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## Staff milestones



In October, DCP recognized three staff members for their continuous years of service to the University. (From left to right): **Barbara Cleveland**, 30 years, **Linda Stanley**, 20 years, and **Patty Barritt**, 20 years. Thank you for all you have done for UF and DCP throughout the years!

## Spring 2010 Commencement

All DCP faculty and staff  
are invited to  
join us for the  
**DCP Spring 2010  
Commencement  
at 5 p.m. on  
Saturday, May 1.**

At the ceremony candidates  
for bachelor's degrees will  
be recognized and college  
awards, such as Teacher/  
Advisor of the Year, will be  
presented.

Candidates for master's  
and doctoral degrees will  
be recognized  
at the university  
Advanced Degree  
Commencement  
at 9 a.m. on  
Saturday, May 1.

## Congratulations to the DCP International Educators of the Year!

Senior faculty:  
URP professor  
Richard Schneider

Junior faculty:  
BCN professor  
Robert Ries

## Save this Date

2010 DCP Research Showcase

Feb. 17-18

Look for the Call for Participation soon!

### Minchin researches counterfeit materials concern

**Edward Minchin**, associate professor of building construction, recently returned from two trips during which he met with government and industry officials regarding the problem of counterfeit materials and products in the construction industry.

The two trips took him to Houston, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. While in D.C, Minchin spoke with the International Anti-Counterfeiting Association, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the French Embassy, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the Heritage Foundation, former Senator Bob Graham (Chair of the President's Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction), the Chief Counsel of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, the State Department and the National Association of Manufacturers.

In the other cities, Minchin interviewed officials from Shell Oil, Tenaris, Bechtel, Jacobs, Fluor, Shaw energy, Aker Solutions, H&M International Transportation, Inc. (a large U.S. Customs Warehouse), Nooter Construction and Sunoco. All interviews were conducted in September and October in the offices of those interviewed, and lasted about 90 minutes each. The research is sponsored by the Construction Industry Institute.

## Campus construction sites: invaluable teaching tools for graduate Building Structures course

### Landscape architecture: among the best

The undergraduate program in **landscape architecture** was ranked 14th in **DesignIntelligence's 11th annual America's Best Architecture & Design Schools 2010** survey.

The survey ranks accredited undergraduate and graduate design programs from the perspective of practitioners in the field.

The landscape architecture program was also named one of **America's World-Class Landscape Architecture Schools** by DesignIntelligence's Cramer Report, receiving the merit "with high distinction."

The Cramer Report is an effort to look beyond one-year rankings to a more multi-dimensional stratification of excellence. DesignIntelligence considers the programs on this list among the best in the world.

### Reminders



Architecture professors **Michael Kuenstle** and **N. Nawari**, working in collaboration with **Miles Albertson**, associate director of the University of Florida facilities, planning and construction department, are able to extend the architectural structures curriculum into the built environment using UF buildings currently under construction on campus.

The knowledge of building structures in the architectural curriculum is based on part theory and part application. Teaching graduate students the principles of structural mechanics, analysis and strength of materials using physics, numerical equations and advanced computer modeling can be a difficult task, and with the UF campus situated in a mostly rural environment, Kuenstle and Nawari have found they are fortunate to have a steady stream of building projects constructed on the campus over the past few years to use as teaching laboratories. Often it is when students are given the opportunity to make on-site observations of the creative applications of this complex science that the course starts to come together as a critical knowledge base for students.

This term the professors used the 40-foot-tall, steel-framed entry vestibule of the new Veterinary Education and Clinical Research Center building as their case study project to focus

**Nov. 20**

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

**Nov. 20**

Deadline for FRSA/Earl Blank Faculty Fellowship

## Siebein busy with events, workshops

Professor Gary W. Siebein of the School of Architecture attended the American Society for Testing and Materials E-33 Committee on Building and Environmental Acoustics in Philadelphia in October where he works as a technical expert on the revision of acoustical testing standards that are included in building codes and comprehensive land use plans.

He was also invited to present a workshop entitled "A Theoretical Framework to Plan and Design the Community Soundscape" at the Research Center for Planning: Land Use, Transportation, Environment and Local Government at the Institut d'Urbanisme at the University of Paris (France) as part of the Seminars on Urban Soundscapes sponsored by the French Ministry of

student research on structural steel framing and connection details. The building is designed by Zeidler Partnership, Inc.

## Graduate student receives scholarship from American Public Transportation Foundation

Student **Jessica Alvarez** recently received the **Jack R. Gilstrap Scholarship** from the American Public Transportation Foundation. Alvarez was the applicant with the highest overall score as determined by the APTF board of directors.

The selection criteria include a continued demonstrated interest in the public transportation industry as a career, academic achievement and need for financial assistance. Alvarez was sponsored by Gainesville's Regional Transit System and Jesus Gomez, transit director. She is working toward a master's degree in science/transportation civil engineering.

## Shimberg Center for Housing Studies receives \$155,000 gift

**The Shimberg Center for Housing Studies** is pleased to announce that Bank of America has awarded the center a **\$155,000 gift** through the UF Foundation. The center will use the funding to create a neighborhood-level housing data system for the state of Florida.

Since 2000, the Shimberg Center has produced the [Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse](#), which provides housing supply and demand data at the city and county level. However, governments and non-profits working in smaller areas lack access to housing data at the neighborhood level - information that is critical to making community development strategies work. For example, home foreclosures tend to be clustered in particular neighborhoods, leading to concentrations of abandonment, blight and declining neighborhood property values.

The new system will include parcel- and neighborhood-level data regarding housing properties, home sales and values, foreclosures, rental housing developments, population and demographics, crime and schools. The Shimberg Center will develop this system in conjunction with Managing Neighborhood Change, a national pilot project to link data providers, non-profits and local governments to promote the development and

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preservation of affordable housing in vibrant, diverse neighborhoods. With growing interest on the part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and private foundations in "place-based," neighborhood-level interventions, the new data system will help position Florida as a leader in community development.

The Shimberg Center greatly appreciates the hard work of **Lynne Capece**, DCP director of development and alumni relations, and **Veronica Meinhard**, director of regional development at the UF Foundation.

### **Rachel Stoudt receives award for thesis project**

Boston Society of Architects Committee for Women in Design has selected **Rachel Stoudt's** thesis project (March 2009) for an Honorable Mention Award and for exhibition during Build Boston 2009. She has been invited to participate in the conference and accept the award in November.

Her thesis chair was **Donna Cohen** and co-chair was **Nancy Sanders**. The project "Home of Renewal: Placemaking and Permanence," is a proposal for an Orphanage in Sichuan Province of China.

### **Events**

#### **URP Research Seminar Series: Florida's maritime infrastructure**

**Nov. 24:** "Florida's Recreational and Commercial Maritime Infrastructure: A Decision Support Tool for Assessing Network Significance," will be presented by members of the UF Law Conservation Clinic, including Kevin Sharbaugh and Thomas T. Ankerson, IFAS Assistant in Environmental Law. The presentation, which will take place at 1:50 p.m., will focus on Florida's maritime infrastructure and the taxonomy created by the group, designed as a support tool for planners, policymakers and maritime stakeholders. Location: ARCH 411

#### **Sarasota Modern Architecture Exhibit**

The exhibit "Sarasota Modern: The Sarasota School of Architecture, 1941-1966," is open in the Smathers Library second floor exhibition gallery through Dec. 24, featuring items from the Architecture Archives in the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections. The gallery is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

# News Tips

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