What is a store today anyway?

Metropolis Magazine rounds up various retail store designs and illustrates how in today’s world, everything - even storefronts - are dynamic. The following article looks at various retail ‘locations’/‘stores’ and attempts to find the balance between the physical and the virtual.

http://www.metropolismag.com/story/20111115/brand-new-world

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Critical Planning Journal : Call for Papers

Urban areas are major battlegrounds of economic, political, and social conflict. Cities have long been sites for struggle; however, urbanization and globalization have intensified this strife. As the stakes of planning have risen in political, military, and economic affairs, so has the temptation to use coercive tactics in urban conflicts.

For its 19th volume, Critical Planning invites critical research papers, book reviews, essays, literary journalism projects, poetry, and artistic projects that investigate and enlighten the issue of the militarization of cities, or that address the question of how planning can respond to the challenge of militarization with improved social justice outcomes. Among others, possible topics include: Policing, crime prevention, and surveillance; Military-industrial / military-metropolitan complex; Social movements and rights to space; War and occupation; Security and border control; Social control through design and architecture.

Critical Planning is a double-blind peer-reviewed publication. Feature articles are generally between 5,000 and 7,000 words, while shorter articles are between 1,000 and 3,000 words. Essays range from 1,000 to 7,000 words. Poetry submissions should be fewer than 600 words or 4 poems, whichever is shorter. We encourage submissions that incorporate cross-disciplinary, multi-scalar, multi-sited, transnational, or mixed-method approaches. We also welcome submissions of photographs, maps, art, or design projects related to the topic of militarized urban spaces for publication in the journal.

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, and we highly encourage early submissions. Feel free to contact us by email to discuss your ideas. All academic submissions should be written according to the standards of the Chicago Manual of Style, 16th Edition. Please follow the journal’s additional style guidelines for submissions. Manuscripts should be submitted by 5 PM PST on Monday, 2 January 2012 as .doc attachments via email to critplan@ucla.edu, or mail two hard copies (postmarked by the same date) to:

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Boren Scholarships & Fellowships

Clemson University

The applications for the 2012-2013 David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are now available at www.borenawards.org. Boren Awards provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their educations.

Boren Scholars and Fellows represent a variety of academic backgrounds, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. As part of the African Languages Initiative, Boren Award applicants have the opportunity to further their study of Akan/Twi, Portuguese, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba, or Zulu. For a complete list of languages, visit our website.

Undergraduate students can receive up to $20,000 for an academic year’s study abroad and graduate students up to $30,000 for language study and international research. In exchange for funding, recipients commit to working in the federal government for a minimum of one year.

National Application Deadlines
Boren Fellowship: January 31, 2012
Boren Scholarship: February 9, 2012*

*Many institutions have an earlier on-campus deadline. Visit our website for information about your campus deadline and Boren campus representative.

For more information about the Boren Awards, to register for one of our upcoming webinars, and to access the on-line application, please visit www.borenawards.org. You can also contact the Boren Awards staff at boren@iie.org or 1-800-618-NSEP with questions.
Internship Opportunities

Department of Transportation

Pedestrian Projects Spring/Summer Interns

NYC DOT’s Pedestrian Projects Group seeks Unpaid Graduate Interns for Spring/Summer 2012:

Assist the NYC DOT Pedestrian Projects Group with the planning, design, and implementation of pedestrian improvements and new plaza spaces for intersections, corridors and the neighborhoods. The group also reviews and makes recommendations for other DOT and non-DOT initiatives and creates policies to help maximize their benefit to communities and the pedestrian environment. Currently we have projects at Grand Concourse, Old Fulton Street, Varick Street, Mount Morris Park and others with more details at the following website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/sidewalks/pedestrian_projects.shtml

Skill sets needed: Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word and PowerPoint) and Adobe programs (Photoshop and Illustrator). AutoCAD and/or ESRI GIS skills preferable but can teach the right candidate.

Description of tasks:
1) Assist project managers in all aspects of 2012 project planning. Tasks include field visits, data analysis, preparation of presentations, drawing in AutoCAD and Sketch up, and interagency coordination. 2) Assist with before/after project imagery for all past and present projects: Photograph project sites, edit photographs in Photoshop and prepare Power Points for presentations and for posting on agency’s website. 3) Review capital projects to ensure that pedestrian facilities are designed safely and accurately. 4) Work as a member of a collaborative team of planners, engineers and designers to improve the pedestrian experience and New York City’s streets.

Please send resumes to Sean Quinn, squinn@dot.nyc.gov
Department of Transportation

Bicycle Program Spring Internships

NYC DOT’s Bicycle Program will be interviewing undergraduate and graduate students for a number of 2011 spring internship positions. The internships available would include the following responsibilities:

- Assist in planning and design of proposed and existing bicycle routes. Assist in data collection, analysis, and creating presentations for various bicycle projects.
- Assist in facility mileage and bicycle counts database management. Assist in analyzing and siting locations for new bicycle parking racks. Assist in creating bicycle promotion materials, staffing outreach and education events.

The Bicycle Program is responsible for a comprehensive and sustainable approach to the planning, design and promotion of New York City’s bicycle facilities and bicycle network. The Program works to design safe and robust on-street bicycle facilities as well as promoting safe cycling in New York City. Selected interns will gain exposure to world-class transportation planning teams. All interns will work with Bicycle Program staff and will be given substantive projects. Positions are flexible, ranging from 19-28 hours per week.

Please send resumes to Naomi Iwasaki, niwasaki@dot.nyc.gov

Department of City Planning

Government Reform Intern

Be a part of changing NYC government: Intern needed for BluePRINT, a dynamic, multi-faceted, agency-wide business process reform effort of the NYC Department of City Planning, the land use and planning agency of the City of New York. Assistance is needed with the development of agency-wide standards for applications to the City Planning Commission for discretionary and administrative land-use actions and for standardized agency operating procedures. The standards work is one of four work streams designed to support a more efficient, transparent and clear land-use application review process and change of the agency’s culture.

Please see attached document for more information.
U.S. Department of Transportation Women’s Internship Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation Women’s Internship Program promotes the creation of internship positions in local transportation agencies for women currently enrolled in college.

For more information please see attached flier and application form. Also attached find the paper prompt and intern evaluation.

Two of our own, Joyce and Sara Beth participated in the program this past year!