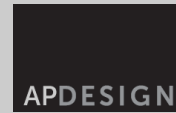


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Sorry our Monday archinfo is coming out Tuesday. It took an extra day to thaw. Actually, server issues are responsible... life in the digital age. I hope you are enjoying the new archinfo as much as we are putting it together. I am constantly amazed at what our students and faculty are accomplishing. While the volatility of some surveys has us listed as only fourth best in the Midwest, we are clearly well and far above. In fact, rather than spending any time feeling down about it, I think we should take this as a prod to do an even better job of showing others how good we are. It is a great time for students, faculty and alumni to tell others how valuable our graduates are to the profession. Let's be proactive. Feel free to send this archinfo to friends who may not know much about us, post our accomplishments on ours or your Facebook pages, twitter or whatever social media you follow. In fact, use some of that extra time over Thanksgiving break to get the love out.

I hope everyone has a fantastic Thanksgiving. Travel safe.

Best,

Matthew Knox AIA
Professor and Department Head

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Professor Michael Gibson's fifth year studio



Gibson's students in action, photos courtesy of Gibson.

The Curtain Wall Studio: Innovation in Curtain Wall Assembly Systems

The Curtain Wall Studio is a fifth year architecture studio engaging the premise that glazed curtain wall systems can be an integral part of high performance buildings in the future. Teaming with Manko Window Systems in Manhattan and BNIM Architects of Kansas City, the studio is developing and testing new curtain wall variants. Currently, the students are building one-to-one scale mockups of their experimental systems that will be tested in an outdoor enclosure during the winter. In the spring, the studio will complete their exploration by integrating the experimental curtain wall systems into a comprehensive building design. The studio is funded by an NCARB Award recognizing the integration of practice and research.



Students in the studio are: Brian Conklin, Tyler Countess, Kate Gutierrez, Kristy Johnson, Cameron Marshall, Jose Martinez-Giron, Nick Nelson, Nathan Niewald, Alex Otto, Kevin Perks, Hanh Phung, Dylan Rugar, Lawrence Tan, Jenelle Tennigkeit, and Sammi Wai. Students have been working in five teams of three students in the fall.

The studio began in the fall with a tour of Manko Window's Manhattan plant, led by Vice President Kevin

Dix. Among Kevin's numerous roles in leadership at Manko is overseeing the development and testing of new product variants among Manko's many successful window, door, and curtain wall lines. The students learned about Manko's commitment to the latest production technologies and how products are tested in house by

independent engineers to meet industry standards. Early in the studio it became evident that while companies like Manko have made great strides in improvement the performance of glazing in curtain walls, the aluminum 'sticks' that serve as the framework for curtain walls and storefront systems have remained virtually unchanged since the modern curtain wall emerged in the mid-20th century. In the fall students also participated in a hands-on demonstration of how glazed curtain walls are installed in the field, put on by an experienced Manko installer.



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Name:

Subik Shrestha

Master of Science in Architecture student

Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

What do you like best about K-State?: It's a great campus, with a great department (CAPD). I like the Student Union.... I like the North Quadrangle too. The faculties that I have been learning from are all very helpful. I like being here!

What is your area of emphasis and your thesis topic?:

My concentration is Environment Behavior and Place Studies and I am working under Prof. Dr. David Seamon. My thesis topic is "A behavioral analysis of sociability in the north quadrangle of K-State."



Selfie courtesy of Shrestha.

What is your dream job?: Well I don't have a dream job as such but would love to get an opportunity to research the traditional architecture and spaces of the Kathmandu Valley (Nepal). Let's say for now that I want to become an independent researcher in the field of Architecture and Urbanism.

Who is your favorite architect or scholar?: I like the built works of Frank Lloyd Wright and I'm inspired by the writings of Christopher Alexander.

As a child, you dreamed of being...?: The strange fact is that I really never had any dream as a child....now when I think about it. :)

arch_department announcements

Third year students should plan to attend the Third Year Options meeting on Thursday, November 20th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in Seaton 63.

Kudos to Professor Peter Magyar for being recognized as an honorary member of

the Széchenyi Academy of Letters and Arts by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Scholars and scientists active in a foreign country may be elected to become honorary members of the Széchenyi Academy of Letters and Arts, if they pursue their field of science on an internationally recognized level, and whose achievement is worthy of the special esteem of Hungarian scientific life. [To read the full story click here.](#)

Congratulations to Professor Torgeir Norheim for receiving the 2014 Excellence in Building Culture Award, or Byggeskikkprisen 2014, by the municipality of Stavanger, Norway, and presented by Stavanger's mayor Christine Sagen Helgø on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Ledaal. The award was given for Norheim's superior command of the Orangerie project that transformed an old Sardine factory complex in Stavanger, Norway and blended a combination of residential and commercial functions. [Click here for the full story.](#)

The el dorado studio project, [Roof_Ground_Water](#), received a Merit Award at the 2014 AIA Central States Design Awards from a distinguished jury led by David Lewis of LTL Architects. [Roof_Ground_Water](#) is the studio's winning entry to a national competition for the greenspace next to the Blue Barn Theatre by Min|Day in Omaha, Nebraska, which is now under construction. Teammates included Kevin Robert Perry of Urban Rain|Design and el dorado inc.

The fifth year Wonder Workshop studio made the front page of the *Collegian* for their studio work! [Click here to see the story.](#)

K-State launched a free safety app for smartphones called [LiveSafe](#). The app is available to all and includes features like anonymous tips for the K-State Police, direct dial for SafeRide, the Office of Student Life and 911, a "virtual escort" feature that enables family and friends to see a real time map of LiveSafe users whereabouts, among other capabilities.

arch_upcoming events

NOVEMBER

20 Tenured faculty meeting at 2:30 pm in Seaton 208

20 Third year options meeting at 5:30 pm in Seaton 63

24-28 Thanksgiving break

27 Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

3-5 Alumni Honoree events

12 Manko Design Competition at 1:30 pm in the Pierce

15-19 Finals week

18 APDesign faculty/staff Holiday Party at 7 pm at Aggie Station

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