

## MPM Summer Quarter 2012 Newsletter

A busy summer is now part of history and it's once again time to share some MPM news. As you know, the news we share depends primarily on you, so please don't hesitate to let us know about any happenings in your life (promotions, marriages, children, relocations, job changes, lottery winnings, etc.) that you would like to share with your fellow alums.

### *New MPM Students*

We are most pleased to welcome to Northwestern University the largest MPM class in our history. In keeping with the typical international composition of our student body, our new students represent ten countries in addition to the United States. Given below are the names of our new Fall Quarter students and the country of their citizenship.

Ali Al Saffar (Iraq)	Amer Mian (Saudi Arabia)
Linglu An (China)	Richard Niemer (USA)
Kirk Bacastow (USA)	Namik Pars (Turkey)
Siyu Bai (China)	Dishaben Patel (USA)
Jose Barcelo (Dominican Republic)	Jianhong Qiu (China)
Michael Cirillo (USA)	Rachana Raikar (India)
Nicolas Clerget (France)	Matthew Spoden (USA)
Heath Cowan (USA)	Mark Terrulli (USA)
Neal Deiters (USA)	Hantao Wang (USA)
Xiaotong Ding (China)	Yao Wang (China)
Camille Duranteau (France)	Zachary Wininger (USA)
Anas Elayyan (Jordan)	Matthew Wopschall (USA)
Matthew Fry (USA)	Wei Xia (China)
Fan Gao (China)	Guanghui Xu (China)
Tianyu Jiang (China)	Xinyi Xue (China)
Doyub Kim (South Korea)	Jian Zeng (China)
Jiangying Liu (China)	Li Zhang (China)
Aibao Ma (China)	Shuo Zhang (China)
Ruben Marcos (Mexico)	Heng Zhao (China)
Brian Medina (USA)	Xiaozhu Zhao (China)

### *New EMDC Students*

The following students comprise the inaugural class in our new certificate program in Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC). We look forward to sharing with them a mutually enriching experience and wish them the greatest success in their studies.

Nora Degnan	Rafael Hernandez
Mark Hampton	Heather McNitt
Verneta Simon	

### *MPM Graduates*

Congratulations to our Summer Quarter MPM graduates. We wish them the greatest success in their professional careers and personal lives.

Xun Feng (China)  
Christopher M. Kaczor (USA)

Bennett Elmer Kuhar (USA)  
Mirela P. Zalewski (USA)

### *Spring Brunch*

Our next MPM Spring Brunch will be on **Sunday, June 2, 2013** at the Park Ridge Country Club. Although well into the future, plan ahead and reserve this date on your calendar.

### *Faculty News*

We are pleased to welcome two additions to our MPM faculty. Jeff Loyall from Turner Construction will co-teach our Construction Management course with Dan Maguire, and Jim Blanusha from Benesch & Associates will co-teach with Lee Benish in the Business Development course.

Don Robideau, who co-taught our course in Construction Management for many years, has relinquished his teaching duties to focus his current effort on a major Executive Construction project in Denver, Colorado.

### *Alumni*

Congratulations to **Chad Hall** (MPM 2008) and Vicki Salomon, who were married in the Dominican Republic on January 28, 2012, after which they honeymooned in Australia and New Zealand for three weeks. For the past two years Chad has been working for R-T Specialty in California as a senior broker. His responsibilities include (a) providing creative construction products for retail insurance brokers across the country and (b) designing casualty insurance for residential and commercial wrap-up programs, distressed assets, partially completed projects, takeover projects, completed operations run-off programs, owner's interest, maintenance wrap-ups, large excess limits, follow form excess products, homebuilders programs, and so forth. He provides product solutions on projects ranging from \$5M to more than \$1B.

**Joe Harris** (MPM 2010) considers himself a lucky man because he recently became engaged to Danielle Ray, whom he describes as gorgeous. They met at Michigan State University while working on their undergraduate degrees and moved to Chicago after graduation in 2008. Joe proposed on St. Patrick's Day 2012 while skiing in Park City, Utah, and they are planning a Spring 2013 wedding in Chicago.



In July **Mehmooda Imam Mansoor** (MPM 2011) started a new job as project manager with Facundo Artisan Builders in Houston, Texas. Her responsibilities include estimating, scheduling, and cost control. Similar to so many of our graduates, she feels that her MPM degree has opened a lot of career opportunities for her.

**Pierre Jamet** (MPM 2012) is working as an estimator and project manager at Lacroix, which is based in Nanterre, France, in the west suburbs of Paris. Lacroix is part of the GCBTP group and specializes in new building projects and renovation work; the majority of their projects are located in the Paris region.

### ***Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC) Program***

The new Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC) program was launched this Fall Quarter with an enrollment of five students (by way of background the MPM program had six students in 1990 and it now has more than ten times that many). Although not beneficial from a financial perspective, the small class size affords the faculty an excellent opportunity to “tailor” the content of each course to satisfy more closely the individual needs of each student and the early feedback concerning the two courses being taught this quarter has been excellent. Details about the program can be found on the web site at: <http://emdc.northwestern.edu/>

### ***Symposium on Technology for Design and Construction***

This summer on August 15, 16, and 17, the MPM program hosted a second very successful Symposium on Technology for Design and Construction at the Law School on the Chicago campus of Northwestern University. There were over 150 participants, 15 vendor displays, and an excellent cast of presenters. To learn more about this symposium and how to obtain the proceedings, go to:

<http://www.techforconstruction.com>