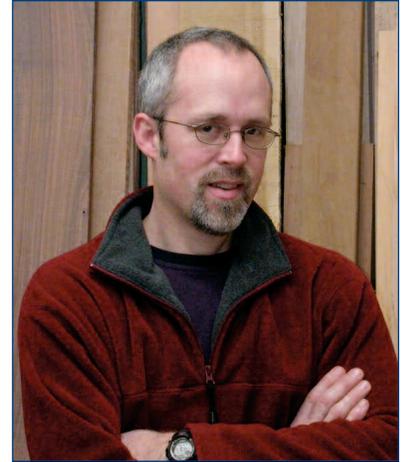




## Department of Construction Management

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My name is David Getts, a 1989 graduate of the Construction Management program at NAU. It's been nearly 20 years since my time in Flagstaff. Before coming to NAU, I worked for about 10 years in the construction trades. My initial motivation for returning to school was to get out of construction. What ended up happening was I gained a new appreciation for the industry. I think it was the combination of learning about each trade and the methodical approach to managing them.

I started my career as a cabinetmaker. I was fortunate to have been trained by a wide variety of craftsman, learning different theories and techniques. I originally thought I would find my niche exclusively in the custom woodworking market, but I just couldn't get away from the broader view of the construction process my school training had instilled. I ended up discovering that I could more efficiently (and profitably) manage the whole job process rather than one aspect of it. As a result, my current business has an emphasis on fine woodworking details, yet is primarily engaged in the business of residential high-end remodeling.

I cannot understate the importance of a good education; it can become the cornerstone of your career. Although there are many factors to consider when defining how success is achieved, you cannot go wrong with the instruction from those who have preceded you. Our client base is predominately made up of professionals and top executives. My work has been featured in several national magazines including the cover of Fine Homebuilding last year. I've written a couple of books and dozens of published trade articles. These achievements are what my clients see when they contract with us. What they don't see are the core principles I learned from my days at NAU.

If you are alumni that has benefited from the program, ask yourself how you can best give back. Students, take advantage of all the program has to offer. Something David Grider told me while I was there has stuck with me, "You don't need to remember everything you learn here, you just need to know where to find the information when you need it." And to the faculty and staff, thank you for enabling me to see beyond the narrow focus of which I once was so certain.

  
David Getts

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## Reno Competition

We sent three teams to compete in the ASC Regions 6 & 7 2008 Student Competition & Construction Management Conference. Our teams included Heavy Civil, Commercial, and LEED. We would like to congratulate the Heavy Civil and Commercial teams for taking 2nd place amongst their peers. The LEED team also did an excellent job and will be sure to place at next year's competition. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the team coaches; Susan Thomas-LEED, Greg Ohrn- Heavy Civil, and David Grider- Commercial.



## Graduate List

### SPRING '08

Aron Kirch  
Ben McFadden  
Brad Pugh  
Brian Scott  
Caleb Van Aken  
Chris McCombs  
Chris Winchester  
Doug Mortemore  
Fabian Garcia  
Jake Gray  
Jeff Littrel  
Josh Bowser  
Kevin Huscroft  
Kyle Mead  
Mike Pilkington  
Patrick Shephard  
Paul Hurchanick  
Richard McPherson  
Rodney Bruce  
Sam Reidy  
Steve Buhler

### FALL '07

Aaron Mueller  
Ben Ramirez  
Clayton Miller  
Dave Hurt  
Ehren Michaels  
Gavin Ferguson  
Jacob Sanders  
Michael Davis  
Michael Gillette  
Shaffer Pullen  
Stephen Bradford  
Wes Begay

## Lost & Found

Another lost alumnus has been found!

- ▶ Gilbert B. Peru '86  
Chief Building Official  
City of Eloy  
Eloy, AZ

Lost alumni have been found! Through responses to our newsletter, we are now reunited with three of our alumni. We are delighted to find that they've been successful in their careers.

## Alumni Business Cards Update Request

Dear Alumni,

We are updating our alumni business cards. Please drop your current business card in the mail to us.

Our address is: Northern Arizona University  
Construction Management Program  
PO Box 15600  
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

## Working with Ancient Beasts

continued...Terrapa, Mexico

The Department of Construction Management has teamed up with Paleontologist Dr. Jim Mead to construct a research building on a site in Terrapa, Mexico that will provide for shelter and research space to study ancient bones of glyptodons and crocodiles. It is intended that this will be the first of many buildings that, in conjunction with a museum planned by the Universidad de la Sierra in Moctezuma, may attract world-wide attention. In March of this year, a group of students, led by Professors Stephen Mead and John Tingerthal, successfully completed the first step by constructing a 100 square meter foundation slab for this first building.

In an inter-departmental collaboration, working drawings were developed by civil engineering students as part of coursework in a CAD design class. The Construction Management team set formwork, tied rebars and prepared the site for the concrete slab pour. The slab was completed by sundown on Wednesday. Local construction workers will install the interior and exterior walls over the next year. The CM department plans to make a prototype of a unique vaulted roof in Flagstaff, and return in the 2008-2009 school year to install the roof.



The NAU student team consisted of Trevor Brandel, Tomás Curiel, Ezequiel Curiel, John DiBiasi, Olivia Kee, Eric McGregor, and Kyle Mead.

## 2008 Spring Banquet

This year's spring banquet was a fun-filled evening as we honored our faculty, roasted Tom Rogers, and awarded our best students. Our honored faculty included Greg Ohrn, Steve Mead, and David Grider, followed by Tom Rogers who affably withstood humorous jabs from a series of friends and students. The student awards went to Stephen Buhler- McFarland Award and Fabian Garcia- Chair's Award for highest GPA.

We hosted 175 guests and 19 sponsors. Thank you sponsors!

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