WINTER 2021: NEW LUNAR YEAR, NEW NEWSLETTER

As we welcome the Lunar New Year and celebrate Black History Month, I am pleased to present this new CBE newsletter, “Between the Lines.” We hope that you enjoy it and look forward to having a quarterly summary of news from our college.

Over this past year, the CBE community has demonstrated great resilience. Our faculty and staff adapted to make remote learning just as engaging as in-person instruction. Our staff moved their support, college-wide events, and all resources online including our strategic planning process, our “Hot Topics” conversations, moving our college prospective student day, and graduation ceremony virtual. Our students have produced incredible work all while working from their homes and taking on roles as caregivers, support
INTRODUCING 2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

After 18 months of grassroots collective work, CBE is proud to announce the adoption of our Strategic Plan. Follow the years of work on our homepage, or read the framework in full below.

Follow the full progression and planning of this strategic framework on our website.

We have developed a strategic plan that reflects our vision and our work. I am excited to announce that earlier this week we agreed that this plan (link), while not perfect, reflects our common goals and is sufficient as a framework for action. Look for more updates as implementation begins.

Throughout this year and during our strategic planning and reorganizing processes we have shown strong support, understanding, and compassion for each other. Together, we will challenge ourselves and others to live more equitably, justly, and beautifully.

Happy Year of the Ox from all of us at the College of Built Environments.

Yours,
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Stay Connected!

Help us reach you by sharing your most recent contact information.

UPDATE YOUR INFO
IN MEMORIAM:

Remembering Department of Architecture Professor alum and Professor, Dan Streissguth.

IN MEMORIAM:

Remembering Department of Construction Management student, Jared West. Watch his celebration of life provided by his family.

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APPLIED RESEARCH CONSORIUM

The Applied Research Consortium (ARC) brings together an interdisciplinary group of built environment firms with faculty experts and graduate student researchers at CBE to address the most vexing challenges that firms face today.

COMMON BOOK

Learn about the Urban Design & Planning 2020-2021 'Common Book', How to be an Anti-Racist.
Upcoming Events

Hot Topics: Climate Activism in CBE
We have heard different perceptions in CBE about the phrases "climate action" and "climate solutions." What do we know about the similarities or differences in these ideas? Is there an approach that will make CBE's work more effective? Should CBE take an advocacy role on climate issues and if so how should it balance this position with its relationship to built environment industries?

CBE Virtual Career Fair:
The College of Built Environments (CBE) annual Career Fair is going virtual in 2021! We will host our college fair on Handshake across two days:

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Thursday, February 25, 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our Virtual Career fair will give CBE students and recent alumni opportunities to network with employers and internship opportunities related to architecture, ecological design, landscape architecture, planning, fabrication, construction management, and real estate.

#CBEchronicles Lecture Series: Cybersecurity in the Built Environment with Laura Osburn
#CBEchronicles is a college-wide lecture series on interdisciplinary topics and a variety of guests hosted by Vikram Prakash and Ken Oshima.
Last Day of Winter Quarter:
Classes End March 5, 2021
Finals March 8-12

News From the College

HOMELESSNESS & COVID PREVENTION

Real Estate Professor Gregg Colburn’s research on providing people experiencing homelessness into hotels helped slow COVID transmission.

RESEARCH PORTAL SPOTLIGHT

The Environmental Psychology of COVID-19 with Professor Lynne Manzo

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Professor of Architecture Ann Huppert on her new book project, Building Knowledge: The Culture of Construction in Sixteenth-Century Rome,
Within our CBE community, this unexpected, sudden, and ongoing crisis has put great strain on our students that has led to a cascading effect of significant challenges.

We are working hard to support our students and build up our student-based programs but we continue to face growing financial needs. Here are a few examples of how our students and student-based programs are being impacted:

- Our students are feeling the impact of visa restrictions and those with work-study hours in physical spaces are now without hourly wages;

- CEP, our fully student-designed and lead major, isn’t able to raise basic programmatic funds due to a lack of events;

- Study abroad programs have been canceled, and many of our international students are feeling the impacts of visa restrictions; and

- Design-build studios have been impacted, especially for our graduating students who are working to build and expand their professional portfolios.

As of this date, we have raised $56,895, with over $10,000 of that pledged by faculty and staff via the UW Combined Fund Drive. With the support of this community, 125 CBE students have received between $70-$1500 of financial assistance in the form of stipends or emergency aid. While our work in securing funding continues to meet ongoing student need, we wanted to share the immense impact and thank you for what has been possible so far.