

College of Architecture and Planning hosts international conference

Beginning Oct. 20, Ball State's College of Architecture and Planning will host a three-day international conference focused on exploring new ways to educate young architects about equitable and adaptable building design.

The conference marks the first time two international commissions—CIB W104 Open Building Implementations and CIB W110 Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing—will meet in the U.S. With more than 40 participants from 12 countries, organizers say the conference will have broad participation of architects, designers and students from around the world and from Ball State.

Speaking at the Education for an Open Architecture Conference will be world-renown architects and educators, including Dietmar Eberle, founder and co-owner of Baumschlager-Eberle in Vienna, Austria, and Paul Lukez, founding principal of Paul Lukez Architecture in Somerville, Mass., and author of "Suburban Transformations." Renee Chow, professor at University of California Berkeley, Andres Mignucci from the University of Puerto Rico and Jia Beisi from the University of Hong Kong will also present lectures.

"This conference being held at Ball State really defines how we are rethinking education through exploring new forms of immersive learning," said Stephen Kendall, conference chair and associate professor of architecture. "Students and faculty will be able to learn from the best by participating in interactive design exercises, and faculty can share teaching methods in their academic paper sessions."

Visiting students from Singapore, Korea and China will be present to accept awards for placing high in the international student competition, sponsored by a number of prestigious U.S. and international architecture and construction firms and several Ball State research centers.

Countries represented at the conference are the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan and the U.S.

Ball State's Family Weekend offers comedy, sports, arts and more

Ball State's Family Weekend, Oct. 24-26, will offer something for everyone with a weekend filled with performances, banquets, outings, a football game and an appearance by comedian and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham.

Dunham will perform at 7 and 10 p.m. Oct. 25 at Emens Auditorium. The ventriloquist comedian has two top-rated specials on Comedy Central and his first DVD, "Jeff Dunham: Arguing with Myself," was released in 2006. The show is reserved seating. Tickets cost \$46 and can be purchased through www.bsu.edu/emens or www.ticketmaster.com.

Ball State will play Eastern Michigan at Schuemann Stadium at noon Saturday. Admission for students is free with their Ball State IDs. General admission is \$10 and reserved seating is \$15. For tickets, call 1-888-BSU-TICKET or log on to www.ballstatesports.com/tickets.

Also for sports enthusiasts, the first Family Weekend golf outing has been planned with registration at 8 a.m. and tee-off at 9 a.m. at the Player's Club. For information call 765-285-1031. Chase Charlie, a 5K run/walk, will take place at Schuemann Stadium at 8 a.m. Saturday. Visitors can also use Ball State's recreational facilities for no charge all weekend.

Families and visitors on campus for Family Weekend can also explore the arts. The Department of Theatre of Dance will host the senior choreography showcase all weekend in the Korsgaard Dance Studio in Ball Gym, Room 213. A choral concert will be held in Sursa Performance Hall on Saturday and the Museum of Art will host a special exhibition all weekend.

A children's fair, trip to Muncie's farmers market and visit to the city's downtown will take place Saturday. Other family weekend events include tours of Ball State, dean's list receptions, department open houses, performances and more.

For more detailed information about programs, visit the Family Weekend Web site at www.bsu.edu/studentcenter/familyweekend/. For more information call Campus Programs at 765-285-1031.

Six women to receive 2008 Indiana Women of Achievement Awards on Oct. 15

Six women will receive the 2008 Indiana Women of Achievement Awards presented by the Task Force on the Status of Women from Ball State University's College of Sciences and Humanities.

Recipients will be honored during ceremonies beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Alumni Center, 2800 W. Bethel Ave. Those interested in attending should contact the College of Sciences and Humanities office at 765-285-1042 to reserve seats.

It's the 10th year the college has sponsored the awards, which recognize outstanding contributions by Hoosier women.

This year's award winners are:

- Terry Whitt Bailey, president and chief executive officer of Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie, has demonstrated outstanding community leadership.
- Susan D. Becker, a visionary leader in K-12 science education, is reshaping the study of science for 35,000 students in Indianapolis Public Schools in her role of director of science.
- Betty Cockrum, who is being recognized for outstanding leadership in public policy, has served the people of Indiana for 29 years in positions ranging from Indiana State Budget director to chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Indiana.
- State Sen. Sue Errington is being recognized for her longtime work in public advocacy, including leadership at the local, state, and national levels of government and in organizations advocating for women's rights and good government.
- Haven Kimmel, alumna of Ball State and native of Mooreland, is being recognized for her literary accomplishments in writing memoirs, such as "A Girl Named Zippy," and novels that have resulted in her becoming a New York Times No.1 best-selling author.
- Patricia Schaefer, is being honored for Distinction as a Woman of the Arts, in recognition of her leadership in venues such as the Delaware County Council for the Arts, Masterworks Chorale, Muncie Symphony Orchestra, and Ball State's School of Music and Sursa Performance Hall.

ON CAMPUS

Indiana Academy offers Saturday youth enrichment programs

The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities is offering Saturday youth enrichment programs for students in grades 3-8.

All sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Indiana Academy on the campus of Ball State. Half-day programs are \$35 per student, and full-day programs are \$60 per student. The cost of each program includes all instructional materials. Students can attend as many classes as they desire.

Programs include:

Grades 3-5

- "The Real Dark Knights" – Nov. 8
- "Conquer Latin with the Romans" – Nov. 15

- "Fingerprinting 101" – Nov. 22
- "Kitchen Chemistry" – Dec. 6

Grades 4-6

- "Konnichiwa! Let's Learn Japanese!" – Oct. 25

Grades 6-8

- "Once Upon a Time ... Right Now!" – Oct. 18
- "Science Fair Express" – Oct. 25
- "Privet! Let's Learn Russian!" – Nov. 22
- "Mathematical Mozart" – Dec. 13

For more information, log on to www.bsu.edu/academy/youth or contact Elaina Buchmeier at 765-285-4303.

Vietnamese American author will engage Bracken audience with 'Dinner' reading

Author Bich Minh Nguyen will read from her memoir, "Stealing Buddha's Dinner" at Bracken Library, Room 225, at Ball State University on Tuesday, Oct. 14 . Nguyen's first book details her experience growing up in a Vietnamese household in Grand Rapids, Mich., following the family's migration from Saigon in 1975. The memoir was named a Chicago Tribune Best Book of 2007 and received the PEN/Jerard Award from the PEN American Center.

Her second book, a novel called "Short Girls," will be published in 2009. Nguyen teaches Asian American literature, creative nonfiction and fiction at Purdue University.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Following the reading, there will be a book signing. Books will be available to purchase.

IN THE NEWS

Ball State University

USA Today featured Ball State in an Oct. 6 article, "Dead Man on Campus: 'Zombie Tag' Is Off and Running." Ball State hosted its first student-organized Humans vs. Zombies game last fall after one student stumbled across online video footage of the game and brought the idea here, said Jason White, a Ball State senior who organized the event.

Duncan Campbell, professor of architecture

Campbell was quoted in a Sept. 7 Lafayette Journal and Courier article, "A Tale of Two Courthouses, Tippecanoe's Centerpiece Had a Close Relative." Tippecanoe County's courthouse was renovated in 1885 at a cost of \$500,000. Today, the courthouse still draws visitors. A courthouse in Illinois, the Quincy courthouse, was destroyed by a

tornado and not renovated or rebuilt. If the same thing happened today, chances are a different decision regarding the Quincy courthouse would be reached. Today preservation advocacy groups are in place as well as laws and a growing appreciation for the importance of saving historic structures, said Campbell. Back in 1945, the mindset was different. "During World War II and shortly thereafter, there was a rebuild mentality," he said. "The idea that we could do it again, and make it better, was pretty prevalent."

James Connolly, director of Middletown Studies and professor of history

Connolly was quoted by TodayzNews.com in an Oct. 1 article, "Obama Backers Worry His Race Will Hurt Him in Middletown, USA." He talked about voters taking sides because of race in the presidential election. The original Middletown studies, completed in the 1920s as Muncie made the transition from the agrarian to the industrial economy, may have ignored Muncie's African-American population. "There's no way race couldn't be a factor because it's been such a powerful force in this town for so long," Connolly said.

Michael Hicks, director of Bureau of Business Research

Inside Indiana Business quoted Hicks in an Oct. 2 article, "Study Shows Loss in Jobs after Minimum Wage Increase." A new study by Ball State found that increasing the minimum wage in July may have eliminated 160,000 low-paying positions. Hicks said the job losses are likely clustered in rural areas among young workers, who represent the bulk of minimum wage employees. "Nationwide, we estimated roughly 160,000 workers did not have jobs available as a consequence of minimum wage increases," he said. "This includes both jobs lost and those not created. This is important to note because the labor force grew in July, but new jobs did not expand at the same rate as the supply of workers."

Beth Kelsey, director of doctorate of nursing practice

Ultimate Nurse quoted Kelsey in an Oct. 6 article, "Ball State to Add Doctoral Program, Nursing Program Adds Doctoral Degree." Ball State's nursing department will add the option for students to earn a doctorate in nursing practice (DNP) in fall 2009. The program will make the 17th doctoral degree Ball State offers. "There have always been doctoral programs in nursing," which are focused on research, Kelsey said. "The DNP is going to be open to nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists who have master's degrees."

Dan Reagan, professor of political science

The Indianapolis Star quoted Reagan in a Sept. 7 article, "A Lot Happened out of View at the Republican Convention: Could Obama Win?" A social networking site, Smaller Indiana, conducted a poll about the presidential election and showed Obama in the lead. Whether the poll could be a valid indicator of the election has now been questioned. Reagan said maybe, because Smaller Indiana's younger demographic and higher level of

education could be an early indicator in the shift of Indiana's political landscape. "We may be seeing a generational change in politics for the first time since 1980," he said. "It would just be astonishing if Obama were to win Indiana. That would be a stunning reversal."

Mary Spillman, professor of journalism

Spillman was quoted in an Oct. 7 article by Broadcasting and Cable, "Searching for TV-Newspaper Convergence, Studies Show Little Cooperation in Station-Newspaper Partnerships." The article said newspapers are cross-training employees in different skills because of convergence. "We see a little bit of cross-training going on" between TV and newspaper organizations, Spillman said. "What we do not see, as much as you might expect, is true convergence."

SPOTLIGHT

Presentations

Mike Bloxham, Center for Media Design, "Subscribers Rule Reputation and Relevance!" panel presentation, Connections '08: ExactTarget User Conference and Expo, Indianapolis, Sept. 25, 2008.

Kris Rugsaken, Academic Advising, "Common Mistakes That Advisors Make: Non-Verbal Communication," National Academic Advising Association, Chicago, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2008.

Scott Trappe, Human Performance Laboratory, "Structural and Functional Adaptations within Human Myocytes in Response to Altered Loading," American Physiological Society Integrative Society Meeting, "The Integrative Biology of Exercise-V," Hilton Head, S.C., Sept. 27, 2008.

Creative Endeavors

Victoria Barrett and **Andrew Scott**, Department of English, edited and published the third issue of their online fiction magazine *Freight Stories*, which includes work by critically acclaimed and nationally known fiction writers.

Service

Mike Bloxham, Center for Media Design, a quote from the panel presentation "Subscribers Rule Reputation and Relevance!" at the ExactTarget User Conference was picked up by a blogger Twittering the event and featured on *The Retail Email Blog*: "If you haven't got a Facebook account now, I would suggest you're negligent."

Kris Rugsaken, Academic Advising, chair of the Multicultural Concern Commission, National Academic Advising Association, 2006-08.

Scott Trappe, Human Performance Laboratory, session co-chair, "Sarcolemmal, T-Tubule and Intracellular Determinants of Contractile Function in Skeletal Muscle," American Physiological Society Integrative Society Meeting, "The Integrative Biology of Exercise-V," Hilton Head, S.C., Sept. 27, 2008

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