

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Academic Year!

Dear Students of the School of Architecture,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year!

A warm welcome to our new students, and to our returning students!

For those of you returning to the School, we are glad to have you back as you continue your journey to the graduation stage. For those new students who are just joining our academic community, we encourage you to make the most of your time here.

Your college experience will be what you make it, and your opportunities will only be limited by the limits you place on yourself. We are counting on you to make this your best year yet at the School of Architecture, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

We are very happy that you have decided to come to the UNLV School of Architecture.

I strongly believe in the transformative opportunities of a college degree, and in "succeeding on purpose".

Being a student at the School of Architecture is a very special period in your life. You will find that the school has a very welcoming and engaging culture, and I hope that you will find the SoA a great place to study and that everybody is helpful and respectful.

As an undergraduate student, you are learning about the many facets of the exciting professions of becoming an architect, interior designer, or landscape architect.

As a graduate student, you have successfully completed your Bachelor studies, and now - as a more mature student - it is time to enter the final period of your studies. You can specialize in areas such as hospitality design, sustainable design, landscape urbanism, design + build, and educational buildings and campus planning.

Whatever pathway you have chosen, for your design work I always like to recommend that you create a "place" for social interaction where people like to be, rather than just another building. We believe that good design has the potential to improve society and the life of others.

As you start a new academic year, take advantage of the many services and support mechanisms available to help you achieve your full potential. Remember that the Architectural Studies Library and the Digital Fabrication Workshops are here to help.

We are looking forward to learn more about you and your plans for your future. I encourage you to get involved and take part in the array of opportunities and initiatives hosted by the School and by student associations throughout the year.

Our School Associate Director is Professor Danny Ortega; and the School's Assistant Director and Graduate Coordinator is Professor Josh Vermillion. Do not hesitate to contact us in case you are in doubt about anything or seeking any assistance.

The recently published yearbook 'Billboard' (available for free at the School office) will give you a good overview of selected student works from last year, and the biographies of your professors.

So, make new friends and remember to make it a great year.
I will see you soon.

With best wishes,
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