

greetings from the department of interior architecture

the university of north carolina at greensboro

spring is in the air...

...and with it comes new beginnings...

With the IARc Department's move to the College of Arts and Sciences, the undergraduate degree will change from a Bachelor of Science to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture, effective 2012. The BFA degree responds to the studio-intensive coursework related to creativity in the arts supported with general studies, and will more accurately reflect the educational journey of IARc students who ultimately seek careers as professional designers.

As previously covered in the March inews, the IARc Department will move to the College of Arts and Sciences in July 2011. At this time, the School of Human and Environmental Sciences (HES) will dissolve as the other departments move toward academic units focused on health. The Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies will move into the Bryan School of Business. IARc flourished in HES under Dean Laura Sims, whose guidance and support we will miss. We remember our milestones within HES [here](#).

hopping to hotlanta...



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Third and fourth year students in **Travis Hicks'** Professional Practices class and **Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll** and **Robert Charest** traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to visit some of the top design firms in the country. The trip was officially organized by **Betty Russel**, a past IARC advisory board member and commercial rep for Herman Miller. Thanks to Betty's fantastic connections, the students toured the Interface Flor Showroom, TVS Design (Paula Carr- IARC alumni works there), Gensler, Cooper Cary, the Herman Miller Showroom, Ai3 and ASD. Read and see more about their trip [here](#).

bright and breezy in chicago...



photo op in the windy city.

At the end of March, students from **Jonathon Anderson's** CAMstudio independent study and 565 materials and methods course traveled to Chicago to experience the Windy City and observe the famous architecture and inspiring design present there. During their three-day stay in Chicago, the group visited the Museum of Cultural Arts, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), the Implex Custom Extrusions Company. Read and see more [here](#).

[budding designers among the greats...](#)

The first weekend of April, the first year IARC students journeyed on the annual trip to Monticello and Falling Water. The group traveled by bus to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's homestead, and then trekked to University of Virginia campus. The students then traveled to Pennsylvania to experience Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece Fallingwater.

[sowing seeds...](#)

On Monday, March 21, third-year students in **Stoel Burrowes** and **Travis Hicks'** studios took their skyscraper projects to [UNC Charlotte's School of Architecture](#), where Assistant Professor Thomas Forget organized student and faculty participation in a UNCG-UNCC group charrette. Each of the four UNCG mock firm teams pinned up their work, participating with two different groups of UNCC students while faculty from both schools floated from group to group. Read and see more about this charrette [here](#).

[awards to buzz about...](#)

Patrick Lee Lucas received the prestigious 2011 University of North Carolina Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award for UNCG. After his eight years teaching in IARC, many IARC students have had the opportunity to learn from Patrick in the history and theory of design courses, graduate seminars in material culture or research methods, or studio, but his influence stretches beyond IARC and includes first year seminars in the Lloyd International Honors College and an Emeritus course in the Division of Continual Learning. Patrick embraces the idea that design surrounds us and explores how design impacts our daily lives at multiple scales within the classroom. His passion for not only what he teaches, but also the act of teaching, reveals itself within minutes of meeting him and never seems to wane. We congratulate Patrick for receiving this honor!

Read more about Patrick's [teaching here](#), and his explanation of IARC's commitment to [community here](#).

Tina Sarawgi and **Tommy Lambeth** received the 2011 IDEC Award of Excellence, Best Presentation Award for the paper they presented in Denver in March: "Internat[ion]alizing learning: Reflections on a faculty-led sojourn abroad. Interior Design Educators Council Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA."

This is the 2nd year in a row that Tina has won this Best Presentation award - that's unprecedented!

Anna Marshall-Baker presented "Building a Green Materials Library" at the Small Planet Symposium, a 2-day pre-conference event that preceded the IDEC Conference.

Hannah Rose Mendoza presented “An Analysis of Authorship and Impact of the JID 1975 – 2010”, at IDEC this March.

Travis Hicks gave two presentations at the national IDEC conference in Denver, this March: “Towards a More Humanistic Courthouse,” and “Teaching Sustainable Design Through an Integrated Design Process.”

Jonathon Anderson received an Honorable Mention in this years 10up Design Build Competition, which is sponsored by the Young Architects Forum Atlanta. http://www.10up.yafatlanta.org/10up_2011_Winners.html

He also presented three presentations at the National Conference on Beginning Design Students (NCBDS):

1. Parametric Thinking [Not Modeling] as a Generator
2. Re[tooling] the Logic of Design
3. Representation and Realizing: a hybrid process of immaterial and material

At the end of this month Jonathon is presenting, “Form Follows Parameters: Realizing Parametric States through Rapid Prototyping” at the association for Computer Aided Architectural Design in Asia (CAADRIA).

Fourth year students, **Mira Eng-Goetz** and **Lauren Foster**, both won student excellence awards from the Lloyd International Honors College.

blooming alums...

Jennifer Tate Washburn (BS 2007) has been accepted into the Pratt Institute's Industrial Design Program.

Maria Floren (BS 2009) has been accepted to the UNC Charlotte School of Architecture's Masters of Urban Design program.

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

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