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UF's Citylab-Orlando partners with UCF to benefit students, support city



With a Gator chomp from Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, the city welcomed the University of Florida to downtown Orlando as the program moves into the University of Central Florida Center for Emerging Media.

"Partnering with our two landmark universities, it couldn't get much better than this, could it?" Dyer said on Oct. 26 during a ceremony and open house at the center celebrating the partnership between UF and UCF.

The UF research and teaching center, Citylab-Orlando, an initiative of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, joins other programs at the UCF Center for Emerging Media, including the UCF Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy, a graduate video-gaming school, and other UCF programs.

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Professor Gary W. Siebein presented four papers at the 38th International Congress and Exposition on Noise Control Engineering in Ottawa, Canada in August 2009.

"On the Nature of the Ambient Sound" co-authored with Reece Skelton (UF, 2008) illustrated the concept that the ambient sound is actually a complex

interaction of specific acoustic events that can each be identified, measured, mapped, modeled and simulated.

"Soundscape Analysis of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit" co-authored with Reece Skelton and Victoria McCloud (UF, 2008) focused on a soundscape study of a NICU to document the nature and magnitude of sounds experienced by newborn infants, caregivers, parents and other occupants, and to propose alternative design solutions to achieving healthful environments for healing.

"Soundscape Design Applications for Entertainment Noise" co-authored with Threcia Robinson (UF, 2008), Robert M. Lilkendey and Hyun Paek (Siebein Associates, Inc.) focused on four case studies to demonstrate soundscape methods for assessing noise impacts and proposed regulation and mitigation strategies for entertainment noise impacts in mixed used growing urban areas.

"Soundscape Design Applications for Industrial Noise" co-authored with Threcia Robinson (UF, 2008), Robert M. Lilkendey, Hyun Paek, and Chris Jones (Siebein Associates, Inc.) used four case studies to demonstrate soundscape

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Vicenza Institute: Architecture celebrates 25 years

Open Call To Alumni and Faculty of VIA

Submit your work from Vicenza to professor Donna Cohen at dcohen@ufl.edu.

We are looking for images, sketchbooks, photos, final projects and written work. Please email up to 6 images (jpeg) along with descriptive text or send an email with a description of what you would like to submit.

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BCN team wins competition



For the students on the Rinker School of Building Construction's Commercial Management Team, the preparation for the ASC/AGC Southeast Regional Competition in Jacksonville, Fla., began months ago. Along with their preparation came a team with great chemistry and a sense of confidence that they would represent the university and the school to the best of their ability. On October 30th, their vision was realized in the form of

methods for assessing noise impacts and proposed mitigation strategies for industrial noise impacts in emerging new urbanist communities.

a first-place finish at the competition.

The competition was formatted like a real-world Construction Manager at-risk scenario in which each school attempted selling their services for a proposed project to an owner. This included preparing a written qualifications package to be submitted prior to the competition, submitting a proposal and Guaranteed Maximum Price at the competition, and lastly giving a 15-minute oral presentation for the judges who acted as the owner.

Prior to the competition, the students spent several hours after school every week preparing the qualifications package and practicing their oral presentation skills. The team traveled to Orlando to undergo training from their sponsors, Balfour Beatty Construction Company. Balfour Beatty provided valuable insight into how things are done in the business world, emphasizing both written and oral communication skills and the ability to market your team to the owner.

At the competition, teams were evaluated on their proposals, professionalism, team cohesiveness and presentation skills. The team worked hard into the early hours of the morning each night on their product, and their hard work and teamwork paid off.

The team would like to thank: the University of Florida, the Rinker School of Building Construction, faculty adviser and coach professor Michael Cook, Balfour Beatty Construction Company as well as Associated Schools of Construction and Barton Malow for sponsoring the event.

Written by Brando Fetzek

Reminders

Nov. 20

Deadline for nominations for the DCP Teacher/Advisor of the Year Award.

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Deadline for FRSA/Earl Blank Faculty Fellowship



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The next issue will be distributed on Nov. 6. Submissions are due by **Oct. 30.**

Anne Ray named new Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse manager





Anne Ray was recently named the new Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse manager in the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies.

The Clearinghouse provides a single starting point for free, publicly available housing data and related information for Florida.

Ray has worked as a part-time consultant for the Clearinghouse since 2001, and is very excited to oversee its continued development and work on its many projects.

"We have exciting projects going along with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and the Florida Housing Coalition," Ray said. "Our three organizations received a \$1 million grant from the MacArthur Foundation to promote the preservation of affordable multifamily housing."

According to Ray, the Clearinghouse also performs a rental market study for the state every three years, and will be getting more involved in analyzing housing markets in various neighborhoods.

"These are all projects I'm really excited to work with," Ray said.

Ray succeeds William O'Dell as Clearinghouse manager, a position he had held since the inception of the Clearinghouse in 2000. He is now the associate director of the Shimberg Center.

Ray, who received a master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in urban planning and policy, has significant experience in the housing field. She has worked as a researcher for various companies, among other things performing feasibility and market studies and writing grant proposals.

She moved to Gainesville in 2001 with her husband, Norm Levin; they have three daughters. She is looking forward to her new appointment.

"It's a great opportunity," Ray said. "I'm very pleased to be in this new position."

For more information on the Clearinghouse or Shimberg Center, visit <http://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu> or www.shimberg.ufl.edu

Events

Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture: Thomas G. Pelham



Nov. 19: The Honorable Thomas G. Pelham, AICP, secretary of the Florida Department of Community Affairs, will speak at 6:30 p.m. at 100 Williamson Hall (Bless Auditorium). Pelham will speak about the real and potential impacts of Florida's new growth management legislation. The session is free and open to the public. For more information contact: Richard H. Schneider at 352-

392-0997/ext. 430

News Tips

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