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A very Happy New year to all! According to Chinese Zodiac, 2011 is the year of the Rabbit. It is a year for introspection and reflection, a time for diplomacy and harmony, but also a time for self indulgence. Good things happen in the year of the Rabbit. If history is a guide, it was a year of the Rabbit in 1951 when the Treaty of Paris was signed establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the harbinger of the current European Union. This treaty contributed to the peaceful coexistence of European countries, set off the expansion of world trade, and influenced the formation of other regional trading blocs such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). While there are concerns over the distributional and environmental impacts of global trade, its contribution to global welfare is unmistakable. I have been reflecting on this and how this year of the Rabbit may apply to the department’s strategic plans in 2011. Along the principles that guide action in the year of the Rabbit I suggest we focus on four strategic goals for the department. First, we need to strengthen our level of engagement with key stakeholders so that together we can provide the leadership that is needed on planning matters in the state. This united front will help us in our efforts to influence policy with the state legislature and to educate the general public about urban planning and its relevance to the improvement of the welfare of Indiana residents. Strengthening these relationships will also help position the department as the first line of contact for professional guidance on planning issues. Second, we need to pursue a harmonious coexistence with our sister disciplines in the college even as we stake a stronger presence within CAP. Our goal here is to make urban planning the profession of choice for students looking to choose a major at the university. We will pursue this goal in part by claiming a greater footprint in the college to showcase the varied professional careers in both the public and private sectors that are open to urban planners and the significant life impacts that urban planners make to society. Our presence in the building will soon be felt when we host the practitioner in residence (PIR) and occupy the atrium for the community project that he/she will be jointly working on with our students. The final plans and proposals will be displayed in the hallways and presented to policy makers in the community. Third, we should continue to court a stronger bond with our alumni in the
development of our curriculum, in helping to lighten the financial burden of our students, but also by responding to their educational needs. This summer we will be extending the boundaries of our department’s programs beyond Muncie and Indianapolis when we begin offering some of our courses online. Two of our courses, Planning Law and Advanced Planning Theory, will be offered for the first time online to our alumni who seek professional graduate degrees but the courses are also open to all who seek the quality planning education that we provide. In addition to these online courses, we will also launch the Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development (RED) at the Indianapolis Center with several course offerings starting in the summer. Finally, the year of the Rabbit beckons us to engage in self indulgence so let’s celebrate our many accomplishments. We will continue to celebrate the achievements of our students, alumni, faculty, and staff in their tireless work to make Indiana, indeed the global community, a better place for all through policy and environmental design. Cynthia Bowen (BUPD 1996) will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the department this year. Since graduating from the department, Cynthia has pursued an excellent professional career in urban planning and has directed many planning projects in both the US and abroad. We take pride in her accomplishments and are delighted to welcome her back to the department for the event. We also have budding urban planners in our students whose work deserves recognition. To this end, faculty have selected excellent student projects for recognition in the Chair’s list. This work is on display in the hallways of the department. We will also continue to celebrate who we are and the role we play in creating livable places. For the second year in a row the *US News and World Report* has listed urban planning as one of the top jobs for 2011. This is cause for celebration not just because we are planners but because it helps to highlight the importance of a profession that helps to create harmony between the physical, social, economic, and environmental aspects of a community’s development; a perfect selection in a year of the Rabbit!

**Michael A. Burayidi, Ph.D.**
**Professor and Chair**
Cynthia A. Bowen, AICP, LEED AP (BUPD 1996)
Associate, Director of Planning and Urban Design
RW Armstrong

Cynthia Bowen, a graduate of Ball State University’s Urban Planning Program, is the Director of Planning and Urban Design and an Associate at RW Armstrong. She is a certified planner who brings tremendous master plan and policy-oriented experience for both Midwestern and International clients.

In 2007, Cynthia joined RW Armstrong, a 50-year-old engineering consulting firm headquartered in Indianapolis, to launch the company’s first planning and urban design group. Within four years, Cynthia’s leadership and vision have helped grow the department into one of the largest consulting planning practices in the Midwest, managing multi-million-dollar projects throughout the U.S. and the Middle East.

Cynthia has expertise in comprehensive and land use planning, master planning, neighborhood and subarea planning, corridor planning, zoning, public participation, and the development of implementation strategies. She serves as the technical lead planner on RW Armstrong’s large, multi-discipline projects. Cynthia draws upon her expertise and design knowledge to work with other disciplines and clients to integrate planning into other non-planning projects and take an outside the box approach to solving clients’ problems.

Cynthia is currently the Region IV Director on the American Planning Association (APA) Board of Directors. The American Planning Association provides leadership in the development of vital communities.
Cynthia A. Bowen (continued)

by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change. Cynthia is recognized for her commitment to planning, leadership skills and knowledge of planning. This includes working on APA Committee’s to address planning issues and promoting the creation of communities of lasting value around the world. Cynthia has served on APA’s Policy and Legislative Committee, as well as its Membership and Governance committees. She is currently the Chair of the Policy and Legislative Committee whose mission is to determine the legislative priorities for APA and develop APA’s policy guides. Her term expires in 2012. Additionally, Cynthia has made presentations on a variety of topics including comprehensive planning, developing zoning ordinances, and public participation techniques at several state and national level conferences. She also volunteers her time for various organizations including the Pike Township Advisory Board, the Lafayette Square Area Coalition, Janus Development Services, Hamilton County Master Gardeners, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful and Alpha Sigma Alpha Social Sorority.
Glen Tracy Williams (BUPD 1968)

Glen Tracy Williams  
Senior Advisor and State Liaison in Ohio  
International City/County Management Association

Mr. Williams, from Mishawaka, Indiana, graduated from Ball State University in 1968 with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He was one of the first graduates in this new program at Ball State. Mr. Williams noted that the job market was excellent because of federal grants which financed planning. He sent out seventeen resumes and had seven job offers. Mr. Williams took a position with the Utah State Highway Department as the first city planner hired by the State to work with an interdisciplinary team on long range transportation issues for the Wasatch Front. He was the liaison to the local planning agencies from Ogden to Provo. Mr. Williams said it has been enjoyable to see the implementation and land use impact of those plans over the years. However, the team did not foresee the light-rail system now in place in Salt Lake City, nor the impact that the Winter Olympic Games would have on the ski resort areas.

Mr. Williams served in the Army in the combat engineers from 1969-71. In 1973, Mr. Williams received a Master’s Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Brigham Young University. After graduation and an internship in California, he was appointed the Assistant City Manager and Planning Director of Casa Grande, Arizona. Mr. Williams’ most difficult challenge was trying to convince the planning commission and city council to use good planning concepts instead of strip zoning the major highway corridors.
Glen Tracy Williams (continued)

In 1975, Mr. Williams was appointed City Manager of Manitou Springs, Colorado, an older resort community at the foot of Pikes Peak just west of Colorado Springs. In 1977, he was appointed City Manager of West Carrollton, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton, where he served as city manager for thirty years before retiring in 2007. During his thirty years in West Carrollton, he was involved in overseeing all aspects of city government including three comprehensive plans, new subdivision regulations, new sign codes, neighborhood revitalization programs, numerous infrastructure improvements, new buildings, streetscape, and other landscape improvements. Mr. Williams was instrumental in obtaining millions of dollars in grants, including Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). He hired planners and planning consultants to assist in many studies to address urban design issues, downtown improvements, park planning, economic development marketing, zoning controls, street lighting, and storm water control. Mr. Williams also implemented strict property maintenance code enforcement to protect property values and encourage high standards.

Mr. Williams and his staff served as technical advisors to Vidin, Bulgaria from 2001 to 2003 in conjunction with local government reform in Bulgaria. He led three trips to Vidin and hosted officials from Vidin when they visited West Carrollton. Special training was given on economic development, citizen involvement, and on the redevelopment of a mile long municipal park along the Danube River waterfront in Vidin. Mr. Williams served in leadership positions in many Ohio professional and civic organizations, including being President of the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA). He is currently the Senior Advisor and State Liaison in Ohio for the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). He attended the Senior Executive Institute (SEI) at the University of Virginia and has completed the ICMA Academy for International Development.

Mr. Williams is grateful for the planning degree he received from Ball State, which he said gave him a solid foundation for his career in city management and a passion for improving all aspects of urban life. He is now involved in commercial real estate, serves as an advisor to local government officials, and volunteers in community service. Mr. Williams and his wife, a retired attorney, enjoy time with their two children and five grandchildren.
Ryan Smith (MURP 2003)

After completing his coursework for his master’s degree in 2003, Ryan Smith went to work at the Madison County Council of Governments, where he was to remain for six years. During his time there, he completed two local comprehensive plans, for the small towns of Orestes and Markleville, IN, and a downtown plan for Summitville. In 2005 he also completed an ambitious, data-driven parking study for Anderson’s central business district, which eventually led to his moderating a session on parking at the APA’s national conference in Philadelphia in 2007. For the next four years he updated and managed the agency’s data on the subject.

In 2005 he won a Fulbright grant to return to India to follow up on work in New Delhi that he performed as a member of the department’s CapAsia program in spring 2003, relating to providing urban water services to an informal settlement there. The grant was derailed, however, due to visa issues, and he remained in Madison County. For his final two years there he served as the rural transit administrator as well as the county’s transit coordinator. He also provided air quality monitoring and project management for the MPO’s CMAQ program, a federal program whose aim it is to reduce auto emissions.

Since leaving his post in Anderson (and the public sector) he has spent more of his time in journalism, serving as a correspondent for The Goshen News in his hometown as well as interviewing members of bands such as In This Moment, Anthrax, and Overkill for examiner.com. After purchasing a shirt with a Cartesian-looking grid on it (shown in picture), which he is fond of wearing, Ryan has observed that people think he’s highly intelligent.
This past summer, I had the exciting opportunity to intern with the Northwestern Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) in Portage, Indiana. NIRPC is the recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Northwest Indiana; it covers three counties, forty-one cities and towns, and an estimated 750,000 people. While I was hired to work only from May 15 to June 30, I was fortunately able to extend my internship up until August 15 through a combination of extended funds, additional projects, and hard work!

During my internship, I was able to experience my first glimpse into the professional world by working with several other interns. This was rewarding because it was one of the first opportunities to collaborate with planning students outside of Ball State’s College of Architecture and Planning. We were able to share and build off of each other’s past experiences, beliefs and values, and academic knowledge in a way that none of us had ever had opportunities to do before. It was both encouraging and exciting to make friendships that I hope will continue throughout my career.

To better understand some of the things I worked on while I was there, it’s best to first know what the Northwestern Regional Planning Commission does. NIRPC, which is the formal body for the council of governments, holds regionwide meetings, conferences, and educational events. Since it is the council of governments, I was able to meet mayors, town council representatives, economic developers, MPO directors, involved community members, and news reporters from around the region. Besides meeting policy makers and individuals who help to influence decisions that affect all of Northwest Indiana, I was privileged to work side-by-side with professional planners with backgrounds and specializations like transportation planning, geographical information systems, environmental planning, community development, and public outreach.

In the three months of my internship, I attended over forty meetings, worked over 400 hours, wrote a 97-page transit study report and created an alternate version for visually impaired individuals, met numerous professionals in my field, increased my understanding of the public-
Ryan Sagar (continued)

planning world, and got paid for all of it! My point is that every student should do at least one internship during college—you’ll finally get to see what you’re learning at college being practiced in real world situations. You get a great opportunity to network, build references, expand your résumé, and sometimes even have fun while you’re doing it. As I move forward in my career, I will always remember the friends I made and the lessons I learned during my summer internship with NIRPC.
Vera Adams, MArch, MCP, MBA
Instructor of Urban Planning

Last summer Professor Adams developed, under contract, a scope of work for an Alternatives Analysis/DEIS for the Washington Street corridor, and put together a grant application to the FTA for that work. Although the grant application was not funded, other sources of funds for pursuing the scope of work are being investigated. Nine problems were defined, including the high incidence of childhood asthma rates in the adjacent neighborhoods (right).

After an extensive review process, peer reviewers of the EDRA42Chicago recently informed Professor Adams that her submission, “Cullen’s townscape towns revisited 1961-2011” has been accepted as a display presentation at the Conference, which will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, May 25 to May 28, 2011. EDRA is the Environmental Design Research Association.
CAP First Year Program Continues Tradition of Interdisciplinary Teaching

Lohren Ray Deeg, MArch, ASAI
Assistant Professor of Urban Planning

As one of only a few interdisciplinary first year foundation programs in environmental design in the country, CAP has an effective forum to increase awareness of a variety of professional topics in the built environment and sustainable issues to its freshman students, and strengthen the values of “well rounded-ness” in the college’s educational offerings. Crafting and modifying projects that address multiple scales of thinking is just one way the curriculum is addressing these issues.

The CAP first year field trip to Chicago conducted in the fall and summer semesters also underscore a range of issues applicable to the disciplines of urban planning, landscape architecture, and architecture. Students have a full itinerary that included a walking tour of downtown Evanston, Illinois as initiated by Craig Sklenar, AICP (BUPD 2004) regarding recent mixed use infill developments in the central business district. CAP first year students construct a “colony” out of individually constructed scale models in a constructed landscape based on “ordinances” given by CAP faculty (right). In this instance, students were told that models could only meet at their corners, yielding much more open space in the construction of the colony.

Photo by Lohren Deeg
CAP students and faculty tour downtown Evanston, Illinois with Dennis Marino, Assistant Director of Community Development Department / Director of Planning Division, City of Evanston.

CAP students and faculty view the “Model City” exhibit, a scale model of the Chicago “Loop” central business district, in the lobby of the Santa Fe Building, Chicago, Illinois.
Railroad Training Class

Francis Parker, Ph.D.
Professor of Urban Planning

Professor Francis Parker serves as the newsletter editor and the training officer for the Whitewater Valley (WV) Railroad in Connersville, Indiana.

Starting February 5th he will again offer his annual railroad training class for the WV railroad. The class runs for eight Saturday mornings, from February 5th through March 26th. The class is open to anyone that’s interested in learning about railroad operations, but a prime motive is to recruit active volunteers to help operate the actual railroad. No prior railroad experience is assumed. All classes start at 9:00am and run until 12:00 or 12:30pm, with a mix of indoor lecture and exam plus actual hands-on practice outdoors switching, coupling cars, connecting air hoses, and working safely around potentially dangerous equipment. At the end of the course and under instructor supervision, students will get the opportunity to actually operate a 100-ton diesel-electric locomotive.

The Whitewater Valley Railroad is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation, and operates 18 miles of railroad track from Connersville to Metamora, Indiana. The railroad was formed in 1973 to take over an inactive Penn-Central branch, and to operate heritage trains along the picturesque Whitewater Valley. The original tracks were built in 1865-1867, and were laid on the towpath of the former Whitewater Canal, so the railroad is known today as “The Towpath Route.” It operates weekend trains from May through October, plus weekday school specials in May and October. Special events include two weekends of “Thomas the Tank Engine” in June, two weekends of steam operation in September, and five weekends of “Polar Express” trains in November and December. The railroad website is www.whitwatervalleyrr.org.

Professor Parker holds a Federally certified locomotive engineers license, and has been active with the Whitewater Valley Railroad for over 30 years. He has been in charge of the training classes for much of this time. Typically 20 to 25 students complete the course each year. Students range from retirees to high-school age, and have included at least three CAP students from BUPD and from the MSHP program. One
Railroad Training Class (continued)

urban planning student who completed the course, Andrew Laurent, later combined his planning and railroad interests in his thesis, and later in a job with the South Shore railroad in Northern Indiana.
Confessiones Abound

Lisa Dunaway, MS Natural Resources (Ecological Planning), ASLA, LEED AP
Instructor of Urban Planning

Professor Dunaway spoke to the Indiana Arborists Association at their annual meeting in January 2011 regarding “The Importance of Biodiversity.” Topics included the threats to native plant and wildlife species from exotic species and habitat fragmentation, how the health of ecosystems is vital to economic sustainability and human health, and what arborists can do to help. She also gave similar talks in October 2010 to the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the OKI Regional Planning conference, giving recommendations to each profession for improving the biodiversity and economy of Indiana.

In December 2010, Professor Dunaway taught a segment of the “Wildlife Friendly Certification” program offered by the Indiana Wildlife Federation. The program not only aims to minimize the loss of habitat in developing areas but also raise the public’s awareness and knowledge of the benefits of wildlife habitat. Professor Dunaway’s segment included information about enhancing biodiversity and reversing habitat fragmentation at varied scales, creating viable habitat in human environments, and how to implement sustainable practices such as rain gardens and green roofs.

On February 4th, 2011, Professor Dunaway will give a presentation during the “Focus the Nation” events being held on the campus of Ball State. Similar events will be held on campuses across the country, inviting students and community members to learn about renewable energy and related issues concerning a sustainable future.
Training the Mind

Audrey Knight, MURP, AICP
Instructor of Urban Planning

Coming from professional practice in California, for me teaching is really about training the mind to be able to handle any and all planning challenges that may come your way. As I landed in Muncie, Indiana Thursday afternoon, from a three-day drive from California, with classes to begin on Monday I thought about what I would be teaching, how I could best do my job, and what or how I would convey all the knowledge and experience I’ve gained from working as a planner for 20 years. These are the questions I’m sure all teachers ask. But for me not coming from Academia where “lesson plans”, lecture notes, presentations, syllabi and “who has written” what in the book world was pretty much out of my daily experience, the questions were a little more profound.

So I asked myself, what a person REALLY needs to know to be a good planner. What is of value in the field is usually not that you memorized who-did-what-when, or what the equation for regression is. In fact what is of most value is our ability to think comprehensively and thoroughly without bias through ANY problem or situation in our communities. We differentiate ourselves in the environmental, social, economic, political and building professions by having knowledge of all, understanding the big picture, and having the long-term public interest at heart. To be good, we have to have the critical thinking skills to understand the influence of all of these variables on place, know that it is our job to understand all the trade-offs, be able to articulate and balance a variety of needs and values, and ensure that communities make informed decisions. So how do we teach all that?

By doing. Only through actual practice with real projects, real problems, real challenges, real situations do we truly learn. In the fourth year studio Fall Semester, because I was a late hire and from out of state, we did not have a client or project until almost a month into the Semester. This however, while not the norm, was also a good learning experience, because it gave students an opportunity to look at different areas and situations, understand the scope of work process, think about the nature of what was needed and who the “client” is, and decide as a team which project “to go for”. In the end, the Lafayette Square-International Market Place (in Indianapolis) evolved as an alternatives analysis that the community and its broad based constituency could use as they move forward. The students got to experience the fun of a community meeting, complete
Training the Mind (continued)

with the disgruntled critic, the frustration of trying to communicate what they thought was obvious, or realizing that the boards they thought were perfect (despite my direction otherwise) were in fact too cramped and small for a group of people to stand around and discuss, and then finally the invigoration of knowing that they were contributing to the conversation and decision making process.

This semester, the Graduate students in PLAN 618/619 (Advanced Planning Methods) and a hand-full of students from PLAN 303 (Economic Development Studio) will work with me and the Madison County Council of Governments to undertake a comprehensive planning process for the Towns of Chesterfield and Daleville. Jerry Bridges (Executive Director) and Allen Henderson (Planning Manager), are both former graduates of our program and realize the value in actually engaging the people and politics of place and are setting up a Steering Committee for the students to work with. It should be a great semester. They certainly won’t be learning what they think they are supposed to learn….but that is life as a planner, full of unexpected twists, insights and bursts of brilliant work that only come from the inspiration to help our communities be the best they can possibly be.
BSU in “Bean Town” for APA Conference

Scott Truex, MArch (Urban Design)
Associate Professor of Urban Planning

Plans are underway for another student trip to the APA National Conference in Boston. Each spring the Planning Department coordinates a trip for our undergraduate and graduate planning students to attend this important professional event. This trip has been a strong tradition in the department and we continue to be one of the largest students group in attendance. This year over fifty students are planning on going to Boston to hear great speakers, network with potential employers and meet alumni during the three-day event. Of course an evening time exploring Boston and even a Red Sox’s game is being planned for the quick trip.

Please contact the office and let us know if you will be attending, as we want to make sure we connect with all of our alums and friends. At least we will not have to worry about the Patriots winning the Super Bowl and can wear our Colt shirts!

See you in Bean Town!
Paper Delivered at APA Chicago

Bruce Frankel, Ph.D., AICP
Professor of Urban Planning

On Tuesday, January 25, Professor Bruce Frankel and three former students, Chase Morris [BUPD], Cory Feldpausch [MURP], and Kory Robinzine [GEOG] delivered a paper “A Template for Redeveloping Chicago’s Neighborhoods” and a redevelopment plan for the south side neighborhood of Bronzeville before the American Planning Association. The 75 attendees included members of the planning and redevelopment commissions and staff of the respective departments, local developers and members of professional firms. A description of the event, a streaming movie of the presentation with PowerPoints, and the paper and plan documents are at the APA website under “Tuesdays at APA.”

On October 25 Professor Frankel filed a protest over the city of Muncie’s proposed demolition of 31 properties in historic districts with the Indiana Historic Preservation Office [SHPO] and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation [ACHP]. Such a filing is within the Federal Section 106 review process. He also authored guest columns in the Muncie Star Press on this matter as early as November 25, 2008 and most recently in January 13, 2011. He has appeared at virtually every public hearing relevant to the proposed action, and challenged Mayor McShurley at her September 30 “Chat with the Mayor.” Professor Frankel responded to the Mayor’s challenge to present a detailed and workable plan for reinvesting in these neighborhood.
properties and their neighborhoods with a 37-page plan eight days later. Since then his efforts were joined by Professors Cynthia Brubaker and Duncan Campbell of the Historic Preservation program of the College, and with student presentations to the City at the end of the fall semester. The demolitions, although approved by SHPO, have yet to be acted upon by ACHP. Students who wish to join in this timely and significant effort may contact Dr. Frankel.
RED Graduate Program to Begin this Summer

Bruce Frankel, Ph.D., AICP
Professor of Urban Planning

The University has approved the Real Estate Development Graduate program, which will start to offer courses this coming summer school session in Indianapolis and online. Credits earned this summer can be applied to the RED graduate certificate program for those admitted to the program. The website for this new interdisciplinary program is located at: http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CollegesandDepartments/CAP/Programs/RealEstateDevelopment.aspx You may also contact Professor Frankel as the administrator for the program. Summer school is constituted by two 5-week sessions commencing May 16. Accordingly SSI is Monday, May 16 through Friday, June 17, and SSII is Monday, June 20 through Friday July 22. All classes will be weekday evenings Monday through Thursday, 5:00-8:45 and in classrooms of Ball State’s Indianapolis Center at 50 South Meridian Street. Professor Kelly’s courses are expected to be offered completely online, despite the class schedule. The Schedule by course:

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People’s Spaces - CapAsia VI Field Study in South Asia

Nihal Perera, Ph.D.
Professor of Urban Planning

CapAsia VI participants left the USA for India on January 10 (2011). As some of you may know, CapAsia is a unique field semester which provides an extraordinary opportunity for participants to experience the socially, culturally, and historically different South Asia through a strategy of cultural immersion and collaborative projects with the help of a network of scholars, professionals, and educators of design and planning in the region. The emphasis is on learning --why the locals build what they build-- by doing and the critical understanding the participants develop of their own cultures and environments in the context of an increasingly globalizing world. CapAsia VI is participated by fifteen students. In addition to Ball State students, the group consists of students from Rutgers University and IUPUI. This time, the program received the third consecutive Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad award. This time the main “Planning-to-Learn” component is conducted in Ahmedabad, in collaboration with the CEPT University, one of the two leading schools of planning and architecture in India. The participants will create a preliminary development plan for Chharanagar, a tribal neighborhood in the city. As India is a leading economic power, it is timely and challenging to examine the possible futures of its cities and the impact of this transformation on the USA. The project will provide an opportunity to ask questions about ideas of development and
the planning process. The students live in a heritage house in the old city and have visited the Gandhi Ashram where Gandhi lived for several decades after returning to India from South Africa. They also visited the largest mosque and are learning to eat Indian food and ride 3-wheeled auto-rickshaws. This weekend they will visit Gandhinagar the new capital of Gujarat with the planner who planned the city. They have plans to visit a number of buildings designed by world renowned architects such as Louis Kahn, Le Corbusier, Balakrishna Doshi, Charles Correa, and some planned landscapes. They will also go on a field trip to a tribal center and museum, a capital of a former princely state, and a world heritage site in southern Gujarat. The next stop after the 7-week project will be in New Delhi, the capital of India. In addition to visiting the seven capitals built in the city, they will also do a workshop on informal settlements.

The Building to Learn component will be conducted in Nepal. We will either engage in a building project or explore how they build in Kathmandu. The purpose is to understand how local people build their modernity through building. The program is supported by a two Ball State alumni; one (Don Treese) is the director of the architecture program at Nepal Engineering College. The final stop is at Kuala Lumpur where the students will visit the once world’s tallest building: Petronas Towers. They will also interact with the planner who planned out the Kuala Lumpur City Center where the Towers are located.
Ready to Plan the Zero Carbon City?

Bruce Race, FAIA, AICP
Associate Professor of Practice

Imagine CAP students spending the last years of their careers relocating coastal cities or focusing on disaster planning for increasingly more frequent catastrophic wildfires, floods and droughts. This could happen unless CAP students spend the first years of their careers leading the effort to re-plan cities to reduce greenhouse emissions.

The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports indicate that in order to stabilize warming at 2.0°C to 2.4°C carbon dioxide emissions must be limited to around 450ppm CO2-equivalent. This means we will need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. If we fail to do this we should be prepared to experience radically shifting weather patterns and rising sea levels. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency takes the threat seriously and has thus in 2009 formed the Center on Climate Change and National Security in an effort to track the potential political destabilization impacts of a warming climate.

Many cities have either prepared or are in the process of preparing climate action plans to mitigate GHG emissions. These plans will help the cities explore ways to reduce their GHG emissions and plan for adaptation to climate change. For example, the City of Key West, Florida’s average elevation is 24” above high tide. The most optimistic climate change scenarios project sea levels rising 9” to 23” flooding about one-third of the city. What are planners working on in Key West? They are re-planning critical infrastructure. They are working to reduce their small community’s GHG emissions and looking for ways to adapt.

Other U.S. cities are at the forefront of climate action planning. They are exploring better ways to inventory GHG emissions, creating comprehensive strategies for emissions reduction, and carefully monitoring their progress. These cities are also fully integrating their climate action plans into their comprehensive plans reconfiguring themselves physically and administratively to reduce their GHG emissions and adapt to a changing climate. Portland, with its three decades of progressive sustainable planning leadership has refocused its efforts at the scale of neighborhoods. The recently adopted Portland Plan is the strategic plan that informs the update of the comprehensive plan. It recommends that 90% of everyone who lives in Portland be within a 20-minute walk of their daily needs by 2030. This strategy focuses on the creation
of low-carbon neighborhoods with an emphasis on reducing the demand for energy - particularly for transportation that is about 38% of all GHG emissions in the State of Oregon.

In Austin, TX the city’s climate action plan capitalized on the city’s ability to utilize more renewable energy sources. Austin has a municipal energy company, Austin Energy (AE). It is a publicly owned company and a city department. AE has the top performing renewable energy program in the U.S. Renewable sources are primarily from wind and landfill gas. To complement their supply-side effort to reduce GHG emissions, planners are updating the city’s comprehensive plan to improve Austin’s energy efficiencies. Planning for climate change will reshape our cities and economy, and planners will be at the center of both their preparation and implementation.

ABOVE: Local climate action planning and strategy process in the context of international protocols intended to support Cap and Trade of CO2.
# Summer 2011 - Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Schedule

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Upcoming Events for the Semester

28th January 2011
Ebenezer Howard Day celebration. This event is designed to welcome students back to campus for the spring semester.

31st January 2011
CAP Lecture Series: The first lecture will be delivered by Roberta Gratz. Ms. Gratz will be speaking on the topic: The Shrinking City Syndrome: Repeating the Mistakes of Urban Renewal @ 4 pm in AB100. She will be speaking at CAP:IC with a simulcast to AB100. Roberta Brandes Gratz is an award-winning journalist and urban critic, lecturer and author of The Living City: Thinking Small in a Big Way, and Cities Back from the Edge: New Life for Downtown.

28th February 2011
CAP lecture series: The second CAP lecture will be delivered by Carol Ross Barney in AB100 at 4pm.

2nd March 2011
Distinguished Alumni Award and Film Festival
We will honor one of our distinguished alumni, Cynthia Bowen, for her contribution to planning practice at 4pm in AB 100. Thereafter, the department will hold a film festival to review promotional videos submitted by students and alumni to award prices for the top three entries.

11th March 2011
Deadline for submitting projects for APA-IN Outstanding Student Award

21st March 2011
At 4:00pm a reception for potential graduate students from other disciplines will be held in AB100 to showcase the graduate MURP program.

23rd March 2011
CAP Faculty Symposium. Faculty will make presentations of their research and other scholarly activities to their peers and the student population in the CAP building.

15th - 20th March 2011
Portfolio review for students in the third year BUPD and first year MURP programs begins.

4th April 2011
CAP lecture series: The third CAP lecture will be delivered by Mia Lehrer in AB 100 at 4pm.
Upcoming Events for the Semester (continued)

9th to 12th April 2011
The annual conference of the APA will take place in Boston at the Hynes Convention Center.

15th of April
APA-Indiana Conference at Fort Harrison State Park Inn and Conference Center.

20th April 2011
Students’ Award Ceremony. Students receiving scholarships and awards will be presented with the awards in AB 100 at 3:30pm.

22nd of April
End of spring semester reception at Bruce Frankel’s house.

16th May to 17th June 2011
First Summer session.

20th June to 22nd July 2011
Second Summer session.

9th May 2011
Curriculum review retreat. The department will hold an all-day curriculum review retreat to discuss the BUPD and MURP curricula. Students and alumni are invited and welcome to participate in the retreat.

Fall 2011
Practitioner in Residence (PIR) program – The PIR program has been moved from the spring to the Fall 2011 semester. It will now be held in either the first or second week of the fall semester to help tie in the projects with studio projects for the year.
Thank you to our alumni who made donations to the Department this year:

- Daniel Haake
- Ronald Miller
- Michael Urbanski
- Paul Angelone

Have a Wonderful Year of the Rabbit!