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"The big news in the last five years of commuting data is that virtually nothing has changed." [click photo to read article]
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Peter Chung ‘14 [Dec 6]
PLANNING STUDENT ORGANIZATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting in January 2014.
No more general meetings this semester. Good luck with finals!
Email Jet (jr3311) and Amy (asy2113) with questions or comments.

DECEMBER 7, 2013
Finals Feast [& documentary screening]
| UP Studio | 6-9PM |
Take a break from studying and join PSO for food and a screening of The Pruitt-Igoe Myth.
GRAPHIC/ILLUSTRATION TEMP JOB

Instructions: If interested please call Andrea Rizvi (PhD Candidate, Urban Planning Program, Columbia) at 201 952 5205.

Open until filled

Looking for student with experience with Adobe Illustrator (or similar) to provide graphic/illustration assistance to urban planning research project. Estimated 10-15 hours total over December/January timeframe. Great Christmas break opportunity - timing flexible and remote work a possibility.
QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE (QMSS) TA POSITION  PAID!

Position: Teaching Assistant
Instructions: Send resume to Kay Kastner at kjk2124@gmail.com.
Open until filled

Applicants must have a strong background in quantitative methods and must hold a minimum of a Master’s Degree. PhD candidates are preferred. The Teaching Assistant will be expected to complete course readings, attend and participate in all class meetings/discussions, grade assignments, and hold office hours. Weekly commitment is expected to be approximately 10 hours. This is NOT a federal work study program. International students are eligible to apply. Prior teaching experience a plus but not required. Salary is highly competitive.

*Detailed description in DROPBOX.

THREE CHILDREN TOO MANY

Position: Research Assistant
Instructions: Contact Todd Goldman at tgoldman0@gmail.com.
Open until filled

In my neighborhood, Jackson Heights, there’s a new group forming named “Three Children Too Many” in response to a number of child pedestrian deaths we’ve had recently. The group is less than two weeks old, but they’re focused, well organized and already remarkably sophisticated about pedestrian safety planning and policy issues. They are looking for some basic assistance with research, data analysis and mapmaking, and possibly some streetscape renderings. These would be small, ad-hoc projects, but it’s possible that if a student is looking for something more substantive to take on, that we could come up with a suitable project.
PORT AUTHORITY LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

Instructions: Submit application online. Application includes cover letter, resume, and 300-word response to prompt.
Deadline December 2, 2013 @ 11:59PM

The Port Authority’s Leadership Fellows Program is a distinguished program for leadership and public service in the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan region. This two-year, fast-track, rotational program offers Leadership Fellows invaluable on-the-job experience in planning, financial, and facility operations functions. Each assignment is designed to build a strong foundation of business acumen, technical finance skills, and knowledge of Port Authority operations. The breadth and depth of these experiences are critical in preparing the participants to be future leaders within the Port Authority.

SUSTAINABLE ESSENTIALS TRAINING (SET)

Instructions: Application information HERE.
Application Deadline December 10, 2013

SET is a 40-hour, non-credit training program, which participants can complete in as few as 10 weeks. The program comprises four training modules, each addressing a key element in understanding and practicing sustainability. SET will address four main questions:

1. What is sustainability and how does one manage it in any organization?
2. How can government policy and regulation speed the transition to a sustainable economy?
3. How do we create a built environment, including workplaces, buildings, and infrastructure, while conserving water and energy, and reducing environmental damage?
4. How can we finance sustainability initiatives that may be risky and involve a long time gap between investment and pay-off?
DOLORES ZOHrab Liebmann Fund

Instructions: Application in DROPBOX.
Application Deadline January 1, 2014
Interested students should send their completed application to Trisha Logan (tkl2116@columbia.edu) and the school will nominate finalists to be considered for the scholarship.

INNOVATION IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING: STUDENT DESIGN AND PLANNING COMPETITION

Instructions: Application information HERE.
Team Sign-up Deadline January 6, 2014
This exciting new initiative challenges multi-disciplinary, graduate student teams to respond to a real life affordable housing design issue. The competition is sponsored by HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R). Multidisciplinary teams must be comprised of a minimum of three students plus one faculty advisor, representing at least three graduate level programs:
  - architecture
  - planning / public policy
  - business / real estate / social entrepreneurship

AC4 Fellowship

Instructions: Application information in DROPBOX.
Deadline February 3, 2013
Each year, the AC4 funds select Columbia University graduate students conducting interdisciplinary research in areas addressing conflict, violence, sustainable development and peace. In 2014, AC4 will fund 10 students for up to $3,000 and one team of students for up to $6,000. Two of the 10 students will be awarded these funds in support of an internship. Team applicants must present a truly interdisciplinary research proposal. Students may not apply to both. Projects might include, but are not limited to, doctoral students’ dissertation research, master’s students’ thesis research, or capstone projects. *More information HERE.
**APA LATINOS AND PLANNING DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP**

Instructions: Application information [HERE](#).

**Deadline February 2014**

The Latinos and Planning Division of the American Planning Association (APA) strives to address planning issues affecting Latino communities in the U.S. as well increase Latinos in the profession. The program is open to third and fourth year undergraduate students and first and second year masters degree students. One scholarship of $500 is awarded per semester to be used for fees, books, or academic materials contingent on available funding.

**ALI ADIBI DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Instructions: Email Danielle Smoller at ds89@columbia.edu

**Deadline ASAP**

The GSAPP has a scholarship currently available via the Ali Adibi Distinguished Scholarship Fund. The fellowship will partially fund students meeting the following criteria:

1) Financial Need

2) Primary residence in: Egypt, the Emirates, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine territories (West Bank and Gaza Strip), Saudi Arabia, Syria, or Yemen.

If you meet both criteria and wish to be considered for a scholarship, please email Danielle Smoller.

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**HART HOWERTON FELLOWSHIP**

Instructions: Application information in DROPBOX.

Deadline January 17, 2014

Our practice is designing complete environments - exceptional buildings, communities, and places - in special situations where unique historic or natural environment requires an especially thoughtful and innovative solution. The Hart Howerton Fellowship provides a select group of students a defined summer internship within our design practice, combined with three weeks of self-directed travel. Our ability to help students with employment, travel, and financial assistance underscores a continuing commitment to educational opportunity we share with our staff, clients, and the wider professional community.
DISASTER MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND SUSTAINABLE RECONSTRUCTION: THE ROLE OF ARCHITECTURAL, PLANNING AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION

Location: University of Massachusetts Boston
Date: May 8-9, 2013
Conference Details & Registration HERE.

The conference will explore and examine how disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and sustainable reconstruction after disasters will be addressed in context of architectural, planning and engineering education.

PEOPLE BUILDING BETTER CITIES

Location: Manhattan -- AIA Center for Architecture
Staten Island -- Midlands Beach
Date: December 2, 2013-January 4, 2014
Visit the WEBSITE for more details and updates.

PBBC has been shown in 12 cities and eight countries in 2013, and has been translated into five languages. While the exhibition focus is on developing countries, it speaks to urban issues in the US such as inequality, public participation in city making, climate change and education. Through the Resource Platform, the PBBC project shares knowledge through films, talks, articles, books, websites and organizations working in these fields.

Two Public Forums -- December 7th and 11th -- RSVP required

The ‘just’, ‘livable’, ‘decent’ and ‘accessible’ city are terms we often hear these days. The People Building Better Cities exhibition looks at how citizens and the urban professions can work together to help make cities resilient, equitable, inclusive, smart and sustainable. We will explore a number of key questions, and seek audience views on New York – and other cities. What does it take to cultivate a successful engaged and inclusive practice among urban professionals? Where has this worked well? How do we learn from these professional – and educational examples?
DECEMBER 2, 2013

A MARAVILHA PERDIDA: RIO DE JANEIRO’S OLYMPIC TROUBLES | 114 Avery | 1-2PM

SPEAKER: Christopher Gaffney

This presentation will analyze the urban and social transformations currently underway in Rio de Janeiro as it moves through an unprecedented series of mega-events. As in previous LBs sessions, Q&A will follow the presentation.

DECEMBER 2, 2013

JAM SESSION | 100-level Avery, Brownies Cafe | 6:30-8:30PM

5-min presentations by:
- Studio-X Rio / Mumbai: Cronicas Tiradentes Proposal
  Priyanka Jain
  Megan Marini
  Vanessa Smith
- Studio-X Rangoon: Emerging urban environments
  Zaw Lin Myat
  Galen Pardee
  Andrea Antoinette Tonc
- Studio-X Istanbul: Alternative Renderings
  Elif Alp
  Pollyanna Rhee
- Studio-X Beijing / New York: Critical Copying
  Helene Nguyen
- Studio-X Detroit Workshop: Detroit Futures
  Laura Peterson
  and Team
- Studio-X Amman: Syrian refugees in Jordan and the water shortage crisis
  Aleena Farishta
- Santiago Research Cell:
  Carolina Ihle
  Fernando Portal
- X-Port Archive and Pop-Up Library:
  Gregory Barton
  Caitlin Blanchfield
  Katia Davidson
  Max Lauter

Open to spontaneous presentations and project proposals. Followed by an informal conversation.
DECEMBER 3, 2013

TESTING THE WATERFRONTS: A COMPARATIVE READ OF A NEW TEST OF URBANITY IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN VANCOUVER AND MELBOURNE | 114 Avery | 1-2:30PM

SPEAKER: Meg Holden

The phenomenon of postindustrial transformation of urban waterfronts has been well studied, and planners have presented a range of approaches to creating new life in these old districts. Less understood, however, is the nature of the ‘value proposition’ on offer in these new pieces of city: what are they worth, in a range of dimensions of social and economic value, and how will planners or anyone else know if they have lived up to their promised offering of a good, urban life? The stakes for understanding what urban redevelopment projects amount to in terms of social value increase as cities become more vulnerable to mounting risks, of economic, environmental, and social varieties, which drive an urge for new orders of security, value, and justification of the good life.
DECEMBER 3, 2013

DESIGNING THE FUTURE | Studio-X NYC | 6:55PM

SPEAKERS: Eric Ho, Kevin Findlan, Zak Kostura, Kaja Kühl, Brad Samuels; moderated by Marc Kushner

Addressing the immense challenges facing New York City in the coming decades — climate change, dramatic population growth, aging infrastructure, poverty, and more — will necessitate significant interventions in the built environment. Real progress will require highly creative thinking on the part of designers, government officials, concerned citizens, and many others.

To help celebrate the 25th anniversary of its New York office, Arup put out a public call for blue-sky ideas about the future of the city. On December 3, a panel will discuss some of the responses, as well as the possibilities and limitations of this kind of exercise. Can speculative thinking bring value to the day-to-day design process? Are some kinds more useful than others? How can designers and clients — public, private, and institutional — better reconcile the need to think big with the need to work within strict project constraints?

DECEMBER 5, 2013

21ST CENTURY LIFFEY: DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR DUBLIN’S RIVER QUAYS | Studio-X NYC | 7PM

The city is in a constant state of flux, a work in progress. The stagnation of space due to conflicts in governance produces a type of civic ambivalence, one which has an insidious impact, affecting the citizens’ ability to connect with their city. 21st Century Liffey explores these realities along Dublin’s most important, but frequently overlooked asset: its river. Through the development of a “Rooms and Corridors” strategy, Irish urban designers David Jordan and Fergus Browne re-imagine and re-vision the Liffey Quays as a green boulevard linking park to bay and north to south: in short, becoming the mise en scène of the Irish capital.

By merging theoretical discourse with conceptual design solutions, their thought-provoking exhibition illustrates innovative ways of perceiving urban environments from the perspective of the pedestrian and articulates the important role the river can play in creating legible city spaces. The transcending themes of their research give it a particularly international dimension, encouraging a global conversation about the future of our cities.

Join us for the opening reception at 7pm on Thursday, December 5. The exhibit will remain on display through December 20, 2013, and is open from 1pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday, or by appointment.
TOURS

[None this week.]
APA YOUNG PLANNERS GROUP - NY CHAPTER
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Sign up [HERE](#)! Limited spaces.

APA Young Planners Group - NY Metro Chapter’s Mentorship Program

Join us for a unique professional development opportunity for practitioners and second-year graduate students.

HARVARD DEANS’ DESIGN CHALLENGE:
URBAN LIFE 2030

INSTRUCTIONS: Email Shekinah Elmore at nefreteri@gmail.com

Hey Urbanists,

Harvard has announced a very urbanist challenge for ideas that will improve urban life in the future, thought some of you might be interested. Read more below or at the following link. Let me know if you have ideas and would like to link up with some folks or would like to join an existing team. Due date is likely late Jan or early Feb and the funding is likely pretty substantial (both not announced yet).

Best,

Shekinah

*More information [HERE](#).
DECEMBER 2, 2013

INFORMATION SESSION:
SUSTAINABILITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

| Faculty House | 6-8PM
RSVP: http://earth.columbia.edu/events/view/68655

The event will showcase four professional Master’s programs that are part of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. These programs prepare students to work in fields related to environmental policy, climate change, international development and sustainability management. This event will feature the following programs: MPA in Environmental Science and Policy (Full Time, 54 credits); MS in Sustainability Management (Full/part time, 36 credits); MA in Climate & Society (Full time, 34 credits); MPA in Development Practice (Full time, 54 credits).

DECEMBER 4, 2013

SUSTAINABILITY ESSENTIALS TRAINING (SET)
ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

| Online | 5:30PM
Sign up HERE.

In the coming Spring Semester, The Earth Institute at Columbia University is launching a new training program, the Sustainability Essentials Training, or SET. The program explores concepts and practices in sustainability from a purposeful and action-oriented place.
YEAR-ROUND

**VAN ALEN INSTITUTE** *PAID!*

Instructions: Email a resume and short cover letter outlining their interest in volunteering at Van Alen Institute to volunteer@vanalen.org. Due to the volume of receipts, only qualified applicants will be contacted.

Van Alen Institute (VAI) is seeking volunteers to assist our small staff at programs and events. We are hoping to build a core group of dedicated volunteers, so we ask that each volunteer commits to working a minimum of 4 events per year.

*More information [HERE](#).*