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Dear friends,

Happy New Year and congratulations to our SA+P graduates! We completed another pandemic semester, and we are ever so grateful that we were able to come together in person for this one; we completed it entirely face-to-face, and despite a few bumps and hiccups—it felt great!

A big thank you to our faculty and staff, who worked tirelessly to deliver a seamless Fall Semester. Another is owed to SA+P Fabrications Lab coordinator and artist, Kirsten Angerbauer, for welcoming us back into Pearl Hall with her exhibition, Between Sound and Silence. “Created during the isolation of the pandemic,” Angerbauer shares, “the exhibition was a reflection and mediation on the uncertainty and silence felt by many, combined with the constant hum of information, media, and data.”

As a new Dean, who missed experiencing Pearl Hall in its full glory last year, I appreciated every single moment of its enlivenment, from Angerbauer’s exhibition to another one displayed on the Crit Bridge, the heart of the building. Showcasing Martineztown, this exhibit was curated by former dean Geraldine Forbes Isais and Professor of Practice Baker Morrow, and it captured the legacy of this historic village of Albuquerque. As student work slowly made its way onto the Crit Bridge, all came slowly back into place, complete with a touching Day of the Dead altar installation in November, beautifully crafted by Historic Preservation Director and Senior Lecturer III Francisco Uviña-Contreras.

As current president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), I had the pleasure of welcoming to Pearl Hall the entire national ACSA board, members of our program committees, and officers of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB), including its new President Alfred Vidaurri. Faculty members met them on the Crit Bridge while enjoying student work from the architecture studios of Professor Tim Castillo and Associate Professor and Regents’ Lecturer Nora Wendl.
Associate Professor of Community and Regional Planning, Caroline Scruggs, was reappointed to the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Protection Advisory Board for another 3-year term.

Congratulations to Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture Katya Crawford, who was awarded the 2021 Alumni Teaching Award by the UNM Alumni Association. Read more.

Congratulations to Emeritus Professor of Landscape Architecture, Chris Wilson, who was awarded the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division. This awarded recognizes Chris Wilson for a life dedicated to historic preservation. Read more.

We congratulate Emeritus Professor Roger Schluntz for being elected Chancellor of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Read more.

Research

Associate Professor of Community and Regional Planning and Associate Dean of Research, Moises Gonzales, was awarded the 2021 Heritage Publication Award by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division. He won the award with co-author Enrique R. Lamadrid in recognition of their book Nación Genízara: Ethnogenesis, Place, and Identity in New Mexico (UNM Press). Nación Genízara also received a favorable review in the Fall issue of the Journal of Native American and Indigenous Studies (Vol 8, Issue 2, Fall 2021), and Gonzales was recently featured in National Geographic magazine. Read more.

Assistant Professor of Architecture, Aaron Cayer, received a UNM Research Allocations Grant (RAC) to begin archival work next summer for the study: “Cult by Design: A History of Scientology’s Architecture.” Cayer also has a published chapter (co-written with Peggy Deamer) “Architecture is what we say it is”: Gender and AECOM as Models of Neoliberal Practice.” in Largest Architectural Firms: Design Authorship and

This academic year, we also welcome new faces into our SA+P community, particularly new Department of Architecture Chair Chris Cornelius, who joins us from the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin. Cornelius recently completed a visiting teaching appointment at Yale University and was also featured in Dwell magazine. We are indebted to Professor and Regents’ Professor Kuppaswamy Iyengar for serving as Acting Chair of the Architecture Department and past Chair of Architecture Professor John Quale for his many years of leadership and service to the department. We also welcome our first Division of Equity and Inclusion Postdoctoral Fellow, Albert Lopez, who completed his Ph.D. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and who joins us in the departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

We ushered three faculty into new administrative positions: Associate Dean for Research, Moises Gonzales; Associate Dean for Student Equity and Excellence, Michael Pride; and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Alexander Webb. New to our staff are Natalie Rowe and Deyanira Nuñez, who comprise our new advising team, led by new advising supervisor, Angela Pacheco. And finally, we would like to welcome the most recent addition, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, Rachel Jump, who hails from Chicago where she worked at the Art Institute of Chicago. Bienvenidos!

As the building was buzzing during the Fall Semester, we continued with virtual activities and lectures. We owe much gratitude to Special Assistant to the Dean for Career Services, Kristina Yu, for organizing a series of Career Workshops that brought necessary skills and support to our students as they prepare to join the professional sector. We’re also supporting our students on the research front with a new Graduate Student Research Initiative, led by Associate Dean Gonzales. Seven graduate students were awarded support for their proposed research projects; in April, they will be invited to present their findings at a Dean’s Graduate Research Symposium. Congratulations Lia Griesser (LA), Hollis Moore (ARCH), Jazmin Moreno (CRP), Emily Ontiveros (LA), D’Ali Roberts (ARCH), Hodgin Serrullo (CRP), and David Senk (ARCH/CRP).
Associate Professor and Regents' Lecturer Nora Wendl published "Guard Everything Appropriately and All Will Be Well," in RA: Revista Arquitectura, in the issue "Who Designs Architecture? On Silenced and Superimposed Authorship" (Vol. 23, Fall 2021): 18-31, published in English and Spanish. Wendl also authored the National Trust for Historic Preservation commemorative catalog, which documents the exhibition Edith Farnsworth, Reconsidered, and the official name change of the Farnsworth House to the Edith Farnsworth House on November 17, 2021. Wendi was also interviewed for the article "The Women Behind Historic House Designs," by Alexandra Lange, which appeared in Bloomberg, November 19, 2021.


Visiting Assistant Professor Yang Yang presented in the How do we live? Santiago, London, Shanghai-Suzhou Symposium, where she presented in the Language Politics session on Shanghai-Suzhou.

Associate Professor of Community and Regional Planning, Caroline Scruggs, presented the paper (with C. Heyne), "Planning for Climate Change: An All-of-the-Above Approach to Future Water Scarcity," at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 2021 Conference in October. Scruggs was interviewed in Sierra: The Magazine of the Sierra Club in the article, "In a Drying West, Cities Look to Turn Sewage Into Drinking Water." Read more.

My external relations work this year brought me face to face with professionals, community leaders, and scholars. Thank you all for what you do for the School. Beginning with a Dean's Circle gathering last summer at the Predock Center for Design and Research, we celebrated Antoine Predock's birthday and kicked off fundraising efforts for the Predock Center. At the event, we enjoyed a surprise visit from Mayor Tim Keller, who delivered the declaration that it was officially Antoine Predock Day! The event included musical entertainment by violinist Stephen Redfield and UNM Professor of Viola Kimberly Fredenburgh.

Other gatherings of note included the AIA Western Mountain Regional Summit, where I delivered the opening remarks, and the New Mexico American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Design Gala, where I delivered the opening keynote. Kudos to ASLA President and landscape architect, Kenneth Francis, for a great event. I was also honored to represent the SA+P at my first Board of Directors meeting for Places Journal, a publication that was key in my own formation as a scholar and writer. The last event for the year, another Dean's Circle gathering, took place at the Legoretta-designed Santa Fe Art Institute (SFAI), where local architects were invited to meet Chair Chris Cornelius. Thank you to SFAI executive director and SA+P Dean's Circle member Jamie Blosser for hosting us!
spearheading the Indigenous Design and Planning Institute’s (I+D) pioneering work on Place Knowing. Jojola also appears in the Metropolis Magazine article, “A Pioneering Exhibition Will Showcase Contemporary Indigenous Architecture.” Read more.

Congratulations go to Professor of Architecture Geoffrey Adams for receiving an Honorable Mention for his design, “Cholla Rocker” in the 20th Andreu World International Design Contest. Read more.

Associate Professor of Architecture, Gabriella Gutierrez, was featured by UNM Advance for her Bee Project student work.

Assistant Professor of Architecture Cesar A. Lopez and his colleague, Associate Professor Neeraj Bhatia (CCA), of The Open Workshop were featured in the 2021 Chicago Architecture Biennial. Their project “The Center Won’t Hold” remains installed at the Anthony Overton Elementary School in Bronzeville, Chicago. If you’re in the neighborhood, we recommend a visit! Read more.

We look forward to a great 2022 and the many Spring Semester activities which will enliven Pearl Hall, including a series of faculty, staff, and student led visioning and missioning workshops, which will prepare us as we revisit the SA+P Strategic Plan. We initiated this effort with a Fall Student Forum, and I thank graduate students in CRP Aaron Moore and David Senk for helping us organize the forum. Key participants in this forum included recent CRP alumni Andrea Calderon, and recent Architecture alumni Kate Boles, Lisa De Mar, Dillon Romero, and Michael Stupin. In 2022, the SA+P will also be hosting the Jeff Harnar Awards Program and numerous exhibitions and symposia.

I’d like to end by once again expressing our hearty congratulations to all our graduates. We wish you great successes in your futures, and we hope we left you with fond memories of your times at Pearl Hall.

In everything we do, our goal is to ensure the delivery of a quality educational experience. Our faculty aim to prepare our students to thrive and to excel, and you can be certain they make us proud! We’re also thrilled to welcome them as new members of our Lobo Alumni family. Wishing everyone a wonderful Spring Semester 2022!

My very best,

Robert Alexander González
Dean and Professor

Kudos to SA+P part-time faculty member Tamarah Begay for winning a 2021 Women in Architecture Design Leadership Award, presented annually by Architectural Record. She is among “five visionaries” selected for this year’s awards. Begay is the first woman in the Navajo nation to become a registered architect. Read more.

This year the Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society welcomes new 2021 inductees from SA+P. Join us in congratulating these students for receiving such a high honor and continuing excellence at UNM. Induction Ceremony speakers included: Robert Alexander González, Dean of SA+P and Ted Jojola, Distinguished and Regents’ Professor of Community & Regional Planning.

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Design
Aaron Flammang
Kyla Fugate

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
Kudos to Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society Gamma Lambda Chapter officers for organizing a wonderful ceremony to honor the inductees.

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