R. WAYNE ESTOPINAL COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
Greetings! This issue of reCAP holds news of endings and beginnings. We lost three of our senior leaders this year – Francis Parker, John Russell, and R. Wayne Estopinal, who are each profiled within. Each touched many and left lasting legacies. They represent what I consider true CAP values – they embodied selfless giving, they stayed active and committed, and they worked hard to make the world better, through their gifts in planning, design, and leadership. They will be deeply missed. The Ball State Board of Trustees felt deeply the loss of their fellow Board of Trustee member, R. Wayne Estopinal, and chose to name CAP in honor of their colleague and his many contributions to the university and college. We are now known as the R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning.

Many new initiatives are also mentioned here. Our newness starts with the fact that, for the first time in several years, we have leadership in place that is no longer interim – from the positions of President and Provost to the campus deans to the CAP leadership - virtually all of the temporary roles of the past few years are now in the hands of individuals who are committed to multi-year momentum. This provides stability and ambition to elevate the university and our college to ever better outcomes for our students and our communities.

Newness is further evidenced in some of the initiatives you will see mentioned within. Like our new strategic plan, our continued, accelerated commitment to interdisciplinary work within and beyond the college, and our emphasis on the power of design and sound planning and management to produce innovative solutions for society. You will also see evidence of our commitment to working with professionals to enhance our educational experiences and our efforts to connect with CAP alumni across the country to inform, and involve, what I consider one of our greatest assets – our alumni – in advancing the college and its mission.

The outcome of these efforts is to grow individuals who can make increasingly strategic and creative contributions – who can carry the CAP legacy of making things better for others through innovative design, planning and construction, leaving as a legacy, a better world.

Stay in touch. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Dave Ferguson
Dean, R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning
Charles E. Peterson Prize Student Competition
Students in Professor Jonathan Spodek’s course placed second in the Charles E. Peterson Prize student competition of measured drawings. The competition is intended to heighten awareness about historic buildings in the United States and augment the HABS/HAER/HALS collection with exemplary students’ architectural work in the Library of Congress. The team, comprised of Caitlyn Barhorst, Ashley Danielson, Meaghan Heinrich, Alyssa Reynolds, and Gwen Stricker, researched, documented, and provided measured drawings and written history on Public School No. 1 in Franklin County, Indiana.

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AEG Grant
A BSU Academic Excellence Grant previously awarded to Pam Harwood, Janice Shimizu, and Andrea Swartz continues to support CAP Makes + Muncie Makes programming initiatives connecting the college’s interest and expertise in designing and making with the Muncie community.

Some of the projects facilitated by the grant and engaging youth and the community this spring and summer semesters include:

- **Motivate Our Minds: We Think it We Make it**
  an after school club taught by BSU faculty and student mentors.

- **GROUNDworks**
  an interdisciplinary spring elective taught by Associate Teaching Professor Susan Tomizawa and Assistant Professor Janice Shimizu

- **Summer workshops were held with Union Chapel’s SERVE for the M.O.M. community garden design build.**

- **8 Twelve Coalition: Re-imagining Hoyt Memorial urban design project developed by eight graduate students mentored by Professor Pam Harwood and Assistant Professor Tom Collins; collaborating with community stakeholders Habitat for Humanity, Open Door, and Muncie Mission to consider food access through a neighborhood co-op and aquaponics facility, health and community services in three adaptive reuse buildings and one mixed use new construction.**

- **Ross Community Center: participation in a we build mentoring summer program with elementary school children in southeast Muncie.**

Indiana Main Street Council
J.B. Hall, assistant professor of Historic Preservation, has been named to the Indiana Main Street Council by Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch. Main Street focuses on the importance of place-based economic development and works to stabilize, improve, and revitalize historic commercial cores. In addition to sitting on the council and as the result of a grant from USDA Rural Development, Hall, in partnership with the Indiana Community Institute at BSU, is assisting nine rural communities around the state to assess their downtown business markets to better inform future economic decisions.

MKM Architecture + Design Competition
Each year MKM Architecture + Design in Fort Wayne (whose principals are alumni of BSU) sponsors a design competition for third-year undergraduate architecture students at Ball State. This year, 78 students competed for more than $4K in cash awards. This year’s competition featured the design investigation for a Neighborhood Workforce Training Center on a project site in Indianapolis adjacent to the Monon Trail. Students prepared their competition entries by working individually or in teams of two. The following students were recognized with awards presented by the jury:

- **The Menze Prize (best-of-show):**
  Noah Gaither and Patrick Ward

- **Individual Entries:**
  1st Place: Chris Hamlin
  2nd Place: James Juscik
  3rd Place: Ben Grayson

- **Honorable Mention:**
  Alvin Laguerre

- **Team Entries:**
  1st Place: Noah Gaither and Patrick Ward
  2nd Place: Chase Holloway and Josh March
  3rd Place: Grace Bartko and Maria Moore

- **CAPASIA Entries:**
  (Affordable housing prototypes)
  1st Place Tie: Team 1: Noah Smith, Stephen Smith and Erica Young
  Team 2: Jenny Gerolinas and Mark Bila

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Exhibit Columbus
Assistant Research Professor and Design Innovation Fellow Christopher A. Battaglia was selected as one of six 2018-19 University Design Research Fellows for 2019 Exhibit Columbus. The University Design Research Fellowship was created to highlight innovative research by leading professors of architecture and design. Battaglia researches techniques to spatialize concrete through additive manufacturing and digital fabrication techniques. His structure, titled DE|stress, is a vaulted concrete lattice shell that provides an area for collaboration and community gathering. The material qualities are created during the fabrication process with situations of layered concrete and resulting textures emanating from the aggregate sub-surface on which each panel is printed.

He and his students are currently creating the structure to be displayed in Columbus, Indiana, from August 25 through December 6, 2019.
Though small of stature, with huge heart and determination, Jude Irving helped build London’s Olympic Village. Jude, BSED ‘98, is a small person with a gigantic story.

The Ball State Cardinal and former design consultant was born with physical and learning disadvantages so significant that many people would have crumpled under the weight. Instead, like a power-lifter, shouldering those burdens only made Jude stronger.

“It’s perseverance,” she said.

Jude was born in Clinton, Indiana, with diastrophic dysplasia, a genetic skeletal disorder that leads to short stature and disproportionately short limbs. Later, doctors diagnosed her with dyslexia and attention-deficit disorder.

By 12, though, Jude was determined not to be limited by her circumstances. She wanted to become an architect, inspired to build by her uncle, a construction worker.

Jude graduated from CAP in 1998 with a Bachelor’s of Science in Environmental Design. As a sophomore, she traveled to England as part of a semester-long CAP PolyArk tour and fell in love with the country. After college, she moved there and became a leading expert on accessibility and inclusive design.

As a consultant with Buro Happold Engineers, she helped with the design of the Grand Egyptian Museum in Egypt and the Royal Shakespeare Theater in Stratford-upon-Avon.

She even helped the team developing London’s 2012 Olympic Park Master Plan, making sure the park met accessibility standards and that it could meet the needs of athletes in the 2012 Paralympics, hosted on the same site three weeks after the Olympics.

“I was in awe that I was part of it,” she said. “This little small-town girl.”

After a successful design career in England, Jude felt a need for change and moved back to Indiana. In 2010 she earned a bachelor’s degree in art education from Indiana State University. Since then, she has been teaching art education at schools in Vigo and Parke counties.

Architecture is a large part of her curriculum.

“I want them to understand the need to be creative in so many professions,” she said. “Being an artist is more than being a painter or sculptor. You can be an architect and be an artist. Otherwise we’d live in caves. Everything around you is designed by an artist. I try to ingrain that in the students.”

This fall, her son, Christian, will begin school at the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State. He, too, is pursuing an architecture degree.

“It humbles me,” she said. “I didn’t realize I had been that big of an influence on him.”
Renovation of Residential Structures

Associate Lecturer Janet Fick’s immersive learning course has been working with local non-profits for the past 14 semesters, including Muncie Habitat for Humanity, Urban Light LLC, and Muncie Mission. The students make construction drawings, cost estimates, and design recommendations for renovations and new builds depending on the needs of their partner. Her course includes architecture, interior design, and construction management majors who work collaboratively to give a complete plan to the client.

The most recent project was with the Muncie Mission to provide the construction drawings and cost estimate for a small commercial building in Alexandria, Indiana, that will be renovated into transitional housing for women and a coffee shop that will provide employment for those women. The services provided by the class are free, helping defray expenses to the non-profits.

Fick also started the LEED Lab program at Ball State through a Provost Immersive Learning Grant. LEED Lab is a program established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to engage university students in the process of certifying buildings under LEED Operations and Maintenance for Existing Buildings (LEED O+M-EB). According to the USGBC, “In the LEED Lab course, students participate in the entire LEED O+M process, choosing one building on their campus that they work toward certifying. These students facilitate the full certification timeline, taking responsibility for leading the documentation efforts and submitting the project to GBCI for review.” Courses are registered with USGBC and currently include 38 universities worldwide. This LEED Lab in July 2019 successfully certified the David Letterman Communication and Media Building as LEED-EB: O+M at the Certified level. We became the fifth university to certify a building under LEED Lab. In this course, students from construction management, architecture, and interior design worked together to achieve this certification.

2nd Place 2018 Green Energy Challenge Poster Competition

Construction Management students Michale Delong, Kevin Zielinski, Alisha Heath, and Clayton Berrisford placed 2nd in the National Green Energy Challenge Poster Competition organized by ELECTRI, the research and development division of the National Electrical Contractors Association. The team worked on a proposal to reduce energy consumption in the building owned by Second Harvest in Muncie and presented their poster during the annual NECA convention. Associate Professor Sherif Attallah was the faculty adviser for the team.
Let’s Build
Learning Construction Early
By Christine Rhine, ’89 BS ’18 MA, Administrative Coordinator, CAP

Most days you’ll find Jennifer Warner teaching technical communications to Ball State University students in construction management courses. But on Wednesday afternoons, she transforms into a kindergarten teacher surrounded by 20 tiny charges, all sitting cross-legged on the carpet watching with wide eyes as she reads children’s books about building and demolition.

Warner, ’04 MA ’05 EdD ’18, associate lecturer in construction management, has been volunteering in Jeanne Laspina’s Longfellow Elementary School classroom for 15 years. Since 2016, she’s been teaching Let’s Build, a curriculum she developed herself, each semester utilizing Ball State students as teachers helpers. The students build relationships with the Longfellow children as they glue models together and construct delicious snacks.

“Being involved in the community is important to me, and I also think it’s important that Ball State students are actively engaged in Muncie while they’re in college,” says Warner. “Let’s Build is a great way for Ball State students to have a positive impact on elementary students in Delaware County. I’m consistently impressed their work each semester.”

Ball State sophomore Hayden Castor, a construction management major from nearby Selma, Ind., is a middle child who looked up to his two older siblings as much as he enjoyed mentoring and teaching his two younger siblings. Those early lessons and the knowledge that the construction trades are in need of more interested workers made him eager to join Warner’s class.

“It’s fun to see the kids learn to count and to say their ABC’s and to tell them, ‘hey we use that in construction, and it’s really important,’” he says.

Laspina is thrilled that her kindergartners are learning new vocabulary words each week and getting some extra attention from the BSU students along with the free books Warner’s grant monies supply. She says the children look forward to Let’s Build all week.

“I tell them every Tuesday that tomorrow is construction day, and this week one little girl said, ‘I wish it was tomorrow now.’”

Autism Research
Shireen Kanakri, associate professor of Interior Design, received funding through a Provost Immersive Learning Grant to begin Phase II for the Children’s TherAplay Institute in Carmel, Indiana. In Phase I, TherAplay worked with Schmidt Associates to adopt Kanakri’s lab research and design proposal for the new facility to address the effects of sensory stimuli on children with autism.

During Phase II, Kanakri will be designing and testing furnishing for a new sensory room in the facility. The furniture pieces will be manufactured at Ball State using the recommendations from her research conducted in her Health Environmental Design Research Lab at Ball State.

Kanakri also received the Best Paper Award on her paper titled, “Healthy Environments for Children with Autism” at the World Congress on Pediatrics and Clinical Pediatrics in Edinburgh, Scotland.
Associate Professor Martha Hunt has been newly appointed as Landscape Architecture’s department chair. Hunt has been with the department since 1993.

Community Design + Build
In the spring, Colby Gray’s students designed and began constructing an Environmental Education Plaza at Wilderness Park in Hartford City. The project includes a gateway feature, a bird blind, and a paved gathering area for small groups. The development spans a stream and connects a recently installed 4-acre prairie to an existing 40-acre forest. Design details narrate a butterfly’s metamorphosis as caterpillar (existing bench), cocoon (gateway), and butterfly (bird blind). The project is guided by Teresa Henderson, Hartford City Parks Department, and Lisa Weeks of Blackford Initiative.

Faculty
- Professor Malcolm Cairns was elected as chair of Indiana Landmarks Historic Cultural Landscape Committee.
- Associate Professor Robert Baas has co-written a book with Darrin Rubino of Hanover College, *Dating Buildings and Landscapes with Tree-Ring Analysis: An Introduction with Case Studies*. The book was released June 1, 2019.

Students
- Maddie Clark, a 5th year LA student, is the recipient of a Ball State 2018 Bernadette H. Perham Scholarship for demonstrated academic excellence and leadership.
- Anne Toomey, a 5th year LA student, received the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (INASLA) Award of Excellence in the planning and analysis category for her Therapeutic Trail Design submittal. Faculty mentors were Robert Baas and Jim Sipes.

IN MEMORIAM
John R. Russell
Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture
John Russell passed away in April. He was one of the first landscape architecture faculty to arrive at CAP and under his leadership as chair, he laid the foundation for the successful program that it is today. He was awarded the Sappenfield Award in 2018 honoring faculty who provide students with exceptional education and convey a passion for the profession.

LA students visited the San Antonio Confluence Park during field trip week. Photograph LA Professor Malcolm Cairns.
New Location and New Center

CAP:INDY, having out-grown its previous location, has a new home: 25 North Pine Street on the former Angie’s List campus on the Washington Street corridor in Indianapolis.

With this move, CAP strengthens its commitment to the city of Indianapolis and benefits students by expanding curricular offerings. In addition to hosting the one year Master of Urban Design program, now being administered through the Department of Landscape Architecture, the Master of Architecture program will place the first year of its two-year program at the CAP:Indy location. Also beginning in the fall will be the new Center for Civic Design.

The Center for Civic Design (CCD) is a hub for education, activity, and advocacy about the interdisciplinary, built-environment disciplines across planning, development, design, and construction necessary for creating cities, towns, neighborhoods, and places. The City of Indianapolis, its neighborhoods, and the larger metropolitan region will be its primary focus area.

The center will be ground zero for educating the R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning’s students through interdisciplinary and collaborative experiences alongside experts, professionals, and stakeholders to bridge divides between our professional organizations, between public and private interests, and between built environment professionals and the public.

In recent years, CAP:INDY, part of the Estopinal College, has grown to require more space than the former Ball State Indianapolis Center at Meridian and Maryland could offer, said Dave Ferguson, dean of Estopinal College.

“The Pine Street location offers the space, technology, and configuration CAP:INDY needs,” Ferguson said.

Helping Homeless Veterans

Urban Design students have designed a plan for a community of tiny homes for veterans on the site of a former mobile home park in Indianapolis.

The project was the brainchild of Tony Roberts who started Steadfast Indiana in 2016 to provide homes for veterans. Roberts had noted the low supply of privately-owned apartments and homes that meet quality standards for rental-assistance by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

In Indianapolis, more than 50 veterans are homeless despite having government vouchers to help pay for housing. Some live on the streets. Most live with friends and family, in spare bedrooms, or on couches, while others live in motels or missions, said Roberts.

Roberts secured a location, the former Shady Pines Mobile Home Park. The property was in foreclosure so Steadfast was able to purchase it at an affordable price. Roberts approached Justin Ferguson, assistant dean for CAP:INDY programs, for help in designing comfortable and affordable housing that promoted neighborly interaction for the veterans.

Five students in the Master of Urban Design program at CAP:INDY and associate professor of landscape architecture.

As of Spring 2019, Steadfast was securing necessary permits and had chosen a design by Brendyn Cyrus, BUPD ’18 MUD ’19. The designs were outstanding,” said Roberts.

Joe Blalock is the newly appointed director of the Master of Urban Design (MUD) program at CAP:INDY and associate professor of landscape architecture.

Justin Ferguson is the assistant dean for CAP:INDY programs and leads the College’s off-campus programs in Indianapolis. He serves as the executive director of the newly created Center for Civic Design, the college’s center for outreach and engagement in Indianapolis.
Associate Professor Scott Truex has been newly appointed as chair of the Department of Urban Planning. Truex joined the faculty over three decades ago and has been engaged in Muncie and community outreach. In his new role, he will focus on building alumni relationships and looking for new ways to connect students with alumni.

APA Outstanding Student Project

“Muncie Action Plan 3” won the Outstanding Student Project award at the American Planning Association (APA) Indiana spring conference. Students Mary Banning, Josh Campbell, Matt Dixon, Tiffany Gehrike, Kenta Lanham, Alec Pormen, Steven Stransky, Mallory Thatch, and Suhui Xu worked with Instructor Lisa Dunaway on the updates to the city’s neighborhood planning document.

Field Trip Week

The fall field trip week saw our students touring rust-belt cities Gary and Detroit to our north and bustling Cincinnati and Louisville to our south. While in Cincinnati, students and professors took part in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana APA conference events. In spring, Prof. Nihal Perera teamed up with Tim Gray, professor of architecture, to undertake CapAsiaX. Fifteen Ball State University students worked in communities in Thailand and Laos during the immersive semester abroad.

Muncie Land Bank

John West, assistant professor of urban planning, is the founding chair of the Muncie Land Bank, the first of its kind in Indiana, enacted under a state law passed in 2016. West hopes the land bank can find productive reuses for abandoned and delinquent properties and can be a model for how small and mid-sized cities in Indiana can coordinate efforts to address abandonment. The effort involves the Delaware County Commissioners, the Muncie City Council, the Ball Brothers Foundation, and Ball State University. Abandoned houses and vacant lots depress property values, reduce local tax rolls, and receive much higher rates of police and fire emergency response. Moreover, Munsonians struggle with homelessness at the same time that over 1,000 houses sit empty.

IN MEMORIAM
Francis Parker

Former chair and long-time professor Francis Parker passed away unexpectedly in March. He was much beloved and is sadly missed. He moved to Muncie in 1976 as one of the four original faculty members of the department and taught until his retirement in 2013. His memorial service in early April was packed with faculty, alumni, railroad enthusiasts, family and friends.

Faculty

- Lohren Deeg, associate professor, received a service award from the Ball State University Council on the Environment for his six years of work on behalf of the council.
- After nine years teaching in the department, Instructor Lisa Dunaway is leaving the university to grow her private consulting firm. She is best known for leading approximately 20 immersive learning projects including many that produced neighborhood action plans.
- Professor Nihal Perera was a finalist for the IIE’s Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education and a distinguished visiting scholar at University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.
- Assistant Professor Sanglim Yoo’s Brownfields to Brightfields: Analyzing Solar Potential of Brownfields in Delaware County, Indiana, was featured in the International Sustainable Campus Network journal.
- Professor Michael Burayidi served as editor of a volume on urban resilience that will be published by Routledge in 2019.
- Professor Bruce Frankel presented his research on “Reinstituting Economic Development as a Public Good” remotely to a conference in Singapore.

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I was extremely impacted and changed by the way people in Thailand were less concerned with their own priorities and schedules and more concerned with working with others and making the most of their time during the cooler parts of the day. Through this, I learned that sometimes your environment is more important than your personal interests. This philosophy translates to a planning mindset as well.

The group at my home stay in Thailand worked to create a play area for the children of the community who had nowhere to gather and would often play in the streets. We spent most of our time observing how people interacted, what they sold, and how the location we eventually designed was typically utilized. Because we took more time to observe and communicate the people’s needs rather than build based on our own biases, we generated a more successful project.

We built a swing set and a bench away from a busy intersection where children often played. The locals embraced our project by helping us build and showing us where to purchase or make supplies. Furthermore, after the project was completed, the community continued to build a seesaw and a wall structure to accompany the swing set and bench.

CAPAsia taught me that listening and learning are the first essential parts to making a decision for a group of people as a planner.
The Power of Place: 100 Years of Architecture at Ball State University showcased the ways Ball State’s campus architecture has changed and how the past still shines through. Rebecca Torsell, archivist for architectural records at Ball State, organized the exhibition to embody the idea that even though Ball State’s built environment has greatly changed over time by adding new buildings constructed with modern materials, our past is forever present. The exhibition allowed visitors to take a walk back in time for a glimpse into the university’s past architectural transformations, with a time-line of photos, videos, a model of the CAP Tower, and 3D replicas of the unique tiles used in the Fine Arts Building.

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Alumni Social Media Campaign
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Design + Build “Flock”
Architecture students Lauren Hunter and Katie Gordon in Assistant Professor James Kerestes’ ARCH 593 course created a design+build project “Flock” (left) for downtown Muncie.

“Flock” was a temporary installation that reads as an object but is made up of discrete parts just as Muncie is a collective of cultural backgrounds that come together to form a community. The students explored fabrication methodologies, various materials, and digital model making techniques (laser cutting, 3D printing, CNC milling) with qualitative/quantitative analysis to form the final structure. The project was supported by the College in collaboration with DWNTWN-Muncie Downtown Development Partnership.

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100 Years
Ball State’s Centennial Celebration Year Comes to an End
This past year we enjoyed many events honoring Ball State’s centennial. During the course of the year each college had a designated showcase month. In May, CAP showcased our tradition of student design + build projects, honored our campus history of architecture, and gave recognition throughout the year to our alumni.

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Buffalo Bill Wild West Virtual Diorama
Cowboys and Indians captivated the country when Buffalo Bill’s Wild West rolled through America in the late 1800s and early 1900s. More than a century later, CAP’s IDIA Lab’s scholars and digital artists have brought his 1894 stadium in Brooklyn, New York, to life via a 3D diorama and an augmented reality app.

Destined for the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, Wyoming, the display will allow museum goers to point their smart phones at the diorama to bring the scene to life with blazing campfires, a reenactment of the Deadwood Stagecoach Robbery in the grandstand, and crowds milling about, giving a richer experience of what the show was like.

To produce the experience, IDIA Lab created animated models of the grandstand, teepees, and huts. They also created a menu users can access to learn more about the show via text, source photographs, and archival materials. The physical white model was created by printing and cutting the digital models with a laser cutter and 3D printers to construct the diorama elements. The team used archival photos, drawings and textual information to create a historically accurate interpretation.

State-of-the-art Virtual Reality Theater
The facility, also known as CAVE (Cave Automatic Virtual Environment) was created as a custom solution in collaboration with the Elumenati – a design and engineering firm specializing in advanced visualization environments and experiences. The CAVE, located on the ground floor of Estopinal College, positions Ball State research and design in an elite cohort of international universities and institutions that support next generation visualization. The theater consists of a custom designed curved immersive cyclorama - surrounding viewers in an expansive 270 degree, 25 foot diameter, 11 foot tall circular environment of 3D content. The seamless screen is front projected with spatialized sound coming from a custom designed 8.1 surround sound environment. The system provides architects, designers, scientists, and scholars a platform to dynamically and immersively engage research and teaching for dozens of simultaneous participants.

The Firm in Residence
CAP completed its second year of partnership with SmithGroup as the CAP Firm in Residence. Over the fall semester, eight CAP studios across three disciplines worked side by side with SmithGroup professionals to undertake a re-thinking of the Chicago Stockyards. During the spring semester, twelve SmithGroup mentors (which included alumni Troy Thompson, Kevin Johnson, and Michael Johnson) from different disciplines within the DC, Chicago, Detroit, and Ann Arbor offices worked with students in ARCH 400, a comprehensive architecture studio taught by Assistant Professor Janice Shimizu. Mentors (architects, mechanical and urban systems engineers, urban planners, and landscape architects) had monthly video conference design sessions to engage with students during initial programming through building design development. The spring studio investigated a variety of programs on sites along Washington Street in downtown Indianapolis.

The firm in residence model will be expanded in the future to include other firms and experimental forms of pairing professionals with students.

Sappenfield Lecture
The 2019 Sappenfield Lecture was a joint presentation delivered by lead designers from two firms and two disciplines. Mark Shoemaker, a principal at Pelli Clarke Pelli, and Adam Greenspan, lead designer for PWP landscape architects, who discussed their eight-year collaboration on the Salesforce Transit Center and Park in San Francisco. One of the key components of the talk focused on the symbiotic relationship among professional disciplines necessary to complete a complex long-term project.
Distinguished Alumni Award

Catherine Baker, AIA  
Partner, Landon Bone Baker Architects

Gregory Erny, FAIA, NCARB, Hon. FCARM  
Owner, Principal, Architects + LLC

Dean Illingworth, FAIA  
Deputy Director, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources

Keith O’Connor  
Urban Design Practice Leader, Skidmore Owings and Merrill

Outstanding Achievement Award

Jeff Bergman, AICP  
Planning Director, City of Columbus

Kevin Johnson, AIA, LEED AP BD+C  
Principal, Architect, SmithGroup

Robert Slavens, PLA  
Landscape Architect, Human Nature Inc.

Joseph Vance, AIA  
Principal, Joseph Vance Architects

Congratulations to the 2019 Alumni Award Winners!

Visit the BallStateCAP YouTube Channel to view the videos of the award recipients.

To find the CAP Channel go to YouTube and search Ball State CAP.

In his role as director of development for CAP, Roger Neuenschwander is leading the charge to create alumni outreach events with help from Executive Advisory Board members and other leaders in Atlanta, Washington D.C., Dallas, Chicago, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis. These events will occur in the next six months with more cities being added in the future. The intent is to foster connections among CAP alumni and to link them more closely to the college’s current activities. In addition to these events, CAP will assist with receptions at upcoming national meetings such as AIA, ASLA, and APA.

Stay tuned to our social media posts for upcoming events.

Six-City Alumni Outreach

3,566 SIX-CITY TOTAL

Chicago (596)

Fort Wayne (417)

Indianapolis (2,294)

D.C. (129)

Dallas (63)

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