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George B. Johnston Named Architecture School Chair

Professor George B. Johnston, a registered architect and noted cultural historian, was today appointed Chair of the Georgia Tech School of Architecture. A 26-year member of the architecture faculty, he is the first to hold this newly created position after the College of Architecture reorganized into five schools. Johnston says the digital-age practice of architecture will rise on creative contact between design and research across fields and disciplinary boundaries, and that Georgia Tech has every reason to be ambitious in charting this new direction. More >
Grand Opening Rescheduled for March 30, 2011

$9.5 million project exemplifies innovative architecture, preserves legacy of Bauhaus-influenced functionalism

Join us March 30, 2011, to explore and celebrate the newly renovated Hinman Research Building. Architects Nader Tehrani of Office dA and Jack Pyburn of Lord, Aeck & Sargent's Historic Preservation Studio will give a lecture 4-5 pm in the Reinish-Pierce Family Auditorium. A ceremony and reception will follow, at 5-7 pm in the Hinman Building. The first freestanding research facility on the campus, is characterized by its mid-century design and materials, as well as a 50-foot high-bay laboratory. It originally housed the Georgia Tech Engineering Experiment Station, the predecessor to the Georgia Tech Research Institute. More > READ THE REVIEW AT ARTSCRITICATL.COM >

Practice: New Digital Building Lab Consortium promotes speedier adoption of fabrication, sustainability, modeling technology
Combining expertise in architecture, computing, building construction and civil engineering, Georgia Tech’s new Digital Building Lab tackles research projects aligned to strategic industry challenges, including Digital Design and Fabrication; Energy and Sustainability; Modeling and Visualization; and Systems, Processes and Interoperability. More >

Research: Curtain Raises for Year Three Center delivers music technology research, avant-gard performances

The Georgia Tech Center for Music Technology, launched in November 2008, has attracted funding in excess of $3 million, primarily from National Science Foundation grants, but also from sponsored research industry partners such as Google and Turner Broadcasting. This winter, the center hosts the Margaret Guthman Musical Instrument Competition and an experimental performance from acclaimed artist Laurie Anderson. Contemporary music ensemble-in-residence Sonic Generator also brings another lineup of mind-expanding and technologically-driven performances beginning January 24 at the Woodruff Arts Center. More >

Position Opening: Chair, School of Building Construction
The School of Building Construction, reformed in 2010 as one of five schools within the College of Architecture, seeks to become the leading force of innovation in integrated project delivery, integrated facility management and program management. Candidates must have a professional graduate degree in construction management, civil engineering, environmental engineering or related field, a doctorate is preferred but not essential, an established record of scholarship, an on-going pursuit of research and/or practice, and a demonstrated ability to lead. More >

**Outreach: Atlanta Industrial Park**  
Students, faculty provide redevelopment planning

Georgia Tech planning students and professor Nancey Green Leigh developed a comprehensive analysis to improve the industrial park and the
former housing project sites near I-285 and Hollowell Parkway. According to Leigh, the next step is to suggest to the City of Atlanta how it can make this industrial land stronger and to suggest to the Atlanta Housing Authority ideas for three different mixed-use developments on the former housing sites. More >

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