Greetings from the Department of Interior Architecture at UNCG!

The Inspired Hive buzzes fervently as we continue into the spring semester…our busy bees activate community partnerships in all facets of their work…we hope you’ll enjoy the sweetness of some of these labors…


…raising the bar for community collaboration in education, Suzanne Cabrera and Patrick Lee Lucas presented From sheltered students to sheltering others – a review of the bus | shelter project from the fall 2008 second year studio – at the Arts and Design for Social Justice Symposium at Florida State University. Well received by all who attended, their students and their work initiated a buzz among other educators...

…never taking a break from her work, Anna Marshall-Baker, spoke at the 22nd Annual Gravens Conference on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant in two different sessions: The Effects of Interior Design on Wellness and Putting Interior Design into Practice… along with co-author, Jenny Paige (UNCG Environmental and Sustainability Coordinator), Anna presented Sustaining a University Committee on Sustainability at the Biannual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education…she contributed a chapter, “Nature as a Model for Design,” in Environmentally Responsible Design: Green and Sustainable Design for Interior Designers (2008)...and, on top of all that, she received recognition by the university for her commitment to sustainability at UNCG and beyond. Now that’s the way to start 2009!

…looking inward at the IARc world, Sharon Matthews (consultant and past NAAB executive director) and Rodner Wright (Dean, School of Architecture, Florida A&M University) serve as a review team to study the feasibility of an architecture program in the Triad region. They visited with IARc faculty, university administrators, and other partner institutions this month. Stay tuned to future editions of [i]news for updates about their work...

Mark your calendar for these upcoming opportunities...

…a presentation by IARc alumna Paula Carr (BS 1999), TVS Design in Atlanta, on Friday afternoon, February 20, 1pm, location TBA.

…a lecture by Mike O’Neil (Herman Miller), design research about hospital nursing stations, Wednesday, March 18, at 6 pm in the Weatherspoon Art Museum auditorium, sponsored by the Triad region chapters of IIDA and AIA.

…a webcast, The Effects of Light on Human Health and Behavior, George C. Brainard, Ph.D., Director of the Light Research Program, Jefferson Medical College, co-sponsored by IARc and the Greater Triad Section of the IESNA (Illuminating Engineering Society of North America), Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm in Room 186 Stone Building. Admission for faculty and students free, registration required.
Deborah A. Noland’s design for a dining room/kitchen in a Myers Park residence, Charlotte. Photo provide by Deborah Noland.

in other people news…

…we welcome several guest instructors: Travis Hicks (O’Brien Atkins Architects), fourth year studio; John Linn (John Linn Architecture) and Jerry Leimenstoll (Ramsey Leimenstoll Architects), third year studio; and Jill Spaeh (Jill Spaeh, Architecture), professional practice…

…Patrick Lee Lucas has been named Chancellor’s Honors Fellow in the Lloyd International Honors College for 2009-2010…

...former faculty members Roberto Ventura took the position of job captain at HKS Inc.(Richmond, VA) and Ericka Hedgecock (MS 2002) now works at Ralph Appelbaum Associates (Beijing)…

…Deborah A. Noland (BS 1974), Noland & Associates, appeared in the January 2009 Charlotte Magazine showcasing a recently completed design project in the Myers Park neighborhood of Charlotte…

…making a change, Laurel Otey (BS 2004) now works at the ZGF Architectural firm in Washington, DC.

and, now, our new LEEDers…

…Bridgett Hedrick (BS 2005), The M Group, Lauren Paulson (BS 2007), SfL + a Architects (Charlotte), and Bethany Tucker (BS 2005), who also passed the NCIDQ exam…congratulations!

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alumni reunion in Spring 2010! more details to follow.