A Booming Year for Architectural Studies

Our annual Department of Architectural Studies holiday letter captures the pride we have for our students and the blessings we have reaped this year.

During the Fall Advisory Board meeting we began connecting with the SEC (South Eastern Conference). Marlon Blackwell, FAIA (Univ. of Arkansas) was the featured guest for the 2012 Carol Ann Williams Endowed Lectureship in Design.
Campus Memorial Designed By Architectural Students
Students in Dr. Newton D’souza’s Studio IV class were involved in designing a Veterans Memorial. Currently three design proposals are under review that would be in the entrance area of the Memorial Union. Design concepts were published in the Columbia Missourian Nov 11, 2012. Stay tuned. Read more >>

Congratulations Antoine Predock
Antoine Predock will receive an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, *honoris causa* from the University of Missouri 12/15/12 (nominated by our Department). Mr. Predock’s upbringing was in Missouri and he has triple professional licensing credentials as an architect, landscape architect and interior designer. He received the 2006 AIA Gold Medal and numerous awards before being a Marcia Wehrle Healy and Robert N Healy Interior Design and Architecture Lecturer at the Department of Architectural Studies.

Maximum Re-accreditation for Interior Design Program

Maximum six-year re-accreditation with the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) of our interior design program was a welcomed confirmation of the good work being done by faculty and students. The display of student work for the site visitors was tremendous.
2012: Students Go to Boston
Mike Goldschmidt led the annual student 2012 spring field trip with eleven students to Boston.

An Italian Adventure
Dr. Benyamin Schwarz led students on a 14 day tour of Italy.

Canstruction
The community service Canstruction project for the Food Bank used canned food to construct a Mizzou football helmet.

Innovations in the iLab.

Dr. Bimal Balakrishnan leads the immersive visualization lab (“iLab”). The iLab advances visualization techniques to enhance design thinking, design collaboration and construction planning through thoughtful integration and evaluation of state-of-the-art digital media tools. In addition to being a one-of-a-kind learning and research resource on campus, it enables collaboration with distance learners and partnership with colleagues across campus and at other universities in the US and abroad. Recent grants will bring advanced motion capture technology, artificial intelligence agents for behavioral simulation of and augmented reality capabilities.
Hands on Handiwork

Dr. Ronn Phillips continues to make improvements in the Boone County Lumber Building Technology Lab. Students are engaged in both wood and metal projects.

New Media and New Creativity

Dr. Newton D'souza is the lead PI for a “New Media” Mizzou Advantage grant with an interdisciplinary team of MU faculty: Hallmark-Mizzou Workshop on Creativity. Students designed a 21st century birthday celebration that goes beyond the old model of “send a card” and responds to the new digital age user. Work was documented with film, ongoing behavioral coding, nightly diary entries, and several creativity measures for data analysis.

We are committed to grooming the next generation of great designers, leaders, and practitioners. As our program continues to grow and prosper, we look forward to engaging you. Visit our newly remodeled web site at http://arch.missouri.edu/ we welcome comments, internships, employment opportunities, and legacy support. You are our advisors and ambassadors and together we shape the future of design professionals.

Ruth Tofle is Co-Chairing two campus committees-- e-Learning and “Integrating the Mizzou Student Experience.” Our campus, and particularly our department, is ahead of the curve in leadership with e-Learning. We anticipate smart growth in eLearning which maintains program quality and embraces the core strengths of our Research I land-grant mission. Ruth was also recognized as one of 30 “Most Admired Educators for 2013” by DesignIntelligence.

The “Day in the Life of a Designer” experience for seniors continues to be a great success. Students shadow practicing professionals in what they consider to be their dream job. Thank you for participating!