# archinfo

We are excited to have our Professional Advisory Board and the Dean's Advisory Council in town this weekend for fall meetings. Be sure to say hi and welcome them as they walk through studios.

Also, I encourage you all to attend our PAB symposium *Alternative Geographies* tomorrow, November 4, 4:30 p.m. at APDWest (*see details below*).

Have a great weekend!

Matthew Knox, AIA Professor and Head

# arch\_spotlight

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In collaboration with HOK in Kansas City, our studio has been researching and studying Atlanta, particularly in the downtown core. The semester's studio project is focused on analyzing information about downtown Atlanta and producing a cohesive master plan to help reconnect and revitalize the city, and to create an evolution of the urban core. Starting with the

idea of a new Major League Soccer stadium and regional transit hub being built in Atlanta, we are surveying the needs of the local district for missing programmatic elements that follow the themes of live, work, and play. From our initial research our focus of the master plan is the area referred to as the Gulch. This area is on the southwest edge of Atlanta's downtown and has become a major divide of the city socially, racially and economically.

After the key research was done, our studio took a week-long trip to Atlanta to dig deeper into the research in order to create a more accurate and thorough master plan. HOK led us on a site tour of the Mercedes-Benz stadium, which will become the new home to the Atlanta Falcons next fall. While walking around the Gulch, we wanted to take our own data readings, so we brought 6 Smart Citizen sensors with us. These sensors, made by a university in Barcelona, measure light quality, temperature, humidity, sound levels, C02 emissions, and more. Through the readings from these sensors, we managed to get accurate and real-time data on our site. After the week of analysis and seeing sites around the city, it was time to come back and reflect on our newfound knowledge.

Currently, we are reworking and tweaking our master plan to match the information we have gathered on our trip. Once we create a final master plan for downtown Atlanta, each individual in the studio will pick a site and program that fits within the master plan to design. This includes but is not limited to-new venues for sports and entertainment, lodging and housing, and transit hubs and infrastructure.

## arch\_announcements

PAB Symposium | Friday, November 4 | 4:30 p.m. | APD West *Alternative Geographies* 

Join our distinguished panel for a lively discussion with professionals who have taken career paths to alternative geographies. Where do you want to go?

Four professionals who have taken career paths all across the globe will join us virtually to share what prompted them to choose their employment situation, what additional trials they have overcome, benefits uncovered and how they have shaped their career as an architect.

### CARRIE WILBERT | Paris | 2011 Graduate | Architect

Originally from the Kansas City area. An interest in urban design and international projects led her career path to Paris, France. She pursued a post-graduate degree in Urban Planning from ENSA Paris-Belleville and specialized in large scale projects in Europe and Asia. She currently

works at Arte CharpentierArchitectes, based in Paris, where she participates on a variety of projects in Europe, South America, Africa, China, and Central Asia.

#### SCOTT BARTON | Kansas City | 1996 Graduate | Architect

Originally from Kansas City area. Moved to New York City after graduation to fulfill his desire to work on international high-end hospitality. While in NYC he worked on projects in China, Thailand, Egypt, Morocco, Russia, Australia, UAE, and all over the US. He made his way back to the Midwest and currently serves as Hollis & Miller Architects Design Director and Partner.

### DANA WILLIAMSON | Dodge City | 2014 Graduate | Architect

Originally from Bennington, KS. Upon graduation worked for Bruce McMillian Architecture. She recently took on starting a satellite office in Dodge City, KS and works on local projects as well as projects in surrounding Kansas municipalities.

### arch\_dates + events

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 3 APDesign Scholarship Reception | 6:00 p.m. | Manhattan Country Club
- 3-5 PAB and DAC Meetings | Seaton Hall, Manhattan Country Club, APDWest
- 5 APDesignTailgate & Watch Party | 1115 Moro | Alumni PAB DAC
- 6 Daylight Savings Time | fall back one hour
- 8 Faculty Meeting | 2:30 p.m. | Chang Gallery
- 9 Beaux Arts Ball | sponsored by AIAS | 9:00 p.m. | Tate's Bar
- 10 Provost's Distinguished Lecture Dr. Haroon Ullah | 11:30 a.m. | Forum Hall
- 16 Jonathan Arnold Lecture | 4:30 | Engineering Auditorium Fielder Hall
- 21-25 Fall Break (classes resume 11/28)

