This year marks the 50th Anniversary of, The Death and the Life of Great American Cities, and in commemoration of Dear Jane, feel free to check out this website which speaks to some of Jacobs' contemporaries.

http://www.thirteen.org/metrofocus/culture/what-would-jane-jacobs-do/

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Events

Micro-Urbanism & The Insurgent City

Presented by The New School for Public Engagement

The first presentation in a series of Six “City Lectures,” at the New School, please join us for a talk by Jeffrey Hou. Jeff Hou is the Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington. His research, teaching, and practice focus on engaging marginalized communities and citizens through community design, design activism, and cross-cultural learning.

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Wohlman Hall
65 W. 11th Street, 5th Floor

The Bottom Line on Climate Change

Presented by The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis

Is green energy the answer to global warming, energy independence, and the prevention of Fukushima-like nuclear disasters? If so, will the switch kill jobs and raise taxes? Or will renewable energy create a green recovery?

Economists will join leading U.S. & E.U. government officials, geoscientists, policy analysts, and business leaders to discuss how transitioning to renewable energy will affect the fragile U.S. and global economies.

Admission is free, but a reservation is required: http://economicsofclimatechange.eventbrite.com/.

Friday, September 23rd & Saturday, September 24th, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wohlman Hall
Eugene Lang Building
65 West 11th Street, 5th Floor
Annual CUP Benefit

Presented by the Center for Urban Pedagogy

CUP Board and Staff invite you to join artists, designers, community advocates & other urban enthusiasts for an evening of conversation & cocktails!

Thursday, October 13th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. : Benefactor Cocktail Reception
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. : Party
The Green Building
452 Union Street, Brooklyn

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Academic Opportunities

Student Employee

Assistant to Professor Clara Irazabal

Wanted: Student employee to assist Urban Planning Professor Clara Irazabal with the following: Help in preparation of spring syllabi, particularly for the Rio Studio. This includes: Compilation of materials (bibliographic and audiovisual resources related to Brazil, Rio, and Porto Maravilha). Translation from Portuguese to English of some key studio materials (Portuguese reading abilities required). Creation of database of key personal and institutional contacts in Rio/Brazil. Submit Clara’s recent materials to Columbia’s Academic Commons. The student will be instructed on how to do this. Help in preparation of Expense Reports and other research or administrative tasks. Casual Payroll positions pay $12 per hour for up to 100 hours in a semester.

Questions about the position may be directed to
Professor Irazabal
irazabal.zurita@columbia.edu
917.539.9828

Apply:
Contact Professor Irazabal immediately.
Internship Opportunities

Earth Institute

Fall Internships

This fall semester, The Earth Institute, Columbia University is offering Columbia students opportunities to intern within various departments and research centers at the Earth Institute. All full-time Columbia and Barnard students are eligible to apply for internships. These internships are funded at a rate of $15/hour for 10 hours per week, and up to a maximum of 120 hours for the fall 2011 semester.

The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP): Assessment of Vulnerability, Capacity, and Preparatory Activities related to Food Security in AgMIP Regions

Food security in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are two primary focus regions for the Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP; see www.agmip.org). AgMIP is committed to assessing food security risks under a variety of climate change scenarios and building scientific capacity in these developing regions, but a first step is to assess the current state of capacity and recognition of food security vulnerability.

Intern tasks:
Examine the National Programme of Adaptation (NAPA) for countries in this region, focusing on the agricultural sector. Help to build a baseline database of existing adaptation plans, capacity, and ongoing activities. Create reports on: (i) NAPAs for Sub-Saharan Africa; broken down by Eastern, Southern, and West Africa (ii) NAPAs for South Asia; (iii) noteworthy partners and activities worth additional attention. As part of the Columbia Center for Climate Systems Research team, the intern may also participate in other AgMIP-related activities, research, and report preparation.

Communications and Outreach for Lenfest Center for Sustainable Energy Projects

The intern will work on communications and outreach for two LCSE projects. The first is a CCS and Air Capture conference featuring pioneering technology developed at the Lenfest Center laboratories. Recent media coverage includes National Geographic (print and television), and abc’s EnergyNOW. This fall, LCSE has the opportunity to showcase their innovative air capture technology in the U.S. and in London for a special "Air Capture Week." The second project is PositiveFeedback, a new arts & climate initiative, that seeks to cultivate and support a diverse community of scientists and artists focused on climate change and engaged in each other’s work. PositiveFeedback has been invited to produce programming content for an exhibition called, UNFOLD-A Cultural Response to Climate Change, co-hosted with Parsons School of Design.
Communications, Research, Writing, and Event-Planning Intern for The Earth Institute’s Director’s Office

Intern tasks:

Conduct research on Director’s Office projects and related topics. Edit reports, documents, and articles. Contribute to reports and articles. Help conceptualize and organize a guest speaker series on health featuring members of the CGHED team and other experts. Generate content for the Earth Institute’s blog and newsletter. Additional duties as assigned, including general office tasks such as filing and archiving.

Earth Institute Funding Initiatives Intern

The Development Assistant will support the Earth Institute’s Funding Initiatives team with communications and administrative-related development activities for annual fund, major donor, corporate and foundation fundraising initiatives. The assistant’s time will be split between managing specific projects and performing routine communications and administrative tasks.

Intern tasks:

Draft blog posts, news articles and press releases about new gifts, grants and initiatives. Edit report. Manage content updates for various fundraising-related web pages. Maintain donor and event lists. Update thank-you letter template language, information kits and produce acknowledgement letters. Act as a liaison between student groups and The Earth Institute. Other administrative and research duties as needed.

Global Health and Economic Development: Monitoring and Evaluation Team Internship

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) is crucial to assessing the success of the Center for Global Health and Economic Development’s (CGHED) research, educational, policy, and operational initiatives, including the impact of the Millennium Villages Project on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals in 10 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa. A detailed monitoring and evaluation platform has been established to measure advancement towards the MDGs, and compare what is happening in Millennium Village Project sites, villages not receiving the intervention, and national and sub-national data sets. The CGHED M&E Team is looking for a student intern to directly support the administrative, logistical, and programmatic needs of the team.

To apply for these positions, please complete the online application available, http://fs21.formsite.com/earthinstitute/form23/index.html, by September 22, 2011 at 11:59PM.
Left Forum

Fall 2011 & Spring 2012 Internships

Continuing a tradition begun in the 1960s, Left Forum convenes an international conference each spring in New York City. The conference involves a broad spectrum of progressive and Left intellectuals, organizers and academics who come together to share ideas to transform the world; to better understand commonalities, differences, and alternatives to current predicaments; and to engage a wide range of critical perspectives on the world. Left Forum 2011 drew more than 3,500 participants for 300 panels. Recent conference plenary sessions featured Noam Chomsky, Arundhati Roy, Cornel West, and Barbara Ehrenreich.

The internships are unpaid, although academic credit is available. Hours are flexible - we ask for 15-20 hours a week - and can be adapted to fit your schedule. Closing date for this position is October 1, 2011. People with diverse backgrounds and experience are encouraged to apply.

Please see ‘Left Forum’ Attachments for more information on each opportunity available. The list includes:

- Program and Outreach Administration Internship
- Video and Social Media Internship
- Media and Publicity Internship
- Fundraising and Development Internship.

Please send a detailed cover letter and resume to volunteer@leftforum.org to apply.

City Atlas

Social Media Internship

We seek a dependable, professional, passionate, hardworking, self-motivated, sustainability-obsessed intern with strong communication skills. The intern must be experienced with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and WordPress, and familiar with all other social media forums. Extent of knowledge about sustainability issues, urban issues, and New York City will also be considered.

Apply:

Please send one sample blog post, one sample Facebook post and one sample Twitter post that would engage the City Atlas audience to

Carina Molnar: cmolnar@hunter.cuny.edu
CC: richard.reiss@artistascitizen.org

In addition, please provide the URL to all social media platforms you use on a daily basis.
Forum for Urban Design

Development Intern

The Forum for Urban Design is seeking a fall-semester intern (September-December) to assist with event planning, membership development and to assist in the day-to-day operations of the organization.

The Forum is a New York-based nonprofit organization that convenes leaders in urban design, architecture, planning and development to discuss critical issues that face our cities. Throughout the year, the Forum hosts conferences about urban development, tours of local ongoing projects, and presentations by emerging designers. In addition, the Forum proudly publishes The Urban Design Review, a journal reviewing recent projects, texts, films, and exhibitions.

This is a part-time unpaid internship. Scheduling is flexible. Travel and incidentals such as lunch will be covered and we will be happy to assist you with obtaining school credits. This could be a wonderful experience for those interested in nonprofit work and urban design.

Responsibilities:

- Planning Forum conferences, tours, and other events.
- Developing and assisting with membership campaigns.
- Managing the Forum website, social networking efforts, and online membership directory.
- Assisting with other administrative tasks, including mailings and database management.

The ideal candidate is an undergraduate student or recent graduate of Urban Studies, Urban Planning, Architecture, Real Estate Development, or a related field. Students with development and web/graphic design experience are particularly encouraged to apply. We welcome candidates who are reliable, resourceful and enthusiastic about issues of the built environment.

Apply:

To apply, please send your cover letter and resume (as .doc or .pdf only, please) with the subject line “Development Internship” to info@forumforurbansign.org. All applications must be received by September 23.
Employment Opportunities

Development Innovations Group

Mid to Senior Level Architects, Urban Planners, GIS Specialists

The Development Innovations Group (DIG) is seeking mid-to-senior level architects, urban planners, civil/structural engineers and GIS specialists to provide technical support to the Haitian government agencies leading the post-earthquake reconstruction effort. We are particularly interested in applicants who have a background in both urban planning and transportation. Positions are based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for one to six months. Complete fluency in either Haitian Creole or French required, strong understanding of Haiti’s culture and environment preferred. Preference will be given to candidates who have lived in Haiti. Members of the Haitian Diaspora, and applicants with a specific background in housing finance and/or a legal background related to land issues are encouraged to apply.

DIG (www.developinnovations.com) is an international development consulting firm committed to innovative solutions in the fields of financial services for the poor; urban management and community infrastructure services; and fund management. DIG implements activities in transitioning and developing economies, as well as post-emergency settings throughout the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its creation in February 2005, DIG has managed programs and carried out consultancies in close to 30 countries worldwide. DIG’s primary clients and partners are private sector institutions, foundations, non-governmental organizations, and multi- and bilateral development agencies. These include USAID, the World Bank, the Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and commercial banks, among others.

Apply: Please send resumes to haiti@developinnovations.com, with the word “Haiti” in the subject line. Also send a letter of motivation indicating where you saw the job posting.

Lantern Ventures

Project Manager

Lantern Community Services (‘LCS‘) is the social service wing of the Lantern Group, a not-for-profit housing developer and service provider, established in 1997 to participate in activities that strengthen New York City communities.

Please see attached flier for more information on the job posting and how to apply.
PSI

Associate Program Manager, West and Central Africa

PSI seeks entrepreneurial, dynamic and creative candidates with an interest in private sector approaches to development for the position of Associate Program Manager, West and Central Africa. The Associate Program Manager (APM) is responsible for supporting PSI platforms in West and Central Africa. The APM will also assist in new business development. This full time position is based in Washington, D.C. and reports to the Program Manager. May entail some overseas travel.

Responsibilities:
Managing communications with overseas staff and acting as the liaison between overseas staff and PSI/Washington regional, technical and functional departments (e.g. procurement, contracts, technical services). Providing financial oversight through the review of annual operating budgets and monthly sales reports. Managing re-classification and correcting budget entries as needed. Creating, reviewing, updating and realigning donor budgets. Reviewing and editing donor reports as needed. Monitoring contract compliance, close-outs and pending issues. Preparing, reviewing and tracking programmatic budgets and business plans. Reviewing procurement requests and monitoring procurement pipelines. Maintaining program quality through the review of: quarterly performance assessments, minimum standards and research implementation. Providing short term technical assistance to field offices on an as needed basis. Researching and distributing reference materials, and developing expertise in selected topics based on interest and initiative (e.g. health, marketing, communications). Assisting in new business development by collaboratively designing new projects, writing proposals, editing proposals, developing proposal budgets, and/or coordinating the administrative procedures/details for proposal submission.

Qualifications:
Master’s degree in a relevant subject (MBA, MIA, MPA, MPH, etc.) or equivalent experience. At least two years work experience in a developing country. Ability to work in a fast-paced team environment. Strong analytical/problem solving capabilities. Excellent quantitative skills, with particular emphasis on working with budgets and spreadsheets, and conducting financial analysis. Two years prior office experience strongly preferred. Fluency in French. Proficiency in word processing, the use of Excel, and data analysis. Excellent writing skills. Knowledge of USAID and the international donor community preferred.

Apply:
https://sh.webhire.com/servlet/av/jd?ai=624&ji=2550870&sn=L&cd=&si=0
Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Community Development Associate

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a national nonprofit organization, which provides financial and technical assistance to neighborhood-based nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs) working to improve housing and economic conditions in distressed neighborhoods. The New York City program works with CDCs and community-based entrepreneurs throughout the city to develop affordable multi-family rental housing, homeownership opportunities, commercial enterprises and community facilities.

The New York City program of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) seeks candidates for Community Development Associate for its Independence Starts at Home program (ISHA). The position reports to the Community Development Officer who manages the overall program. This position is funded through a one-year contract with the possibility for renewal, based on the availability of funding.

Responsibilities:

- Screen and refer potential program participants. Support CDC property management staff with program operations including conducting candidate interviews, ensuring functioning of tenants’ associations, tracking participants’ employment status, and monitoring rent payments. Conduct audit and compliance reviews to verify accuracy of tracking system on a monthly basis. Provide monthly status reports, which include metrics and chart participants’ progress towards meeting program objectives. Hold quarterly meetings with ISHA team to discuss program progress and make process improvement recommendations. Build and maintain relationships in the field with a network of social service providers, with particular attention to amplifying the workforce development aspect of the program. Assist with cultivating relationships with new service providers. Make presentations to potential partners as needed. Help participants connect to community and civic organizations for opportunities to build civic leadership and engagement. Coordinate mental health and other clinical support services. Organize and conduct forums, conferences, and other events. Conduct ongoing outreach and track the progress of youth (ages 15-20) identified by the Administration for Children’s Service (ACS) & LISC NYC as prospective candidates for ISHA in the future. Provide training and conduct workshops for program participants, housing providers, city agencies, service providers and service provider network affiliates, covering topics such as best practices and strategies for addressing issues related to youth aging out of foster care.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors Degree required, MSW or MA equivalent a plus. At least 2 years experience working with youth, vulnerable populations, community development; capacity building and/or delivering trainings.

Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter to resumes@lisc.org.
Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Assistant Program Officer

The Affordable Housing Preservation Program (Preservation) and the Housing Authority Resource Center (HARC) at LISC seek an individual with a passion for strengthening communities through effective and thoughtful grant making and related activities. It invites people to apply who have experience working with diverse populations and who possess general expertise in community development, including real estate development, human capital development, economic development and community programming. The position will be based in Philadelphia and reports to the Vice-President for Preservation and the HARC Senior Program Director. More information about LISC and these programs is available at www.lisc.org.

Responsibilities:

- Manage collection of data from various sources for inclusion in rental housing study. Circulate HUD foreclosure and other transaction alerts to local offices and partners.
- Create funder, loan monitoring and other reports as needed.
- Maintain Content Management System and update LISC Online Resource Library with relevant documents and materials.
- Help design/develop communication, marketing and educational materials including program summaries, case studies, postcards etc.
- Manage the recruitment, training and oversight of interns to carry out projects and conduct research.
- Revise and review job descriptions and work plans as needed.
- Coordinate planning for training and events including content development and managing logistics.
- Maintain office supply inventory.
- Schedule and coordinate meetings and conference calls as needed.
- Maintain electronic and paper files related to government contracts, consultants and overall program operations.
- Process billing, payment, amendment requests, corporate card and expense reports in a timely manner.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s Degree in communication, planning, public policy, urban studies, real estate, social work, or a related field, required.
- Excellent organizational, writing, communication and computer skills. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. Knowledge of Arc View, preferred.
- Ability to manage multiple and varied projects with strong attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team.
- Some knowledge or awareness of community development and neighborhood revitalization.
- Knowledge of real estate finance and housing authorities and/or privately owned affordable rental housing a plus.

Apply:

Send cover letter, writing sample and resume to:
Mary Paumen, Sr.
Program Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation
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Washington, DC 20006
mpaumen@lisc.org