Happy Spring Break!

And safe travels to all traveling far and near.

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"The Manhattan Projects: The Rise and Fall of Urban Renewal"

Columbia University

Please join us for an Inquiry: HP lecture, Thursday March 22, by Professor Samuel Zipp, who is a cultural and urban historian with particular interest in 20th century cities, the built environment, United States history since World War II, and nonfiction writing. He teaches American Studies and Urban Studies at Brown University.

Entitled Manhattan Projects: The Rise and Fall of Urban Renewal in Cold War New York, this talk will discuss Zipp’s recent publication of the same name. Moving beyond the usual good-versus-evil story that pits master-planner Robert Moses against the plucky neighborhood advocate Jane Jacobs, Manhattan Projects sheds new light on the rise and fall of urban renewal in the decades after World War II. Focusing on four iconic “Manhattan projects”-the United Nations building, Stuyvesant Town, Lincoln Center, and the great swaths of public housing in East Harlem-Zipp unearthed a host of forgotten stories and characters that flesh out the conventional history of urban renewal.

Thursday, March 22nd, 2012
6:00 p.m
Wood Auditorium
Columbia University
Academic Opportunities

Subsidized Housing Information Project

New York University Furman Center, The Institute for Affordable Housing

Please join NYU’s Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy for a specialized training session for students on our recently launched Subsidized Housing Information Project (SHIP) database on Thursday, March 22, 2012, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Registration in advance is necessary so that we can give you access to the database. Space is limited to 20 participants.

The Subsidized Housing Information Project is a publicly-available online information resource that provides extensive data on some 235,000 units built or rehabilitated in New York City under the major federal, state, and city government subsidized housing programs. The SHIP, which combines data from five different agencies and myriad private sources, provides critical information that policymakers, the affordable housing industry, community organizations, and the general public need to determine how best to preserve the subsidized apartments that low- and moderate-income New Yorkers depend on to ensure that their monthly rent remains affordable.

Please see attached PDF for more information and registration instructions.

PhD Scholarships in Political Ecology

European Network for Political Ecology

The European Network for Political Ecology (ENTITLE) offers 11 generously-funded three-year PhD scholarships available to candidates from all over the world. ENTITLE is an EU-funded Initial Training Network whose aim is to promote European research and advanced training on the field of political ecology, including: the study of the commons; social metabolism and environmental conflicts; movements; disasters; ecological democracy; and environmental justice. Successful applicants will be hosted in one of the participating institutes of the network in Barcelona, Coimbra, Manchester, Lund, Berlin, Athens, Istanbul or Santiago de Chile. For information on eligibility criteria, conditions and application procedures visit www.politicalecology.eu; or email for further information entitle2012@gmail.com. Deadline for applications: 20th of April 2012.

Comparative Urban Planning & Design Summer Course

The course is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students for three hours of credit. It will be led by Dr. Fritz Wagner and Dr. Régent Cabana. We will visit three Canadian cities - Montreal, Québec City and Ottawa - where a number of professors, government officials and other urban experts will give lectures and tours.

Please see PDF for more information.
Graduate Assistantships in Office of Multicultural Affairs

For more information on G.A. descriptions and application instructions, please find attached document.

Graduate Assistant for Multicultural Affairs -- Leadership and Advisement
The GA will support the OMA Assistant Director with the advisement of student organizations and cultural heritage months (specifically Black Heritage Month and Asian Pacific American Heritage Months) by providing guidance on event management, University policies and procedures, and leadership development to student leaders. Additionally, the GA will assist with the programming associated with the opening receptions for each heritage month.

Graduate Assistant of Multicultural Affairs -- Diversity Education and Training
The Graduate Assistant will assist the Office of Multicultural Affairs with the development and implementation of diversity education programs and trainings for CC, SEAS, & GS students, and with the administration and advisement of the Respecting Ourselves and Others Through Education (ROOTEd) Program.

Graduate Assistant for Multicultural Affairs -- LGBTQ Programming and Training
The Graduate Assistant will co-coordinate (with an Assistant Director) the Queer Peers online chat program including supervision and training of student volunteers. A training model will be developed that includes topics such as active listening skills, LGBT identity/multiple identity development, health issues and online safety. The GA will participate in monthly meetings with all student participants and provide ongoing supervision and training as topics arise.

Graduate Assistant for Multicultural Affairs -- Intercultural Resource Center
The Intercultural House (ICH) is the living-learning component of the Intercultural Resource Center (IRC), which is part of the Columbia College and School of Engineering and Applied Science’s Office of Multicultural Affairs. The Intercultural House has a unique social justice focus that is manifested through the student programming initiatives of its diverse living community. The GA will assist with the oversight of the Intercultural House (i.e., design, implement and supervise educational programs for students residing in the ICH).
Internship Opportunities

Department of Development, City of New Rochelle

The Planning Division in the Department of Development in the City of New Rochelle is offering unpaid internships for spring, summer and fall 2012. The City of New Rochelle is a suburban city located along the inner ring of the New York City metropolitan area about 30 minutes from midtown Manhattan in Westchester County. New Rochelle will focus efforts on master planning and station area planning within a half-mile of the New Rochelle transit center. The Planning Department is seeking to hire planning intern(s) to assist with these two major initiatives.

For more information, please visit see attached document.