parents struggle to send him to college, reminiscing about how they sent him \$50 per month to get by. Parker's address was followed with a concert by the bluegrass band Peyton and Day. We congratulate Al Parker on his life's work and for reaching this meaningful milestone.

▲Tate to Research Buildings in Paris

IND professor Susan Tate received permission from the U.S. State Department to research the Hotel de Talleyrand (constructed in 1767) and George Marshall Center in Paris. The Hotel de Talleyrand is best known as the site where the post-WWII European Recovery Program, commonly known as the Marshall Plan, was crafted. Tate is documenting and interpreting the historic interiors, restoration process and symbolic meaning of this urban mansion with the assistance of doctoral student, Linda Roberts. On Sept. 20, Tate organized a public lecture and historic preservation seminar with Vivien Woofter, IIDA, interior designer of the U.S. State Department, and Fabrice Ouziel, French interior architect and Talleyrand restoration consultant for historic architecture.

▲Portillo Serves as Workshop Discussion Leader

IND Chair Margaret Portillo was invited to serve as one of seven discussion leaders at the statewide Department Chairpersons Workshop offered through the Institute for Academic Leadership on Oct. 8-11.

IND Professor Leads Session on Retail Security

IND professor Candy Carmel-Gilflen coordinated and led the design session of a Retail Design Security and Loss Prevention workshop with criminologist and IND courtesy faculty Read Hayes on Oct. 24-25. The workshop focused on store layout and design with exercises involving scale models of department stores. Participants included loss prevention executives, buyers and retail designers from national retailers including Home Depot, Publix, Sam's Club, Sears, Steinmart, TJX Companies, Wal-Mart, HEB and Disney. The workshop also involved analyses of videotaped shoplifting behavior and the presentation of empirical and applied research on retail design. The workshop, registered with the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, was available for Continuing Education Units.

ARC Professors Contribute to Book

ARC professors John Maze, Mark McGlothlin and Kim Tanzer contributed to the recently published book "Digital Architecture and Construction." Maze, McGlothlin and Tanzer co-authored a chapter titled, "Fluid (in)form and the encoding of space." In addition, Maze authored the chapter titled, "Narrative and the space of digital architecture: implementing interdisciplinary storytelling in the design of interactive digital space" and McGlothlin authored the chapter titled, "Ready, aim, fire: legitimizing the gaming environment." The book is available by visiting www.witpress.com.

Graham Participates in Preserve America

DCP professor Roy Graham was one of the invited participants in a national "Preserve America" Summit chaired by Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States, in New Orleans on Oct. 19-20. The summit marked the 40th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. Champions in the field of historic preservation, who were identified as experts in the summit's subtopics, reviewed the major components of the national historic preservation program and presented their considerations designed to advance programs and policy. Graham's panels were "Participating in the Global Community" and "Fostering Innovation." The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation hosted the summit and a number of private organizations and federal agency partners — including the Departments of the Interior, Commerce and Defense; the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and the Council on Environmental Quality — assisted in planning the summit.

DCP Faculty Participate in UF Sustainability Conference

The University of Florida hosted the inaugural conference “Campus and Community Sustainability: Sharing Best Practices and Visions for Florida’s Future” on Oct. 25 and 26. The conference provided a venue for the exchange of best sustainability practices and visions among Florida’s universities, colleges and communities. Speakers and panel discussions focused on fostering strong relationships between institutions and their communities and emphasized the role of higher education in creating a more sustainable future. LAE professor Glenn Acomb and URP associate scientist Linda Crider both served on the conference’s Program/Speakers Committee.

Various DCP faculty and students also served as moderators, speakers and panelists during the conference:

- Crider moderated a session titled “Transportation Issues in Florida” which looked at a number of initiatives being taken by state and local jurisdictions to support transportation choices that lead to a more sustainable transportation system.
- ARC professor Charles Hailey served as a panelist on “Pedagogical Approaches to Integrating Sustainability” which addressed the different avenues of teaching sustainability through various methods in curriculum development.
- MSBC student Nick Taylor was a panelist for “Interdisciplinary Collaboration and ‘Living Laboratories’: The Role of Universities in Florida’s Natural and Built Environments” which provided an overview of a research project examining the links between low income housing and

energy intensity and facilitated discussion to examine the opportunities and constraints for interdisciplinary collaboration within and between universities.

- BCN professor Charles Kibert served as a moderator and BCN graduate research assistant Donna Issacs served as a panelist for the session titled “Campus Partners in Community Transformation – Case Studies: Historic Rehabilitation of The Cotton Club, The Old Florida Heritage Highway and Civic Lights,” which illustrated the collaborative educational and sustainable development opportunities within communities.
- URP professor Joseli Macedo served as a moderator for “From Policy to Action: Sustainable Campus Land Use and Transportation” which showcased how UF successfully applies sustainability in the “big picture” and “on the ground.”
- ARC professor Bahar Armaghani served as a moderator and panelist and ARC professor Sustan Tate served as a panelist for “University of Florida Green Buildings: Success Stories in LEEDership” which presented the basics of the LEED-NC and the basics of the energy modeling and commissioning processes being utilized on LEED green building projects on UF’s campus.

The conference took every precaution necessary to ensure that it was indeed a sustainable conference. Participants were urged to bring badge holders and conference bags from previous conferences, and their own water bottles and coffee mugs. Paper usage during the conference also was kept to a minimum.



DCP Annual Holiday Reception



Thursday, Dec. 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hilton-UF Conference Center



RSVP to Barb at barbc@ufl.edu



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School of Architecture’s International Programs Showcase

Exhibiting faculty research and
student work relating to
international programs and projects

Nov. 13 - 17

Gallery in the Architecture Building



■BCN Team Places in Regional Competition

The DCP Design-Build Team and BCN Commercial and Heavy/Civil Teams participated in the Southeast Regional Competition in Charlotte, NC. The Commercial Team was awarded second place. BCN students Keith Carr of the Design-Build Team and Jason Lovelace of the Commercial Team were recognized with the Best Speaker/Presenter awards. Also, this was the first year UF sent a Heavy/Civil Team to the competition. The competition is hosted by the Associated General Contractors of America and the Associated Schools of Construction. Congratulations to all team members!



Design-Build Team

(pictured above):

Kevin Grosskopf - coach
Justin Bray
Keith Carr
John Finch
Chris McCarthy
Bobby Patel

Sponsor:

Haskell Corporation

Heavy/Civil Team:

Ajay Shanker - coach
Frank Guido
Andrew Katzman
Chris Kieffer
Mike Parrish
Alberto Ribas
Scott Usher

Sponsor:

Nelson Construction

Commercial Team:

Mike Cook - coach
Cristina Aquirre
Jonathan Hill
Chandra Hodoval
Jordan Keen
Jason Lovelace
Devon Mathews
Christian Mercado

David Smith

Matt Szporka

Kimberly Weeks

Eric Weiss

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■IND Professor Presents Paper at Symposium

IND professor Maruja Torres-Antonini presented a refereed paper, "Cohousing: Design for Environmental Conservation, Personal Empowerment and Social Justice," at the Art & Design for Social Justice Symposium on Sept. 18. Torres discussed her participatory action research in a cohousing environment. Over a two-year period, Torres examined relationships between community design features and community connectedness and support. MID student Nalo McGibbon also presented a paper at the symposium titled "Shipping Containers, Shipping Homes: Permanent Housing for the Temporarily Homeless."

■Graham Joins Task Force for St. Augustine Preservation

DCP professor Roy Graham currently is participating in a Special Task Force on St. Augustine Preservation. In recent years, it has become clear that to ensure the future of the historic properties in St. Augustine, the State of Florida needs to take responsibility as an owner; the properties are currently leased to the City of St. Augustine. In response, the task force assembled during the last week of September to tour all of the 35 historic city-owned properties and then drafted a proposal for their future management. The Special Task Force, called to assemble by State Representative William Proctor, will hold a Town Hall meeting in St. Augustine on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. to receive public input on the report.

■Dr. Kenneth Yeang Speaks for Architecture Lecture Series

Dr. Kenneth Yeang, a principal at T.R. Hamzah and Yeang International in Malaysia, presented work and his philosophical ideas on sustainable architecture as part of the Architecture Fall Lecture Series. From single buildings to broader urban plans, Yeang discussed how one can reconsider various types of structures and cityscapes.

■Kohen and Thorne to be AIA Jurors

ARC director Martha Kohen and ARC professor Karl Thorne have been invited to be jurors of the 2007 AIA Design Awards for AIA Orlando.

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