• **ACTIVIST ARCHITECT BRYAN BELL TO LECTURE**
  Bryan Bell with lecture on his socially conscious approach to architecture on Wednesday, March 24, in Wilde Auditorium at 6PM. Bell founded Design Corps in 1991 with the mission "to provide the benefits of architecture to those traditionally unserved by the profession." In 1985, he worked as Project Director with Samuel Mockbee on three houses for rural families in Mississippi. The project received a Progressive Architecture Award in 1986. He has also worked for Steven Holl and Richard Rogers. He holds degrees from Princeton and Yale. At Design Corps, Bell started an internship program with the AmeriCorps national service program for young designers interested in the social application of architecture. Design Corps has organized 45 internships for students and graduates of design from 20 universities including Yale, Cornell, Rice, RISD, University of Virginia, and Syracuse University. The Design Corps' summer design/build studio teaches critical community organizing skills to designers. He is the editor of the book *Expanding Design: Architecture as Activism*, published by Metropolis Press in October 2008. The architecture lecture series is made possible through the JCJ Architecture Endowment of the University of Hartford Department of Architecture.

• **ARCHITECTURE STUDENT EXHIBIT**
  The architecture student exhibit of undergraduate and graduate work will open Thursday, April 8 in the North Studio with an opening reception at 5 PM, and remain on view through Wednesday, April 14. The theme is “Solving the Puzzle,” and all students are invited to submit work for consideration. Please attend the AIAS meeting on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 AM in the studio for more details, or contact fourth-year student Shannon Brown, at shbrown@hartford.edu.

• **STUDY ARCHITECTURE IN ISTANBUL THIS SUMMER**
  There’s still time (April 1 deadline) to sign up for a two-week course in Istanbul this summer that will consider the history, planning, and architecture of this great city that bridges East and West. The cost is $2,215 (not including airfare, which is about $700 from JFK Airport) for two weeks in Istanbul, including tuition, housing, two meals a day, transportation from the airport and around the city, and admissions to museums. Please see Dr. Crosbie for more information, or email him at crosbie@hartford.edu.

• **UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD GRADUATE WINS DESIGN AWARD**
  A project by Deverell Smith, who received his bachelor’s degree in architectural engineering technology in 2000 from the University of Hartford, has won an international design award. Smith’s design for Tiffany & Company’s retail store at CityCenter in Las Vegas, Nevada, won an International Retail Design Award Grand Prize in its category. Congratulations Deverell!