



Texas A&M faculty present at Singapore meeting

Several faculty affiliated with the Center for Health Systems & Design at Texas A&M University's College of Architecture were invited to present peer reviewed papers last June at the "6th World Congress + Exhibition Conference in Singapore" organized by the International Academy for Design and Health, the Singapore Ministry of Health and cosponsored by the International Hospital Federation. Presenting Texas A&M faculty were Dr. Mardelle Shepley, the William Peña Endowed Professor of Health Facilities Design, Dr. Susan Rodiek, the Ronald L. Skaggs Endowed Professor of Health Facilities Design, Professor George J. Mann, AIA, the Skaggs-Sprague Endowed Chair of Health Facilities Design, Dr. Kazuhiko Okamoto, assistant professor, the University of Tokyo / Kajima Corporation Visiting Scholar, and Dr. Ruka Okamoto.

Shepley co-presented "The Impact of Daylight in ICU's on Patients and Staff" together with Angela Watson of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson an Abbott, Health Industry Advisory Council Firm based in Boston, Massachusetts.

Rodiek presented, "Environmental Influences on Outdoor Usage in Facilities for the Elderly;" Mann, together with Kazu and Ruka Okamoto, presented "Challenges for



Texas A&M professors gather at the National University of Singapore architecture buildings. Left to right: Dr. Susan Rodiek, Dr. Mardelle Shepley, Dr. Ruzica Bosovic-Stamenovic, George Mann, Dr. Ruka Okamoto, Dr. Kazuhiko Okamoto.

Designing for the Elderly in the Context of a Continuum of Care."

In addition, the group was invited to the Department of Architecture at the National University of Singapore to discuss future collaboration on joint research and design projects with Dr. Ruzica Bosovic-Stamenovic, assistant professor, Dr. Ee Man Joseph, and Swee Ling Tse of NUS.

Stamenovic lectured at CHSD in late April 2009 in a visit that began the discussions for future collaboration on joint research and design projects between NUS and Texas A&M.

Over 300 academics and professionals from more than 30 countries from all over the world attended the international congress.

The next World Congress will take place in Boston in 2011.



Students Xin Bai, Shireen Kanakri and Justin Dreyer in Dr. Shepley's programming class review evidence-based design principles outlined in the new EDAC study guide books published by the Center for Health Systems & Design (CHSD).

Aggie students, faculty among first to obtain new EDAC certification

Texas A&M students and faculty were among the first to pass the Evidence-based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC) examination. Professors Dr. Mardelle Shepley, and Kirk Hamilton and students Brian Briscoe, Nicole Hoffman, and Rana Zadeh completed the exam and now hold the credentials EDAC, offered since April 2009.

The exam measures knowledge of evidence-based design principles with regard to its intent, process and the organizations it operates within.

The exam was created to create a pool of accredited professionals that will be leaders in the design of facilities based upon the best available evidence and methods. Texas A&M professor Kirk Hamilton assisted with other leaders in the field of evidence-based design to produce the exam with the CHD.



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Hamilton, Shepley pen new book about critical care facility design

A new book by two architecture professors at Texas A&M, detailing best practices in intensive care facility design, has been published by Architectural Press.

"Design for Critical Care: An Evidence-Based Approach," was written by Kirk Hamilton, and Mardelle Shepley.

"By making the connection between research evidence and design practice, Hamilton and Shepley present a holistic approach that outlines the future for successful design for critical care settings," wrote the book's publisher in the cover notes. "It's a thorough and insightful guide," continued the publisher, "focusing on design that has been successful and ben-



eficial to both hospital staff and hospital patients."

A Fellow of the American Institute of Architecture and American College of Healthcare Architects, Hamilton is interested in evidence-based design for health care and the relationship of facility design to organizational performance.

Shepley is holder of the William M. Peña Endowed Professorship in Information Management at Texas A&M. She specializes in architectural design, social architecture, health care facility design, applied research, and environmental psychology.

The book can be ordered online at: <http://www.amazon.com>



Dr. Mardelle Shepley, Kirk Hamilton, George Mann review hospital plans.

Faculty expertise offered as 'second opinion'

CHSD faculty are lending their expertise as an independent, third party consulting group called "second opinion" to the many inquiries received by hospitals and architectural offices.

Texas A&M faculty have repeatedly been called upon for candid advice. The CHSD can now provide this as a full service to engage the projects more holistically.

With a wide variety of faculty fellows who are leaders in the design and research of health facilities, the expert team can be tailored according to the project requested.

Faculty fellows include experts in the field of architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, psychology, medicine, public health, and construction.

Once required advanced information is submitted, the group can follow up with a consultation and discussion. Projects are eligible for "second opinion" review during any stage of the project with the potential of multiple consultations.

All requests or inquiries should be sent to Kirk Hamilton at: khamilton.tamu.edu.



2009 HIAC members pose alongside CHSD faculty and architecture-for-health students outside the Wright Gallery at the Langford Architecture Center, Texas A&M University.

Architects, students connect at 2009 HIAC meeting

More than 50 professionals came together with Texas A&M students and faculty for a stimulating Health Industry Advisory Council (HIAC) meeting in early-October.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Nancy Dickey, president of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and vice chancellor of Health Affairs for The Texas A&M University System, began the meeting by addressing several current issues facing the health field and identifying

areas in the administration of health care and health facilities that can be improved. Dickey's presentation prompted HIAC member discussions about future collaborations and joint research projects.

Also at the meeting, Dr. Zhipeng Lu, Dr. Zhe Wang and Rana Zadeh, a Ph.D. student presented their research.

HIAC members were later invited to join students in the studio where they discussed

current student projects. This event has become one of the favorite meeting activities for HIAC members.

Friday evening provided the opportunity for the visiting professionals to invite students to gather for a more intimate dinner.

The meeting concluded with a portfolio review, an event hosted by the Student Health Environments Association providing students with valuable professional insight.

Texas A&M, OU discuss healthcare architecture programs

Deans of the architecture schools at the University of Oklahoma and Texas A&M University met in mid-October to discuss the development of an architecture-for-health program in Oklahoma and the possibility of future collaboration on studio and research projects.

The meeting was held in the Dallas office of HKS, a long-time supporter and Teaching Advisory Firm to Texas A&M, and hosted by Ronald L. Skaggs, FAIA, Chairman Emeritus of HKS.

The delegation from OU was led by Dr. Charles W. Graham, dean of the College of Architecture and past interim head of the Department of Construction Science at Texas A&M; James Patterson, associate dean; Dave Boeck, associate professor; Hepi Wachter, associate professor; and Shawn Schaefer, director of OU's Urban Design Studio.

Texas A&M was represented by Dr. Jorge Vanegas, dean of the College of Architecture; Dr. Mardelle Shepley, director of the Center for Health Systems & Design; George J. Mann, the Skaggs-Sprague Endowed Professor of Health Facilities Design; Dr. Joseph J. McGraw, professor emeritus; and Brian D. Briscoe, CHSD graduate assistant and M.Arch. student.

Representatives from the Architecture-for-Health program at Texas A&M, the nation's first and largest such program, discussed the development of healthcare architecture activities for Oklahoma, as well as the activities of Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture (GUPHA).



Representatives from the architecture schools at Texas A&M University and the University of Oklahoma discuss the creation of a healthcare architecture program at OU.

"I am encouraged about the possibilities of collaboration," said Vanegas. "Leveraging the existing talent and infrastructure in our respective institutions and working together in a collaborative way to address this topic of global societal importance, not only between our colleges, but in partnership with a world class firm like HKS, has the potential for establishing an unparalleled model of integrated learning, teaching, research and engagement."

The meeting adjourned positively with plans for a future meeting in Oklahoma that would involve both architecture colleges and representatives from the Oklahoma Medical Center.

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ERDMAN updates continued service, promoting intern development

Cogdell Spencer ERDMAN, the nation's most fully integrated healthcare facilities company, offers a continuum of services from strategic planning to integrated delivery and long-term ownership and management.

Kendra Cogburn Barnes, recent graduate of the College of Architecture, contributes to this integrated delivery process, engaging the client, architects, engineers, and construction managers for the last year and half at Cogdell Spencer ERDMAN. Barnes is not only experiencing project management from an integrated design/build level, but also from real estate development, investment and property management perspectives. She has participated in programming, analysis, and feasibility studies on a wide range of healthcare facilities, giving her the diversity required to successfully achieve key IDP credits.

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ESa joins select few inducted into Planetree Visionary Design Network

ESa is one of only five architecture and design firms nationally and the only one in the southeast to be certified as a charter member of the Planetree Visionary Design Network.

This certification establishes ESa as a specialist in evidence-based healthcare design following the Planetree philosophy and its core components of healing design.

The honor was bestowed upon ESa during the 2009 Planetree Annual Conference, held in Baltimore. Planetree is an internationally recognized leader in patient-centered care in healthcare settings throughout the U.S., Canada, The Netherlands, Japan and Brazil. This non-profit organization promotes innovative models of healthcare that focus on healing and nurturing body, mind and spirit in order to maximize positive healthcare outcomes.

The certification identifies firms, for hospital planning construction or renovations, that are committed to the patient-centered care philosophy.

FKP Architects
www.fkp.com

Leadership grows at FKP promoting 2 more in their Dallas office

FKP Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of Marty A. Huie, AIA to Senior Associate and Hilary J. Thomas, IIDA, LEED AP to Associate. Both are based in the firm's Dallas office.

Mary Huie has more than 20 years of experience in the design arena, with more than 13 years of focused expertise in the healthcare, science and education markets. With his passion for architecture and extensive top healthcare organizations enhance patient care through the creation of efficient facilities that directly answer the needs of their patients and staff. Marty serves on a Healthcare Subcommittee for the National Fire Protection Association.

Hilary Thomas' 12 years of experience working with healthcare and education clients spans across the Texas and Oklahoma regions. Her diverse expertise encompasses a wide range of disciplines, from programming, space planning and interior design to construction documents and administration. Hilary's aesthetically pleasing interior environments offer solutions that routinely impact her client's business. A graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, Hilary is an active member of the International Interior Design Association.

HDR
www.hdrinc.com

HDR releases "Must-have Primer" to promote evidence-based design

HDR Architecture offers a new book that explores the use of evidence-based design (EBD) concepts in the planning, programming and design of healthcare facilities. Titled Evidence-based Design for Healthcare Facilities, it provides readers with the knowledge, tools and strategies to incorporate EBD concepts into any size or scale design project.

The book is edited by Cyndi McCullough, RN, MSN, director of clinical services for HDR, and includes contributions from HDR's Healthcare Consulting Group as well as HDR clients. It's published by Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Proceeds are used for nursing education and research programs of STTI's Honor Society of Nursing.

In her foreword to the book, Debra J.

Levin, EDAC, president and CEO for The Center for Health Design, writes, "Whether you are called upon as a nurse leader to participate in the planning and design process of a facility remodel or an entirely new hospital, or you are looking for a deeper understanding of the relationship between the built environment and quality of care, this is a must-have primer for your bookshelves that you will reference again and again."

HKS
www.hksinc.com

HKS announces Kelly Harbacheck as new HKS Healthcare Fellow

Kelly Harbacheck has been named the 2009 HKS Healthcare Fellow. The HKS Healthcare Fellowship is a one-year program that allows a recent architecture graduate to pursue unique learning opportunities which help to improve the Fellow's knowledge of healthcare architecture.

Harbacheck graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. She joined HKS full-time in June 2009 and is currently working on the Children's Health System in Birmingham, Ala.

In addition to her project work, she will be researching a topic of interest for a special study. She will be examining retirement communities and elder care, investigating how HKS can collaborate between healthcare, hospitality and urban planning to better design environments appropriate for the aging population.

The Fellowship is a unique opportunity to explore critical issues in healthcare architecture that both Harbacheck and the firm are passionate about.

The Innova Group
www.theinnovagroup.com

Recent Innova Group projects from Kuwait, New Mexico, to New York

The Innova Group - Austin recently analyzed health care requirements and developed space programs for more than 4 million square feet in support of replacement hospitals at five Army installations; pioneered an Army Traumatic Brain Injury space planning study; and created the Functionality Index - a system for assessing, rating and ranking functionality of existing medical treatment facilities.

The Innova Group - Boston assisted Kaiser Permanente in the Mid Atlantic and Hawaii with planning and business case development; engaged with TRO/Jung Brannen on multi-site master planning and programming of a healthcare region in Kuwait; and programmed a multi-specialty MOB at Nassau University Medical Center in NY.

The Innova Group - Tucson is providing strategic direction, planning and programming support to the design team of Dekker Perich Sabatini / Ellerbe Becket for the University of New Mexico Health Science Campus 30-year master plan.

PageSoutherlandPage
www.pspaec.com

PageSoutherlandPage awarded as 2009 TSA, AIA Architecture Firm

PageSoutherlandPage is honored to have been selected by the Texas Society of Architects | AIA for the 2009 Architecture Firm Award. This award, the highest honor TSA bestows upon a firm, was presented on October 23, 2009, at the annual TSA convention in Houston. Recognizing PSP for exemplary design, practice and personal development, and contributions to the architectural profession and the communities in which we work, this award is a tribute to all of our talented professionals at PageSoutherlandPage.

PBK Architects
www.pbk.com

Recent PBK projects include da vinci platform, flu assessment center

This fall, with the nation involved in a widespread flu epidemic, The Methodist Hospital in Houston enlisted PBK Healthcare to partner with them in the development of a Flu Assessment Center for their Texas Medical Center location. The Assessment Center will be housed within their Emergency Medicine Department and will allow patients to be assessed in a fast track fashion to expedite treatment protocols and to enable the primary ED to reduce disruption from the highly elevated numbers of patients presenting at the ED.

In other facility developments PBK healthcare is expanding the St. Luke's Woodlands Surgical Program with the addition of 4 new Operating Suites (2 new, 2 future) to respond to the growing number of surgical cases. One OR will be dedicated to their cardiovascular

program while the other will be equipped with a da Vinci Robotic Platform to improve patient outcomes.

PBK Healthcare is also expanding the St. Luke's Woodlands Newborn Critical Care Unit to address their increasing incidence of premature and multiple births. The new NCCU will almost double its size providing infant and family space adjacent to the existing delivery suites.

Perkins+Will
www.perkinswill.com

Green operations spurring others by example and new research journal

Perkins+Will was named among the winners of the "Champion for Change Award" presented at the 2009 Environmental Excellence award ceremonies. Sponsored by Practice Greenhealth, the award recognizes organizations that have successfully greened their own operations while helping others to reduce their impact on the environment. This is the second consecutive year that Perkins+Will has been recognized.

This past spring, Perkins+Will offered the 2030 Challenge Energy Estimating Tool for use by the community. This free online tool helps project teams set energy mix goals to achieve the 2030 challenge. Specifically, 2030 e2 allows users to set target goals for four basic energy areas: energy efficiency, green power offsets, on-site renewable energy, and grid-supplied renewable energy when designing new or retrofitting existing buildings.

The premier issue of the Perkins+Will Research Journal dedicated to documenting and presenting practice-related research associated with buildings and their environs has been released. The journal captures and documents research questions and methodologies that arise prior, during and after the design process. Original research articles, literature reviews, and case studies have been incorporated into the publication.

Shepley Bulfinch
www.shepleybulfinch.com

Recent Shepley Bulfinch projects implementing daylighting research

Shepley Bulfinch projects earn LEED certification for the East & North Additions at Concord Hospital in New Hampshire, and the opening of the first phase of Smilow Cancer

Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, which is targeting a minimum of LEED certification.

Concord Hospital, with its emphasis on daylight and the natural environment, was cited in Mardelle Shepley's recent study (with Shepley Bulfinch's Angela Watson, and Concord Hospital's Ray Gerbi and Stephen Imgrund) on the impact of daylighting on ICU patients and staff. At Concord, a series of gardens on the steeply graded site bring nature and daylight deep into clinical spaces. Sunken gardens around the addition that houses the new ICU provides the unit with daylight and views. Concord was the first hospital in northern New England to receive LEED certification.

The 14-story Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven, which began seeing patients in late October, consolidates inpatient and outpatient treatment and consolidates cancer care previously scattered throughout the hospital. A healing garden on the seventh floor creates an accessible and visible oasis for patients and their families.

Post-Occupancy Evaluations are planned for both facilities.

Stantec
www.stantec.com

Stantec encourages collaboration with practice, academia, research

Stantec is connecting and collaborating between universities, designers and researchers around the world who are eager to advance the hospital as a healing, regenerative and learning-supportive environment.

Stantec met in October with researchers at Cambridge University to discuss their ongoing work for the National Health Service (NHS) on natural ventilation in hospitals and the potential for research collaborations in the North American context. A hierarchy of ventilation regimens for different functional areas within hospitals is proposed, from fully natural to fully mechanical.

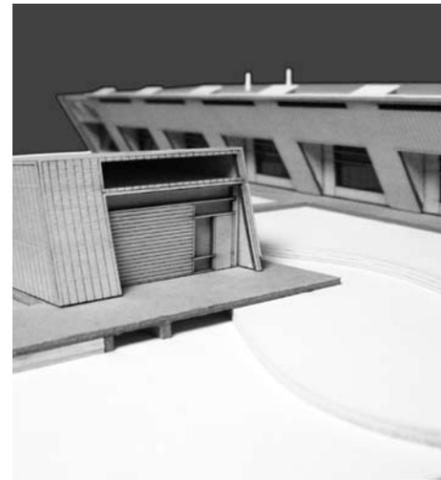
During the same trip, Stantec met with Space Syntax researchers at University College London and at Space Syntax to discuss the potential for research collaborations. Of interest was the global and localized implications of spatial configuration in hospitals on wayfinding, care delivery efficiency, care team and hospital-wide caregiver communication. Inpatient unit layout is an area of particular shared interest, and both groups have arrived at similar conclusions around the potential of specific layouts to improve care team communication for reduced medical error.



Hoffman's long-term care facility for Lake Travis.



Ma's "National Taiwan University Cancer Institute".



Briscoe's "Art Farm" for Serenbe, Georgia.

Three Aggie design projects showcased at TSA

M. Arch students Brian D. Briscoe, Nicole M. Hoffman and Yuan Ma were recently selected finalist and bronze winner, respectively, in the first annual Houston National Organization of Minority Architects design competition.

The contest, open to all students and intern architects, represented the integration of all races in our profession and display excellent design by young designers.

The winners attended the HNOMA

reception during the Texas Society of Architects convention in Houston where they were recognized during the reception ceremony.

Heading the competition was Timothy M. Barnes, AIA, associate architect with PBK, who likened the selected designs "as of equal quality to many of the award-winning firm design projects." Barnes is the current HNOMA president.

The winning designs were displayed in the

George R. Brown Convention Center.

Ma relished the honor saying, "it is exciting to have our designs on display and to be honored by this group of esteemed professionals."

Briscoe's design, the "Art Farm" project, was completed for the Serenbe community in Georgia, Hoffman's design is a long-term care facility for Lake Travis, and Ma's bronze winning design is the "National Taiwan University Cancer Institute."

SHEA activity update:

This year marks the Student Health Environments Association's fifth year since formed by the students studying healthcare architecture at Texas A&M.

To commemorate this milestone, SHEA hosted its first-ever SHEA Alumni Reunion Tailgate Party where former SHEA members reunited with current students in College Station before the Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma State football game. At the party, SHEA's founders, past-presidents and current president, Southern Ellis, enjoyed catching up with each other.

SHEA remains involved with the Health Industry Advisory Council for the Center for Health Systems & Design with large student participation and as hosts of the SHEA Portfolio Review that allows students to gain valuable advice and critique from industry professionals.

SHEA also toured the LEED Platinum Dell Children's Hospital last November, The group was lead by architect, Joseph Kuspan, AIA.

2 grad students awarded Tuttle Fellowships

Last May, two graduate architecture students at Texas A&M earned AIA fellowships to pursue research projects in healthcare architecture. One is studying factors affecting the usability of restorative outdoor spaces in pediatric hospitals, and the other is developing design guidelines for a cancer therapy regimen that may become available to U.S. residents in the future.

Samira Pasha, a doctoral student in architecture, and Dyutima Jha, a Master of Architecture student, both received an Arthur N. Tuttle Jr. Graduate Fellowship in Health Facility Planning and Design.

Pasha, whose research focuses on the design features of outdoor spaces at pediatric hospitals, is investigating the main factors discouraging garden and outdoor space visitation for patients and their families.

Jha is developing design guidelines for using carbon therapy at cancer treatment centers in the U.S., a technique not yet available here, but used in Germany, Italy, France, Sweden, Austria and Japan.

"My study aims at understanding this technology in the context of the American healthcare system," she wrote; her research

includes a visit to a prototype carbon therapy center in Germany.

After creating the guidelines, she said, she will design a treatment facility as part of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston's expansion scheme.



Samira Pasha

Since established in 1987, 25 Texas A&M architecture students have received the AIA Arthur N. Tuttle Jr. Graduate Fellowship in Health Facility Planning and Design. Jha was recently awarded the David Puckett Healthcare Architecture Prize that was established following a 2008

bequest by AIA Houston member David G. Puckett, AIA, to the Houston Architecture Foundation, dba Architecture Center Houston Foundation. Based on David's intentions, an annual prize of \$2,500 will be awarded to a graduate student from any architecture school in the United States for a research project in healthcare architecture.



Dyutima Jha

Faculty release award-winning 'Access to Nature' video series

A newly released video series grabbed first place in the Environment + Design category of the 2009 CEAL Awards Ceremony held in Washington, D.C., last October. CEAL, the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living, is a coalition of 11 national organizations focused on quality care for older adults.

A set of three videos was produced by a team of nearly 50 students led by Dr. Susan Rodiek, the Ronald L. Skaggs Endowed Professor in Health Facilities Design. The team translated more than 10 years of research into a user-friendly tool for design practitioners.

The project communicates how the design of outdoor space contributes to personal wellbeing and positive medical results in facilities for older adults covering the

research background, architecture design and landscape design.

"The impact of this multimedia tool is streamlined education, and unlike books, it allows the viewer to easily grasp concepts with very little time and effort," said Rodiek, "and it can be used for brownbag lunch-and-learns."

Each video is about 30 minutes discussing new topics of outdoor space design and provides one unit of AIA

Continuing Education credit (HSW category). For more information connect online to: www.accesstonature.org.



Fisk heard around the globe in CNN interview

Pliny Fisk, associate professor in the college of architecture, was recently tapped for an interview by CNN International. Pliny was featured along with four others in CNN's 'Eco-Pioneers' special regarding current and future conditions of the global ecosystem.

Mr. Fisk's areas of expertise include sustainable design and planning using eco-Balance™ methodologies. His expertise also centers on regionalized building systems and methods utilizing open building protocols.

Fisks upcoming publications include: Book Chapter: "Ecology of Place: Creating the ProtoCity for the Southwestern US" and an essay: "The eco-BALANCE™ approach to Transect-Based Planning: Efforts Taken at Verano, a New Community and University in San Antonio."



Pliny Fisk, III

Wells elected to National Board of Tau Sigma Delta

CHSD faculty fellow Ward V. Wells, professor of architecture and director of the university's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, was recently elected to the National Board of Tau Sigma Delta, the national honor society of architecture and allied arts. He will serve the first two years of his six-year term as vice president/president elect.

The organization celebrates excellence in scholarship and intellectual achievement.



Boot campers to focus on evidence-based practice

The Center for Health Systems & Design has opened the invitation for practitioners to participate in the first-ever, evidence-based practice "Boot Camp."

The camp is open to architects, engineers, designers, project managers, researchers, technology experts, librarians, developers and building owners.

"The camp aims to educate mid-career professionals to qualify to sit for licensing and receive an advanced practitioners certificate in evidence-based design," says Hamilton. "The boot camp is not designed to convince that EBD is a good idea, but rather designed for already convinced professionals to

develop skills to apply to real projects."

Participants will be asked to come with a current project their firm is engaged in to apply learned principles.

The boot camp aims to stimulate the participants to better design based on rigorous interpretation of solid evidence, careful advance documentation of expected results, and a commitment to measure and report outcomes.

Three dates have been offered to the 2009-10 year; Dec. 10-12, Feb. 4-6, April 8-10.

For more information on the Evidenced-Based practice Boot Camp, contact Judy Pruitt at: jpruitt@tamu.edu

ASHRAE Fellows name Culp president-elect

CHSD faculty fellow Charles Culp, associate professor of architecture, was named president-elect of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers' College of Fellows.

Culp, along with architecture professor Jeff Haberl, is an advisor of ASHRAE's Aggie student chapter.

The group aims to advance technology to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world.



Derek Dictson



Gail Vittori



Dr. Akikazu Kato



Robin Guenther



Pliny Fisk, III



Patricia Malick



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Fall 2009 Architecture-for-Health Lecture Series spotlights big names in healthcare, sustainability

Every Wednesday at noon during the academic year, Texas A&M College of Architecture students have the opportunity to hear leading professionals from the allied healthcare professions discuss issues related to health care and healthcare facilities design as part of the Architecture-for-Health Lecture Series.

The public lectures are sponsored by the Center for Health Systems & Design, the College of Medicine, the Health Industry Advisory Council, Student Health Environments Association, and Global University Programs in Healthcare Architecture.

Topics and featured speakers include:

“Health for All: The Role of Nonprofit Health Clinics in Healthcare Reform,” a lecture featuring Derek Dictson, Executive Director, Health for All, Inc., Bryan, Texas.

“Sustainable Healthcare Architecture,” a lecture featuring Gail Vittori, LEED AP, Co-Director, Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, Austin, Texas.

“Can Robots Help Hospital Sustainability? A Case Study in Japan,” a lecture featuring Dr. Akikazu Kato, Professor of Architecture and Department Chair, Mie University Graduate School of Engineering, Tsu City, Japan.

“Sustainable Healthcare Architecture,” a lecture featuring Robin Guenther, LEED AP, Perkins+Will, New York City.

“Resource Planning as a Foundation for Design Planning,” a lecture featuring Pliny Fisk, Professor, Texas A&M University, Co-Director, Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems, Austin, Texas.



“First Do No Harm. Patient and Environmentally Focused Cents and Sensibility,” a lecture featuring Patricia D. Malick, AAHID, IIDA, Practice Area Leader, Interior Design Principal and Lisa N. Lipschutz, AIA, ACHA, Practice Leader, Planning Principal, Array, Healthcare Facilities Solutions, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

“Senior Living Trends” a lecture featuring Ronald B. Blitch, FAIA, FACHA, Blitch/Knevel Architects, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Health by Design,” a lecture featuring Kirk Teske, AIA, LEED AP, Principal and Chief Sustainability Officer, HKS, Dallas, Texas.

“On the Ground in South Africa,” a lecture featuring Dr. Glenn Mills, Professor and Head,

Department of Architecture, Texas A&M University.

“Design and Health,” a lecture featuring Professor Alan Dilani, Ph.D., General Director, International Academy for Design and Health (IADH), Stockholm, Sweden.

“Healthcare Architecture in the Great White North,” a lecture featuring Bruce Raber, MAIBC, MAAA, SAA, MAA, OAA, NSAA, MRAIC, LEED AP, Vice President, Practice Leader, Healthcare and Ray Pradinuk, MAIBC, LEED AP, Principal, Leader, Healthcare Research and Innovation, Stantec Architecture, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

“Hospital Design: Lessons Learned as a Medical Student,” a lecture featuring Diana Anderson, MD., MArch., LEED AP, 2008-2009 Tradewell Fellow, WHR Architects, Houston, Texas.

“Sustained Health,” a lecture featuring Don Taylor, President, Team Integrated Engineering, Inc., San Antonio, Texas.

“Sustainable Design for Healthy Hospital Environments and Positive Human Outcomes,” a lecture featuring Debra D. Harris, Ph.D., President and CEO, RAD Consultants, Austin, Texas, Faculty Fellow of CHSD, Texas A&M University.

“Sustainable Healthcare Design,” a lecture featuring Joseph F. Kuspan, AIA, Director of Design, Karlsberger, Columbus, Ohio.



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