

greetings from the department of interior architecture

the university of north carolina at greensboro

new...new...new... beginnings

With the beginning of the fall semester, we have much good news to share...new students, new faculty, and new projects. And we also have a new way to keep you informed of all our IARc happenings: our [\[i\]blog!](#)



IARc graduate students gather with Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll, Director of Graduate Studies, on orientation day at the opening of the fall semester. Seated, left to right: Ashley Boycher, Kat Sikes, Allisyn Miller, Brandon Jones. Standing, left to right: Kimberlie Wade, Katy Brandt, Brooke Elliott, Mandy Hayden, Melanie Verges, Jo Leimenstoll, Stephanie Brooker, Felicia Dean, Adrian Boggs, Adriana Isaac Lara, Claire Keane, Suzanne Brooks, and Vanessa Morehead. Image courtesy of Shawn Baugess.

for GRADness sake...we had to get out the wide angle lens...

IARc's Graduate Program has grown for the 2009/2010 school year! The total enrollment now comes to 27 grad students and 5 Historic Preservation certificate students. Of the 12 new grad students joining the program this fall, 5 are Historic Preservation, 5 are Product Design, and 2 are Museum Studies concentrations, and there are 4 new Historic Preservation Certificate students to welcome to the department. These students have a profound impact in many ways in the Gatewood Building, not the least of which is their presence and mentorship to the more than 200 students in our undergraduate program.

As the year progresses, we will be spotlighting some graduate students on the [\[i\]blog](#)...read more about the amazing [Vanessa Morehead](#) there.



Hannah Mendoza, up close and personal.....and in the classroom with second year students. Images courtesy of Jessica Zuniga and Patrick Lee Lucas.

she's not old, she's not blue, she's not borrowed...but she's new...

We welcome a new faculty member to iarc this year! Hannah Mendoza joined us from the faculty of the Savannah College of Art and Design

in August. Hannah's overall interest in design as a vehicle for advocacy postulates that space and power institutionalize environmental ethics. With focii in critical theory and feminism, she undertook a thesis on the history of the color blue, and currently works on a dissertation highlighting the experiences of Latina women on university campuses. Married with two children, she and her family travel to Mexico each year. Above all, she believes it is important to be able to laugh at yourself. Passionate about research, learning, and anything involving food, Hannah brings new insights and perspectives to the IARc program. Hannah, welcome to the IARc community!

[a new title for a familiar face...](#)

Dean Laura Sims has asked Anna Marshall-Baker to serve as Associate Department Chair as Tommy Lambeth prepares for research leave in the spring.



Women's and Children's areas in the Salvation Army Select, rendering courtesy of Debbie Nestvogel and Matt Jones.

[offering a new vision for approach for old clothes...](#)

IARc continues a fruitful relationship with the Salvation Army of Greensboro. For their fifth year thesis and honors project, students Debbie Nestvogel and Matt Jones undertook a new approach to holistic design -- from branding to graphics to fixtures to interiors -- for the Salvation Army Select. A flagship store representing a new model of re-selling donated goods, the space the students designed offers the qualities of an upscale boutique while highlighting the organization's mission, "doing the most good." Read the [News + Record's coverage](#) of the project. Link to Debbie + Matt's [journal](#), documenting the design process. And speaking of the efforts of students....the IIDA Campus Center (our student chapter) received kudos on the national design scene -- an honorable mention for the Make a Difference project, the all-night charrette last fall for the renovation of the existing Salvation Army Lee Street Family Store.

[people news...](#)

...Laurel Jackson Otey (BS 2005) has recently become LEED AP certified and is enjoying her position at Zimmer Gunsul Frasca, where she began work in January.

...Jenny Thornton (BS 2009) also passed the LEED exam!

...Bianca Ramsey (BS 2008) became CEO at DB Power of Three in January 2009.

...Danielle Tipton Courtney (BS 2005) and Heather Miller (BS 2006) had their carpet designs on display at the NeoCon Tradeshow in June!

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