INTRODUCTION
The Murcutt|AUSTRALIA Studio is an upper-level graduate studio open to all architecture students who will be entering either Arch 502 or Arch 506 in spring quarter 2014. Glenn Murcutt and UW Associate Professor Peter Cohan will lead the studio. A trip to Australia will comprise the first 2 1/2 weeks of the course. The studio will convene in Sydney on March 20, 2014. We will spend the first two days travelling with Glenn to visit a number of his projects, including the Boyd Center and the Simpson-Lee House, returning to Sydney in the evenings. On March 23rd we will drive 6 hours up the coast to the Murcutt farm (the Marie Short House) near Crescent Head, New South Wales, where the studio will engage in an intensive two-week design charrette.

The charrette will be divided into two five-day sessions, using the Murcutt guest house as the studio. Living on the Murcutt farm will allow students to develop a sensitive understanding of site/building relationships and how the geology, geomorphology, topography, ecology, climate and history of a site can have a critical impact upon design decisions. Preparing food, cooking and sharing communal meals will provide the occasion for conversations with Glenn during the evening. A weekend interval for visits to the Wilson River Primitive Reserve and to the coastal beaches near Crescent Head will allow students to experience the rich variety of Australia’s ecozones and ecotones. The Australia portion of the studio will conclude on April 4th with a final review at the farm before the drive back to Sydney on the following day.

Upon returning to Seattle, the studio will continue to refine the projects they conceived in Australia. Large-scale models and further site development will allow the students to refine their design explorations. The final two weeks of the quarter will be devoted to the production of a permanent record of the studio, including a mounted exhibition of the work and a printed document.
Faculty
Glenn Murcutt was educated at the University of New South Wales, where he studied architecture from 1956 to 1961. He works as a sole practitioner, producing residential and institutional work all over Australia. Although he does not work outside the country, or run a large firm, his work has a worldwide influence. In 2002 he was awarded the Pritzker Prize, one of the highest distinctions in architecture, and in 2009 he won the American Institute of Architects Gold Medal. Glenn currently lectures and teaches architectural studies as a professor at the UNSW Faculty of Built Environment.

Associate Professor Peter Cohan received a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Washington in 1984. He has been teaching in the Department of Architecture at the UW since 1989. He has previously taught four design studios with Glenn Murcutt, three at the UW and one in Australia.

Student Eligibility
Graduate architecture students eligible to enroll in Arch 502 or Arch 506 studio during spring quarter may to apply. Participants will be selected on the basis of scholarship, academic preparation, motivation, emotional maturity, and financial responsibility. A maximum of ten students will be admitted.

The University of Washington provides equal opportunity in education without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and University of Washington policy.

Courses and Credits
This trip is an integral component of a six-credit Arch 502/506 Architecture Design Studio. No additional credits will be given.

Schedule
Thu 20 March  meet in Sydney
Fri 21 March  field trip to Simpson-Lee house, mountain walk
Sat 22 March  field trip to Boyd Center
Sun 23 March  drive to Kempsey
Mon 24 March  design studio week one begins
Fri 28 March  week one design review
Sat 29 March  Wilson River Primitive Reserve
Sun 30 March  coastal walk
Mon 31 March  design studio week two begins
    Fri 4 Apr  week two design review
    Sat 5 April  cleaning, packing and return to Sydney
Sun 6 April  depart for Seattle

Facilities and Lodging
Students will spend the first three nights and the last night of the program in shared rooms in the YHA Sydney Harbour Hostel. At the Murcutt farm students will share sleeping spaces in the old farmhouse and the Marie Short house. Each student is expected to bring a sleeping bag or bedding, including a pillowcase, for use during the stay at the farm.
Preparation and Orientation
Students selected for this program are expected to participate in a series of preparatory sessions to be held during winter quarter. The purpose of these sessions will be to conduct pre-design research; including case studies, program analysis and climate analysis. The seminar will also include presentations on practical and operational matters pertaining to the trip.

EXPENSES

Program Fee
The estimated program fee is $4,750. The program fee includes lodging and transportation to all program activities while in Australia. It also includes food during our stay at the Murcutt farm. Not included in the program fee are UW Study Abroad Insurance, transportation to and from Australia, food while in Sydney, personal expenses and optional travel expenses.

Note: Program fees are contingent upon exchange rates. Should the rate of exchange rise or fall significantly prior to commencement of the program fees or content may be adjusted accordingly.

Travel
Travel to and from Sydney is not included in the program and is the responsibility of each participant. Round-trip airfare from Seattle to Sydney is expected to cost approximately $1,500 round trip [subject to when & where you buy your ticket].

Health Insurance
Students are required to purchase University of Washington Health Insurance for the duration of the trip. It will cost approximately $42/month. This insurance can be obtained by visiting the following website:

http://www.hthstudents.com/qe.cfm?ac=IZV-31648

Students accepted into the program must attach proof of payment to the waiver form (see below).

PROGRAM FEE PAYMENT

The $4750 program fee is paid online in two installments – 1] $2500 by January 15, 2014, and 2] $2250 by February 25, 2014. Payments can be submitted at the following website:

http://engage.washington.edu/site/Calendar?id=105581&view=Detail

Note: Because this is a departmental program we are unable to access your UW Student Account to retrieve payments. Payments must be submitted online directly by students using a credit or debit card.
FINANCIAL AID
Most forms of financial aid can be applied to this program. Participants who are on financial aid should contact the Financial Aid Office to verify that their awards will apply. Students interested in applying for increased financial aid during their quarter of study abroad should obtain a revision request from the Financial Aid office and submit it along with the budget of student expenses (to be provided by the program coordinator), and submit both to the Financial Aid office in Schmitz Hall.

Note: Financial aid and most scholarships will be disbursed according to the UW academic calendar (at the beginning of the quarter). If your program starts before the start of the UW quarter, your financial aid will not be available to you until after you have left the country. If your program starts after the first day of the quarter, your financial aid will be disbursed on the first day of the program. In both of these cases, you will likely have to finance upfront costs (such as airfare and health insurance) on your own. Please take this into consideration when you plan your trip.

APPLICATION FORM
All applications will be made online. If you wish to apply for this program please request an application form from Peter Cohan at: pcohan@uw.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Completed applications must be received by Monday, December 16, 2014.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY
Students withdrawing from the program before January 31, 2014 will be refunded all but a non-refundable $150 application fee portion of your program fee. Any student withdrawing from the program on or after January 31, 2014 will be liable for any non-recoverable payments (ie., housing, etc) already made or committed on behalf of the participant. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing to the program director (pcohan@uw.edu) and to the College of Built Environments (acrossen@uw.edu).

WAIVER FORMS
When you are accepted into the program you will be sent a Foreign Study Release Form that you must read and sign prior to the commencement of the program.

CANCELLATION
If viable enrollment is not reached by January 31, 2014, the program will be canceled and all payments including the non-refundable application fee will be refunded.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information on this program please contact Peter Cohan at pcohan@uw.edu.