MPM Spring Quarter 2012 News

As the hustle and bustle of team projects, capstone presentations, and graduation exercises subside, all bodes well as the MPM program completes another successful year. Please continue to keep us updated and send your news to either rjkrizek@northwestern.edu or l-lealaitafea@northwestern.edu so that our newsletter can be more interesting to everyone.

New Graduates

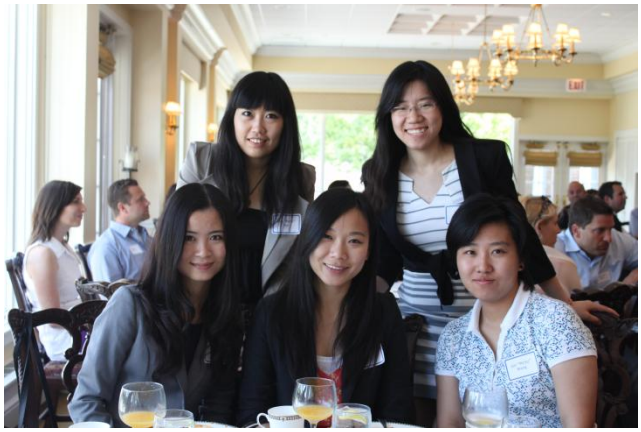
Congratulations to our 2012 MPM graduates. Graduation exercises were held on Friday, June 15, and our most recent alums are:

Alan Bebchik (USA)
Daniel Carmona (USA)
Omobolawa Omokorode Fadojutimi (USA)
Pierre Jamet (France)
Mehraz Khaleghi Kerahroodi (Iran)
Ke Liang (China)
Sharon Lowhim (USA)
Adeleke A. Ogunsanya (USA)
Yuan Ren (China)
Oscar Szandecki (USA)
Charles Anthony Vescoso Jr. (USA)
Etienne Wicker (France)
Anna Zysman (USA)

In addition to June graduates, the above photo includes several students who plan to finish in August.

Graduation Brunch

Our Brunch on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at the Park Ridge Country Club was another wonderful and memorable MPM event. There was a great turnout of 115 graduates and guests, and we were happy to see everyone of them. Shown below are several photos taken on this happy occasion. Next year our Brunch is scheduled for **Sunday, June 2, 2013**, so please mark your calendars accordingly.



Alum News

Congratulations to **Adhamina Rodriguez** (MPM 1999) and her husband, Stuart, on the birth of their twins, Victoria Adhamina and Oliver Mark, born on April 24, 2012. Victoria weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Oliver, born 2 minutes after Victoria, weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. Both mom and the twins are doing fine.

Big brother Dominic is happily adjusting to his little siblings.

Victoria Adhamina

Oliver Mark

Ariel Hsin-Chieh Chen (MPM 2006) is working on wastewater treatment projects with the Department of Environmental Protection in New York City.

Christopher Green (MPM 2008) started a new position as a project engineer with Mortenson Construction in December. He is currently working on an 8-story, 150,000 sf office building infrastructure upgrade project in Jacksonville, Florida, for Allstate Insurance. Unfortunately, however, he has been so busy that he doesn't have a tan and he rarely has time to even THINK about going to the beach!

We are very proud to pass on the good news that **Yury Lui** (MPM 2009), who is employed by HP/EYP Mission Critical Services, has been identified by the Consulting-Specifying Engineer as a recipient of the Under 40 Award for 2012. This award is given to 40 building industry professionals age 40 and younger who stand out in all aspects of their lives. Candidates were nominated by a professional colleague or mentor and judged based on commitment to excellence in their academic, professional, personal, and community involvement. To read a profile of Yuri and the other recipients, visit www.csemag.com/40under40

"It is an honor to recognize these young leaders of the building and engineering industries," said Amara Rozgus, Editor-in-Chief of the Consulting-Specifying Engineer. "They earned this award by working and playing hard while still making time for industry and charity volunteering. Through project management, research, mentoring, and much more, these winners are guiding the building and engineering sciences toward sustainability and success."

Michael Stogdill (MPM 2007), who taught International Construction in the MPM program in 2009 and 2010 while working for Ambitech Engineering, is currently working for ARAMCO in Saudi Arabia on two construction projects – a new fire station and a community center. A bird's eye view of the community center project is shown to the right. Michael has more than 20 years of international work experience and he looks forward to the prospect of applying his expertise to mega oil projects in the future.

Shen-Ming Wang (MPM 2010) moved back to Taiwan in April and is working at CTCI Corporation, a Taiwanese international company that is ranked forty-ninth among the top 200 international design firms in 2011. He greatly enjoyed his experience in the MPM program and his subsequent work in the San Francisco Bay Area and now feels quite competitive in Asia. CTIC Corporation has more than 7000 employees and he is in charge of coordinating the top engineers in the Oil and Gas, Facilities, and Infrastructure Construction Departments. He looks forward to gaining experience in planning large projects in Taiwan and southeast Asia with a goal of eventually qualifying for a position in one of the major U.S. construction companies.

Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC) Program

Your help in bringing our new **Executive Management for Design and Construction** program, scheduled to start this coming Fall Quarter, to the attention of interested colleagues will be most appreciated. Detailed information about the program, including the description, schedule, and faculty for each course, can be found on the web site at:

http://emdc.northwestern.edu

Symposium on Technology for Design and Construction

The second annual **Symposium on Technology for Design and Construction** will be held on August 15, 16, and 17, 2012 in the Thorne Auditorium at the Northwestern University Law School, 375 East Chicago Avenue, in Chicago. This will be an exciting event that will provide opportunities for networking, knowledge-building, and exposure to cutting edge developments, such as the impact of social media on projects, legal aspects of Integrated Project Delivery, GSA's approach to facility management, technology usage in heavy construction, hypermodeling, augmented reality, and BIM workflows.

As a manifestation of our interest in enabling all MPM graduates to participate in continuing education events such as this Symposium and stay current with the state-of-practice in this important area of the industry, the registration fee is reduced to (a) $150 for all MPM alumni and (b) the student rate of $25 for any MPM graduate who is currently in the unfortunate position of not having a job. This discount process is being administered through the MPM Alumni Association (MPMAA), and all that is necessary to take advantage of this opportunity is to send an email to MPMAA at: NUMPMAA@gmail.com stating your situation and then simply to come to the registration desk on the first day of the Symposium (August 15) with a check for $150 or $25, as appropriate, payable to Northwestern University. Do not attempt to register for the Symposium on-line because the on-line registration process will not accommodate a discounted registration fee.