greetings from the department of interior architecture
the university of north carolina at greensboro

The IARc department is spiring into design in the month of April.

Graduate Honors

Photo by Lyndsey Blackmon

Multiple graduate students have received awards this month. Claudia Aguilera received the honor of joining 99 other female Fulbright scholars from around the world to explore issues of culture, gender and professional challenges at the “2013 Global Re-Entry and Leadership in Transition Seminar for Fulbright Women.” The seminar, held at Simmons College in Boston, was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Fulbright Program.

Our IARc graduate student body was well represented in the UNCG Graduate Research and Creativity Expo on April 2nd. Nearly all IARc students placed within the top 25% of their categories, presenting UNCG faculty, peers, and state leaders with posters and presentations highlighting current and recent research. After much deliberation, [2nd] year graduate, Amirah Lane’s “Aladdin Kit Homes and the Fisher Park Neighborhood,” and Felicia Dean’s “From Fashion to Furniture: The Formation of Three-Dimensional Upholstery,” received 1st place wins in their respective categories. For more info, see Graduate Expo
Sad Goodbyes and Warm Welcomes
UNCG and the IARc department will be bidding a fond farewell to one of our most beloved mentors and professors, Dr. Patrick Lee Lucas, as he begins an exciting venture as the new Director of the School of Interiors in the College of Design at the University of Kentucky in August. Although it is sad to see him go, we are thrilled about his new opportunity, and wish him the best of luck.

Along with goodbyes, there are also new beginnings in IARc as we are excited to announce the addition of a new faculty member. After an extensive candidate search, Laura Smith will be joining our department this Fall. Along with professional experience as an interior designer with the Chicago architecture firm Perkins+Will,Laura is a PhD candidate at the University of Michigan, and her scholarly work has focused on linking architecture to environmental education by investigating how green learning environments teach users about the natural environment. The department wishes a warm welcome to Laura as she begins her new adventure at UNCG. For more info, see UNCG iBlog.

Honoring Design Achievement

Our department is excited to announce that Assistant Professor Stoel Burrowes has designed another award winning chair—the ‘Cat’s Cradle Living-Room Chair.’ His chair design won a Golden A‘Design Award in the Furniture, Decorative Items, and Homeware design category in the A‘Design Award and Competition. Stoel’s design, inspired by the antique woodworking traditions of Scandinavian Mid-Century Modern and Windsor Chair-making, incorporates the contemporary material of the elastic bungees with traditional woods such as Poplar, Ash and White Oak. For more info, see A‘Design.
Jo Leimenstoll’s [4]th year studio class won 1st and 3rd place in the Made in America competition at the Woodlawn Plantation in Alexandria, VA, which involved transforming the plantation into a modern home using only products made in America. The project began last fall, and has continued into this semester in which Alyssa Hankus, Nicole Ware, Kathryn Frye, Kacie Leisure, Sharon Frazier, Anna Behrendt, and graduate assistant Lauren Postlmayr traveled this week to Alexandria to install their design proposal using furniture donated to them for the project. For more info, see Woodlawn

Trip to Monticello and Fallingwater

[1]st year and graduate IARc students journeyed to visit Monticello and Fallingwater earlier this month. The class focused on studying the differences between the neoclassic and modernist staples of historic American architecture. Students were thrilled to have an opportunity to visit these sacred sites, reflecting that they were inspired by the experience and motivated to continue into their second year of study. For more info, see Monticello/Fallingwater

End of Semester Critique Schedule

As the semester comes to a close, our students will be presenting their studio work during the week of April 29-May 3. We would like to invite everyone to join us in celebration of their hard work.

Stoel’s [1]st year studio: April 29 9am-12pm, South Studio, Gatewood
Tommy’s [2]nd year: April 30 9am-12pm, Rm 401, Gatewood
Stephanie’s [3]rd year: April 29 1pm-3pm, North Studio, Gatewood
Travis’s [4]th/[3]rd year: April 29 1pm-3pm, East Studio, Gatewood
Jo’s [4]th year: April 29 9am-12pm, Rm 401, Gatewood
Jonathon’s [4]th/[3]rd year: May 3 6pm-9pm, Center for Visual Artist in Greensboro Cultural Center
Tina’s Graduate: April 30 1pm-3pm, Rm 401, Gatewood

And, as always, stay informed on all of the exciting IARc happenings through the [i]blog!

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