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Kent State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design Spring Lecture Series

Kent, Ohio...In February and March, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at Kent State University presents a series of lectures relating to diverse modes of contemporary design practice.

The lectures are free and open to the public and will take place on the Main Campus of Kent State University with specific lecture locations, dates, and times listed below. For driving directions, visit <http://maps.kent.edu/kent.html> to view the Kent State campus map. Visitor parking for the Michael Schwartz Auditorium can be accessed off East Summit Street. Visitor parking for Cartwright Auditorium can be accessed off Terrace Drive. For more information, please contact the College of Architecture & Environmental Design at (330) 672-2917 or visit the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Home Page at <http://www.caed.kent.edu/>.

February

Tuesday, February 09, 2010 Elena Manferdini, principal and founder of Atelier Manferdini, will present a lecture entitled "Design is One". Manferdini's work is based on a multi-scale work methodology and embraces the philosophy that design can participate in a wide range of multidisciplinary developments that define our culture. Atelier Manferdini has been recognized internationally for its ability to create imaginative architecture, fashion and object design. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Mark Foster Gage, founding partner of Gage/Clemenceau Architects in New York City and Assistant Professor of Architecture at Yale University, will present a lecture entitled "Computation, Aesthetics, & the Contemporary Baroque". Gage's work on the role of computation in architecture and design has been published internationally and exhibited at venues including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Museum of the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Deutsches Architektur Zentrum in Berlin. 7 p.m.

March

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 Hansy Better Barraza, will present work from her forward thinking practice, Studio Luz Architects of Boston, that strives to link social responsibility, sustainable construction practices with built material expression. The firm has been a recipient of the Architectural Record Design Vanguard Award, the 2004 Young Architect's Award from the Architectural League of New York, and was recently nominated for the American Institute of Architects Young Architects Award. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 Stephen Cassell, founding partner of Architecture Research Office New York, will present a lecture entitled "Architecture Research Office: Recent & Future Work". With a diverse and highly recognized dossier of projects including the renovation and expansion of Columbia University's historic Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, the reinvention of New York City's Union Square Park North, and the Donald Judd Home and Studio museum in SoHo, the office proposes that only through research does architecture become more than design. 7p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2010 Andrea Ponsi, an Architect with an international practice in Florence, Italy, will discuss his book, *Florence: A Map of Perceptions*. Ponsi's work extends from architecture to urban furnishings, interiors, and installations and focuses on the relationship between ecology and design. 7:30 p.m.