

Faculty Updates



David Ferguson has been named as Associate Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning. Previously, Dave was a member of the faculty of Landscape Architecture at Ball State, and served as Department Chair. Most recently, he has served the university as Associate Vice President for Emerging Media, and as Executive Director of the Center for Media Design. In 2010 he was named the campus's Outstanding Administrator. Within CAP, his teaching and research has focussed on sustainable urban design, sustainable construction practices, and alternative rural community strategies. Most recently, he has combined his background in sustainable design with his leadership in digital technology to focus on smart cities and design strategies for the future.



Eric Damian Kelly, FAICP, has been elected Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. In his 21 years at Ball State, Kelly has served as Dean of the College of Architecture and as Interim Chair of the Department. He also served for two years as Chair of the University Senate.

Kelly has a strong background in practice as a consultant to local governments across the country. His practice background is reflected in his publications. He is the sole author or lead co-author of seven technical reports in the American Planning Association's Planning Advisory Reports series, most recently Working with Consultants. His book, Community Planning: an Introduction

to the Comprehensive Plan, now in its second edition, targets interested citizens and planning commissioners as well as planning students. Both a planner and a lawyer, Kelly's other publications bridge planning and law. Since 1995 he has been General Editor of a 10-volume treatise, Zoning and Land Use Controls, published by Matthew Bender, a LEXIS-NEXIS company; he provides updates to the loose-leaf set three times per year and updates a sister one-volume desk reference annually.

He is a past president of the American Planning Association. In 1999 he was elected to the first class of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Closer to home, he has served as a commissioner of the Muncie Housing Authority, an advisory trustee to the Nature Conservancy of Indiana, and a long-time member of the Indiana Land Resources Council.

Kelly is scheduled to retire from Ball State in June 2017 and thus will serve only a year as chair, while he leads the department in a search for a longer-term chair. As he enters his final year at Ball State, he is making plans for his own future – among other things, beginning a Yoga teacher training course.



Andrea Swartz has been named the Chairperson of the Department of Architecture. Andrea has taught in the Department of Architecture at CAP since the fall of 1992. She received her Master of Architecture degree from the Yale School of Architecture where she was also the recipient of the AIA Henry Adams Medal; her undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Arts (Architecture) Summa Cum Laude, is also from Yale University.

Prior to joining the dedicated faculty at the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University,

Swartz taught one year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's School of Architecture in Troy, New York, and worked at architectural firms in Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Washington and California. She is licensed to practice architecture in Indiana and Rhode Island. Swartz has received awards for her work in regional, national and international design competitions.

While at the Department of Architecture, Swartz has enjoyed teaching architectural design studio at all year levels, as well as the introductory structures course and electives in photography, materials and furniture design. She was the recipient of the 2014 Charles M. Sappenfield Award from alumni in recognition of her "dedication, contribution, and commitment to the education of students of the College of Architecture and Planning." Since coming to Ball State University, the talent, character, and work ethic of CAP students have always inspired her; with her colleagues, she looks forward to working with more of them as the department and college continue to thrive.



Chris Baas has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture. Chris received his BLA from Ball State in 1988 and a MS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996.



Lohren Deeg has been promoted to Associate Professor and received tenure in the Department of Urban Planning. Loren received his B.Arch in 1999 and his M.Arch in 2004 from Ball State University.



Tim Gray has been promoted to the rank of full Professor in the Department of Architecture. Tim holds a B.Arch and a BS in Environmental Design from Ball State University. He also holds a M.Arch degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



Pam Harwood has been promoted to the rank of full Professor in the Department of Architecture. Pam has a B.S.A.S. From the University of Wisconsin and an M.Arch degree from the University of Minnesota.



Michael Burayidi has returned to the classroom full time, having stepped down from the position of department chair of Urban Planning in June.

Alumni Achievements

School of Architecture appoints new director

Jeffrey Johnson, M.Arch'92/B.Arch'90, was appointed the new director of the University of Kentucky's School of Architecture in May. Johnson began his duties on July 1.

Landscape Architecture alumni become fellows

Four Landscape Architecture alumni were elevated to Fellow status by the American Society of Landscape Architects. Congratulations to **Kenneth Bates**, BLA'99, **Thomas Doolittle**, BLA'83, **Eric Ernstberger**, BLA'79, and **Scott Siefker**, BLA'95. They will be recognized during the 2016 Annual meeting in New Orleans this fall.

Urban Planning alum joins SVN | The Martin Group

Jeffrey Lauer, MURP'14/BUPD'11 joined SVN as an Associate Advisor in April. He specializes in the sale and leasing of retail properties in Hamilton County, Indiana. In addition to his degrees, Lauer holds an Indiana real estate license, and is a graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy.

Young and energetic alumna takes on town

Lauren Bailey, BUPD'13, was appointed as the director of planning and development for Whitestown, Indiana, in January. She is the town's first director of planning.

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Beginnings

The Blue Ribbon Panel report identified many objectives for CAP, and in order to accomplish them, we are excited to offer two alumni board opportunities: the CAP Alumni Society and the CAP Executive Advisory Board.

The CAP Alumni Society's main function will be to celebrate the alumni and the college. It is a larger group and serves as the main communication channel to the alumni. We are currently seeking members to fill this board.

The CAP Executive Advisory Board will advise the Dean and College Leadership on issues that impact mission and strategy, and serve as a sounding board on planning issues, new programs, and key initiatives. Members will be invited to serve by the dean.

Another objective which the college will address immediately, is enrollment. This year the CAP had a 23% increase in confirmations of first time undergraduate students.

However, from Fall 2009 through Fall 2015 we experienced an 18% decline in our enrollment into the college. Associate Dean David Ferguson is developing an extensive plan to address enrollment. This plan will be completed prior to the start of the Fall 2016 academic year.

Many of you have shared your CAP memories with me and those positive experiences can be helpful to us in recruiting new students. This year especially, I will call on CAP Nation to work with us to recruit students and build the future of CAP.

Last, we need to strengthen our partnership with you, our alumni. You are the gateway to the professions and an essential resource to the college. While I am looking forward to meeting each of you, I find my efforts are hindered with today's hectic schedules. As an alternative, I am offering several days to chat via video interface. We are currently working out the details and dates, but I hope to offer two dates in the fall and two dates in the spring. During our chats, I'd like to hear your CAP story and learn from you, what is important for CAP. I will send out further information on these opportunities once the arrangements are complete.

Of course, your questions and comments don't have to wait until those dates, please contact me any time.

Looking forward to a great year at the CAP.

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CAP: Indianapolis Center Closes CAP: INDY Connector Opens

By Justin Ferguson

It has been a year full of many changes for both the University and especially for us at CAP. Due to the University deciding not to fully renew the lease of the Ball State University Indianapolis Center, ending July 31st, which our CAP: Indianapolis Center occupied a portion of, we had to quickly find new space. Named, the CAP: INDY Connector, our new space is being leased within The Platform, which is located at 202. E. Market St., in the west-wing of the City Market complex across the street from the City-County Building. The Platform lease began on June 27th, and moving from the CAP: Indianapolis Center to the new space occurred the last week of July to allow for the MUD students to finish their year without interruption, and graduate on July 23rd. While we have found a new home for our work in Indy, we are still exploring what and how to operate in this new space. For now, we are envisioning this new space as a hub for all CAP activities taking place in the Indianapolis area; a resource for all of CAP's departments and programs.



CAP:INDY Connector located at the Platform on Market Street

This new location will be highly flexible and focused on developing and supporting connections between students, faculty, alumni, professionals, community partners, and the City of Indianapolis. In contrast to the existing CAP: Indianapolis Center, there will be space for multiple studios and seminars occurring simultaneously. The new CAP: INDY Connector will also provide a landing space for short-term and long-term campus-based, Indianapolis-focused class projects, outreach and engagement activities, events, and pin-up space for reviews. Rest assured, I do not view the CAP: INDY Connector as the next latest and greatest. Instead, I believe the College's path forward must also build on the legacy of initiatives CAP and its partners have developed over the past 50 years in order to inform and support our goals going forward. Through reflection on these goals, as laid out in the recommendations of the recent Presidential Blue Ribbon Panel, and with our history in mind, this new hub will allow us to be flexible and bold in our engagement with Indianapolis as well as serve as a model for future engagement in additional major cities within the region, across the nation, and around the world. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about this location, related activities, or suggestions for this new CAP resource. And the next time you're in Indianapolis, I invite you to stop by and check out our new space!

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My Community My Vision named an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project

by Christine Rhine

A four-way partnership multiplied by six communities kept Professor Bruce Frankel and a team of Urban Planning students busy this last year.

My Community, My Vision is an initiative begun two years ago by then-Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermann to engage high school students in community development issues and is supported by a \$55,000 state grant. High school students serve as managers of the planning process and formulate a youth-oriented strategic plan, reviewed by local stakeholders, who partner with the students in its adoption and implementation.

In turn, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority partners with our Department of Urban Planning students to mentor the high school student/community teams and to write or re-write each plan.



Professor Bruce Frankel with MURP Students

Last year, six graduate students in the MURP program were assigned to the program with two of them serving as experts in economic issues and environmental planning and the others assigned to community mentorship. Two seniors in the BUPD program were also chosen to mentor community teams.

BUPD senior Amber Braun worked with her high school alma mater, DeKalb Central High School in Waterloo.

“My Community, My Vision is very significant for me,” Braun said, “because not only do I want to end up in that area with a professional job, it's also rewarding to work with the students there now and get the ball rolling in that area. A lot of good things are happening in the region, and it's fulfilling to be a part of that.”

The program will continue in 2016-2017 with the state announcing the selected community partners in September.

Architecture student receives national scholarship

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment.

“In 2016 Udall Scholars were selected from among 482 candidates at 227 colleges and universities. They awarded 60 scholarships to sophomore and junior students across the county” (“Udall Foundation,” 2016).



Leslie Adriaance, a junior in architecture, was selected by the foundation to receive this scholarship. Leslie is the tenth Ball State student to win a Udall Scholarship and the seventh recipient to come from the College of Architecture and Planning.

Leslie's career focuses on using sustainable design to reduce energy consumption and CO2 production within the building sector, with the goal of negating the impact that buildings have on the environment.

She dreams of a future with stricter building codes that address energy, waste, water, and materials. She serves as vice president of the Ball State Emerging Green Builders and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Leslie would like to travel around the world to work with communities and educate them about sustainable practices they can implement in their everyday lives.

Butterflies taste with their feet and smell with their antennae

These are just a few of the facts visitors may learn at the live butterfly exhibit at Fort Wayne's Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory.

This spring, Martha Hunt, associate professor of landscape architecture, coordinated a class, to involve students in completing a project in a real-world setting. The class included students from a range of career fields, including landscape architecture, biology, graphic design and communications. Their task; develop a new design for the butterfly exhibit at the Conservatory.

“It's really unique to have a project to work on all semester,” said Maggie Werghner, a landscape architecture student from Grand Rapids, Mich., who was part of the group. (Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel, May 7, 2016).

Werghner, appreciated working with a real client. Collaborating with students from other career fields also gave her experience working with a team to come up with the best overall ideas, she said.

The class presented their design ideas to a receptive crowd in early May. Next up, the officials of Fort Wayne's Parks & Recreation department will seek funding to help offset the costs of the exhibit makeover.

The butterfly exhibit is one of the conservatory's most popular attractions. It runs from April through July and draws an average of 21,000 visitors.



A group of sketches from the butterfly exhibit presentation

CAP Travel Endowment Fund #689

by Louise E. Jackson

We believe, as stated in the College's Presidential Blue Ribbon Panel report, that the college must capitalize on providing students with real-world experiences, and a major component of this continues to be our commitment to faculty and students in providing opportunities for intercultural exploration outside the classroom and around the world. Such travel further strengthens the critical connections between our students, faculty, alumni, and other professionals. As the Director of Development for CAP, I have the privilege of meeting many graduates

of our renowned College and its programs. In conversing with alumni, I always ask, “did you travel while you studied at Ball State”? This opens up a vast discussion of long time memories, life time friendships and life changing experiences.

Beyond their home-base in Muncie, students of CAP have traveled the world in order to seek new learning opportunities. Programs like Polyark/World Tour, CAPAsia, CAPAmericanoSur, CAPItalia and many other faculty-led trips are signature events shared by many students, and let's not forget, Field Trip Week, which continues each October, to take CAP students to a wide variety of destinations beyond the State of Indiana.

It is this travel experience which extends the CAP education outside of the class room. It ignites the passion for design to flourish as a lifelong successful career for our Ball State CAP alumni.

In keeping with the CAP tradition and the strong desire to provide such opportunities to all our current CAP students, a CAP Travel Fund was established during our 50thCelebration in 2015. The purpose of Fund #689 is to provide financial assistance to cover travel expenses for students so we may continue to offer this valuable component of a CAP education.

Please take a moment as you read this article to reflect upon your own travel experiences and consider a gift to Fund 689. Gifts of cash and/or planned giving may be accepted and committed over time. For questions and assistance in “paying it forward”, please contact me at lejackson@bsu.edu. In advance, we thank you for helping to continue a tradition for students who have yet to experience and form the memories of travel with the CAP.



PolyArk20/WorldTour6, 2016, Great Pyramids of Giza, Egypt