The city, since Monopoly’s success, has remained a recurring feature of the modern game. For better or worse, the city is instantly available for conceptual miniaturization and is an easy target for caricature. The name of a city alone might carry an implied sense of ire, admiration, or adventure. Indeed, many planners were first exposed to planning concepts in games like Sim City. Planners are the types to enjoy multifaceted problems, a staple of computer games. My challenge to planners is simple: reclaim your lunch period. Board games offer opportunities for conversation beyond the gratuitous “how was your weekend” and are a medium for the social support structure necessary to birth and implement great ideas. Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, and Puerto Rico are entertaining games sure to get your planning geek on. - Mark Ferrall

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A Great Leap Forward: 1930s Depression and Economic Growth

Presented by Alexander J. Field, New York Business History Forum

Field’s book is a bold re-examination of the history of U.S. economic growth built around a novel claim: that productive capacity grew dramatically across the Depression years (1929-1941) and that this advance provided the foundation for the economic and military success of the United States during the Second World War as well as for the golden age (1948-1973) that followed.

Wednesday, October 5th, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Butler Library, Room 523

Designing Transformative Affordable Housing

Presented by Design and Urban Planning Colloquium

Common Ground is an internationally-renown pioneer in the design and development of supportive housing and other research-based practices to end homelessness that link people with the services they need to maintain their housing.

Wednesday, October 5th, 2011
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
6 East 16th Street, Room 1200
(12th Floor)

“New Debates on Belonging”

Presented by CUNY Graduate Center’s Immigration Working Group

With increasing frequency, questions of belonging have dominated the news and public debates on immigration: from the recent introduction of anti-immigrant legislation in many states to the spirited organizing around the DREAM Act and the controversy sparked by Park51’s proposal for a Muslim community center near Ground Zero. This interdisciplinary conference will bring together graduate students whose own research bear on these issues. (New) Debates on Belonging explores the many facets of immigrant belonging, incorporation and boundary drawing.

Friday, October 14th, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Graduate Center, City University of New York
365 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street
Young Professionals Committe Mentor Mixer

Presented by Women in Transportation

*Young Professionals, come to the first Mentor Mixer to learn about the WTS GNY Mentoring Program (which celebrated its 10th Anniversary this year!), meet current mentees, mentors, and experienced WTS GNY members who are leaders in our field and would love to be your flash-mentor!*

**Thursday, October 13th, 2011**
**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
**Dewey’s Flatiron**
**210 5th Avenue, between 25th & 26th**

Intersections:
Aligning Environmental and Transportation Policies to Mitigate Climate Change

Presented by Architecture for Humanity

The Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law will host a day-long workshop for practitioners, government officials, and academics to discuss cutting edge issues in environmental and transportation economics. Topics will focus on the continuing challenges posed to policymakers by climate change.

**Wednesday, October 26th, 2011**
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
**New York University, School of Law**
**108 West 3rd Street**
Academic Opportunities

The Living Aleutian Home Design Competition

October 1st may have marked the end of affordable housing as we know it.

That is the day Cascadia Green Building Council and the Aleutian Housing Authority begin accepting submissions for The Living Aleutian Home Design Competition. The contest aims to inspire interdisciplinary teams to bring the principles of the Living Building Challenge 2.0 to Atka, Alaska, an Aleutian Island community with a population of 85 people. It raises the bar for innovation, challenging teams to create a prototype for affordable, sustainable residences in a rural community confronted with sky-high construction costs, extreme climate and a pressing need for adopting alternative fuel strategies.

This challenge will net the winner a $35,000 cash prize and the opportunity to work with the AHA and see their winning design through to construction. The AHA should be able to replicate the design, with reasonable modifications for site variability in other Aleutian communities and beyond. With this contest, AHA and Cascadia GBC hope to launch a much-needed transformation of how the Aleutian Island built environment is created, inhabited and maintained.

Imagine, if this goal can be achieved in “the birthplace of the winds” what it could mean to the global affordable housing industry. If you dare to rethink everything you know about how buildings are designed, how materials are sourced and how people interact with the built environment this contest is for you. To find out more information and begin to take part in the affordable housing transformation, click here: http://competitions.living-future.org

Berkeley Planning Journal, Call for Papers

The Berkeley Planning Journal (BPJ) is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal published annually by the graduate students in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley. Since its inception in 1985, the BPJ has become a forum for emerging and well-established scholars to explore innovative directions in city planning, public policy, and urban theory. The BPJ employs a range of formats, including scholarly articles, essays, policy briefs, commentaries, book reviews, and conversations with key practitioners or researchers.

We are looking for writing that engages with contemporary issues in planning and urban theory, through the lenses of space, place, planning, policy, history, theory, power, politics, technology, and capital. Authors are encouraged to be bold and provocative in their thinking and writing.

The review process for submissions will begin on October 1, with pieces accepted on a rolling basis until the issue is complete. Email at: bpj@berkeley.edu
Earth Institute Travel Grants

2011 Conference on the Environment

The Earth Institute’s travel grant program provides students with the opportunity to build on their academic work for their degree programs and apply their knowledge to real-world situations by traveling overseas to conduct original fieldwork research. Awardees must use the money to cover the cost of travel for research being conducted for a course that helps them meet specific degree requirements at Columbia University.

Qualified applicants should submit a detailed budget, cover letter, resume and a letter of endorsement from a faculty member for their project. The deadline for the fall is October 17, 2011. The application can be downloaded here.

Soft copy applications should be sent in one email to ei-students@ei.columbia.edu with “Application for Travel Grant” in the title.

Hard copy applications should be submitted with all forms together in a single envelope to:

Travel Grant Program
Office of Academic and Research Programs
The Earth Institute, Columbia University
Hogan Hall A110, MC 3277
2910 Broadway, New York, NY 10025

U.S. Department of Transportation

Data Visualization Competition

Informed decision making, based on sound data and analysis is a cornerstone in crafting an effective transportation policy and investment decisions. Data visualization can help uncover actionable information for making better informed decisions. Data visualization is a tool for making vast amounts of data better understandable. Do you have what it takes to apply data visualization for transportation investment or policy decisions? The United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) wants to see what you can do!

The Data Visualization Student Challenge is sponsored by the U.S. DOT Research and Innovative Technology Administration’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics and the Transportation Research Board’s (TRB) Committee on Visualization in Transportation. This challenge is designed to encourage students to examine data visualization options for helping decision makers make better informed policy and investment decisions in support of transportation safety and/or economic development.

For more information please visit the competition’s website: http://dataviz.challenge.gov/
Internship Opportunities

San Francisco Environment

Commuter Benefits Intern

The mission of the City and County of San Francisco Department of the Environment (SF Environment) is to promote innovative policies and programs to protect the urban and natural environment, promote social equity and expand the green economy. SF Environment programs include Zero Waste/Recycling, Climate, Green Building, Energy Efficiency and Renewables, Toxics Reduction, Environmental Justice, Urban Agriculture, Clean Transportation, Urban Forest, and Public Information Programs. The Clean Transportation Program works to improve air quality in San Francisco, primarily by reducing vehicle emissions, and working with businesses and other local and regional agencies to promote trip reduction.

SF Environment seeks qualified Bay Area college/university students and recent graduates for part time (20 flexible hours per week) internship opportunities. The internships are not paid positions. Our interns gain valuable practical experience while forging important connections in the field.

The Commuter Benefits Intern will be responsible for assisting the Clean Transportation staff in outreach, campaigns, tabling events, rideshare requests and Commuter Benefits Ordinance compliance.

Please see attached PDF for complete description and application.
Hester Street Cooperative

Fall and Winter Internships

Hester Street Collaborative (HSC) is a design-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower residents of under-served communities by providing them with the tools and resources necessary to have a direct impact on shaping their built environment. We do this through an approach that combines our three program areas: Design Education, Community Design and Advocacy. HSC seeks to create more equitable, sustainable, and vibrant neighborhoods where community voices lead the way in improving their environment and neglected public spaces.

Community Planning and Design Intern
COD Interns will assist with several community planning and design projects throughout New York City and gain first hand experience working with HSC’s community-based partners. Candidates should have the following interests and skills: A strong interest in community driven design and planning; a desire to work with and learn from community based non-profits; strong graphic skills; proficiency with Adobe CS programs; Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.

Development and Communications Intern
Development and Communications Interns will gain first hand experience in all aspects of non-profit communications and development in a small cultural non-profit. Candidates should have the following interests and skills: Interest in the mission of the organization; Interest in Urbanism, Community Planning and Design; Basic Word Press skills; Strong writing skills; Strong research skills; Familiarity with Adobe CS programs.

Design Education Intern
Design Education Interns will assist with Hester Street Collaborative’s design education program, Ground Up, at public schools in Chinatown and the Lower East Side. Candidates should have the following interests and skills: A strong interest in developing design education skills; A desire to work collaboratively in a classroom; Strong interpersonal and organizational skills; Large scale art-making and building skills; Gardening skills.

Apply:
Please send a cover letter, two work/writing samples (if applicable), and resume to:
Gauri Goyal,
gauri@hesterstreet.org