

ARCHUpdate 08.01.07

FROM THE ARCHITECTURE CHAIR

- **WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome to returning AET students and a special welcome to the Class of 2011! We look forward to seeing everyone back this fall and to meeting the first-year students!

- **GOOD LUCK, KENDRA AND AL**

Professor Kendra Smith and Instructor Al Smith have chosen to leave the University of Hartford for new positions at Ryerson University in Toronto. We wish them well in their new adventure north of the border! The Architecture Department has started a faculty search for two new tenured-track positions.

- **MODEL-MAKING COURSE**

A new course offering for this fall: STW 290 Architectural Model Building (3 credits – M 5:30 – 10:00). An introductory course in physical model building taught by adjunct faculty Jeff Elliot of JCJArchitecture. This course, to be taught just one night a week on Mondays, is a great way to improve model-building skills and satisfy one Professional Elective requirement. It and can be taken by second- through fourth-year students.

- **OTHER FALL 2007 COURSES**

Below are the other electives offered this fall with currently scheduled times. If you are still looking to satisfy a Professional Elective (3- or 4-credit course) or a Technical Specialty (4-credit course) talk to your advisor about these courses. There are seats available in each of the courses below.

- AET 343 Principles of Landscape Architecture (4 credits) meets Wednesday 5:00PM – 9:50PM and Friday 1:30pm – 3:20pm (available to 3rd and 4th year).
- AET 373 Interior Architecture (4 credits) meets Tuesday and Thursday 6:10PM – 10:00PM. (available to 3rd and 4th year).
- STW 391 Dynamic Educational Environments (4 credits) meets Monday 5:00PM – 10:00PM and Friday 8:00PM – 9:50PM.
- AET 470 Architectural Programming (3 credits) meets Friday 10:30AM – 1:20PM. Limited to 4th year and is required of 4th year students who are planning to take AET 489 Senior Design Thesis.

- **NEW PART-TIME FACULTY**

Eric Warnagiris has joined the architecture faculty. He has taught at the University of Hartford as an adjunct and has extensive professional experience. Professor Warnagiris has taught AET 232 Materials and Methods of Construction, AET 242 Construction Documents and (a new course) STW 290 Advanced Construction Documents. He will be teaching two sections of AET 232 Materials and Methods of Construction this fall as well as assisting the Chair and Undergraduate Director with the development and coordination of the technical courses sequence. He has his own architectural practice, EW Architects, in Essex, Connecticut.

- **NEW AND RETURNING ADJUNCTS FOR FALL 2007**

We welcome the following adjuncts!

- *Tyson Dorman* will be teaching a section of AET 110 Introduction to the Architectural Process. Tyson is a second-year Master of Architecture student and is also with JCJArchitecture in Hartford.
- *Jeff Gaunt*, an architect with S/L/A/M Collaborative and a past juror, will be teaching the evening section of AET 352 Architectural Design IV. Jeff was an adjunct for us last fall teaching AET 123 Architectural Design I.
- *Ramiz Khoda*, a 2007 graduate of our Master of Architecture program is also an alum of our undergraduate program. He will be teaching AET 358 Architectural Computer Modeling and Rendering.
- *Monika Avery* will be teaching AET 373 Interior Architecture. She is a registered interior designer with Perkins & Will Architects.
- *Hermann Cortes-Barrios* will be teaching ARC 611 Architectural Studio II. Hermann is President of Lifecare Design, Inc. in Hartford and was a juror during the Spring 2007 semester.

- **ACCREDITATION UPDATES**

This coming semester the Department of Architecture will be visited by an accrediting team from the Accrediting Board for Engineering Technology (ABET), which accredits the AET undergraduate program. ABET representatives will be on campus in late October to see our program, meet with faculty and students, and review the course materials. More on this as the semester begins. On the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) efforts, we have received a letter from the President of NAAB informing us that our program will have an accreditation visit in Fall 2008.

- **EISENMAN KICKS OFF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES**

Noted architect and theorist Peter Eisenman, FAIA, will kick off the 2007-2008 Architecture Lecture Series on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00PM. If you're not already familiar with his work, you can check out his website: eisenmanarchitects.com.

- **JOIN AIAS**

The University of Hartford chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) has many great ideas for the coming year! Look for their first meeting in September and join! Get on a committee! Bring your ideas! They have great leadership and are looking for more involvement from all students. This is your organization! Become a member and benefit from the experience.

- **STUDIO PREP**

The design studios are ready! This summer we spent lots of effort and hours getting the studios ready for your return, removing lots of debris from last semester. Desks have been cleaned and work has been displayed throughout the studio. The North Studio will be reserved for the ABET accreditation team in October, and will be used for pin-up reviews throughout the semester.

- **HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION**

In between hanging out at the beach or grilling in the backyard, our faculty members were doing architecture stuff too:

- Professor Michael J. Crosbie chaired a conference on religious architecture at Durham University in England, and also coordinated a religious architecture awards program in Charlotte, North Carolina, in July. This month he'll participate in a conference in Portland, Oregon, on the work of Pietro Belluschi.
- Professor Daniel Davis traveled with nine students to Italy, leaving the same day as Commencement. They toured and studied works in Rome, Florence, and Venice. He also continued work on several projects with Fletcher Thompson Architects in Hartford.
- Professor James Fuller attended a conference in Detroit at Cranbrook Academy in June. The conference theme was integrating academia and practice. He also continued his work at JCJArchitecture researching educational environments and entertainment projects. He is excited about his visit to Jonkoping University in Sweden in September!
- Professor Elizabeth Petry was actively engaged in many duties and meetings as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Hartford.