Planning, Design and the Built Environment
Ph.D. Program Anniversary
2005-2016

Regional / Community Design + Development

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Restoration, Sustainability + Land Ecology

Technology, Materials + Construction Processes
A Brief History of the Ph.D. Program in Planning, Design and the Built Environment

Fifteen years ago Jim Barker became president of Clemson University. President Barker promoted a vision to become a top 20 public university, a goal which included building graduate education and research while still maintaining Clemson’s core undergraduate strengths. The College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities (CAAH) was the only college in the University that did not have a PhD program at that time.

The Dean of the College, Jan Cervelli Schach, initiated efforts to develop two interdisciplinary doctoral programs that would build on the College’s strengths in the fields of design/planning/building, as well as rhetoric/information/communication. She worked with her associate deans to develop the substance of these College level programs. In 2001 Dr. Barry Nocks (Associate Dean of Research & Outreach) recruited Dr. James London to assemble a group of interested faculty to explore the possibility of developing an interdisciplinary PhD program, combining the fields in the School of Design & Building (Architecture, Construction Science, and Planning and Landscape Architecture). Out of that work, a program similar to existing Environmental Design & Planning programs offered at Arizona State, Virginia Tech and Colorado was suggested. The Dean commissioned Dr. London to develop the program plan, and Dr. Fritz Steiner was brought in as a consultant based on his experience developing a similar program at Arizona State. The program plan was approved at the college and university levels during the 2003-04 academic year and by the South Carolina State Commission on Higher Education in September 2004. Dr. London served as initial Director of the program, which later became known as Planning, Design and the Built Environment (PDBE), to finalize curriculum, recruit initial students and arrange for faculty participation. Dr. Lauria took over as Director from 2005-06 and then again in 2009 to the present. The PDBE program has an Executive Advisory Committee composed of the Chairs of the CAAH departments participating in the program. Program faculty affiliates are productive in terms of research awards and scholarly dissemination of their research results (peer reviewed articles and conference presentations). Faculty participation in the program has grown from 15 in 2005 to the current 34 Faculty Affiliates.
The PDBE program is one of the most successful doctoral programs in the area of Environmental Design and Planning in the United States. The program's enrollments are steady (averaging 6 per year), graduation rates are consistent (averaging 3.5 per year), and placement is exemplary (close to 100%). The PDBE program admitted its first cohort in 2005-2006 with its first students graduating in 2009. The current class (of 9, our largest cohort to date) is the eleventh class that has been admitted to the program. At the end of this year the program will have nurtured 32 doctorates (now Alumnae). Of these, those interested in academic positions have been placed well at colleges and universities such as Roger Williams University, Washington State University, University of Northern Utah, University of Arizona, Texas A&M, University of Arkansas, University of North Texas, Al Faisal University, University of Technology Sydney, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Auburn University, Vanderbilt University, West Virginia University, Allen University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, College of Charleston, and Clemson University.
Dr. Mickey Lauria, Dr. Caitlin Dyckman and Kisha Fouch

Dr. Matthew Powers (faculty), and Dr. Deborah Franqui (alumni now in Miami)

Kisha Fouch, Yang Song, Krista Evans, Maryam Hamidpour – PDBE students at John’s party

Dr. Jiang Jiang (alumni now at West Virginia University) and her husband.
International Planning Workshop in Gdansk: Faculty from Poland, Germany, Serbia, South Africa, Turkey and the USA.

PDBE Mardi Gras Party showing Dr. Stephen Verderber and Courtney Grunninger Bonney

First Annual PDBE Chili Cook-off, Drs. Mickey Lauria and Terry Farris

Center Krista Evans, at International Planning Workshop in Gdansk (Orunia), Poland
ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

Galen D. Newman Ph.D, 2010

“The PDBE PhD program at Clemson helped prepare me for a career in academia. One of the primary strengths of the program is superior mentorship in teaching. There were also ample resources for the conduction of research and I had helpful committee members, each who taught me a different nuance of the profession. I also benefited from a surrounding cohort of supportive and intelligent other PhD students. We all learned from one another and, in the end, we all became life-long learners.”

Ellen Vincent, Ph.D, 2009

I was in the inaugural class of the EDP program. I had no idea at the time how rare interdisciplinary programs were in the U.S. It felt extremely natural to me to have the privilege to choose committee members and advisors from multiple disciplines to collaborate with and guide me. This program included pedagogy instruction which I have since also discovered is rare. I have always been proud of this relationship and the heritage of the PDBE program.
Education is a journey of self-discovery; and, it can be a means to an unknown end, which is what happened to me at Clemson. Following a business career as senior executive and CEO, my aspiration was to teach, write and contribute to the body of knowledge in my field of interest... like the professors that I admired and appreciated in both undergraduate and graduate schools. They were able to fuse their professional experience into their lectures. For me, those were the most memorable lessons learned. This is what I wanted to do.

What followed when I began my Ph.D at Clemson turned out to be both a challenging and humbling experience. I learned a lot about myself that I didn’t know or perhaps didn’t want to know from many professors and fellow doctoral students. I can’t note them all, but exemplifying those experiences are a few as follows:

In one of my first classes, EDP 801, Dr. Mickey Lauria (and Dr. Keith Green) had the audacity to give me “B” on my final paper that resulted in me not getting the “A” that I believed I had earned. About a month later, I reread that final paper and realized that Dr. Lauria was right. I ran into him at Walmart and told him so. Toward the end of the PDBE course work, I had Dr. Lauria for PDBE 815, a research design class that also had a final paper. I completed that assignment before it was due, and I knew it was “A” work; and, it was especially gratifying to hear him say so at the semester’s end over a beer at Nick’s.

I never had Dr. Terry Farris for a course, but from the beginning I felt that I had a professional kinship with him since I had a background in real estate development. After being a guest lecturer in the Business School and the Master of Real Estate Development program, I thought that I was becoming a good teacher. Dr. Farris observed me giving a lecture to the MRED students. He simply said, “David, it’s not about you, what you know and have done. It’s about the students and connecting with them. First, get away from the podium, and get yourself a clicker. And, second, you are a good story teller, but you need to tell every story with a purpose.” His constructive criticism was well taken and employed.

Dr. Pernille Christensen (Ph.D, December 2012), was my friend and study partner for EXST 801, in which was struggling. I thought that the reason for my difficulties was that I hadn’t had a stats class since earning my MBA in the late 1970’s B.C. (before computers). While I was struggling with the creation of a simple “Stem Leaf” plot, Pernille noticed and commented that she had some students like me. I asked, “What are you talking about?” And, she simply said, “David, you might want to get yourself checked for ADD.” I did, and my test results were off the charts. The meds helped a lot, but what was most helpful is that I learned how I learned, as well as how to develop some new study skills and ways of learning.
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Six years of both field and office work experience as civil/structural engineer in the nuclear industry. Designed and analyzed structural components for nuclear power plants for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) as well as nuclear power plants located in Mississippi, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

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Taught courses in planning communications, coastal planning, environmental planning, special area management planning, outdoor recreation resources management and planning, comprehensive planning studio, and landscape architecture (recreation design); taught summer school classes in the speech and communication department; assisted graduate students in preparing their theses and terminal projects; coordinator of the HUD Community Development Work Study Program for the department (received HUD funding 6 out of 9 years.)
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Tom first joined the Clemson University faculty in 1988. From 1992 to 2005, his career took him to Florida Atlantic University in sunny south Florida. After spending twelve years on the peninsula, Professor Springer returned to Clemson in 2005. He now serves as a board member and as the Secretary of the American Real Estate Society, henceforth making Clemson University its home address. Professor Springer is currently serving on the editorial boards of the Journal of Real Estate Research and the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics. Dr. Springer also consults in real estate on a part-time basis. This includes a recent stint with Marcus and Millichap Companies as a real estate economist.
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Dr. White has a background in developing, planning, and implementing activities in support of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). His most recent efforts are focused on the design of real-time data quality control solutions for Internet of Things (IoT) and geo-spatial analytics. He has a strong background in desktop GIS focused on environmental data sciences at multiple scales (local to national). His past efforts include the development of web-based metadata authoring systems, directing the deployment of hardware and software systems for real-time data collection systems, and the design and implementation of spatially-enabled relational databases to support GIS and web services. Dr. White has a Ph.D. in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina where he studied the spatial and temporal dynamics of phytoplankton community structure and water quality in estuarine coastal systems.
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Charleston Contradictions: A Case Study Of Historic Preservation Theories AND Policies

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Designing Complex, Interactive, Architectural Systems with CIAS-DM: A Model-Based, Human-Centered, Design and Analysis Methodology

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Hybrid Spaces: Users’ Perceptions of Digitally Mediated Public Space

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Encouraging Engagement with Therapeutic Landscapes: Using Transparent Spaces to Optimize Stress Reduction in Urban Health Facilities

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The LIT ROOM: Design, Implementation and evaluation of a Multi-Media, Architectural-Robotics Embedded Installation in a Public Library for Augmenting Children’s Interactive Picturebook Read-Alouds

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