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**Dean's Message**



We are off to a fast start this fall, and at least from the perspective of the Dean's Office, it is both a busy and productive time.

**New Degrees**

As you know, we secured approval this summer to launch two new degree programs, the Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and the Built Environment and the Master of Historic Preservation.

In the case of the BSSBE, we already have eight students in the program, and that's without even launching any sort of "grand opening" to the campus and the world beyond. A college committee is hard at work not only planning how we will advertise and administer the degree program as it grows but also how our college can more effectively model the principles of sustainability in all of our activities. We are well represented in the campus level initiatives, with architecture professor **Kim Tanzer** joining with **Tom Ankersen** (from the College of Law) to strengthen UF's academic programs in sustainability through support from the Provost's and President's offices. In addition, interest in the Master of Historic Preservation already is evident.

**New Web Site**

A key vehicle for disseminating our message about sustainability and historic preservation will be the new college Web site. With its launch, anticipated to be in November, we will be able to project a far more vivid portrait of the breadth and depth of our offerings to our many constituencies. In addition to giving focused attention to our sustainability activities, as well as the details and highlights of our schools and departments, the new site will give greater visibility to our extensive international programs.

We are a campus leader in promoting internationalization within and across our disciplines. Virtually all of our international and off-campus programs are now fully (and in several cases over) subscribed, and plans are in the works for new initiatives to bring students to Southeast Asia, East Asia, Australia, the Carribean as well as to locations across Florida. The beauty of the new Web site will be our ability to broadcast in one place the many international

**Welcome and Congratulations**

Congratulations to DCP recent promotions and new additions:

**Kristin Larsen**

tenured associate professor in urban and regional planning

**John Maze**

tenured associate professor in architecture

**Lynne Capece**

Development Officer

**James Sullivan**

building construction assistant professor

**Bradley Walters**

architecture assistant professor

**Don't Forget**

### DCP Deadlines:

October 20

Witters Competition RFP

October 23

Teacher/Advisor of the Year

### UF Deadline:

October 31

Superior Accomplishment Awards

and off-campus opportunities that currently are only accessible through a multiplicity of sources.

Along these lines, we are discussing within our faculties the implications of trying to achieve something approaching 100% participation among DCP students in either an international or an off-campus professional/academic experience as part of their degree program.

### New School

Another DCP group is working with the faculty, students, staff and alums in Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning to devise a plan to merge these two departments into a new school of landscape architecture and planning. The task force is benchmarking our proposed merger with similar arrangements at other peer institutions, and exploring ways to create new synergies through this merger while maintaining the integrity of the two disciplines.

### New Space

We also are working both short-term and long-term on issues related to space within the college. In the short term, we are making incremental improvements to several spaces within the Architecture Building to create additional and improved spaces for our expanding teaching and research activities. In Fine Arts C, we created an expanded studio space on the second floor in conjunction with providing new restroom facilities and a possible designated space for spray painting. There also is a new restroom facility on the first floor in conjunction with the Woodshop. Also, we are working out the kinks in delivery of service to students in the plotter room.

Looking at the long-term, an interior design studio is undertaking a project this semester to research user needs throughout our building complex, and to translate these needs into possible interior design strategies. We already have a model of a possible expansion of our footprint (as well as filling in some underutilized spaces within the existing footprint). The IND studio project will add to this a detailed understanding of our needs and opportunities from the user standpoint.

These initiatives, as well as others which space does not allow me to cover, reflect our efforts to bring forward key components of the shared strategic vision for the college. We are striving to make a difference, and from all indications, we are serving our students and our professions with great vigor and success.

Thanks to all of you for your valuable contributions. But also take a little time to enjoy this fabulous fall weather.

### Walters receives American Architecture Award



ARC professor **Bradley Walters** and his project team at RMJM Hillier in New Jersey received a [2008 American Architecture Award](#) from The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design in Chicago.

Walters was project manager for "SLIP/SCAPE: Becton, Dickinson and Company Campus Center" for the medical technology company's campus in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

From the design narrative:

SLIP/SCAPE is a hybrid construct that bridges and blurs boundaries between building/landscape, indoor/outdoor, roof/earth, figure/ground and the two local cultures of management/production.

Earlier this year, the project also received the Grand Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Concrete Institute and an unbuilt American Institute of Architects Merit Award.

UF alumni **Philip M. Donovan** (ARC '03) and **Jason Fox** (ARC '05) assisted on the project as interns.

## COLUMNS



Check out or comment on the "Door, Window, Stair" photo story about ARC student projects posted on the college's blog, **Columns**.

[Visit Columns](#)

## UF, UCF to Create Citi-Lab Orlando

The College of Design, Construction and Planning is pleased to announce its plan to develop a new education and research initiative, "[Citi-Lab Orlando](#)," through a cooperative agreement with the University of Central Florida.

## DCP Award Winners

Congratulations to the following members of the college for their recent awards:

- **The Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing** in the Rinker School, in partnership with the Florida Housing Finance Corp. and the Florida Housing Coalition, is one of 21 finalists in The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's [State and Local Preservation Leaders](#) award. The foundation will provide a total of \$35 million in multi-year grants and program-related investments to 10 of the finalists later this year.

The center proposes to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations to preserve affordable rental housing through a comprehensive approach that includes technical assistance, creation of a Preservation Demonstration loan fund, and expanded use of data to make preservation funding decisions.

- **The GeoPlan Center's** "Efficient Transportation Decision-Making," or ETDM, process received [Exemplary Human Environment Initiative and Exemplary Ecosystem Initiative](#) status from the Federal Highway Administration.

The [ETDM process](#) is a collaborative transportation decision making process that protects the natural, cultural and built environment.

- **Iris Patten**, URP graduate student, was selected Student of the Year by the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association.
- **Joo Youl Pae**, IND student, won first prize in the Retail Design Institute's [2008 National Student Design Competition](#). This year's competition asked students from interior design programs across the country to submit a prototype of a high-end jewelry store.

Youl Pae's design, "Reveal," was selected from more than 90 entries. The competition prize includes \$1,000 each for Youl Pae and the Department of Interior Design. His faculty advisors were interior design professors **Jason Meneely** and **Nam-Kyu Park**.

- **Will Zajac**, ARC student, was selected as the runner-up for the [2008 Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Foundation Prize for Architecture, Design and Urban Design](#), receiving a \$20,000 travel fellowship.

Located at UCF's Center of Emerging Media in downtown Orlando, Citi-Lab will link the multiple resources of the academic community, the public sector and private industry to offer innovative solutions to the problems and opportunities within the built environment of the contemporary American city.

As an interdisciplinary design and research facility, Citi-Lab will provide a unique educational experience for participating students and new research opportunities for both UF and UCF faculty.

The 3,000 square foot facility will consist of a gallery; working design studios for upper level undergraduate and graduate students; a library and resource center; and a meeting space for discussions and educational events.

## Quick Links

[DCP Taskforce for New School](#)

[One Less Car Challenge](#)

[UF Community Campaign](#)

## News Tips

# Events

## Special lecture on Oct. 10

Charles Waldeim, director of landscape architecture at the University of Toronto, will present "Planning Ecology and the Emergence of Landscape: The Theory of Landscape Urbanism" at 5 p.m. in Flint Hall, Room 50. The lecture is sponsored by the School of Architecture, Department of Landscape Architecture and Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

## "Promises of Paradise: Staging Mid-Century Miami"

"Promises" is a groundbreaking exhibition devoted to the architects, designers and urban planners of mid-20th century Miami and their contributions to American Modernism. The exhibition will be on view from **Oct. 11 through Jan. 25, 2009** at the [Harn Museum](#).

## Interior design lecture

Shelia Danko, professor of design and J. Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship at Cornell University, will present "Designing Change: A New Generation of Entrepreneurship and the Role of Design" at 7 p.m. **Oct. 16** in Pugh Hall Room 170. The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Interior Design, idea|span and Shaw Contract Group.

## Building construction career fair

The Rinker School will be holding its fall [career fair](#) at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center **Oct. 21** from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The fair is open to all students in the fields of design, construction, planning, real estate, business and engineering.

## Historic preservation lecture

The Historic Preservation Fall 2008 Lecture Series continues on **Oct. 30**. The lecture, "The Future of the Recent Past," will be presented by Jeanne Lambin, SCAD professor. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. in the Chandler Auditorium at the Harn Museum.

Have you published an article or presented at a conference recently?

If so, let us know!

Please submit your news for the **Published and Presented** section in the Oct. 27 issue of DCP News.

Send your news tips to [Julie Frey](#) or [Kaitlin O'Farrill](#).

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