Brief Instructor Bio

Melinda Nettles has been teaching studios at the UO since the spring of 2007, including studios that have focused on housing for migrant farmworkers and housing in very low income colonia communities along the US-Mexico border. She also has a varied background in architectural practice. She has worked in Washington, D.C. and in the San Francisco Bay Area on projects ranging from large educational facilities to single-family homes, and is currently working in Eugene with Pivot Architecture on the design of a new operations center for EWEB. She has a BArch from the University of Oregon (1997) and a Master of Science in Sustainable Design from the University of Texas at Austin (2006). She is particularly interested in the relationships between architecture, sustainability, and social justice.

DESIGN BRIDGE is a student organization linking AAA with the surrounding community offering weekend design charrettes, full design development services and design-build services to clients. The focus is to bring the resources and energy that you have as students to communities and organizations that can use your help. The organization’s focus is on projects that have a mutual benefit to design students and to the community. It seeks projects and clients that share designBridge’s commitment to sustainable design and green building practices.

As part of the first “designBridge Year,” this studio will continue work already underway on three real projects with real clients, which will eventually be built by dB students and volunteers. These projects are:

- Moss Street Children’s Center Garden Shelter
- HIV Alliance Memorial Entrance Garden
- Roosevelt Middle School Bike Shelter

To find out more about DESIGN BRIDGE, please come to one of our weekly meetings, Wednesday 12:00- 12:50 279 LA or go to our website, dbridge@uoregon.edu.