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Dear alumni and friends of the department, Greetings! I am happy to report that the state of the Department of Urban Planning is strong and getting stronger. Our numbers are growing in both the undergraduate and graduate programs, a testament to the dedication and hard work of our faculty. This fall semester, we have twenty eight students joining us from the first year program. Twenty four new graduate students also joined us this year, including four from China.

The outlook of our profession is also strong! Urban planning has been listed as one of the top growth professions by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and by US News Money Magazine. The world needs us! In the public, private and nonprofit sectors, urban planners are needed to help manage sprawl, to design sustainable neighborhoods, to help formulate and implement efficient transportation policies, and to help businesses make location efficient decisions, among others. I can say with confidence that our graduates will be up to these tasks and more! Our faculty are dedicated and committed to helping our students receive the best skills for the workforce.

The department is a dynamic entity and continues to grow and change not only in our student population, but also in the composition of our faculty. This year the department is reinvigorated with the addition of four new faculty. Prof. Deeg joins us as a tenure track faculty this fall. He is well known to most of us, having been with the department for several years now as a contract faculty. In addition to his regular teaching responsibilities, Prof. Deeg now takes on the role of Director of the First Year program, an important element of our recruiting strategy. We are also happy to welcome back to the department, Prof. Audrey Knight, a certified urban planner. Prof. Knight taught in the department in the early 1990s and we are happy to have her back. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies (University of Maryland, College Park, 1986) and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning (George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1990). She is a professional planner with twenty years of experience in public, private, and academic sectors. She also has a diverse range of experience in urban planning including regional planning, site design, disaster recovery, and environmental impact assessment.

We also welcome Prof. Dunaway to the department. Prof. Dunaway is a graduate of the Landscape Architecture program at Ball State and is finishing up her Masters of Natural Resources this fall, with a specialization in Ecological Planning, at the University of Vermont, Burlington. Her professional practice has included practicing landscape architecture and urban planning and design, as well as sustainable economic and environmental planning. Prof. Dunaway is the owner of Sensible Ecology, LLC, a consulting firm that facilitates the understanding and application of ecological principles to the built environment.

The fourth person joining us this year is Mick Cseri. Prof. Cseri has twenty years of experience in the GIS industry including ten years of managing GIS projects in both the public and private sectors. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Ivy Tech Community College and teaches an introductory course in GIS in the Geology Department at IPFW University. Prof. Cseri will be teaching the GIS courses in our department this academic year. He is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) with Bachelor of Arts in Geography, 1988 from Valparaiso University, and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Purdue University, 2009. He also has a Master of Arts in Geography, from Western Michigan University, 1990. We are happy to have him in the department. With these new additions, our department is refreshed and ready for the new academic year! Mahatma Ghandi once said, “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” In this newsletter, you will read the stories of the many change agents in the department, initiating and bringing about change in communities around the state and around the globe. Enjoy!
Professor Kelly has been elected Chair of the University Senate for 2010-11. The senate is the “upper house” in a two-tiered governance system at Ball State and acts as an advisory body to the President on the university’s educational policy. These include university admission policy, establishment of instructional standards, budget, curriculum and degree requirements. In his role as Chair, Prof. Kelly will be in charge of establishing the agenda for the Senate meetings, and liaising with the President and Board of Trustees for the University on all governance matters. Our congratulations to Professor Kelly on this very important responsibility. We know he will serve us well.

In May Professor Eric Kelly, together with Amy Gregg, Associate Professor of Natural Resources, led a field study trip to Colorado’s San Isabel National Forest. The trip focused in part on the early recreational facilities designed for that area by Arthur Carhart, the first landscape architect employed by the U.S. Forest Service some 90 years ago. Many of the roads and trails that Carhart planned remain in active use, as does a city-owned part that abuts the forest. The Forest Service has recently restored and reconstructed some of Carhart’s recreational facilities.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Mountain Park Environmental Center (www.takeahike.org ), a non-profit organization now operating what was once Pueblo Mountain Park as an educational center. The organization is in the middle of making an adaptive reuse of the CCC-era Horseshoe Lodge, which is largely heated with a European bio-mass boiler and which features centralized Clivus Multrum toilets. The organization has developed funding to bring every fifth grader in Pueblo County (population about 120,000) to the park six times during the year.

Although the group spent time hiking – sometimes in snow that remained four feet deep on north slopes – and white-water rafting, they stayed in relative comfort at Hermit Basin Conference Center, above Westcliffe. The group also visited some local historic preservation sites and several museums. They crossed cultural boundaries, visiting Colorado’s oldest city, San Luis – settled by Spanish in the sixteenth century, well before European settlers found other parts of Colorado. The group found an unanticipated opportunity when they learned that Christo would be doing a presentation nearby on his proposed installation for the Arkansas River so they got to meet Christo and took pictures with him. More information about this project is available at www.overtheriverinfo.org.

Off campus Prof. Kelly has served for nearly two years as Chair of the Muncie-Delaware County Government Reorganization Committee. The committee was established under Indiana’s Government Modernization Act when the Muncie City Council and the Delaware County Commissioners passed identical resolutions to authorize it. In June, the committee delivered to city and county officials a proposed plan to consolidate most local government functions of the city and county. The eight committee members included four Republicans and four Democrats. They were appointed by the mayor, the city council, the county commissioners and the county council. All committee members were volunteers. They had research and technical support from Prof. Charles D. “Chip” Taylor of Ball State’s Bowen Center. The group’s report is available at www.mundelreorg.org.
My experience with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was enlightening and inspiring. I was grateful that I was selected for such a prestigious position, but being the city girl that I am, I was anxious to see what adventures the internship had in store. The first day of work put a null to any hesitancy I had. My boss ensured me that I was chosen for the position because of my background in land use, public affairs, and community outreach.

As an ISDA intern I was able to help with a number of projects that the department was sponsoring. For instance, ISDA was one of the main sponsors for the Habitat for Humanity Home Build that took place at the State Fair this summer. I helped recruit volunteers, attended weekly meetings with all of the Home’s sponsors and helped create the display banner that was placed at the site. While at the panel build, which took place a few weeks before the fair, my fellow coworkers, the family of the home, and other volunteers and I were hard at work nailing studs together and putting the home's panels in place. It was so rewarding to talk with the new home’s family and share with them such a magical moment.

Another community outreach opportunity I enjoyed was serving on the board of the cultural and culinary event and showcase for “Dig In: A Taste of Indiana.” While I was specifically in charge of volunteer recruitment for the event, I was able to attend weekly meetings where the group of established professionals and local leaders talked about everything from educational panel discussions, featured chefs, and urban garden exhibits. It was great to see how the roles of every volunteer came together as we worked to make this agriculture and culinary event such a success.

One specific learning opportunity came when I researched impact fees including a summary of current statutes, their intent, and requirements. I analyzed how impact fees could be used and abused in rural communities and how the outcomes could adversely affect agriculture, especially during times of economic struggle and finding sources for local revenue. Throughout the internship I also helped update the SharePoint database for Indiana’s conservation districts, organized the ISDA photography contest, and assisted with the preparations for the Indiana State Fair.

My favorite part of the internship was working with and learning from my fellow interns. I was able to share this experience with three of Indiana’s most intelligent and engaging students, for each day brought new political debates, talks of our past experiences, and discussion of our future goals. My internship with ISDA confirmed my professional goals of a career in political service in community activism. I gained practical experience that helped me truly understand the relationship between the well-being of a political community and that of the citizens who comprise the group. At the same time, I realized the role that democracy serves as an impetus for self-growth and discovery. I also learned how important Indiana’s agricultural heritage is to the state’s sustainability from bioengineering, rural renewal, and environmental stewardship. As a servant-leader, I aim to establish a holistic understanding and approach to serving others and communities, and this internship allowed me to do just that.
Professor Adams was awarded a summer assessment grant for $500 to research and help us understand the impact that the Summer Workshop has on CAP applications, admissions, enrollment and choice of major. Her study will investigate the internal student path that leads 50% of the sophomore urban planning students to be summer workshop alums. The topic of her research is “CAP Summer Workshop – Once They Come, Where Do They Go?”

This past summer, Prof. Adams was also under contract with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization, working with Lori Miser, Director, and Phil Roth, Assistant Director, to develop a response to an RFP put out by the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for FY 2010 under the Discretionary Livability Funding Opportunity: Alternative Analysis Program. The grant that Prof. Adams wrote requested funding in the amount $2.5 million to study alternative alignments and technologies for the Washington Street Corridor that runs east-west from Cumberland to Plainfield through the center of Indianapolis and other downtown neighborhoods. In the spring semester Prof. Adams plans to design a graduate studio in physical planning and transportation based on the RFP that she wrote.

Additionally, working with Brad Beaubien and Bruce Race of the CAP Indy Center, Prof. Adams worked in an SDAT Charrette in Indianapolis to direct the development of a neighborhood profile with seven graduate planning students. She led them in the survey of existing conditions, which included on site windshield surveys of vacant lots, abandoned houses, infrastructure conditions and survey of community interests. Information from this fieldwork now populates the GIS database at the Department of Metropolitan Development, Division of Planning.

Prof. Adams also participated in an AIA Sustainable Design Assistance Team community based design, a three-day charrette in the Martindale-Brightwood, King Park neighborhoods assisting students, professionals and community members to develop sustainable alternatives for future quality of life and environmental change.
Prof. Lohren Deeg presented “Charrettes: Formula or Chaos?” at the CAP Faculty Symposium in the spring semester of 2010. This talk discussed how the Charrette process as a tool for community planning and urban design has been recently formalized by some organizations despite its situational beginnings in the late 20th century, and how short and long term results of charrettes can inform a community planning conversation for many years.

In the summer of 2009, Prof. Deeg also participated in the crafting of urban design concepts, urban design guidelines, specification of streetscape elements, design development for public spaces, and the rehabilitation and reuse of historic structures in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. The project was conducted in partnership with Studio•Three (Muncie), the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (Pittsburgh office), and the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority.

For the past year, Prof. Dunaway has been working with the Indiana Wildlife Federation to create and teach the Environmental Habitat Steward Certificate Program, a 28-hour workshop intended to train design professionals on how to properly recognize, create, and maintain viable wildlife habitat in the built environment. Upon completion of the workshop, professionals can certify Wildlife-Friendly sites such as schools, backyards, corporate campuses, and places of worship on behalf of the Indiana Wildlife Federation. In a nutshell, it teaches the participants how to design and plan for the preservation of biodiversity. There has been tremendous success in extending this program to landscape architects, urban planners, engineers, and other design professionals.

Prof. Dunaway’s consulting firm Sensible Ecology, LLC facilitates the understanding and application of ecological science to the built environment. Upon request she wrote an article for an edition of the Indiana APA newsletter on the need for planners and other design professionals to gain an understanding of the interplay between the natural and built environments. This fall/winter she will also be presenting similar materials at the OKI Regional Planning Conference, the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects annual meeting, and the Indiana Arborists Association annual meeting.
This past summer Chase Morris (BUPD 2010), Corey Feldpausch (MURP 2011) and Korey Robinzine (BS 2011) made a presentation of Bronzeville 2040, a real estate development plan in Chicago.

This is a strategic redevelopment and implementation plan to transform the Bronzeville community of Southside Chicago into a thriving urban area. This project began in January, when Professor Bruce Frankel took on the role of mentor to both Chase Morris and Korey Robinzine, guiding them through the learning process. The students conducted background research of cutting-edge development strategies, explored funding sources, and determined the feasibility of a market for housing, commercial, and retail uses in the neighborhood. A thorough site analysis was conducted, leading to a proposal of eleven sites to be developed within the Bronzeville community. Some of the uses include student-workforce housing, affordable housing, a creative-class housing development, and a business incubator.

The eleven sites were then broken up into four development phases. Phase one includes four development proposals, with a financial feasibility calculation for each. As with all plans, an implementation strategy was provided, including a timeline of future deliverables, as well as suggestions for stakeholder involvement.

On Monday, July 19, 2010, Chase and Corey presented Bronzeville 2040 to the Black Metropolis Convention and Tourism Council in Chicago, Illinois. Also in attendance was a development team for a proposed marketplace consisting of community developers, architects, general contractors, and green building and technology consultants. The project and presentation was well received by those in attendance, and has created a buzz in the community.

Along with Professor Frankel, a number of other individuals played an integral role in Bronzeville 2040. Nikkitta McCoy (MURP 2011) helped with site analysis, zoning, due diligence, and financial feasibility analysis. Kory Robinzine (undergraduate GIS major, Urban Planning minor) provided 3-D architectural renderings, streetscape, site plans, and floor plans for the first phase. Christopher Palladino, a former land-developer and current Special Assistant to the Vice President of Business Affairs here at Ball State University, provided insight and helpful suggestions to the Bronzeville plan.

Both Chase and Corey found this project to be intellectually challenging and intensive but rewarding as they learned skills for professional practice. After some discussion between Professor Frankel and APA representatives, Chase, Kory, and Corey will be presenting some of the redevelopment strategies at “Tuesdays at APA” in January 2011, at the APA headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.
Prof. Bruce Race assisted the University of California in Merced (UCM) to prepare a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) for a new sustainable 25,000-person campus located in California’s rapidly growing Central Valley. To date, the plan has received three awards in 2009:

• 2010 AIA/California Council Urban Design Merit Award
• 2009 Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award
• 2009 Outstanding Planning Document, Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP)

Prof. Race and Gov. Schwarzenegger of California

The National Renewable Energy Lab also listed UC Merced’s plan as a leading example of effective land use planning with respect to energy conservation and employment of renewable energy in long range and climate action planning. Details can be viewed at:


Prof. Race teaches in the Master of Urban Design (MUD) program and partners with CAP Indy Center’s Director, Brad Beaubien on immersive learning projects with MUD students. The students’ East Washington Street corridor studio received funding support from the City of Indianapolis Brownfields Program to prepare conceptual revitalization scenarios to facilitate community input.

This past year Prof. Race made several presentations at professional conferences including: “Transit Oriented Development and Public-Private Partnerships,” at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Policy Conference, Indianapolis, IN (2009), and was a panelist at the ACSA Annual Meeting, Sustainable Future on the Monon - - Design Center Panelist, New Orleans, LA (2010).

In addition, Prof. Race participated in and facilitated several workshops: SDAT Charrette, CAP Coordinator, Indianapolis, IN (2009); Uplands Charrette, BBC, Ball State University Team (2010); and Mallory District Charrette, Coordinator, CAP Indy Center, Indianapolis, IN (2010). He also was facilitator for Smart Growth Renewal District Charrette and Co-chair of SDAT Coordination Committee Indianapolis, (2009-2010), in which over 80 CAP students and eight faculty participated.

Prof. Race continuous to engage in professional practice. He designed the Waterfront and Fremont Park Neighborhoods Master Plan; new infill neighborhoods on industrial brownfield sites, Stockton CA; the Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor Plan, 3-mile strip corridor conversion to mixed-use/transit corridor, Sacramento County, CA; and a new community for 15,000 people associated with the UC Merced campus.

SDAT - - Over 80 CAP students participated

Prof. Race reviews students’ work with Mayor Ballard.
Professor Francis Parker visited Romania for two weeks in June, and found a fascinating combination of historic and modern development, together with signs that the country may be unwittingly starting down the road to urban sprawl. Romania dates its name and language back to the original Roman occupation, but didn’t become an independent country until 1877, after centuries of invasion from all sides. It assumed its present size only in 1920, with the addition of Transylvania, legendary home of Dracula – Vlad the Impaler.

Cities in Transylvania date back to German settlements of the 1200s. Sibiu (originally Hermannstadt), retains parts of its medieval walls and town square, and was declared a European Capital of Culture in 2007. Other cities have intact medieval centers, plus later squares that exhibit urban design and architecture from the Renaissance up to the Art Nouveau movement of the early 1900s. Victory Plaza, in Timisoara, is dominated by an orthodox cathedral at one end and the opera house at the other, and was the scene of the demonstrations in 1989 which toppled the Communist Ceausescu regime.

Romania’s urban fabric suffered badly under the communist regime, with wide-scale bulldozing of historic areas to make way for modern housing. While the housing blocks exhibit more interesting architecture than their American public housing counterparts, they create monotonous zones where there were once narrow streets and picturesque buildings. Bucharest, the capital, exhibits extreme examples. Inspired by North Korea, the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu ordered the entire heart of the city cleared in order to build the massive Palace of the People, second only to the Pentagon in size. Surrounding it are vast empty expanses which were intended as the site of “spontaneous popular demonstrations” in Ceausescu’s honor. Unfortunately for him, one of these demonstrations in 1989 led to his ouster and sudden execution, followed by years when the country was seeking a new course. A large expanse surrounding the Palace of the People is now just weeds.

Romania was admitted to the European Union in 2007, and demonstrates today a split personality. Modern convenience stores and gas stations line the highways where trucks from all over Europe compete for space with horse-drawn farm wagons. Expressways are under construction in a piecemeal fashion, while side streets in villages remain dirt. There is evidence of refurbishing of some areas of historic building, but also the beginnings of what could become runaway sprawl with modern factories and suburban homes lining the highways away from urban centers. Public transportation remains excellent in the urban cores, including electric trolley buses and streetcars in many cities, but it remains to be seen whether they will repeat the U.S. history of decline as the cities sprawl outward at a lower density. While there is a great interest in economic development, there is little evidence of sound planning to manage its impacts.

At least one of our alumni has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania. Study trips are led every June by Ball State Anthropology Professor James Nyce, with a focus on the issues of modernization and cultural change. He would be happy to have Urban Planning students on the trips.
In July I participated in the conference on Sustainable Urban Development in Architecture and Urban Development (SAUD) in Amman, Jordan. It was highly informative. After the conference, I took the opportunity to visit Petra.

The name Petra comes from the word rock and rightly so because much of the land in the city is of sandstone and mountainous. Petra is well known for two reasons. It is the burial site of Aaron, the brother of Moses. His tomb is atop one of the mountains and is a major tourist attraction. The second major attraction of Petra, and one that was of interest to me as an urban planner, is its “design.” The city was “built” by the Nabataeans.

In urban planning we are guided by several factors in the layout of a community including topography, accessibility and convenience in the location of land uses, efficiency in city functions, aesthetics, and attention to the cultural values of the residents, among others. In this respect, the Nabataeans were master planners in the way they laid out their community. At its peak in about 100AD Petra must have housed close to 40,000 residents. This was no easy feat given that all residential units were carved into the high mountain cliffs, with the most rudimentary of hand tools.

In approaching the city, one immediately notices how the Nabataeans planned the city to maximize and take advantage of the topography of the land. Because the community is built in a valley they had to divert storm water away from the settlement so that it is not denuded during the rainy season. Using rudimentary tools of rocks and animal bones, they chiseled a canal through a hill to take the rain water away from the main “settlement”, eventually emptying it at the edge of the community. The rainwater that fell from the mountains was controlled through narrow ducts carved into the sandstone hills.

Equally impressive was the “grand entrance” to the settlement. In modern day parlance, we would characterize this as the “gateway” to the community. City residents, and now visitors, entered the community through a narrow gorge between two mountains. The entrance way is discreet yet majestic. To those unfamiliar with the terrain the entrance way is hardly noticeable and this may have provided protection for residents from invading enemies. Once discovered, the gateway is imposing on the visitor. Past the gateway and in the mountains to the right and left are the residential caves of the city’s residents.

Religion was a major element of Nabataean life. The dead were worshiped as part of Nabataean religious ceremonies. Located among the residential caves and scattered about the settlement are graves of the dead, adorned with inscriptions of the names of family members and in some cases, the dates of burial. Places of worship were placed atop the highest mountains.

The Nabataeans also had a rich civic life. As one travels a couple of miles into the settlement through the gateway, you eventually come to what may be regarded as the public square or courtyard measuring about two acres in size. Here you find the most majestic feature of the settlement. Carved out of the mountain are Romanesque columns rising about ten stories high of different artistic impressions, showcasing the entrance to the King’s “castle” and burial place. The courtyard was the public meeting place where funeral ceremonies and other festive events were held.
Walking further down from the public square one comes to the community theatre that could have seated more than a thirty thousand spectators. The theatre was also used for entertainment and other community gatherings.

A prominential street run through the length of the settlement. Upon leaving the theatre and along both sides of the colonnaded and marble paved street are public buildings and shops.

That was as far as my legs could take me in the hour and half of walking through the settlement. There was more to see and a lot more is being discovered of Petra by archaeologists. Once it is all said and done I am sure it will add to our knowledge of how the Nabataeans designed and built their urban settlement. I intend to complete the rest of the trip on my next visit. If you are ever in Jordan, I highly recommend visiting Petra. As an urban planner, I was fascinated by this ancient but unique “city in the rocks.”
Heather was selected along with three other young professionals by Rotary District 6560 for the Group Study Exchange Program. The group, which included a Rotarian team leader, travelled to the Netherlands from April 29, 2010 to May 30th in order to experience the culture, observe the practice of their vocations abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and to exchange ideas with others in their professions. The program is open to persons between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers and the selection process involves an application and interview.

During the four-week tour Heather had the opportunity to visit private housing developments, public housing organizations, redevelopment, water and transportation projects, and met with planning professionals. Heather reports that she learned a great deal about how urban planning is practiced in the Netherlands and was very impressed with the progressive approach used to develop a country that is the twenty-seventh most densely populated in the world. While land use planning is very strict, the creative reuse of churches, monasteries, schools, and other historic structures allows for new development to flourish inside the urban growth boundaries. Examples of this type of reuse were seen in the transformation of a 15th century monastery into the Kruisherren hotel and an 800 year old Dominican church that is now a Selexyz book store. For more information please visit http://goingdutchrotary.blogspot.com/

From left to right: Dick (team leader), David, Jen, Heather, and Kevin
The undergraduate Real Estate Development minor completed its first year with twelve [12] enrolled students with majors in urban planning, architecture, organizational management, marketing & management, and accounting. In May the program realized its first graduate, Chase Morris with his major in urban planning. The RED minor is an interdisciplinary initiative, involving three colleges and eight departments, and is administered by the UP Department. It offers specializations in construction, housing & property management, public policy & facilities, community development, and business administration & real estate law. Professor Bruce Frankel serves as its director, and interested students are encouraged to explore the minor with him [bfrankel@nsu.edu; 285-5869; AB 307].

Last year also witnessed the approval by the College of the interdisciplinary RED graduate certificate program, which is scheduled for review by the University’s Graduate Education Committee on September 14. That program entails fifteen [15] credit hours, and is endorsed by the participating four colleges and six departments. If honored, the request for early implementation would start the program this spring 2011, and Professor Frankel welcomes your consideration. Both the undergraduate minor and the graduate certificate in RED are suitable and useful complements to a variety of major fields of concentrated study, including urban planning [implement plans] and architecture [design and build].

**CAP Lecture Series**

The following people have been tapped to provide insightful lectures in CAP this fall. John Norquist, Daniel Roehr, Steven Mouzon, and Markus Dochantschi.

**John Norquist's**
**Tuesday, September 14, 4pm**

John Norquist's work promoting New Urbanism as an alternative to sprawl and antidote to sprawl's social and environmental problems draws on his experience as big-city mayor and prominent participant in national discussions on urban design and school reform. John is a professor of urban planning and former mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Daniel Roehr**
**Monday, October 11, 4pm**

Daniel is an internationally based researcher, practitioner and educator focusing on developing a green roof rating system, green roof agriculture, integrated rainwater harvesting, and systems for stormwater management. Daniel is a registered landscape architect in both Berlin and British Columbia.

**Steven Mouzon**
**Monday, November 1, 4pm**

Steve Mouzon is an architect, urbanist, author, and photographer from Miami. He founded the New Urban Guild, which helped foster the Katrina Cottages movement. The Guild hosts Project:SmartDwelling. The Guild's nonprofit affiliate is the Guild Foundation; it hosts the Original Green initiative.
Markus Dochantschi
Monday, November 8, 4pm

Markus founded studioMDA in New York 2002. studioMDA’s approach is to creatively engage all parties at the very beginning, forming an inspirational collaboration in defining architecture. Markus is an architect and former project architect for Zaha Hadid’s Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chicago Field Trip
As a low cost alternative to the Denver trip during Field Trip Week, Professor Frankel is organizing a two-day trip to Chicago, that is scheduled for Tuesday - Wednesday, October 5-6. The will use university vans. Students will spend the night in Chicago on Tuesday. Projected cost per student for the trip is $70, depending on enrollment, and choice of hotel occupancy.

The intensive two daytrip includes guided tours of best practice planning and community development venues, with Tuesday as those in the inner suburban ring and Wednesday as inner city, including a meeting with National APA.

A detailed itinerary and budget is under preparation. Student funds for the trip, requisite for the reservation of hotel rooms, have a mid-September deadline. Professor Frankel and his co-organizers, MURP students Patrick Ainsworth and Lauren Glad, welcome your input as to venues and participation in this immersive field experience.

American Planning Association (APA)

APA will hold the 2011 National Planning Conference at the Hynes Convention Center from April 9-12, 2011. Boston, Massachusetts.

World Planning Schools Congress

The WPSC will be held from 4th to 8th July 2011 in Perth, Western Australia, Australia

Website:

CapAsia Study abroad

Sanjaweena at the Study Abroad CAPASIA fair Sept 2010.