

# ARCHUpdate 09.07.07

FROM THE ARCHITECTURE CHAIR

- **NEW FACULTY IN ARCHITECTURE**

A number of new faculty members have come on board at the Department of Architecture. **Monika Avery** is a new adjunct faculty member who is teaching AET 373: Interior Architecture. Monika has a Bachelors degree in Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and is a Senior Designer at Perkins + Will in Glastonbury. She is a member of the International Interior Design Association, and is a LEED-certified professional. **Dariel Cobb** is a new adjunct faculty member who is teaching ARC 612: Advanced Architectural Theory, and AET 233: Architectural Design II SIT Studio. Dariel studied architecture as an undergraduate at Berkeley and received her Masters degree in architecture from the Yale School of Architecture, where she has also taught. She is currently assistant director of the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation in New York, and has worked for Arquitectonica, Robert A.M. Stern Architects, and Habitat for Humanity. **Hermann Cortes-Barrios** is a new adjunct faculty member who is teaching ARC 611: Architectural Studio III. Hermann is principal of LifeCare Design in Hartford, and previously practiced with such firms as HOK and Cannon. He attended the University of Madrid and the University of Colombia, and is a registered architect in New York and Connecticut. He has taught at architecture programs in Colombia and Venezuela. **Stephanie Degen-Monroe** is a new adjunct faculty member and an architect in private practice in Essex, Connecticut. Stephanie studied architecture at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and landscape architecture at University of New Mexico and the University of California, Los Angeles. She has practiced at a number of firms in California, New Mexico, and Connecticut. Stephanie is teaching AET 233: Architectural Design II. **Jeffrey Elliott** is a new adjunct faculty member who is teaching STW 290: Introduction to Architectural Model Building. Jeff is a graduate of Cornell University and is currently studying for his MBA at the University of Connecticut. He is an architect with JCJ Architecture in Hartford and is a LEED-accredited professional. **Theodore Sawruk** is a full-time Visiting Professor for this academic year. He is a graduate of the Carnegie-Mellon University architecture program and the Architectural Association in London. Ted is teaching one of the sections of AET 110: Introduction to the Architectural Process, and AET 352: Architectural Design IV SIT Studio. Ted has taught architecture at Drury University, Hampton University, Southern College of Technology, and the University of Arkansas, and has been involved in a number of accreditation efforts at these schools. He has practiced at a number of firms both here and abroad, and is the recipient of a number of grants and awards.

- **NEED AN ELECTIVE?**

Three elective courses open to undergraduate AET students still have room. STW 290 Architectural Model Building (3 credits – M 5:30 – 10:00) is taught by Jeff Elliott of JCJ Architecture. AET 343 Principles of Landscape Architecture (4 credits) meets Wednesday 5:00PM – 9:50PM and Friday 1:30pm – 3:20pm (available to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year) and is taught by Terri-Ann Hahn. STW 391 Dynamic Educational

Environments (4 credits) meets Monday 5:00PM – 10:00PM and Friday 8:00PM – 9:50PM is taught by James Hoagland of JCJ Architecture.

- **UPCOMING ABET ACCREDITATION VISIT**

On September 23-25, the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture will be visited by a team from the Accrediting Board for Engineering Technology (ABET), which accredits our own AET undergraduate program. The AET program at Hartford is one of the few AET programs accredited by ABET. Representatives will be on campus to review course work, and meet with administrators, faculty, and students. Part of the north studio will be reserved for displaying work for the ABET visitors.

- **ARCHITECTURE LECTURE SERIES**

Noted architect and theorist Peter Eisenman [eisenmanarchitects.com] will kick off the department's 2007-2008 Architecture Lecture Series on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00PM. Also part of our lecture series this academic year, Stephen Kieran of Kieran Timberlake Associates [kierantimberlake.com] in Philadelphia will lecture on December 13; Max Bond of Davis Brody Bond [davisbrody.com] of New York will present his work at ground zero on February 28, 2008; and architect and artist James Wines of SITE [siteenvirodesign.com], based in New York, will give the final lecture of the series on April 17.

- **WHO'S MY ADVISOR?**

That question was on the lips of several students who had been previously assigned to Professor Kendra Smith. The advisors list is now being updated, and it will be posted in the department offices by the end of next Monday, September 10. Please look for the updated advisors list.

- **HAVE LUNCH WITH THE CHAIR**

Department Chair Mike Crosbie will be available for lunchtime conversation in the architecture studios every Wednesday from 12 to 1. This is an opportunity to talk to the Chair about anything you wish, on or off the record. You have to bring your own lunch, however.

- **QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS**

The Suggestion Box is open for business. The box is found on the wall just around the corner from Ann Lankford's office, near the top of the staircase to the studios. If you have something to say, want to share a concern, or have a question, and wish to remain anonymous, please leave a note in the Suggestion Box.

- **JOIN AIAS**

The University of Hartford chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) has many great ideas for the coming year! And AIAS is looking for your involvement, ideas, and input. Look for the first AIAS meeting this month (there will be posters announcing the meeting).