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Where is New York? : Apparitions in Willets Point

Presented by GSAPP Architecture and Urban Design Program

Located near the periphery of Queens, Willets Point is the epicenter of an increasingly important debate about the future of New York City’s production and economy: the business of recycling. Home to this well-established enterprise, it is also the site of a number of recent proposals for redevelopment, and subsequent counter-proposals related to business retention. Which of these activities comprise the highest possible use for Willets Point? Should the recycling industry be reinforced or replaced?

Monday, October 31st, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Wood Auditorium
(113 Avery Hall, Columbia University)

Prospective Student Open House

Presented by Columbia University GSAPP

Prospective Urban Planning Graduate Students will be on campus Tuesday. Please join us for lunch at 1 in 400 Avery to talk with students about your experiences and then again at 5:15 for a mixer in the UP Studio complete with wine and cheese. Also if you are available at noon to lead a quick campus tour, please email Caitlin, ceh2158@columbia.edu asap.

Tuesday, November 1st, 2011

Favela Redesign in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Presented by Pratt, The Design and Urban Practice Colloquium

The Vila Viva program in Belo Horizonte is the longest running slum upgrading program in Brazil. The program has invested $360 million and benefitted 75,000 residents of the favelas. The key actors involved are the municipal government, the federal government, and the residents through a remarkable participatory budgeting process.

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
6 East 16th Street, Room 1200
(Twelfth Floor)
Bit City Conference

Presented by Columbia University, GSAPP

BitCity is how we describe the recent conversation about the possibilities to use data and technology to enhance our cities. On the most basic level a “bit” is at the core of recent discussions around how data and technology can enhance our cities because it is “the basic unit of information in computing and telecommunications”. It’s our increased capacity to store, communicate, and visualize our everyday lives in the form of bits that has renewed a conversation about how data can be used to plan and manage the future of our cities.

The BitCity debates are meant to expose innovation and innovators, highlight the current state of research, and provide room for a conversation about the policy needs and implementation barriers for using data and technology in planning our cities.

Please register here: http://bitcityconference.eventbrite.com/

Friday, November 4th, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wood Auditorium
(113 Avery Hall, Columbia University)

Planning Trivia Night

Presented by APA NY Metro Young Planners

Come join us for a special planning Trivia Night!!! For those getting ready for the upcoming AICP test, this night is for you. If you’ve already earned those four letters or have yet to take the test, come test your planning knowledge. It’s probably time to brush up on those history dates anyways.

Please RSVP to: gregholisko@gmail.com or mbernstine@gmail.com

Monday, November 7th, 2011
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Fontana’s
(105 Eldridge Street, NY)
Academic Opportunities

IASTE: Portland, Oregon 2012, Call for Papers

Recent IASTE conferences have explored traditions as they relate to the formation of boundaries, the politics of consumption, and utopian futures. Building upon these earlier inquiries, this conference will examine the role of myths in the creation and endurance of particular traditions of space and practice. In many cultures, narratives based on little more than a story retold ever so eloquently are used to establish and perpetuate traditions that guide behaviors, customs, and actions. Through constant repetition myths become regimes of truth, as well as structures of shared meanings in the making of tradition.

Submission Requirements;
Please refer to our website http://iaste.berkeley.edu for detailed instructions on abstract submissions. A one-page abstract of 500 words and a one page C.V. are required. All papers must be written and presented in English. Following a blind peer-review process, papers may be accepted for presentation in the conference and/or publication in the Working Paper Series. Abstract deadline, Tuesday November 1st.

Please visit: http://iaste.berkeley.edu/ for more information.

Summer Grants, Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance

HEA is a platform for young African social, business, and political entrepreneurs educated in leading colleges and universities in Asia, Europe and North America. In partnership with international corporations such as Intel, GlaxoSmithKline and Nestle, the Harambe Entrepreneur Alliance is providing summer grants to young African art and design students and recent graduates with entrepreneurial initiatives in Africa. Thanks to the Tony Blair Foundation, HEA Associates also have access to internship opportunities in the office of the Presidents of Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Liberia, as well as a growing number of international and African companies.

To nominate a recipient, please enter their name and email address at healliance.org/nomination

Final selection will be made from a competitive pool of over 600 applicants, so your nomination will be an essential component of our decision-making process. Selected applicants will be invited to attend our 5th annual symposium at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Yale, and Bretton Woods, taking place March 30-April 2, 2012.
PhD Studentship in Economic Geography

Clark University

The Graduate School of Geography at Clark University (Worcester, Mass., USA) is announcing a 3-year Ph.D. studentship in Economic Geography. We seek students who are interested in pursuing careers as economic geographers, and intend to write doctoral dissertations that engage with current debates in economic geography. Preference is given to candidates who focus on one or more aspects of global economic change. Clark’s Graduate School of Geography is the oldest sustained program of geography and has awarded more Ph.D.s than any other geography program in the U.S. It is the home of the internationally peer-reviewed journal, Economic Geography (http://www.econgeography.org).

The studentship will offer a guaranteed tuition remission and university stipend for research assistantship during the first year, and either research or teaching assistantship stipend for the second and the third year, with a possible extension in the fourth year.

To apply, follow the regular procedure to apply for the Ph.D. program. In the personal statement form, state your wish to apply for this competition and justify how your intended area of research within economic geography will contribute to research on global economic change. The deadline for application is December 31st, 2011.

For details of the Ph.D. program, go to http://www.clarku.edu/departments/geography/graduate/index.cfm

For application process and forms for Clark’s Ph.D. Program, go to http://www.clarku.edu/departments/geography/graduate/apply.cfm

Historic Districts Council, Call for Papers

As part of its annual preservation conference, the Historic Districts Council is sponsoring a student competition for papers on the topic of open space in New York City, broadly conceived. The topic embraces public parks, private spaces, parkways, public plazas, urban courtyards and suburban planning. The papers could consider the historic context, the continuing significance or ultimate obsolescence, or the problem of preservation.

Please see attached document for more information.
Internship Opportunities

Public Design Internship

Biloxi, Mississippi

The Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, is seeking two interns to begin in December 2011. Interns will join the studio’s multi-disciplinary design team in a unique one-year Public Design Certificate program.

For information about current projects at the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio and for more information about the Public Design Intern program, please visit our website: www.gccds.org and our blog: www.gccds.org/blog.

Please see attached document for more information.

Built Environment Community Engagement Intern

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

We seek a part-time (10-15 hours a week) graduate-level intern to work from October 2011 to May 2012 with the possibility of extending beyond that time. The intern should be familiar with and interested in the relationship between the built environment, such as planning and architecture, and public health as well as advancing the strategies found in the Active Design Guidelines (www.NYC.gov/ADG).

For more information, please visit: http://cfusion.sph.emory.edu/PHEC/JobDetails.cfm?JobID=37291
Employment Opportunities

Data Temp Position

Brookings Institute

The Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution is offering a temporary data assistant position this fall to update our State of Metropolitan America interactive website. The work will take place during the months of November and December. Pay will be hourly, depending on experience.

The ideal candidate will be adept at accessing, manipulating, and formatting ACS data from the Census Bureau, experienced with Census geographies, especially at the metropolitan level, able to calculate statistical significance, proficient in Excel and/or Access, accurate and detail-oriented, able to work independently off site. dependable, available to devote significant amount of time to project during the month of November and/or early December.

Interested candidates should submit a brief cover letter explaining their qualifications for the position, resume, and references to
Alec Friedhoff, Data Manager, Metropolitan Policy Program
The Brookings Institution
afriedhoff@brookings.edu

Curriculum Specialist

Green School in East Williamsburg

HabitatMap is seeking a Curriculum Specialist to assist with curriculum development, toolkit development, and co-teaching for a Maps-Based Research Methods course that will be taught at the Green School in East Williamsburg this spring. The Curriculum Specialist will work in close partnership with the classroom teacher at the Green School and the Executive Director of HabitatMap. Prior experience in curriculum development and instructional design is required.

Curriculum development and toolkit development will take place after school hours and on some weekends. Exact dates and times will be worked out in cooperation with the Curriculum Specialist. The 44 class sessions are approximately one hour in duration and will be taught during the school day, Monday through Friday. The exact time during the school day is to be decided. There are also three half-day field trips and four course evaluations. To be considered for the job the Curriculum Specialist need not commit to co-teaching the course and participating in the evaluations, but preference will be given to candidates who can commit at least some time to these activities.

For more information and how to apply, please visit:
http://habitatmap.cmail2.com/t/ViewEmail/r/EoA8800CBE76DBC2/6844D074649612A6F6A1C87C670A6B9F
New York City Economic Development Corporation

Assistant Vice President, Development

Oversee team-oriented approaches to develop and implement plans for large-scale and complex projects involving multiple stakeholders.

Development coordinates NYCEDC’s interdepartmental efforts and those of its public and private partners on master planning and related interdisciplinary initiatives that strengthen the city’s central business districts and increase public access to the waterfront. Specifically, Development works to identify strategic locations for public involvement and/or investment; develop and facilitate appropriate planning and community outreach processes; shape use and development.

For more information, please visit:
http://www.nycedc.com/AboutUs/Careers/FindJob/Pages/FindAJob.aspx

New York City Department of Transportation

Project Manager, Planning and Sustainability

Serves as a Project Manager in the Community Initiatives Unit within the Division of Planning and Sustainability. Develops, manages and evaluates programs to improve the efficiency and functioning of the transportation network and achieve the sustainability goals outlined in PlaNYC 2030 and the agency’s Strategic Plan, Sustainable Streets. Programs will include changes in street and curbside operations, area-wide transportation studies and plans, parking pricing, travel demand management, and innovative approaches to providing travelers with information and resources about travel choices. Works closely with other DOT staff, with other City, State, and Federal agencies, and with the general public. Manages consultant work efforts and contracts, as well as federal capital grants. Performs related duties.

For more information, please visit:

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs

Community Coordinator

The Creative Specialist reports to the Assistant Commissioner for Creative Services.

For more information, please see attached pdf.
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

City Planner

The selected candidate will work closely with the Green Buildings and Energy Efficiency Senior Policy Advisor and other staff in planning and managing the expansion of the New York City Mayor’s Carbon Challenge (MCC) to commercial tenants, residential co-op, and condo buildings. The effort is part of PlaNYC, a citywide sustainability plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2030, and will be housed in the Mayor’s Office of Long-term Planning and Sustainability.

Please see attached pdf for more information.