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**Events**

“Robert Moses: Visionary or Villian?”

LiPS, Spring 2012, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation

Join us to hear from Prof. Floyd Lapp as he discusses the contested legacy of Robert Moses. In your view, was he a visionary, who shaped this metropolis more than any other person in modern times, or was he a villain by demolishing buildings and relocating people in some instances?

Tuesday January 17th, 2012
1:15 to 2:00 p.m.
Avery 114

Bike Share Exhibition

New York City Department of Transportation and Alta Bicycle Share

This exhibition is designed to explain the bike share system, how it will work in New York City and how you can help shape the program by suggesting bike share locations. [www.nyc.gov/bikeshare](http://www.nyc.gov/bikeshare).

January 11th, 2012 through February 4th, 2012
The Center For Architecture
536 LaGuardia Place

Sustainable Mobility: Technology and Policy Conference

University of California, Berkeley

The conference focuses on key policy debates and opportunities for using technology to improve our transportation system and cities. The technology versus policy debate could very well be a false dichotomy. Is it possible that the two might effectively work together in tandem, promoting cross-purposes? Need the two points-of-view always be at loggerheads? Might there be synergies/win-win outcomes associated with aggressively pursuing the two strategies in tandem?

Thursday, February 23rd, 2012
David Brower Center, UC Berkeley
http://www.urbansustainability.berkeley.edu/sustainablemobility.shtml
Earth Institute Survey, Proposed Academic Program on Water

Earth Institute, Columbia University

The Columbia Water Center is a research center at Columbia University’s Earth Institute. We work on a wide variety of global and local water issues, from water scarcity and droughts to floods, from agriculture and corporate water risks to climate change. Many environmentally-related degrees and programs are offered at Columbia University, but none are specific to water. Your participation in our survey will help us determine what the demand is for such a program, and what the format and content should be if such a program were to be introduced.

Survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2XSg6XQ

Cultural Diplomacy & Soft Power in an Interdependent World

Academy for Cultural Diplomacy

The “Conference on The United Nations and Cultural Diplomacy” is one of a three-part series of International Conferences held by the ICD on the issue of “International Institutions and Global Governance: The Role of Cultural Diplomacy”. The aim of the conference this year is to reflect on the role of the United Nations within the international system, on global governance as a whole in terms of key international issues and on how Cultural Diplomacy takes place. The program will consist of lectures, seminars, debates and panel discussions that will feature leading figures from international politics & diplomacy, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

In an age of international instability and discontent the United Nations marked a transition towards a more soft power based approach to international relations. With its specific aim to foster peace and cooperation agreements, the United Nations was the first institution to focus on relations between states and international understanding. Cultural Diplomacy is becoming increasingly important within international relations and The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy reflects the desire to expand on this work.

This conference will focus on and analyze “Could Cultural Diplomacy represents a useful tool for fostering international cooperation within an institutional framework and within the wider global government?” Please see attached PDF for more information.

Tuesday, February 21st through Friday, February 24th, 2012
UN Headquarters
Academic Opportunities

“Red Ideas Festival,” Call for Applications

Cornell University

Red Ideas at Cornell University is accepting applicants from undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students from any university to speak at the inaugural Red Ideas Festival on April 21, 2012. We are seeking applications that focus on research, new start ups or “big ideas” that creatively help or improve the human condition.

The first winner will receive $1,000, the second winner will receive $600 and the third winner will receive $400.

To find out more information, please go to: www.redideas.org

Participatory Budgeting Conference, Call for Proposals

Pratt Institute, The Participatory Budgeting Project

In a time of widespread budget crises and plummeting trust in government, politicians and community members are searching for more democratic and accountable ways to manage public money. Participatory Budgeting (PB) offers an alternative. PB is a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. The process was first developed in Brazil in 1989, and there are now over 1,000 participatory budgets around the world. Most are for city budgets, but counties, states, towns, housing authorities, schools, and other institutions have also used PB to open up public spending to public participation.

As an opportunity to reflect upon early PB initiatives in the US and Canada, and build new relationships and collaborations between practitioners, the conference will focus on the following questions. We encourage all submissions relating to these and other similar themes: What is the current state of PB practice in the United States and Canada? How are current experiments progressing and what efforts to establish new PB processes are underway? What common themes or conditions underlie PB experiences in the US and Canada? How do experiences in these countries differ from PB in other parts of the world? How do PB experiences in the US and Canada inform key ongoing debates on PB worldwide? How can PB practitioners, activists, and participants in the US and Canada support each others’ efforts?

Deadline for submission:
January 31st, 2012

For more information on the conference and how to apply, please visit: http://pbconference.wordpress.com/call-for-proposals/
Economic Development Division, APA Scholarship

American Planning Association

Master’s level students from PAB-accredited planning departments across the U.S. may apply. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded on the basis of a letter of recommendation from a full-time faculty member and an original paper or work having to do with a substantive and relevant topic related to economic development and planning. We prefer an article length or shorter paper submitted (not a thesis, although a shorter paper developed from the thesis is acceptable) of 2,000 to 2,500 words. The scholarship will be presented at the APA Conference in Los Angeles in April 2012 and the paper will be published in EDD’s News & Views publication.

Deadline:
February 10th, 2012

Submission Information:
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http://www.planning.org/divisions/economic/scholarships/

CUSS Award, Call for Student Papers

The CUSS Student Paper Award goes to the student author of the paper the award committee regards as the best graduate student paper in community and urban sociology. The competition is open to both published and unpublished article-length papers (roughly 25 pages in length without tables or references) written by a graduate student in the last two years (2010 or 2011). The committee will accept sole-authored and multiple-authored papers as long as the applicant is the lead or senior author. No student-faculty collaborations can be accepted. Self-nominations as well as nominations of papers written by others are welcome. The Committee will select the paper that demonstrates the most thoughtful, competent or innovative analysis of a theoretical or empirical issue that is germane to the Section’s main interests.

Please send all papers electronically to:
Committe Chair, Michael Bader
bader@american.edu

Deadline:
March 1st, 2012
HOPE 2012, Call for Volunteers

New York City Department of Homeless Services

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) conducts the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) survey, every year to find a point-in-time estimate of the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in New York City. This year HOPE will take place on Monday, January 30, 2012.

DHS needs 3,000 volunteers to make HOPE 2012 a success, and the participation of our fellow city colleagues is very important. I encourage those who have volunteered before to sign up again, and for first-time volunteers to experience how truly gratifying a night of HOPE can be. Volunteers commit to assist us overnight on Monday, January 30, 2012 from 10:30 pm until 4:00 am.

HOPE is critical to helping DHS evaluate the effectiveness of our current strategies to overcome street homelessness as well as developing appropriate housing resources for the most vulnerable New Yorkers currently living without shelter. HOPE's methodology has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the gold standard.

Registration for HOPE can be found on the DHS homepage or CityShare:
www.nyc.gov/dhs
http://cityshare.nycnet/portal/site/cityshare/?front_door=true,

Questions regarding this event can also be sent to the HOPE Team:
HOPE@dhs.nyc.gov
212-607-5366.

CapAsia, VII

Ball State University

CapAsia is an interdisciplinary field-semester with national and international reputation. It provides an extraordinary opportunity to experience the socially, culturally, and historically different South Asia, and to develop a critical understanding of the participants’ own cultures and environments. The participants immerse in South Asian cultures and learn by doing collaborative projects with leading universities in the region. In addition to South Asian cultures and why they build the way they do, they will also learn about your own environments and culture, and a bit of the future of the world that is in the making.

For more information, please visit:
http://www.capasia.net/
Welcome Back! (Part 2) and Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

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**Internship Opportunities**

- National Park Transportation Scholars Program
- Design Trust for Public Space, Internship
- New York City Transit, Internship
- Transportation Alternatives, Transit Equity Research Fellow

**Employment Opportunities**

- Association of Bay Area Governments
- The Packard Foundation
- The Red Cross, Port au Prince
Internship Opportunities

National Parks Transportation Scholars Program

The National Park Transportation Scholars Program gives transportation specialists a unique opportunity for career development and public service. The Scholars Program places transportation professionals, as well as master’s and doctoral candidates in the fields of transportation, engineering, and planning, in National Parks across the country to assist Park Service staff in developing transportation solutions that preserve valuable resources and enhance the visitor experience.

Assignments will begin in late June and last twelve months. Projects can involve transportation planning and analysis, coordination with local communities, environmental and traffic studies, and other transportation-related tasks.

The program is made possible by the National Park Foundation, National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, The Motorola Foundation, the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks and Technical Assistance Center, and the Eno Center for Transportation

The National Park Foundation will provide selected Transportation Scholars with a stipend of $50,000 for their 12 month assignment. Stipend payments will be made quarterly with the final payment made when the Scholar submits his/her final report. The scholars will also be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from the host Park. (For tax purposes, participants are defined as independent contractors).

For more information, please visit: http://enotrans.org/ctl/course.php?course=2012-06-04-national-park-foundation-transportation-scholars-program

Design Trust for Public Space

2012 Winter/Spring Internship

The Design Trust for Public Space, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality and understanding of New York’s public realm, seeks an intern for 1-2 days a week for the spring semester 2012.

The intern will work primarily with the Director of Programs on Making Midtown, a project to guide future planning and development in Manhattan’s Garment District; and Five Borough Farm, a partnership with the Brooklyn based urban farm Added Value, to examine how urban agricultural activity could be expanded citywide.

See attached document for more information.
New York City Transit

Asset Management Internship

The MTA provides subway, bus and commuter rail service between the five boroughs of New York City, Westchester County, Rockland county, Long Island and parts of Connecticut, as well as, managing many of the bridges and tunnels within New York City. It is the largest public transportation provider in the Western Hemisphere, with over 8 million daily riders, 76,000 employees and an operating budget of $13.8B. New York City Transit (NYCT) is its largest agency, making about 70% of the budget to operate the subways and buses.

Enterprise Asset Management is a small group leading the inter-agency implementation of an asset management improvement program at NYCT. This includes a strategic level plan to achieve asset management competency at NYCT - streamlining processes, developing organizational competencies and upgrading existing information systems. These projects typically have strategic planning and operational components. The group takes a management-consultant style approach of research, fact-based analysis, problem solving and prioritization.

For more information please visit:

http://internshiponline.mtanyct.info/ViewProjectDescription.aspx?ProjectId=27653648-5f6f-4588-9dco-446ac7dee16d

http://internshiponline.mtanyct.info/login.aspx

Transportation Alternatives

Transit Equity Research Fellow

Transportation Alternatives (T.A.) seeks a Transportation Equity Research Fellow to support its public transit campaign.

See attached PDF for more information.
Employment Opportunities

Association of Bay Area Governments

Regional Planner

We are seeking two good regional planners for a challenging six-month assignment at the Association of Bay Area Governments in Oakland, California. This is to cover the work of two regional planners who will be on maternity leave between January and August 2012. We need one entry level planner and one planner with major experience in housing and equity.

The job announcement is posted on our web site:
http://www.abag.ca.gov/jobs/Regional_Planner_P2_P3_Job_1151.pdf

Please see attached PDF for more information.

The Packard Foundation

Associate Program Officer

The Associate Program Officer will help develop and implement a market-based transformation program in support of the Foundation’s overall Marine Fisheries portfolio strategy designed to positively impact global marine fisheries conservation. The role requires a strong understanding of marine fisheries and their attendant issues, a market-based approach to philanthropy, and demonstrated business acumen.

Please see attached PDF for more information.

The Red Cross at Port au Prince

GIS Analyst/Specialist

The main purpose of this consultancy is to organize assessment data within a Geographical Information System (GIS) and illustrate pertinent spatial relationships through map and spatial analysis. These products should help ARC program staff to plan reconstruction activities and engage the community productive dialogue about desired outputs.

Please see attached document for more information.