



Congrats to Assistant Professor Chris Fein, who will be featured in the September issue of *Dwell* magazine for the renovation work he has done on his home in Prairie Village, Kansas and other projects by his practice, [Forward Design | Architecture](#). Click on the photo banner above for the online feature!

Photo\_ *Dwell* magazine

# archinfo

Welcome to diēs caniculārēd, otherwise known as the dog days of summer. I think my shoes started to melt walking across the Bosco Plaza. Anyway, it is a bittersweet week as Friday will be Kari's last day as she is moving back to Virginia. I can't thank her enough for all she has done for the department. At the same time we are all happy for her starting new adventures. Last week was Rebecca's last week, but in classic Rebecca style she was in the office today wrapping up loose ends. We might need to change the locks.

So for now Megan and I will be the office. Things are going to be accelerating from here on out and we might get behind, so please be patient during the transition. Fifth-year faculty can help us out by getting studio descriptions in by the 29th so we can send them out on the 1st. Todd and I will work on the retreat agenda this week so if you have any topic suggestions please let me know.

Stay cool and carry on.

Matthew Knox AIA  
Professor and Head

## arch\_right now

This summer, I co-taught a course in the USD 383 STEM Summer Institute entitled "Introduction to Passive Architecture."

The course was attended by student in 7th to 10th grade and was co-taught with Kent Dick, a science teacher at USD 383. During the course, students learned about building science and passive energy efficiency strategies, applying introductory knowledge to the design and construction of a small model house that they tested during the class using scientific instruments in a simulated winter and summer.

Winter testing was carried out in a refrigerated test chamber in the Institute for Environmental Research (IER) at Kansas State (part of the College of Engineering) with help from Director Steve Eckels and Garrett Mann, a research engineer at IER. During testing, students had a chance to modify and improve their designs for a final test. Four students from the College of Education assisted the class as student teachers. It was crazy and awesome fun.

Michael Gibson  
Assistant Professor

## arch\_alumni spotlight



**Design build project playAchomo by the FUNdaMENTAL team in Guatemala needs your support!**

Two recent architecture graduates, Kelly Pyle and Ryan Hergott, created this promo video for the design build project "playAchomo," being design by the FUNdaMENTAL team that they are a part of in Guatemala. The project name is a play off the Spanish word "playa" which means beach, so essentially they are designing an urban beach covered by a large colorful

canopy. The site the team has chosen for this year's intervention of underused space is on the grounds of the Centro Cultural Miguel Angel Asturias (CCMAA).

Click here to learn more about the project and to donate: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/playachomo--2#/>

## arch\_aia ks design awards

Each year AIA Kansas offers, as part of the statewide Excellence in Design Awards Program, a category just for students from Kansas State University and the University of Kansas.

AIA Kansas will host the statewide conference in Manhattan in conjunction with the Central States Region (Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma) on Thursday 20 October at the Hilton Garden Inn, with the awards celebration to be held that evening at the Wareham. This is a prime opportunity for K-State students to shine! Steve Dumez from Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, AIA 2014 Firm of the Year, will be the jury chair for the design awards.

The student must be an AIA member to submit. If you are not currently a member you can become one in order to submit a project for the awards program (email Jeremy Migneco, president of AIA at <migneco@ksu.edu>). It costs \$50 and the submission deadline is Monday 25 July at 5:00p CDT – **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED**.

To enter, follow this link: <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=XTLAFXFM>

Faculty, please encourage your students to submit. Students please enter your studio design projects! Your year in the program doesn't matter. The quality of the work does.

## arch\_\_announcements

Studio descriptions for the fifth year will be posted on Canvas and emailed to fifth years on Monday, August 1st. Third and fourth year studio descriptions will be posted on Canvas and emailed out on Monday, August 8th. **ALL preferecing forms will be due via email on Friday, August 12th at noon**. Studio assignments and rosters will be EMAILED out on Friday, August 19th at 1:00 pm along with a layout of the studios and students may begin moving into APDWest at this time.

**The Architecture Fall Faculty Retreat is scheduled for August, Tuesday 16th from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Flint Hills Room at the Manhattan Country Club**. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. A detailed agenda will be emailed out later this week.

The College Faculty/Staff Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th at 9:00 am in Seaton 63.

Monday, August 22nd is the first day of classes for the fall 2016 semester.

The APDesign All College Forum will take place Monday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm in Forum Hall. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. The All College Photo will take place right afterwards, at 4:45 pm outside Seaton Hall followed by the All College Student Picnic!

## arch\_dates + events

### JULY

25 AIA KS Excellence in Design Award submissions due 5:00 pm [click here for more information](#)

### AUGUST

**8-12 Studio preferencing takes place**

**12 Studio preferencing forms due via email to [architecture@ksu.edu](mailto:architecture@ksu.edu)**

**15 Faculty Staff Picnic** (details TBA)

**16 Architecture Faculty Retreat** 11:30 to 4:30 pm Flint Hills Room Manhattan Country Club

17 ENVD Coordination Meeting 10:00 to 3:00 pm

**18 College Faculty Staff Meeting 9:00 am in Seaton 63**

22 First day of classes

22 All College Forum at 4:00 pm in Forum Hall

22 All College Photo at 4:45 pm outside Seaton

22 All College Student Picnic following the photo

30 Faculty meeting 2:30 pm in the Chang Gallery

