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# archinfo

## arch\_weekly note

I hope everyone had a relaxing break and managed to stay mostly dry. Welcome back to the best part of each semester, that final push when all your efforts come to fruition in awesome work that makes you proud and happy to be an architecture student.

Speaking of pride, some of you may have noticed that the *Design Intelligence* survey of schools has us listed at number 21 for Graduate Programs and 4th Regionally. While being higher on the list would be nice, I want to remind you that as a 5-year MARCH program we are competing with all the Ivy League schools and other private schools, many of which are offering only post bach masters programs. In other words, we are hanging with the top performers, even when comparing apples to oranges. Out of the 150-ish architecture programs in the country, I would say we are actually doing great. And don't forget that our job placement rate is just shy of 100% (those few not placed probably got lost in the old Seaton Court and hopefully found their way out eventually). The fact that our graduates are in such high demand is testament to the quality of our program. So, if you feel down about the ratings, make sure the work you put up is the best so that when you interview for a job, the firm will see how good we are and vote accordingly next year.

Have a great week.

Matthew Knox AIA  
Professor and Department Head

## arch\_KCDC award



Image of the award winning "Rediscovering: Kessler Park Water Reservoir Repurposing Vision Study" project courtesy of KCDC.

The Kansas City Design Center received the 2015 [Concept Merit Award from AIA Kansas City](#) as part of the Design Excellence Kansas City Awards for the "Rediscovering: Kessler Park Water Reservoir Repurposing Vision Study" project. This is the project that consists of two related and codependent parts: master plan level vision study for the redevelopment of the Kessler Park, and the conceptual design proposal for the repurposing of the abandoned water reservoir located in the Kessler Park proper as its critical part. Students active in this project last year were Aaron Bisch, Derek Hueffmeier, Noah Volz, Owen Cobb, Dominique Roberson, Lindsey Brockhouse, Megan Hoehensinner, Rachel Kelsey, Robyn Tank and Yigong Yan. Watch the video below for the jury comments on this sophisticated project.



Kessler Park Water Reservoir Repurposing Vision Study Jury Comments courtesy of AIA KC.

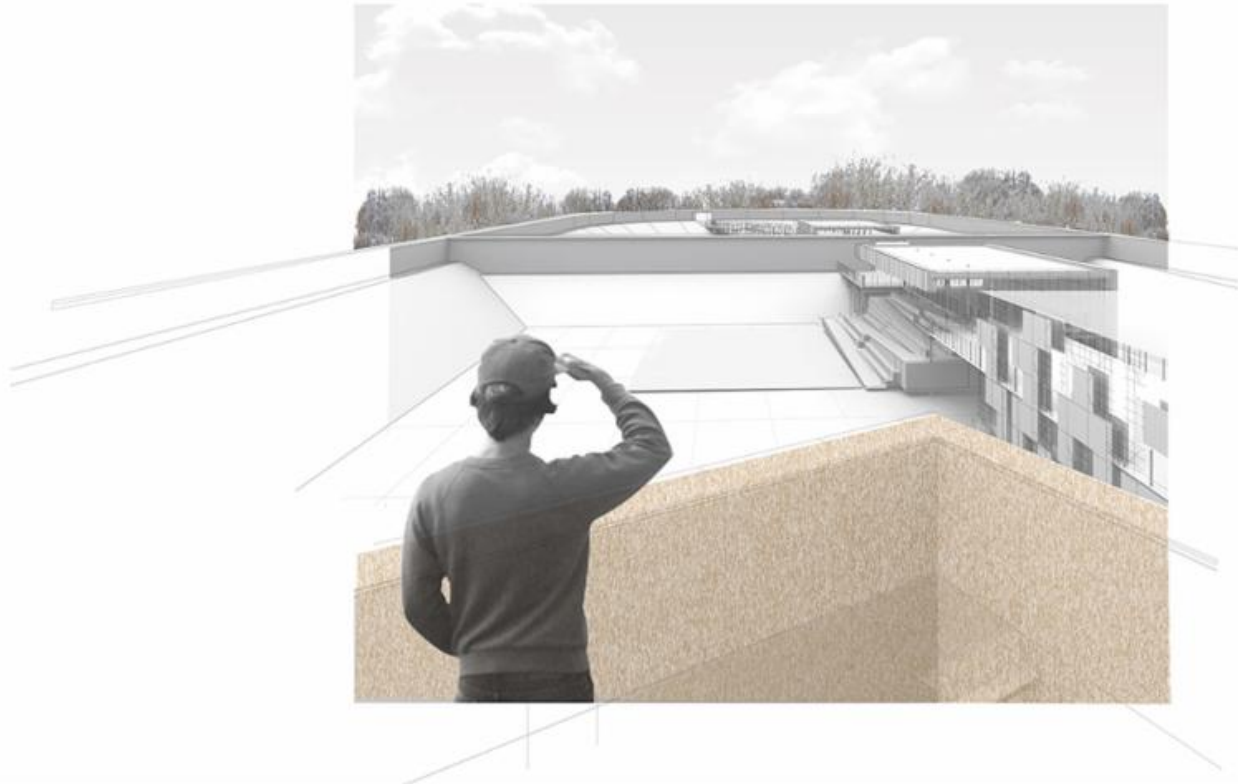


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## arch\_semester end

In preparation for the winter break, please clean up your studio areas and leave nothing on the floor. **The department advises that all students take all their belongings home (i.e. computer chair, electronics, design supplies, etc.).** If you are a fifth, fourth or third year student that will be at APD West in the spring and prefer to leave your computer at APD West, please keep in mind you will not have constant access to it during the winter break. The college and department are not responsible for damage or loss of personal items. Accommodations can be made for extenuating circumstances or if students are taking intersession and would like to leave belongings at APD West, but please call the department to discuss it at 785-532-5953. If you decide to leave belongings at your desk, please label it clearly with your name, phone number and studio year level.

**APD West will be close at NOON on December 19th through December 27th.**

It will open back up on Monday, December 28th. For the full building schedule [click here](#). Please keep in mind that the schedule is subject to change depending on building use over the winter break.

Throw all trash in designated trash cans.

Second and third year students will preference for spring studios Friday, December 11th through Friday, December 18th. Studio assignments will be posted Friday, January 15th. More information will be sent out via email soon.

## arch\_announcements

[Click here](#) to view the final review schedule for the department.

Weigel position open\_ Weigel Library is accepting applications for one student assistant for Spring Semester 2016. The number of hours of employment for student library assistants typically ranges from 7 to 10 per week. A job application is available in Weigel, Seaton 323. Completed applications are due in Weigel by Wednesday, December 16. The hiring decision will be made in January, at which time all applicants will be notified of the decision.

Don't forget..."Pizza Out West" is on Thursday, December 3rd beginning at 9:30 pm, an adaptation of the annual pizza event hosted by Weigel Library. There will be pizza and treats in rooms 116 and 119 at APD West for all students. Thanks, Maxine!

The Bowman Design Forum will be held Wednesday, December 9th at 1:00 pm in the Little Theatre, showcasing the best third year work. The guest jurors include [Frank Harmon FAIA](#) and [Matthew Kreilich AIA, LEED AP](#). There will be a public lecture at 4:00 pm.

The Manko Design Competition will be held Friday, December 11th at 1:30 pm in the Little Theatre showcasing the top work of the fourth year of the summer and fall. The work will be on display in the Chang Gallery over the winter break.

## arch\_upcoming events

### DECEMBER

- 1 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union
- 3 APDesign Alumni Honorees visit K-State
- 3 Pizza Out West hosted by Weigel Library at 9:30 pm in 116 and 119 APD West
- 9 Bowman Forum at 1:00 PM in the Little Theatre
- 10 College faculty/staff meeting at 11:00 am at APDWest
- 11 Manko Competition at 1:30 PM in the Little Theatre
- 14-18 Final examinations
- 16 APDesign faculty/staff holiday party at 5:30 pm at Aggiestation

### JANUARY

- 13 Spring faculty retreat from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Alumni Center, Bqt Rm C
- 18 University holiday, campus closed
- 19 Spring term begins

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union
- 16 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union

### MARCH

- 1 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union
- 4 Design Expo at the Hilton Garden Inn
- 7-11 Third year and second year field trips

14-18 Spring break, student holiday

22 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union

#### APRIL

5 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union

7 PAB Symposium at APDWest

8 PAB meeting at APD West 9:30 to 11:30 am

8 "Ask an Archited" with the PAB at 12:00 pm at APD West

16 K-State Open House

#### MAY

3 Faculty meeting at 2:30 PM in room 207 in the Union

6 Heintzelman + Kremer Jury

9-13 Final examinations

14 APDesign Commencement at McCain Auditorium

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