Greetings from the Department of Interior Architecture at UNCG!

At this busy time of the semester, the wheels go ‘round and ‘round…but we’re not spinning in circles! Instead we make a difference through design in our studios, our service, and our research…we hope you will be as inspired as we have been at the richness of our semester, and it’s not even over yet…

Maka a Difference Charrette: IARc students brainstorming, checking in with each other partway through the charrette, and taking a break with yoga at 3 am. Photographs courtesy of Suzanne Cabrera.

...40 students, faculty, and professionals both from IARc and the Department of Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies worked through the night on 24 October to generate proposals to redesign the interior of the Salvation Army Lee Street location. As students departed in the first light of morning on the 25th, a sense of accomplishment accompanied the sun’s rise for a job well done. Hundreds of ideas and dozens of sketches later, the students completed a drawing set to show their suggestions for the interior and exterior improvements through comprehensive branding and design solutions. The students will present this information to the Salvation Army in December. As they share outwardly, the students take away a real world experience in helping others -- and getting to know themselves a little better too…

...braving the chill on 28 October, faculty, students, and supporters -- accompanied by the media -- attended my sisters’ house groundbreaking ceremony. While site work begins, students Debbie Nestvogel, LEED AP (fourth year) and Janel Graupensperger, LEED AP (fourth year) pursue silver LEED certification, working with Peter Marsh (IARc Advisory Board Chair) of Workplace Strategies. Under the direction of Adrian Boggs (graduate student), Urban Studio’s prefabrication shop finds a home at the Gateway University Research Park, made possible by John Merrill and Renee Whitesell of GURP. In related work, project partner Guilford Technical Community College’s carpentry program begins prefabricating a kit of parts for footings and foundations. As this project gets underway, students assume many leadership tasks in planning and implementation…great practice in the academy for the world beyond…

...reaching out to the citizens of Greensboro, Gwen McKinney (graduate student) conducts thesis research on how museums situate themselves in community. Concerned with the needs and desire of its cycling community for a cultural cycling center, Gwen presented her project at the request of Jeff Sovich of Bicycling In Greensboro -- a local cycling advocacy group -- to their members at the 7 November general meeting, generating a lot of excitement and support for the project. A graduate student networking to bridge university-community relations and bring design conversations into reality…

...after studying the Gatewood parking lot and accompanying pedestrian + automobile patterns, first year students will submit proposals to UNCG agencies in an effort to improve and enhance the experience and safety of pedestrians in the area. At the core of the proposals, students will cast concrete artifacts to help direct pathways and access across the street. Proposals also include suggestions for additional crosswalks and signs…IARc bringing practical solutions to bear on everyday issues…

...following much study and debate throughout the semester, second year students bring to ground a prototype bus shelter at Tate Street and Spring Garden Street during an unveiling on 12 December at 12noon. These students recognized the woeful lack of bus shelters (1100 bus stops : 64 present-day shelters), leaving thousands of bus riders waiting unprotected. With mounting energy costs, the students recognize mass transit must be a viable option for many with shelter an inherent premise of this vision…bringing community together by design.
in other IARc people news...

...Katie Nash (graduate student) and Kate Zylstra (graduate student) received the Preservation Greensboro, Inc. travel scholarship to travel to the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma in October, where Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll, made a presentation on incorporating principles of sustainability into historic district design guidelines...

...passing the LEED Accredited Professional exam, Emily Becker (graduate student) will teach the department’s LEED prep course in the spring...

...Tommy Lambeth received the IIDA Carolinas Chapter Design Works 2008 Educator of the Year award...

...the Golden Chain Honor Society inducted Debbie Nestvogel (fourth year) into their organization in early November. Golden Chain is a university honorary society recognizing leadership and service to the UNCG community...

...Anna Marshall-Baker presented “Interior Architecture: clearing the air or mudding the waters, part 2,” a paper co-authored with Tommy Lambeth at South Regional IDEC conference...the successful reception of the paper prompted the IDEC executive board to place the presentation on the March 2009 international conference schedule for discussion regarding the meaning of “interior architecture.”

want to be a part of the excitement in IARc or know of someone who would? engage in community-based studio work, transform the world around through service, and bolster design knowledge and action by your research...the department continues its search for both an assistant/associate professor and a department chair. Contact search committee chair, Anna Marshall-Baker, a_marsha@uncg.edu, 336.256.0307.

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alumni reunion in Spring 2010! more details to follow.