Greetings from the Department of Interior Architecture!
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

IARc hops towards spring semester goals in April!

2nd Annual Novem Mason Symposium on Community-Engaged Design: Housing the Homeless. 05 – 07 March

Early March brought philanthropic and creative community energy to the department. March 5th engaged the students from all IARc classes in charrettes and workshops for Tiny Houses Greensboro and Tiny House Village conceptions, Graffiti Garden amenity design/build projects, and a dimensional art wall project with Industries of the Blind. March 6th involved open interdisciplinary discussions around homelessness and affordable housing dilemmas in Greensboro, NC. These discussions were followed by an amazing keynote presentation with Brent Brown of the bcWORKSHOP in Dallas, Texas. Participants then regrouped to identify and explore creative actions to resolve the issues highlighted in the morning sessions. The final day of the symposium was dedicated to synthesizing design proposals.

A truly inspiring and thought-provoking symposium came to fruition in IARc this spring. The nearly 200 registrants represented a variety of interests including the Interactive Resource Center, Partners Ending Homelessness, Guilford County Schools, Mayor Nancy Vaughan and staff from the city of Greensboro, the Servant Center, Mental Health Association of Greensboro, Community Design Studio, BuildSense Architects, Bizios Architects, Earth Matters, Beacon Management, and the Center for New North Carolinians. Many thanks to all involved and particularly to our supporters: the HES Foundation, AIA Piedmont, the Community Foundation, Storefront, Association for Community Design, Starbucks, Industries of the Blind, Apple Spice Junction, Tiny Houses Greensboro, Office of Research and Economic Development at UNCG. Congratulations for a successful 2nd Annual Novem Mason Symposium on Community-Engaged Design!

The Ties That Bind: Exploring Place Memory Graduate Symposium March 20th Recap

IARc Graduate students, faculty, alumni, regional professionals, and special guests gathered on March 20th to discuss place attachment through an interactive program and to explore why place matters. The day began with a group activity pinpointing a place that matters to each participant within the city of Greensboro, Guilford County, and the state of North Carolina lead by Patrick Lucas, Director of the School of Interiors at the University of Kentucky College of Design. Tom Mayes, Deputy General Council for the National Trust for Historic Places, lead a discussion of personal place attachment by describing themes that emerged through his blogging project regarding meaningful spaces.
The group enjoyed a fantastic local lunch generously provided by our community partners: Deep Roots Co-op and Guilford College Farms. The afternoon session began with a musical performance by native singer and songwriter Laurelyn Dossett whose work is influenced by places, the triad, and the stories around them. Finally, Patrick Lucas led an object/place attachment exercise executed in small groups and driven by personal storytelling. The event concluded with a large group discussion which was focused on the best practices to improve communicative improvements in the field.

**UNCG Local FOODSTORM**

On March 27th, Laura Cole hosted FOODSTORM, a day-long event which allowed for interdisciplinary conversations about local food needs for the 2015 growing season. Conversations included topics such as food + poverty, local food economy, local food policy, and many other topics which are directly influencing Greensboro's residents. The turnout was tremendous for this event with representatives from over 10 local organizations!

![Picture taken by YES!Weekly; Jeff Sykes April 1st, 2015](image)

**IARc Graduation**

IARc seniors in the graduating class of 2015 will be celebrating their graduation on May 8th at 2:30 PM! Many of these soon-to-be graduates have already accepted job offers both within North Carolina and beyond! We are so proud of the class of 2015 and wish them well in their future endeavors! Anyone is welcome to attend the departmental graduation which will be held at The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant on Walker Ave.

**High Point Furniture Market – Spring 2015**

It’s that time of the year again and the hype for the High Point Furniture Market is in the air! IARc students have the opportunity to attend HPFM with student passes so that they may tour the furniture showrooms. Below is a picture of that
includes seniors Annelise Tikkanen, Lakiesha White, Monica Clendenin, and Rebecca Hale at the Stanley Furniture showroom last fall!

Photo credit: Lakiesha White, October 23, 2015

**Brixx Buxx Fundraiser**

Come support the IARc family by helping us help Ms. Lilli Hicks, her dad Travis, and all of her family members in Lilli’s fight with AML leukemia. On a total of four occasions, Brixx Pizza Greensboro has offered to donate $3.00 per 10" pizza and $1 per kids' pizza to Lilli's cause. The first event was held on February 5th and was a huge success! Reminder that May 7th is the last date this semester to participate. Both dine-in and take-out options are available. For more information follow this #LilliStrongLink. Be sure to take a coupon with you to get your pizza!

Brixx Buxx Flyer

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

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