Hope the first week back in the grind went well!

Remember this is the last week to ‘shop’ for classes, so the last day to register for a class is this Friday, (the 16th). Enjoy!

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Planning Student Organization Meeting

Presented by Columbia’s PSO

The first regular PSO meeting will take place this Wednesday, at 1 p.m. in the Planning Studio!

Wednesday, September 14th
1 p.m.
Urban Planning Studio
(201 Fayerweather)

Design and Urban Practice Colloquium

Presented by School of Design Strategies at Parsons

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6 pm: “Design and Urban Practice Colloquium” - public lecture series on alternative and innovative forms of urban practice. See attached JPEG for more information.

Wednesday Evenings
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
6 East 16th Street
12th Floor, Room 1200

Beaux Arts Ball: Volunteer Call

Presented by Architectural League

Want to go to the Architectural League of New York’s September 17th Beaux Arts Ball for free? You can get into the event (normally a $75 ticket) for free by volunteering for one hour at the event. Contact Gabriel Silberblatt, silberblatt@archleague.org, to volunteer. Tickets can be purchased here: http://archleague.org/2011/09/beaux-arts-ball-2011/

Beaux Arts Ball: TRANSPORT
September 17th, 2011
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Brooklyn Army Terminal
140 58th Street - Brooklyn, New York
Landmark Feast: Volunteer Call

Presented by Landmark West!

In less than a month (Sept. 25th), LW! will gather with 500 friends -- some old, some new! -- as well as some of the West Side’s premier chefs to celebrate Landmark Feast. We need volunteers to help with guest check-in, program distribution, beverage service, bussing of tables, and much more! The event runs from 4PM-9PM; whether students might be able to help for the entire event or just one portion (cocktails from 4-6; dinner from 6-9), we’d love to hear from them! As always, this event could be a great networking opportunity for students interested in preservation and community advocacy, as well as sustainable agriculture and dining.

Those interested in pitching in, reply to Christina Pena, cristianapena@landmark-west.org.

Brazil Seminar Series

Presented by The Latin Lab

We hope you had an enjoyable and productive summer and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming programs of the Brazil Seminar this academic year. Our first session will be "Paradigm Shifts of Cultural Heritage in Brazil" with Speaker, Professor José Reginaldo Goñalves, Instituto de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. More will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011
7:15 p.m.
The Tannenbaum Reading Room
(802, International Affairs Building)

Manhattan Bridge Skatepark Charette

Presented by Architecture for Humanity

The skatepark attracts youth from all 5 boros, the tri-state area, as well as out of state and international visitors to the area. As part of Urban Design Week, Architecture for Humanity invites skateboarders, designers, planners, neighbors and members of the public to show us how the skatepark and adjacent public areas of greater Coleman Oval Park should and could look.

Sunday, September 18th, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Coleman Oval Park
Academic Opportunities

Earth Institute Travel Grant Program

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.

Travel grants will only be awarded for fieldwork explicitly related to a course that fulfills a requirement for your degree, and applications must have the written support of the instructor who is teaching the course. For example, travel can be for projects that are needed to complete studios, workshops, theses, senior seminar projects, independent studies or other degree requirements. In addition, after completing the project, students will be required to post their work online and take part in a spring student research showcase. Students must follow all application instructions and adhere to deadlines.

The travel grant program, which is offered once per semester, funds individuals rather than projects, and the maximum travel grant award is up to $750 per person. Each member of a research team may apply individually for funding, and there is no limit on the number of people who may apply from any one project group. Only full-time Columbia and Barnard students who are in good academic standing will be considered. Please note that applications will be reviewed based upon the relationship of the travel to specific pedagogic objectives of the research. Before submitting an application, students are required to review travel information and country-specific travel warnings as well as review health insurance information with the healthcare provider for their trip. Awardees will also be required to have adequate health insurance and travel insurance that covers MEDIVAC in the event that they need it.

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 1, 2011.

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 or e-mail 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
Carolina Planning Journal

Summer 2012: “Regaining Relevancy”

Carolina Planning - (http://carolinaplanning.unc.edu/) - the oldest student-run planning publication in the country seeks to bridge the gap between urban planning professionals and academics, with the goal of providing original articles, case studies, interviews of relevance and interest to both audiences. We are now seeking submissions for our 2012 issue which will focus on the perceived trivialization of the planning profession. The topic is based on the emerging sense, especially amongst young practitioners and scholars, that the field has lost its agency to incite positive change in our cities and regions. Topics may include, but are not limited to: urban planning in history, conflict resolution, planning and its role in addressing 21st century challenges, planning and politics, reimagining the suburbs, and remaking planning education. Most features will highlight concepts and case studies from the United States; however, international submissions are encouraged.

Submission Details:
Interested contributors should contact the Carolina Planning editors by email, carolinaplanning@unc.edu, prior to submission, to discuss article topics and any other questions. Manuscripts should be typed in Microsoft Word and limited to 15 pages, double-spaced. Tables, charts, graphs, and images can be included. Citations should follow the author-date system in the Chicago Manual of Style, with endnotes used for explanatory text. Carolina Planning editors reserve the right to edit articles accepted for publication, subject to the author’s approval, for both space and content considerations. Only original work is published.

Submission Deadline:
November 11, 2011
http://carolinaplanning.unc.edu/call-for-papers/

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Internship Opportunities

Friends of Hudson River Park

Policy and Planning Internship

Friends of Hudson River Park was founded in 1999 to support the completion and care of Hudson River Park. In 1998, dozens of derelict and working Piers on Manhattan’s West Side were mandated by state legislation to be transformed into a public park. Stretching five miles along the Hudson from 59th Street to Battery Park City, Hudson River Park (Park) is 80% complete.

Friends of Hudson River Park (Friends) provides private sector advocacy and financial support for the Park. As a place of recreation and education for citizens from all parts of the City, the park enriches quality of life for neighboring residents and visitors. Our goal is to ensure the completion, success and maintenance of this great urban waterfront. Friends has a staff of three full-time employees and two interns, with offices located in midtown Manhattan.

Responsibilities:
The intern will work with the Planning and Policy Associate, Executive Director, Steering Committee and project consultant on all matters associated with the creation of a Hudson River Park Neighborhood Improvement District. This position will involve community outreach, research, document creation and administrative support. He or she will also assist in other programming and operational aspects of the project as needed. Key tasks that the selected candidate will be responsible for are: Provide administrative support, particularly the management of mailing lists and other data. Work with municipal resources to identify property owners adjacent to Hudson River Park and manage said information in project database. Assist in the development of presentation materials about the improvement district including graphics, diagrams and other images to display project interventions, scope and vision as outlined in the district plan. Edit project materials, such as the draft district plan, for presentation to the public. Conduct community outreach in improvement district neighborhoods.

Qualifications:
Energetic self-starters who have an interest in public outreach, business improvement districts and open space and transportation planning are encouraged to apply. Experience with Microsoft Office (Friends uses MS Office 2007), Google Earth, ArcGIS 9.3, and ability to work some evening and weekend hours are required.

Apply:
Please send resume and cover letter to Galin Brooks, gbrooks@fohrp.org with “Planning and Policy Internship” in the subject line.
Calthorpe Associates

GIS/Regional Planning Intern

Calthorpe Associates is seeking a GIS/urban planning intern to support its regional planning team. The right candidate should be trained in urban planning or geography and possess a strong understanding of the relationship between land use and transportation. A Masters degree in urban planning or a related field is desirable, but not required. The candidate should be proficient in ArcGIS 9/10 and quantitative analysis. He or she should be able to convey large quantities of geographic information clearly and concisely for public and stakeholder audiences. Applicants should be comfortable using MS Excel, and in ArcGIS, working with large vector datasets, file geodatabases, shapefiles, grid themes, and ModelBuilder. Use of GIS to conduct spatial modeling; experience with Spatial Analyst and 3D Analyst; and familiarity with SQL queries, open source GIS, PostGresSQL or other open source database software is desirable. Writing experience, good communication skills and familiarity with the Adobe Creative Suite, and experience creating three-dimensional visualizations and other visual and mapping techniques is also desirable.

The planning intern will work under the direction of a principal or manager as part of the regional planning team. There is an immediate opportunity to work on our Vision California project. The Vision California project is producing a map-based land use and transportation scenario analysis tool and a series of alternative visions for how California can accommodate growth. The tool will produce scenario metrics related to greenhouse gas emissions, open space and farmland preservation, energy and water use, community health, and more. Typical duties will include land use, transportation, and natural resource data preparation and quality control, mapping, spatial and quantitative analysis, and research to support the development of the Vision California modeling tool. Duties will also include support for writing reports and analyses. Broader opportunities and promotion may be available to the right candidate with urban planning or related training and working knowledge of land use and transportation planning, New Urbanism, and the impacts of varying growth patterns.

Apply:

Please send resume, along with cover letter, references and up to 5 pages of work samples, either via email to planningintern@calthorpe.com. Subject line of email must be “GIS/Planning Internship.” No paper mail or phone calls, please.
Public Health and Urban Planning

Independent Internship

The intern would work for a project created to demonstrate an information technology enhanced ecosystem to encourage walking. Within this ecosystem, the walker would be able to measure his/her walking done on a particular walk, day, week, month or over a year without having to invest in smartphone, GPS technology, or other computer technology. The purpose of the demonstration project is to show that the technology works, is easy to use, and is economical. A later pilot project would demonstrate that the walking ecosystem can measurably encourage increased walking, jogging, and even cycling by those who live in the area surrounding it. The hopefully third stage would be implementation of the project on a population wide scale.

The purpose of this effort is to encourage walking on a truly mass scale.

The intern would help research and select the particular demonstration walking path which by necessity would have to be safe, attractive, simple and easily accessible to the surrounding housing, shopping, business, and tourist districts. The selected location of the walking ecosystem could also bring other possibilities with it: institutional partners (medical school, schools, colleges, housing developments, or employers), technical partners (Google, Meetup), political partners (local government), or shopping districts. It may also demonstrate a need to upgrade the physical walking environment.

The world is entering the Fifth Epidemiologic Transition: the age of obesity and inactivity. Inactivity helps lead to obesity and a variety of chronic illnesses beginning with diabetes mellitus II even including cancer. All epidemiologic evidence points to the fact that Americans do not exercise enough. Walking is the only nearly universal physical activity. The OECD has projected that seventy five percent of Americans will be overweight or obese by 2020. Obesity is costing New York City four billion dollars per year; this is before the projected rise in prevalence of diabetes mellitus and other diseases. Lifestyle interventions based upon exercise can delay the onset of diabetes mellitus by at least ten years. We will provide more information with more direct contact.

For information:
Bohdan A Oryshkevich, MD, MPH, bao23@columbia.edu
1-212-785-4170
80 Maiden Lane, Suite 606
New York NY 10038

IMPORTANT NOTE: Since this is an unpaid internship, but an interesting topic, a student could develop a parallel Independent Study around the topic. So, if interested please contact Janet Foster as soon as possible, jf2060@columbia.edu.
Division of Preservation Finance  
New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Project Management Consultant

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s Division of Preservation Finance seeks a Consultant to serve as a Project Manager in the LIHTC Portfolio Preservation (Year 15) Program. The Division of Preservation Finance administers multiple loan programs including the 8A Loan Program, the PLP Loan Program, the HUD Multifamily Loan Program and the Year 15 Program. These programs facilitate the rehabilitation of privately-owned multifamily buildings throughout New York City. The position is a contractual position for one year with the potential to renew for an additional year(s) subject to funding availability.

As a project manager, the Consultant will work closely with the Director of the Year 15 Program and will be responsible for managing projects in the Year 15 portfolio, with the number of projects varying based on the complexity of the transactions. In particular, the Consultant will manage resyndication deals, and projects requiring capital and operating reserve subsidy. Each project will involve direct and frequent interaction with the developers and sponsors, syndicators and internal/external partners in order to bring the project from its initial stages to a construction loan or permanent loan closing. Specific project management duties will include evaluating and recommending project repositioning strategies, evaluating sponsor capacity, performing due diligence, reviewing and analyzing project legal and ownership documents, performing detailed financial analysis and underwriting, presenting loan proposals to Credit Committee, articulating program terms and requirements to developers/sponsors and eliciting their cooperation, ensuring timely completion of Year 15 transactions, and working with HPD legal staff to close the loan.

Qualifications:

The Consultant must have strong financial analysis skills including financial modeling and financial statement analysis, be detail-oriented, organized, self-motivated, be able to meet deadlines and manage multiple projects in a timely manner and be a team player. In addition, the Consultant should have strong analytical, written and verbal communication and organizational skills, and proficiency with Microsoft Excel and Word. A master’s degree from an accredited college in economics, finance, real estate, urban planning, accounting, business or public administration is preferred, but not required.

Apply:

Ms. Michal Aronson  
Director of Operations, Division of Preservation Finance  
NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development  
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New York, New York 10038  
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New York City Department of Transportation

Community Coordinator

The candidate serves as Director of Special Projects; works closely with the NYCDOT Divisions on operational and policy issues related to all facets of the agency; acts as primary liaison to the Borough Commissioners offices on day-to-day community issues; manages agency participation in various public/private community ventures; develops promotional materials and presents information at orientation sessions; tracks project progress and prepares status reports; serves as Lead Agency Coordinator with the Mayor’s Office of Business Acceleration, a citywide project to improve business customer service; represents the agency at City Hall work group meetings to examine existing policies and procedures; serves as project manager for high profile projects such as the Holiday Traffic Mitigation Plan and NYC Business Express; represents the First Deputy Commissioner at meetings with internal staff on agency and interagency activities; responds to public inquiries and written correspondence; performs related duties.

Qualifications:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college and two years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties described above; -- OR --
2. High school graduation or equivalent and six years of experience in community work or community centered activities in an area related to the duties as described above; -- OR --
3. Education and/or experience which is equivalent to “1” or “2” above. However, all candidates must have at least one year of experience as described in “1” above.

Apply:

Place JVN (841-2012-90989) in the upper right hand corner of your resume and on the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Your Resume must include a chronological work history and salary earnings summary. Send resume to:
Roberta M. Allen-Gilliard
NYC Department of Transportation - Personnel Office
55 Water Street - 8th Floor
New York, NY 10041
Central Atlanta Progress

Senior Project Manager, Economic Development

Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., (CAP) founded in 1941, is a private nonprofit community development organization providing leadership, programs and services to preserve and strengthen the economic vitality of Downtown Atlanta. With a board of directors of Downtown’s top business leaders, CAP is funded through the investment of businesses and institutions.

CAP seeks a dynamic individual for the position of Senior Project Manager, Economic Development to start immediately and join a team of dedicated professionals with a mission to make Downtown Atlanta more vibrant, safe and economically viable.

Please see attached flier for complete job description and application instructions.