

# APDesign E-News

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### FROM THE DEAN

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving, what an absolutely wonderful idea for a Holiday.... bring family and friends together to feast in celebration of all the things we are thankful for! It is not a commemoration of any specific event or person, but a truly altruistic enterprise celebrating the years' harvest. Over time we have come to celebrate not just the harvest of agricultural production, but of our accomplishments, blessings and friendships gained and strengthened over the preceding year.

At APDesign we have so much to be thankful for, not the least of which is that we are rapidly progressing on the completion of our new Seaton and Regnier Halls in advance of our move-in scheduled for early July, 2017. While I am excited beyond words about this eventuality, what I am most thankful for is the spirit of cooperation and perseverance displayed by the entire APDesign community in negotiating the current 'diaspora' model necessitated by our construction. The resilience and patience displayed by each and every one of you as you go about continuing the tradition of excellence expected in APDesign is heartening!

So as I gather and gorge with my extended family this Thanksgiving, please know that I will count my blessings in having the opportunity to work with, and for, all of you every day! At moments like this I realize that my major personal failing is that I do not extend this appreciation enough on a day-to-day basis. I will try to correct this immediately, rather than waiting to set this as a resolution for the New Year!

As you are all aware, we are fortunate that many among us hail from distant lands with different traditions. If you have the capacity and opportunity, please reach out to these members of our

### EVENTS & DEADLINES

#### NOVEMBER

21-25 Fall Break

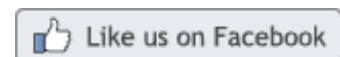
21-Dec 2 Student Internship Exhibit - Chang Gallery

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Competition Open to all Students: Place and Displacement: A Marketplace in Refugee Settlements

community and share this great Holiday with them. It is when we shine most brightly in these United State and Canada, albeit a different day!

I am reminded of the Italian family I lived with while I was a graduate student studying abroad in Florence. On each holiday they would set an extra place at the dining table in anticipation that some unexpected guest might arrive to share the feast! The same family, knowing of our Thanksgiving tradition, threw a special feast on the fourth Thursday in November that year, for this 'international' student. Quite an example of Thanks and Giving!

Please be sure to secure your belongings at Seaton, APDWest and in your dwellings, on or off-campus. Please be safe in celebration and travel and if driving, be patient on the road!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone working passionately following the Holiday towards finals and final reviews!

Sincerely,

Tim de Noble, AIA  
Dean

## AROUND THE COLLEGE

### APD West Fall Break Info

[Click here](#) to view the updated Shuttle and building schedule.

### Third Floor Tidbits - Weigel Library Fall Break / Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, CLOSED  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, November 21, 22 and 23,  
OPEN 8 am - 12 noon / 1 pm - 5 pm  
Thursday through Sunday, November 24, 25, 26 and 27,  
CLOSED

Monday, November 28, REGULAR HOURS begin at 8 am  
Enjoy your break and your holiday. Travel safely to and from. Then be ready for the final busy weeks of Fall Semester 2016!

Displays -

The Case for Public Housing

Architecture is not all Museums, McMansions, and Pritzker Prizes. Shelter is among the most basic physiological needs for human survival. Yet so few people can afford housing. Imagine for a moment what it would be like to not have shelter: Where you would sleep this winter? What address would you give your employer? Where would you keep food and clothing? Where could you shower? Now imagine what you as a designer can do to help. Few dedicate their lives improving the lives of others, but if you are curious about making a difference then Weigel Library is a good place to start. Who knows? Maybe someday your designs will translate into better dorms, too!! Eric Schlueter

Wayfinding and Signage books are highlighted as the resources of the week. For your convenience find them on the middle display unit. What good is a great building or space design if people can't find their way?

Two library student assistants have created "mini" displays about their internship experiences. Both students showcase the firm and their work, MESA Design Group in Dallas and RDG Planning & Design in Omaha, as well as living in those locations.

### Holiday decoration safety

With the upcoming holiday season it is important to remember a

## PLACE AND DISPLACEMENT

Affordable Refugee Settlements  
Architecture and Public Administration Competition

**PROPOSITION**  
The competition is open to all students and faculty members of Kansas State University. The competition is open to all students and faculty members of Kansas State University. The competition is open to all students and faculty members of Kansas State University.

**PRIZE MONEY**  
Overall Winner: \$30,000  
Second Prize: \$15,000  
Third Prize: \$7,500 per team  
The total prize package is \$30,000, and we would love to invite all students at Kansas State University to participate.



Place and Displacement: A Marketplace in Refugee Settlements. It is a competition that challenges the innovative minds around the globe to design a marketplace to promote refugee livelihoods. The total prize package is \$30,000, and we would love to invite all students at Kansas State University to participate. Registration deadline, Dec 3, 2016. [Click Here for more information!](#)

few fire safety regulations, policies and other important information. The National Fire Protection Agency estimates that Christmas trees, both natural and artificial, were the item first ignited in approximately 920 reported home structure fires from 2007-2011. These fires caused 24 civilian deaths, 88 civilian injuries and \$73.2 million in direct property damage.

During the same period, holiday lights and other decorative lighting with line voltage were involved in an estimated average of 600 home structure fires. These fires caused approximately 36 civilian deaths, 64 civilian injuries and \$33.6 million in direct property damage.

There are a few fire safety rules in effect at Kansas State University that you'll need to be aware of when decorating. Let's have a safe and happy holiday season by remembering the following fire safety tips.

- Candles, incense, incense burners and any other item that produce an open flame are not permitted at the university. Flameless candles and electric scent pots are permitted. Scent pots should be turned off when unattended.
- When decorating corridor walls, you may not cover more than 20 percent of the surfaces with combustible materials.
- Do not place holiday decorations where they may block emergency egress - stairways, corridors, near doors, etc. - exit signs, emergency lights or fire alarm devices.
- Use only flame retardant decorations.
- Avoid using extension cords. If you must use an extension cord, use a heavy gauge, grounded cord and place it in plain view. Make sure the cord does not pose a tripping hazard, run under rugs or carpet, and pass through windows or doors. Do not tandem plug - one extension cord into another - extension cords together and unplug them when you leave. Always try to use a overcurrent protected power strip in lieu of an extension cord.
- Use only FM or UL listed electrical decorations. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-light sets or a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in-style light string sets.
- Fire resistant artificial trees are permitted and preferred. Live trees in university buildings are discouraged but can be used in limited occupancies with very specific and restrictive regulations established by the International Fire Code. A permit must be obtained from Environmental Health & Safety prior to live trees being used indoors.
- Turn off lights when the room is unoccupied.

Also, if using a space heater, it must be kept three feet away from combustibles when in use. It must be plugged directly into an outlet and unplugged when not in use.

If you have any questions about these or any other fire safety tips, please contact us at 785-532-5856, or email us at [firesafety@k-state.edu](mailto:firesafety@k-state.edu).

#### **Housekeeping reminder**

This is a reminder to keep all sinks clear and clean including the drinking fountains! Take care not to wash any solid material including food, especially concrete or other model making materials, down any of the drains. Solids and semi-solids can be put in the trash cans after being tied up plastic bags or put in closed containers/cups.

