Happy new year from the UNCG Department of Interior Architecture!

We hope the year ahead is filled with wonder, prosperity... and good design, of course.

The community gathers for the opening of the close to home exhibit, gatewood building lobby (8 November 2007)
Photograph montage by Jennifer René Tate

Community... innovation... stewardship... authenticity: our core values

In recognizing that design is a collaborative effort of people, not sole designers, IARc prides itself on the core value of community as students and faculty regularly participate in activities within our academic community. Importantly we acknowledge that “ivory tower” skills and thinking need to make the jump to the world beyond. Thus, we regularly connect with individuals and community partners in Greensboro and in places further afield for students to have rich and rewarding experiences in making the world a better place through design.

Last semester, you’ll recall that the department’s work included an exhibit on modernism in design, an honor’s project to install a display system at The Green Bean, furniture to populate our own hallway as seating to create opportunities to foster community within the program. All of these projects relied heavily on university and community partners and celebrated, in some facet, the unique spirit of Greensboro and the UNCG campus. Moreover, we regularly invite our community partners and design professionals to serve as reviewers for student work... another way to connect to the community.
This semester is no different as several studios will be engaged in hypothetical projects based on real world sites....and in the case of two projects with our partner, the YWCA of Greensboro...."real world" projects to benefit the Triad. Watch the [i] news for developments on these studios and projects...

**a new facility/community center for the center for new north carolinians**
to design a hypothetical project to house the center
*second year studio led by Suzanne Buchanan + Tommy Lambeth + Katie Nash*

**urban studio o2 : my sisters' house, a home for single teenage mothers**
in partnership with the YWCA + UNCG School of Human Environmental Sciences (Departments of Human Development + Family Studies, Social Work, Nutrition)
*third year studio led by Robert Michel Charest + Novem Mason + Adrian Boggs*

**renovation of the benjamin branch library**
to design a hypothetical project based on the slated refurbishment of the Edward Loewenstein-designed structure
*fourth year studio led by Patrick Lee Lucas*

**north carolina sustainable building design competition**
to design a sustainable duplex in the continuing care community of Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill
*fourth year studio led by Robert Michel Charest*

**greensboro historical museum study + analysis**
to chronicle the evolution of building, its changes over time, and its current conditions
*architectural conservation class led by Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll*

**ywca project : advocacy through design**
an eight-week course to introduces teenage mothers to principles of drawing and graphic design, opportunities for careers in design, and ways in which they can use their talents to create an advocacy campaign
*service project led by Suzanne Buchanan + first and second year students*

**urban studio 01 kudos**
Urban studio 01 received the "Most Effective Housing Collaboration" Award for its 909 Dillard Street Project during the Greensboro Housing Coalition's "Housing Summit", a yearly event, which took place on 17 January. The project will be featured in the upcoming March issue of Dwell magazine.

**student news**
As a parting shot before graduation, e-journal editor, Jevin Dornic, unveiled this on-line source for student work from IARc. Check out the following link:
www.uncg.edu/iar/pinupspace/index.html

**alumni news**
**Jill Colmery** (2005) landed a job with KSA Interiors (Glen Allen, VA). **Jed Brooks** (2007) will travel internationally with John Richards (Greenwood, MS), an importer and manufacturer of diverse home accent products for the interior. **Amanda Furbee** (2007) joined Freyaldenhoven, Freyaldenhoven, Teague (Greensboro). **Anna Hilliard Smith** (2001) has accepted a position working for Elements of Style Interiors...
(Wilmington) as an independent contractor. Alumni...we'd like to hear from you...you are our greatest evidence of design in community! Send us your most recent news to share by reply email to this message.

in memorium

With sadness, we report that two long-time retired faculty members from the department died in 2007, Paula Henneveldt and Jo Standley. As part of our commitment to community, we celebrate the legacies of these two gifted educators as we extend our deepest sympathies to surviving their families and all whom they touched.

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