The Curious Case of the “Imposturbs”

Themed housing developments have both carved and filled this niche of consumer desire via homes that offer a loose interpretation of a foreign land and lifestyle, often greatly detached from any local relevance...

http://www.theatlanticcities.com/housing/2012/04/curious-impulse-behind-imposturbs/1658

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Transnational Planning in Practice, Challenges & Opportunities in the D.R.

Latin Lab

The presentation will focus on the challenges we experienced working in a transnational context to create a redevelopment plan (actually more of a vision) for the Puerto Plata region in the Dominican Republic. The presentation will cover the following - The impact of power relations on planning efforts, we worked only with a certain segment of the population that was identified as most important to the process by project leaders in the DR; Project Goals changed throughout the process and were conceived differently by DR and US actors.

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012
9:00 to 10 a.m.
412 Avery Hall

X-Cities 3: Heavy Weather, Design and Governance in Rio de Janeiro and Beyond

Studio X

With apologies to Winston Churchill, first we define the application stack of smart cities, and thereafter they stack us. How will the demands of citizens shape the deployment of urban systems, and how will the capabilities and limitations of these systems, in turn, reshape cities? With short presentations followed by a lively discussion.

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Studio-X NYC
180 Varick St., Suite 1610

Wildlife Preservations, Artificial Rockworks and Other Simulations of Natural History

Studio X

George Dante is founder of Wildlife Preservations, a New Jersey-based design firm responsible for the extraordinary dioramas of the American Museum of Natural History, as well as many other installations in museums, parks, and private homes around the world. Join us for an expert introduction to the technique and artistry of professional landscape simulation.

Thursday, April 12th, 2012
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Studio-X NYC
180 Varick St., Suite 1610
“Can Design & Planning Education Really Combine Service & Learning?”

Urban Planning at Hunter College

This rich collection of case studies just published by New Village Press explores the practice of service-learning in architecture, urban planning, and landscape architecture, radically revising the standard protocols for university-community collaborations and charting a new pedagogy for educators.

Co-editor Tom Angotti is Professor of Urban Planning at Hunter College and the Graduate Center. Co-editor Paula Horrigan is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Service-Learning Kaplan Fellow at Cornell University. They are joined by chapter co-author Sally Harrison, Associate Professor of Architecture in the Tyler School of Art at Temple University; and Clara Irazábal, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University.

Friday, April 13th, 2012
Van Alen Institute
30 W. 22nd Street, 6th Floor

“Brooklyn Utopias”

Center for Urban Pedagogy

We’re excited to bring back the 2008 Urban Investigation about Grand Army Plaza. The project, which looks at what it would take to make a big change on the plaza, will be included in the show “Brooklyn Utopias” at the Old Stone House in Park Slope.

April 5th through June 24th, 2012
Old Stone House
336 3rd Street (in Washington Park)
Brooklyn, NY
Academic Opportunities

Assistance Needed for Survey Research, Occupy Wall Street

Center for Place, Culture and Politics

We are seeking MA and PhD students to assist with a survey research project on Occupy Wall Street. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about conducting survey research, as well as a chance to learn more about the movement itself.

We are seeking FIFTY students to assist with surveying the participants at the mass rally/march on May 1, 2012 for which planning is now underway. If you are selected to participate, you will receive training in fielding surveys prior to that date (see schedule below) and a $200 honorarium.

Because time is tight, we ask that all interested students complete the human subjects training required for IRB approval BEFORE applying. You can find the IRB training course here: https://www.citiprogram.org/.

In addition to the CITI training, interviewers must be available to attend two training sessions and to work on May 1, 2012 on the survey itself. There are two separate times for each of the two sessions, interviewers must attend ONE in each set.

Basic training sessions will be held on:
   Monday, April 23, 2-5 pm OR Wednesday April 25, 6:30-9:30 pm
   [NOTE: You must be available at ONE of those times to participate.]

Refresher training sessions will be held on:
   Sunday, April 29, 5-7 pm OR Monday April 30, 4-6 pm
   [NOTE: You must be available at ONE of these times to participate.]

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS AN INTERVIEWER
   Please submit the certificate of completion & Resume C.V to
   Ruth Milkman at Rmilkma@gc.cuny.edu.