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Latin American Studies Conference

Register for the 58th Annual Conference, "[The Urban Divide in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Social Inclusion.](#)"

The conference will be held **Jan. 28-30** in the Reitz Union and is co-sponsored by DCP and the UF Center for Latin American Studies.

Dean's message



Greetings in the New Year, a new year that began with us finishing up business in the BCS in Miami. Here at DCP, the new year has started with its own brand of excitement.

As you probably heard, we have been selected to participate in the Solar Decathlon Europe, and our faculty team, headed by **Robert Ries**, has already recruited students from all of our programs to carry out this mammoth project over the next two years.

Also, please join me in welcoming **Andres Blanco** and his family to DCP and Gainesville. They escaped the snow and cold of Ithaca, NY (Cornell University) so Andres can join the Department of Urban and Regional Planning to teach economics and land development, and to contribute to our collective strength in international concerns.

On Jan. 28-30, under the leadership of **Martha Kohen** (ARC) and **Joseli Macedo** (URP), DCP is co-hosting the conference, "The Urban Divide in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Social Inclusion." The conference features keynote presentations by **Jaime Lerner**, former mayor of Curitiba, the internationally renowned scholar of globalization **Saskia Sassen** and **Alan Gilbert**, one of the foremost authorities on issues of urbanization, poverty and development in Latin America.

The full schedule of sessions is contained in the [conference program available on the web](#). You can register for the conference at the Web site, and for the grand sum of \$15, you can attend it all (there is a modest additional charge for lunches on Thursday and Friday). Please attend and encourage your students and colleagues to join in.

A slightly more limited access event is coming up in February when DCP will sponsor the National Academy of Environmental Design

Don't Forget

UF Deadlines:

Feb. 4

Roundtable for New Faculty

Other Deadlines:

Feb. 19

JPMorgan Chase Community Development Competition

Feb. 5

National Teach-In on Global Warming

March 6

Gareth Kerr Memorial Award

Symposium - Water and Sustainability. A group of experts will convene at UF Feb. 16-17 to discuss the issues of water quantity and quality through environmental design processes, to develop a working group on the topic and to develop a position paper that can be used to guide policy and practice.

Kim Tanzer (ARC) has been one of the key leaders of a national effort to establish the National Academy of Environmental Design which includes UF, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Minnesota, the University of Texas, Austin and the University of Pennsylvania, along with other partners. When the schedule of the symposium is finalized, we'll distribute it. There should be an opportunity for interested faculty and students to sit in on this high powered event.

Space limits me to touch on all that is forthcoming this Spring, but I will touch on other activities in forthcoming messages. Suffice it to say, we will be busy, but busy in a very positive way. With various guest lecturers, career fairs, hosting several national conferences, pushing forward on the development of a new school for planning and landscape architecture, handling what looks like a growing applicant pool in our graduate programs, continuing to develop pieces of our bachelor's program in sustainability, more faculty recruitments in architecture and in support of sustainability, and, of course, doing the more routine work of preparing the next generation of design, construction and planning professionals.

Welcome!

Ivan Smith Visiting Professors:

Marlon Blackwell

SHoP Architects PC

Gregg Pasquarelli

SHoP Architects PC

Ivan Smith Visiting Critics:

Diebedo Francis Kere

Burkina Faso/Germany

Shigeru Ban

Shigeru Ban Architects

LAE Adjunct Professors:

Fred Halbach

Chris Lathrop

Welcome back!!!

DCP Web site launched today

Since December, most DCP faculty and staff have seen the Beta version of the new site when logged on here at campus. But today, we launched the [new site](#) to the rest of the world.

If you find any missing links or edits for the new Web site, please email [Julie Frey](#) or DCP's new webmaster [Melissa Glasgow](#).

COLUMNS



Check out the latest gallery exhibits on the college's blog.

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Teacher of the Year

Glenn Acomb, LAE lecturer, was named the 2008-2009 DCP Teacher of the Year. This honor is recognition by one's students and peers of the extraordinary commitment to the art of teaching as well as the shaping of model citizens and future leaders.

Architecture Building charrette

DCP will hold a charrette **Jan. 21** calling on upper division undergraduate and graduate students in ARC, IND, LAE and URP to design immediate improvements to the Architecture Building. The first and second place designs will be awarded \$750 and \$250, respectively, with the winning design to be implemented in the fall.

Students will work together in groups of three to address one of three design problems:

1. seating for a common space in the atrium, fourth floor or first/second level transition;
2. individual work stations for the building's studios;
3. a system of banners to improve the building's visual quality.

The charrette will begin with group registration at noon in the atrium, followed by a 15-minute Q & A at 1 p.m. Groups must submit their designs by 10 p.m. The designs will be judged by a panel of college faculty and students, and the winner will be announced Jan. 30.

Published & Presented

Charlie Hailey, ARC assistant professor, presented his paper, "From Sleeping Porch to Sleeping Machine: Inverting Traditions of Fresh Air in North America," in December at the [International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments](#) 2008 Conference in Oxford, England. His paper also will be published in IASTE's Working Paper Series.

Gary W. Siebein, ARC professor, completed revisions on his chapter "Recent Innovations in Acoustical Design and Research" along with co-author Professor Emeritus Bertram Y. Kinzey, Jr., in William Cavanaugh's *Architectural Acoustics*, due for a second edition printing in 2009.

Mary Padua, LAE associate professor, presented her paper, "Contested Chinese identity: modernism and fundamentalism in contemporary landscape design," in December at the 20th Anniversary Conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments 2008 Conference in Oxford, England. Her paper also will be published in IASTE's Working Paper Series. Padua also gave a seminar on "Hybrid Modernity: post-Mao contemporary urban open space" in December at the Bartlett School, University College London.

Save These Dates

April 10

DCP Research Showcase

May 1 at 4 p.m.

DCP Commencement

Task Force Report

Read the report

["Toward a New School of Landscape Architecture + Urban and Regional Planning"](#)

from the DCP task force established last fall to consider the implications of merging the Department of Landscape Architecture and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning into a new school.

News Tips

Have you recently presented at a conference or had your work published? Let us know. Contact [Julie Frey](#) or [Kaitlin O'Farrill](#).

Events

Paris Fall 08

Landscape Architecture Studio Exhibit

LAE undergraduate and graduate students will present their studio projects from the LAE Paris Program Fall Semester 2008 in the Architecture Gallery from **Jan 20-28**, with an opening reception at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 20.

Projects include: Re-imagining the Jardin Tuileries for the 21st century and a revitalized campus plan for Cite Internationale Universitaire Paris.

Now in its fifth year, the studio was directed by LAE Professors Terry Schnadelbach and Mary G. Padua, with Meredith Leigh, graduate teaching assistant.

Padua photography exhibit

Mary Padua, LAE associate professor, will have her installation "[Sacred Places and Skies Redux: Petit Collection](#)" on display at the Grinter Gallery **Jan. 23 through March 27**. The photographs represent her personal interpretation of sacred places in Asia juxtaposed with images of skies. The installation is an excerpt from her original exhibit displayed at the University of Hong Kong in the spring of 2007. An opening reception will be held **Jan. 23** from 7 to 9 p.m. at the University Gallery. All are invited.

Final Week of "Promises" at Harn Museum

Hurry! **Jan. 25** is the last day to see "[Promises: Staging Mid-Century Miami](#)," a groundbreaking exhibition devoted to the architects, designers and urban planners of mid-20th century Miami and their contributions to American Modernism.

We love hearing from you!
Tell us what you're
planning for the semester.

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

Submission deadline
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