

Design and Social Inquiry, Spring 2011

From the Office of the Dean



Dean Rosalyn Carter

Greetings!

Welcome to this issue of the College for Design and Social Inquiry's newsletter culminating AY 2010/2011.

What an exciting year this has been for FAU and for our college moving forward under the leadership of our new President, Dr. Mary Jane Saunders. Our enrollment continues to grow as does the research of our faculty and students.

As part of the President's new initiative to increase degree granting opportunities for students and greater collaboration among various faculties, we have developed two new multidisciplinary degree programs. The Bachelor of Public Safety Administration

and the Bachelor of Urban Design will be offered for the first time in the Fall 2011 semester.

Dr. Sameer Hinduja from the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice participated in the first White House Conference on Bullying Prevention in March. Dr. Hinduja is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work in cyberbullying.

The School of Public Administration under the leadership of Dr. Khi Thai, hosted the very first reunion of alumni from its doctoral program this spring. Alums, some of whom graduated more than 20 years ago, gathered from all over the country in Fort Lauderdale to network and share their research ideas. The School's MPA program was honored this spring when it was ranked in the top 100 Graduate programs in the country by US News and World Report.

Spring semester was exciting and productive – take a look inside and see!

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Check this out!



NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS

The College is planning two new Bachelor Degree programs, both programs are still in the approval process and are expected to roll out in Fall 2011:

The Bachelor of Public Safety Administration is a new program that will be housed in the School of Public Administration but is a collaboration between several of the schools within the College for Design and Social Inquiry, including Criminology and Criminal Justice. The need for trained personnel in all aspects of public safety has grown dramatically since the events of 9/11. The training and education of law enforcement, fire/rescue and disaster management professionals has become a critical need, and one that has not, up to this time, been adequately met This program addresses all three areas in a program that is the only one of it's kind here in Florida.

The Bachelor of Urban Design (BUD) is a new program that will incorporate courses from Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning. The BUD is an undergraduate degree program for South Florida professionals and pre-professionals who are interested in design of the built environment toward

sustainable development at the neighborhood, community, and city scale. The program offers an "interdisciplinary approach" for students who plan to pursue a professional career in an urban discipline such as urban & regional planning, urban development policy, real estate development, municipal and planning law, as well as, design disciplines including architecture and landscape architecture.



AGING ACADEMY LAUNCHES

The School of Social Work held the opening event for its new Aging Academy on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The event was on the Boca campus and was well attended. The newly established academy hopes to accomplish the following:

- expand geriatric competency-driven education, field instruction and training
- incorporate aging issues and practice content within current social work curriculum
- enhance internship placements and community service within aging service continuums
- increase research activities focused on aging and elder care
- build stronger geriatric focused university-community

partnerships

- recruit and stipend students designated as *Geriatric Scholars* specializing in aging
- produce skilled geriatric leaders and practitioners to meet growing aging and caregiver population needs

The newly appointed director of the Academy is Stephen Ferrante, M.S.W. He has served in clinical and administrative capacities in the geriatric field prior to joining the School as a full-time instructor. The academy will be guided by an Advisory Council that offers varied professional expertise in the field

Two grants, have already been secured by the Academy, one from the Council on Aging of West Florida, Inc. for an analysis of the Council's social services department and case management services. The second grant is from the United Way of Broward County and Broward Meals on Wheels for the Senior Health NOW! Project. The Senior Health NOW! Project provides nutrition and medication assessment and education to older adults throughout Broward County.



Facility Security Design



The ASIS Facility Design Workshop this June is new and improved and focusing on mall and retail security (with a site visit to the Mall of the Americas in Minneapolis). Dr. Randy Atlas, an adjunct instructor in the School of Architecture, is the facilitator and lead trainer. Randy is also presenting several sessions at the ASIS International Annual Convention in Orlando in September on: "Can Hotels really Protect Tourists and Guests with Emerging Threats", "Security Versus Sustainability", and "the Quantum Leap Security Lighting".

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ENRICHING THE YOUNG THROUGH ARCHITECTURE

BY: Tabitha Ponte '08 and Paula Jarrett Nasta '07

Change is good. Last summer, alumni Tabitha Ponte and Robert (Bobby) Zylstra left the Sunshine State and headed off to graduate school in Chicago. Now settled in Chi Town, they recently founded 26-lab, a not-for-profit organization aimed at education and enriching the lives of local youth through architecture, engineering, and construction.

Located in the Bridgeport Area of Chicago, 26Lab offers 14-18 year olds an opportunity to develop their critical-thinking, communication & interpersonal skills. Also, we create a culture & environment where collaboration is key and creativity is encouraged... where our students will learn to better express themselves, develop & express their ideas, all while helping others & their community.

26lab hopes to enable the participants to realize the power of their creativity & work, as well as the significance it can have in another's life. Currently, Tabitha and Robert have partnered with their graduate school, IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology), to run a pilot program in March

& April. Thanks to generous donations, and with the help of volunteers, the lab is already having a successful impact in young future architects. In addition to the pilot, the lab is working in the renovation and preservation of the Ramova Theater, with ACE Technical, where students engage in a standards-based curriculum supplemented by architecture, construction, and engineering-specific coursework, and with the Benton House, a community center in the area."

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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The School of Public Administration's first Ph.D. Alumni Reunion/Colloquium took place March 25-26, 2011. The event started with a reception and dinner with 40 participants, including 21 alumni and 19 Public Administration faculty members and current Ph.D. students. Alumni came from many states including Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Mississippi. On the second day of the event, alumni presented their current research on a variety of issues in public administration at the colloquium

On April 8th, 2011 the 2nd Annual Graduate Student Research

Day event was held on the Boca campus. The School of Public Administration had a strong presence at the Graduate Research Day, with several doctoral students presenting their original research. The presentation by the SPA doctoral student Alexandru V. Roman, and Professor Khi V. Thai (advisor), was awarded the first prize in the business, marketing, finance and public administration section. The presentation discussed the results of primary research in regards to the benefits and the evaluation dimensions of public procurement reforms.

Khi V. Thai, Professor, and Director, SPA, got the Student Organization Advisor Award of the Year, at the 2010-2011 Student Organization Awards & Recognition Banquet, April 22, 2011. He helped reactivate the Association of Ph.D. of PA Students and advised Ph.D. students how to obtain funding support for their paper presentation at various conferences. He also obtained travel support from the Student Government to support their conferences and other activities. The Association became very active under the leadership of the following officers:

- President: Alexandru Roman
- Vice President: Marcus Bright
- Secretary: Daniel G. Bauer
- Treasurer: Nikki Diggs

SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Christina Mancini, Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, was one of ten winners in the country of a scholarship to attend the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference on June 20-22, 2011 in Arlington, Virginia. The annual conference is being offered as part of NIJ's efforts to present groundbreaking research and provide training to those interested in criminal justice. Attorney General Eric Holder will deliver a keynote speech during a special luncheon for the winners and other conference attendees.

At the end of last semester, Adam Dobrin was invited to the Capitol in Washington DC to present his research at the Congressional Briefing on Juvenile Justice. You can watch his presentation at <http://gemini.gmu.edu/cebcp/Briefings/juvenilejustice.html>

The shown photograph was taken in April, 2011, in Copenhagen, Denmark, where Adam met with the World Health Organization's Health in Prisons Project leadership. A relationship was forged between that project and the Cochrane Collaboration's (www.cochrane.org <<http://www.cochrane.org>>) Justice

Health Field , for which Adam is the Field Administrator.

Dr. Jeanne Stinchcomb's new book, *Corrections: Foundations for the Future* has just been published by Routledge (New York & London). Designed as a text for introductory corrections classes, it is a 600-page overview of all aspects of the "correctional conglomerate"--from such traditional topics as prisons, jails, and community corrections to more controversial issues such as the death penalty, three-strikes sentencing policies, truth-in-sentencing, and speculative prisons, along with a topic that is now being hotly debated here in Florida—prison privatization. Among the many other contemporary challenges transforming correctional practice today, the book also

discusses:

- High-tech innovations--from ground-penetrating radar to telemedicine, smart cards, retinal image scanning, and satellite surveillance.
- Proactive approaches for reducing crowding, controlling inmates, minimizing liability, eliminating prison rape, and managing officer stress.
- Evidence-based treatment practices--from cognitive restructuring to therapeutic communities.

Drawing in part on her former role as a correctional practitioner, Jeanne's aim in writing the book was to comprehensively reflect the past, analyze the present, and project the future of a field that she views as among the most "frustrating as well as fascinating."



Florida Planning Living-Lab Network™

Under the tutelage of Dr. Jaap Vos, director of the School of Urban and Regional Planning, Mariana O'Brien, a doctoral student in Public Administration is conducting research on *Living-Labs and Public Administration*. As a result, the Florida Planning Living-Lab Network™ program has been launched.

The Florida Planning Living-Lab Network™ is a program of the Veritas Initiative in The School of Urban and Regional Planning. It is a platform of collaboration that brings together and involves all stakeholders, such as end-users, researchers, industrialists, policy makers, etc., at the earlier stage of the innovation process. Living-labs move research out of laboratories into real-life contexts to stimulate innovation, allowing citizens to influence research, design and product development. Users are encouraged to cooperate closely with researchers, developers and designers to test ideas and prototypes.

Currently the Florida Planning Living-Lab Network™ is developing two funded projects: the Abacoa Living Laboratory and the Wellington 2060 Living-Laboratory. The goal is to expand the network throughout Florida.

The Abacoa Living Laboratory is a project in partnership with FAU, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Abacoa Partnership for Community. It includes three projects: 1) a visitor center, 2) bio-med business development, and 3) development of metrics of new urbanism.

The Wellington 2060 Living Laboratory is a three year project in collaboration between the municipality of Wellington and FAU. The projects correspond to the eight concepts for the future developed in the Wellington 2060 vision statement. They will be handled individually and according to the Municipality priority order: Equestrian Community, Medical Arts District, Housing Reinvestment, Town Center, Village Center, Main Street, Flex Zoning District, and Sustainable Development



GRADUATE SCHOOL OBTAINS U.S. NEWS RANKING

The School of Public Administration earned the No. 80 spot in the category of "Public Affairs" in the 2012 edition of Best Graduate Schools by U.S. News Media Group.

"This ranking is a confirmation of the success we have experienced as a result of the

goals set forth in the School of Public Administration," said Rosalyn Carter, Ph.D., dean of the College for Design and Social Inquiry. "The School provides educational opportunities for those who wish to involve themselves in the many stimulating challenges of the public sector."

The School offers a master's degree in public administration (MPA), a master's degree in nonprofit management (MNM), as well as a doctorate in public administration. The MPA provides intellectual, technical, analytical and pragmatic education to enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of those working to solve problems in the public sector. The MNM degree recognizes the growing importance of the nonprofit sector in solving public problems. The curriculum was developed with the unique needs of the nonprofit sector in mind, and so contains specialized content on board governance, fund raising, nonprofit management and finance. The Ph.D. is designed for people interested in public administration and public policy careers, public sector research centers or the public sector itself.

The 2012 Best Graduate Schools includes essential, detailed statistical information on more than 1,200 programs nationwide

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The School of Social Work is pleased to announce that the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation, Inc. has made a generous donation of \$5,000 to the FAU School of Social Work therefore, becoming a valued member of our Founders Council. We would like to thank the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation.

A social work student organization, the Social Work Empowerment and Advocacy Team, traveled to Tallahassee for two days, April 4 and 5th, to participate in the National Association of Social Workers Student Lobby Day. Dr. Lea Anne DeRigne, Assistant Professor-Social Work, traveled along with 110 undergraduate and graduate students. The group arrived in Tallahassee Monday afternoon just in time to attend an exciting Senate Judiciary committee meeting where many activist groups were testifying in opposition to an immigration bill that is modeled after Arizona's controversial policy. Students were also able to take tours of both the new and old state Capitol buildings that afternoon. On Tuesday students met with legislators and advocated for a variety of social justice oriented issues. They also sat in on House and Senate committee meetings

getting the chance to hear testimony on a range of issues from immigration policy to healthcare and economic development projects. Many students designed advocacy plans focused on specific bills. For example one group was working on a bill that would have prohibited pharmacies from being located within pain clinics. They filled empty prescription bottles with personal letters about the friends and family members that they have lost to prescription drug overdoses.

The Association for Family and Conciliation Courts has invited Dr. Allan Barsky of The School of Social Work to speak on "Custody, Separation, and Divorce - What's gender go to do with it?" at the plenary panel session of its annual conference in Orlando on June 3, 2011.

The School of Social Work has instituted a Community Advisory Board,

the Board is comprised of dedicated community leaders, alumni, and members of the community who share the School's commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable individuals, families and communities.

Board members include: Dr. Michele Hawkins, Director FAU School of Social Work, Robin Rubin MSW, Jan Savarick, President, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, Marleen Forkas, philanthropist, Elizabeth L. Lugo, BSW, President/CEO The Volen Center, Ken Keechi, Esq., Former Broward County Mayor, Elyssa Kupferberg, Senior Vice-President, BNY Mellon Wealth Management, Stephen Mendelsohn, Esq., Greenberg Traurig, Jill Deutsch, MSW, Director of Development, Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach, Representative Lori Berman, Shawn A. Friedkin, Founder & CEO. Stand Among Friends, Dr. Rob Colton, and Phoenix Adams, Student Representative.



SCHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

The Planning Society (the student organization in Urban and Regional Planning) won the University's Student Organization of the year award. Some of the activities they hosted this year were their continued tradition of the Waterway Cleanup at Delevoe Park in Ft. Lauderdale, organizing three cleanups this semester. FAPS also organized two installments of the respected Wednesday Lecture Series, featuring a lecture on port planning by the head of planning at Port Everglades as well as a lecture and discussion on the recent Sustainable Communities Planning Grant featuring the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

The SURP Alumni Society held it's popular annual Wine Relief fundraiser in February, raising more than \$1,000 to support the School. And finally, the first annual Henry D. Epstein Research Symposium was established by the Henry D. Epstein Professor of Urban Planning, Dr. David Prosperi. The Symposium, held on April 13, featured presentations by students and faculty based on published papers in advance of REAL CORP 2011, an international planning research conference to be held in Germany in late May.

The School announced the official establishment of the Sun Fund fellowship, the first-known fellowship or scholarship that is completely "funded by the sun". A portion of the energy savings attributed to SURP's solar roof installation on the HEC building will directly fund this groundbreaking annual fellowship.

Several bachelor's of urban and regional planning students' research was featured at the FAU Undergraduate Research Symposium. The students presented their research to the audience and their posters were a featured display throughout the symposium.

The SURP faculty continued to build on their burgeoning reputation as leaders in innovative planning research by bringing in nearly \$300,000 in grants this spring alone. Research topics include redistricting, sea level rise vulnerability, and open-innovation planning laboratories.

Dr. Ann-Margaret Esnard was named the World class Faculty Member of the year by The Broward Alliance.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON BULLYING PREVENTION

In March 2011, President Obama convened the first-ever White House Conference on Bullying Prevention. This conference appropriately recognized the critical role that research plays in informing policy and practice by briefly giving the "national stage" to distinguished researchers and experts. Dr. Hinduja and his colleague Dr. Justin Patchin from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire were both invited, and their ground-breaking research on cyberbullying was prominently featured and lauded. Dr. Hinduja continues to work extensively with Federal and State Departments of Education on this and other issues of teen technology misuse.





SUBTROPICAL CITIES 2011

Subtropical Urbanism Beyond Climate Change

This past March during the week of spring break the School of Architecture along with the College hosted the 2011 Subtropical Cities Conference. This was the first time the conference was held in the United States, moving from Brisbane, Australia where the first two conferences were assembled. The six world renowned experts that presented keynote sessions covering the topic of Subtropical Urbanism, Beyond Climate Change were:

John Todd– Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, George D. Aiken Center, University of Vermont, Principal, John Todd Ecological Design (USA)

Bruno Stagno– Architect and Founder of the Institute for Tropical Architecture (Costa Rica)

Peter Richards– Architect and Urban Designer, Principal, Deicke Richards (Australia)

Andres Duany – Architect and Principal, Duany Plater-Zyberk, Miami (USA)

Guy Nordenson – Professor of Structural Engineering and Principal, Guy Nordenson & Associates, New York (USA).

Ken Yeang - Principal, Llwyn Davie Yeang (UK) and Hamzah & Yeang (Malaysia)

The opening reception of the conference was held in the historical Ft. Lauderdale's Womens Club. The speakers for the occasion included:

Duncan Cole – Australia General Consul and Trade Commissioner

Mayor Sue Gunzgerger – Mayor of Broward County

Mayor Jack Seiler – Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale

On the last day of the conference the Colleges DeGrove Eminent Ken Yeang and Bernard Zyscovich moderated the Legacy Project whose goal was to apply the skill sets of the international attendees of the conference, along with interaction with local experts and citizens, and thereby leave behind a discreet report that would provide perspectives and recommendations that can be considered at the City's Visioning process after the conclusion of the conference. The Mayor and City Commission have appointed a Visioning Advisory Committee and were in the process of selecting a nationally recognized consultant team to assist in managing the process.

The unique convergence of the Subtropical Cities conference and the kick off of the visioning process created an opportunity for the conference to provide an added value investment to the host community.

Student Advising Corner

The College for Design & Social Inquiry Advising Centers are here to assist you through the labyrinth of program requirements and university rules and regulations. Advising Centers are located at three campuses (Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale and Jupiter) for convenient access to you. Appointments are always encouraged as walk-in days are limited.

It is very important for students to keep track of deadlines. Some important ones are:

Aug. 20, 2011 – Fall classes begin.

Aug 26, 2011 – Last day to drop/add courses with no penalty.

Aug. 29, 2011 – Last day to pay all fees without a late fee.

Lower division Architecture

January 2012–
University
application due

February 2012 –
School of Architecture
application and
drawing exercise due

Upper division Architecture

February 2012
– University
application due

March 2012 – School
of Architecture
application due

March 2012 –
Portfolio submission,
at 10:00AM

March 2012 – Writing
exercise (in person),
at 10:00AM

All new graduate students will be advised of orientation days as the dates are confirmed.



Versel Reid advises student