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Alumni Profiles
Ken Hampian
CRP alum and Urban Planning Partners’ founder Lynette Dias

Dedicated to improving urban environments, The CRP Department is offering two new workshops in the upcoming Urban Planning Partners work involves urban. Bill Ramsey

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William Ramsey (MCRP 1984) was promoted to assistant development services director for the City of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. With 21 years’ experience in planning, his focus has been on historical preservation, land use and environmental resource management. As a longtime city employee, Ramsey has had a significant impact on the urban fabric. He wrote the city’s “bed & breakfast” ordinance, which provides an incentive for historic preservation through adaptive reuse of buildings. “I’m excited to once again be involved in a larger role in helping the city protect its important historic and cultural resources,” says Ramsey.

Angela Freitas

Angela Freitas (BSCRP 1999) has worked her way up the San Mateo County Planning Department starting as an intern in 1998. Recently promoted to director of planning and community development, her current projects include a reuse plan for a 1.500-acre general aviation facility that was handed over to the county. “Planning is very diverse,” says Freitas. “It’s truly never being.” When asked for advice for soon-to-be planners, Freitas said, “Don’t be too literal. Planning is not black and white, it’s very gray. You need to use common sense to maneuver in planning.”

CRP at 2012 California APA Conference

Held in Rancho Mirage, the conference brought together California planners to discuss and share the highlights, struggles and strategies of planning in California. The conference started with a day for students. Student posters, panels and an awards luncheon featured planning students’ accomplishments and their post-graduation career plans. Sessions covered three days and included topics such as legislative updates, revitalization without redevelopment funding, and graphics for planners. CRP faculty’s session on natural and technology in sustainable design and planning attracted an appreciative audience.

Focus 2012 is here!
CRP is very pleased to announce that the 2012 issue of our annual journal FOCUS 9 is now available. Professor Vincente del Rio’s efforts as senior editor of this publication make FOCUS 9 “a must see” for everyone interested in learning about the intellectual engagement and successes in CRP during this last academic year. The journal includes essays, articles and projects and highlights the work of CRP faculty, students and alumni. FOCUS 9: Journal of the City and Regional Planning Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, can be viewed at Cal Poly’s Digital Commons: digitallmmons.calpoly.edu/FOCUS/. It is also available at Amazon: www.amazon.com/Focus-9-2012-Regional-Planning-Department/dp/148052175.

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Sembieda Helps with Disaster Planning
If you were looking to find Professor William Sembieda in his office last year, you would have been out of luck. Professor Sembieda was some 8,000 miles away in Australia, New Zealand, and Japan working on strategic land use planning decisions in post-disaster regions. As a visiting research professor at the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Sembieda studied recovery plans of coastal cities in Japan and advised on neighborhood relocations. At the Joint Center for Disaster Research, Massey University, NZ, he worked on an earthquake recovery program for the city of Christchurch, thus adding to his expertise in disaster mitigation planning. This November Sembieda was keynote speaker at an international conference, Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

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