Columbia’s Studio-X in the news.

“Since 2008, Studio-X has had a toehold in New York about a hundred blocks south of Columbia, at 180 Varick Street; it’s in the city’s well-known ‘architecture ghetto,’ which is home to dozens of design offices…”

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"Battle for Brooklyn" Screening and Discussion

Group for Community Recovery

We are having a screening of Battle for Brooklyn, the documentary about the controversial Atlantic Yards project that was short-listed for Best Documentary at the 2012 Oscars. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion with director Michael Galinsky, activist Daniel Goldstein (featured in the film), Tom Kappner from 121st Street Block Association, and possibly one other Harlem community organizer who will answer questions about the film and relate it to what’s currently happening in Manhattanville with Columbia’s expansion.

Please see attached PDF for more information.

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012
5:00 p.m.
Hess Commons
722 W. 168th Street, New York

Bordering Practices and the Politics of Local Demarcation in South Africa: The Case of Khutsong"

Columbia University

Khutsong, South Africa, a poor township on the edge of Johannesburg, was one of the few large townships near Johannesburg that did not experience xenophobic attacks on African immigrants in May 2008. Why was this so? This presentation searches for explanations and contributes to recent critiques of static and statist depictions of borders by examining the case of Khutsong. The township experienced a recent popular mobilization against a top-down government ruling on municipal demarcation. In 2005, Khutsong was “transferred” from the country’s wealthiest province to one of the poorest following the ruling ANC’s decision to eliminate cross-border municipalities. Unlike other instances of “service delivery protests” in poorer parts of formal and informal settlements in South Africa, the framing of demands around the demarcation dispute in Khutsong created openings for local grassroots leadership that nurtured an inclusive local identity and encouraged immigrants’ participation in the campaign.

Tuesday, March 6th, 2012
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
412 Avery Hall
Columbia University
Latinoas and Planning, Pre-Conference Event

American Planning Association

Join LAP for its rst ever pre-conference in advance to the upcoming 2012 National APA Conference in Los Angeles, California. The theme for the pre-conference “Underserved Majority: American Transformations and Planning Possibilities” expresses the timely need for discussions around shifting demographics and planning needs for the growing Latino/a population.

Register here: https://www.planning.org/ecommerce/conference/viewConferenceDetailsaspx?conferenceid=174

Friday, April 13th, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pueblo Del Sol Community Service Center
1300 Plaza del Sol
East Los Angeles, CA

Inclusionary Housing: International Case Studies [In Rio de Janiero]

GSAPP, Latin Lab

This course is intended for students, professionals, and decision makers with interest in housing (including, but not limited to architects, urban designers, planners, real estate developers, public administrators and officials) who want to learn about programs, initiatives, regulations, and projects to create affordable and inclusionary (mixed income) housing in countries around the world, with emphasis in North America and Europe.

Monday, March 19th, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Praca Tiradentes, 48 Rio de Janiero - Centro
Academic Opportunities

Summer School: Political Ecology, Environmental Justice, & Conflicts

This course (in English, for masters and doctoral students) (20 hours of lectures, 2.5 ETCS) examines the global movement for environmental justice and focuses on socio-environmental conflicts at different scales and in different forms. The course is based on lectures and discussions and will also use videos and other materials prepared by ICTA/UAB researchers on their own research. The course is linked to some of the European research projects at ICTA: EJOLT, ENGOV, CLICO and URBLIV.

For more information, please visit see attached PDF.

Community Initiative Summer Abroad Program

Each summer, CUPID collaborates with organizations around the world working on international development projects to coordinate summer fellowships for students at Columbia University. In the same vein, CUPID is looking forward to initiate and facilitate student involvement in year-round internship or volunteer projects locally in New York City. This year’s summer fellowships are located in Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Beijing and NYC.

For more information, please visit: http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cupid/initiatives.html

Call for Papers : The Urban History Association

The Program Committee seeks submissions for panels, roundtable discussions, and individual papers on all aspects of urban, suburban, and metropolitan history for the Sixth Biennial Urban History Conference in New York City on October 26-28, 2012. The UHA Program is pleased to announce that Columbia University will serve as the local host for this year’s conference.

For more information, please visit: http://uha.udayton.edu/conf.html
Internship Opportunities

Office of Emergency Management

Summer GIS Intern

OEM’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division collects and maintains a diverse range of GIS data sets for use in emergency planning and emergency response, producing reliable maps and tables to assist incident commanders, planners, and other decision makers. OEM has developed several applications for maintaining this data and serving out these products as needed.

For more information, please visit see attached document.

Department of City Planning

Summer Internship Program

The Department is seeking talented undergraduate and graduate students with a focus on planning, urban design, technology or related fields for summer internships. Interns may work in the borough planning offices as well as in functional planning departments including Transportation, GIS/Internet Technology, Strategic Planning, Planning Coordination, Zoning and Urban Design, Land Use Review and Technical Review. Interns will work in a variety of capacities ranging from data collection to organizing written and graphic materials for presentations to the Community and the City Planning Commission.

For more information, please visit see attached PDF.

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.