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 Alumnus. Within CAP, his teaching and research has focused on sustainable urban design, international planning, 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 of Planning. He also served for two years as Chair of the University Senate. Kelly has a strong background in practice as a consultant to local government across the country. His practice background is reflected in his publications. He is the sole author or lead co-author of several 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 include land use zoning and planning 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.

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

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

Alumni Achievements

School of Architecture appoints new director

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Landscap 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 Ernsberger, BLA '87, and Scott Stiefer, 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/BUFD '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 alumnus takes on town

Lauren Bailey, BUFD '13, was appointed as the director of planning and development for Whitmore, Indiana. In January, she is the town’s first director of planning.

The Blue Ribbon Panel report identified many objectives for CAP, 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 large 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 Administration on issues that impact mission and strategy, and will act 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.

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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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Caryn Sappenfield Award from alumni members. Swartz taught one year at Rems故 University, 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.

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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.

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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 heart 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 will 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 place for the arts 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

Architectural student receives national scholarship

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

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