West Coast Trip
Summer 2009

Thirteen days in the Pacific Northwest during the most beautiful time of year turned out to be a fantastic way to end summer vacation. The College of Environment and Design offers a two week trip every summer either to the northwestern or northeastern region of the United States. You might have seen the fliers around the studios for the East Coast Trip scheduled for this summer.

This previous summer, I was lucky enough to be a part of the West Coast Trip in early August. Arriving first in the great city of Seattle, Washington, we met with Professors Davis and Nichols to begin our adventures. Gas Works Park, the University of Washington campus, Bainbridge Island, the Bloedel Reserve, Freeway Park and Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center were some of the sights we visited. Jones & Jones and Gustafson Guthrie Nichol are two well known firms we also had the honor of visiting.

From Seattle, we packed into three minivans and crossed the wonderful border into the great white north. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada is one of those cities everyone needs to visit at some point in their life and the drive up from Seattle is absolutely breathtaking. It’s typically about three hours, but it took us closer to seven. When we finally made it, some of our stops were Granville Island, Stanley Park, and downtown Vancouver with its immense collection of the coolest roof gardens you will ever see. Space2place Landscape Architects and PWL Partnership were two firms that we were also able to visit.

From Vancouver, we hopped on a ferry over to the gorgeous city of Victoria located on Vancouver Island. In Victoria, we were able to wander around the Butchart Gardens which are absolutely stunning.

After visiting Victoria, we endured the long haul all the way back down to Portland, Oregon. Once in Portland we checked out the Portland Japanese Garden, the International Rose Test Garden, the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Ira Keller Fountain and Lovejoy Plaza. David Evans and Associates, Walker Macy and Mayer/Reed were three more firms kind enough to show us around their offices.

The multitude of sights and firms we were able to visit in so little time was incredible. I would absolutely do it again… maybe East Coast this time!

Know Your Pros

At age 4, Professor Cecile Martin saw pictures of the Sistine Chapel and knew that she wanted to be an artist. She received a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania and her master’s in Fine Art from Clemson. She has worked as an artist, art consultant and designer while teaching in private schools, adjunct positions at various colleges, and art residencies throughout South Carolina.

Martin moved Clemson sixteen years ago, teaching Life Drawing, Drawing, Design Studios, and Design Theory for the departments of Art, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture. Art and architecture were under the same department at Clemson at the time, and she fell in love with the first year Design Studio for the Landscape Architecture Program.

The first year design curriculum at Clemson was initiated by Professor Martin. Even here at UGA she has formed the basis of our students’ careers. Everything is connected, Martin says to students, and it is the designer’s job to find those relationships between them. This design process may be overwhelming when you first start, but it does get easier. The pieces will eventually all come together.

Along with many awards and honors, Professor Martin has illustrated children’s books, restaurant walls, and designed graphic posters for clients. Her most prominent work is an illustrative narrative of The Stations of the Cross for St. Paul The Apostle Church. Look for Professor Martin in the second year graphics and design courses.

— Lauren Cardoni, fourth year BLA

Cascade Mountains
Drive from Vancouver to Seattle

The Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
10:00 AM Informational meeting for 2010 Summer West Coast Trip. 508 Caldwell.

5:00 PM Alan Berger Lecture Landscape Beyond Urbanism Room 248, MLC

SATURDAY, MARCH 27
Athens Urban Redevelopment Symposium at Cine. 234 W. Hancock Avenue. Registration Required for lectures, movies and food at 706-353-1801 or achf@bellsouth.net.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
5:00 PM Landscapes for Rain opening reception. Circle Gallery.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
12:00-1:00pm Pratt Cassity Brown Bag Seminar on ‘Compatible Urban Infill’ 103 Denmark Hall

May Travel Studies

Get to travel before the hot summer begins on the East Coast Trip offered May 19-29. This year the students fly to Boston and visit Cambridge, Harvard, and New York for tours of places like Central Park and visits to prominent firms. Students also explore Philadelphia and the Hudson River area. Use this unique opportunity to expand your visual design library and enjoy great works of Landscape Architecture! Contact Brad Davis: bdavis@uga.edu.

Want to stay closer to home? Try Georgia’s Coast with the Historic Preservation Field School. The trip runs May 1-June 1 and provides 3 credit hours. Professors Reinberger and Walsh lead an intensive introduction to Historic Preservation, site documentation, and hands-on conservation on Jekyll Island with visits to Cumberland, Fort Frederica, and Sapelo Island. Contact Mark Reinberger: reinberg@uga.edu.

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