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**YPT- NYC Speed Networking**

**April 29, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:30PM**  
**Room 506, 41 Cooper Square, Cooper Union**

The New York City Chapter of the Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT-NYC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter at Cooper Union are hosting an upcoming "Speed Networking" event. Students will meet and network with YPT members who are currently working in the transportation industry. YPT members are a great resource in discussing their career paths and providing welcomed advice. "Speed Networking" ensures that a student can get one on one time with multiple YPT members and learn about different companies/organizations, fields, positions, and sectors.

Individuals wishing to participate should reserve their space at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hk46gbekZlq3ZicZKMbKyaqv2smw_SzPVEfkLYDf5XQ/viewform. Space is extremely limited – please rsvp and we will contact you to confirm availability.

**Latin Lab LBS Series: “Large-Scale Projects in Colombia: the broken promises of the urban reform agenda?”**

**April 29, 2013, 1:00PM – 2:00PM**  
**412 Avery Hall**

Catalina Ortiz' presentation, entitled "Large-Scale Projects in Colombia: the broken promises of the urban reform agenda?", will showcase recent changes in the planning and national housing legal frameworks that have eroded the promises of progressive urban reform agenda since 1997. Considering the tensions derived for fixing real estate capital in strategic metropolitan locations, partial plans of redevelopment (PPR) and national macro-projects of social interest (MISN) operate as privileged planning and land management tools for large-scale projects. This presentation will discuss the ways in which these tools have underpinned the tensions on addressing a massive housing deficit in peripheries and densification processes in downtown areas. These disjunctions draw geographies of land dispute over truncated attempts of both installing the logics of public private partnerships and securing agreements on territorial equity.

Catalina Ortiz Arciniegas is Associate Professor and Academic Director of the Master in Urban and Regional Studies at the National University of Colombia in Medellin. She holds a PhD in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master’s in Urban and Regional Studies from the National University of Colombia. In her research she addresses the relationship among...
politics, urban change and planning processes. She conducted studies mainly on urban and suburban growth patterns, industrial sites reconversion, land and housing for low-income households, and negotiation processes on partial plans. Her current research interest revolves around large-scale urban projects and land management practices in Latin American cities.

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**BIKE SHARE: IN ACTION THERE/ STARTING HERE – A FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ON NYC’S BIKE SHARE**

**MAY 2, 2013, 6:00PM – 8:00PM**  
**CASA ITALIANA ZERILLI-MARIMO, 24 WEST 12TH STREET, NYC**

Community Board No. 2, Manhattan and the New York University Office of Government and Community Affairs invite you to an evening exploring New York City's new bike share system. Join us for a screening of several Streetfilms shorts, and a presentation and discussion about the bike share with leaders from the Department of Transportation.

Members of the general public are invited to attend this in-depth discussion with **Kate Fillin-Yeh**, director of the Department of Transportation's bike share program, and **Stephanie Levinsky**, New York City Department of Transportation bike share program planner. Opening remarks by New York State Senator **Brad Hoylman**. A question-and-answer session will follow the discussion.

This is event is free and open to the public, but space is limited.  
Please RSVP online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XDDDEZqNsUhyp9HD6S0SZqH0hUlpvGjkLbzuCW7nyw/viewform?edit_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XDDDEZqNsUhyp9HD6S0SZqH0hUlpvGjkLbzuCW7nyw/viewform?edit_requested=true), or contact NYU Government and Community Affairs at 212-998-2400.

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CITY: 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**MAY 4, 2013, 10:00AM – 6:00PM**  
**NEW SCHOOL, 66 WEST 12TH STREET**

The Graduate Program in Design and Urban Ecologies at Parsons The New School for Design and The Center for Place Culture and Politics announces the 40 Year Anniversary Symposium of David Harvey's **Social Justice and The City** (1973 – 2013). In April 1970, an essay titled "Social Processes and Spatial Form: An Analysis of the Conceptual Problems of Urban Planning," was published in volume 25 of the journal Papers of the Regional Science Association. For this first time, this essay constructed an unexplored critique of urban disciplines vis-à-vis capitalism. The result created a dialectical theoretical framework, and forever changed the way many urban practitioners viewed their disciplinary tools and formal training.
Ultimately, this heralded an ongoing formation of radically new and unseen forms of urban practice. In 1973, this essay became the first chapter of Social Justice and the City. David Harvey’s seminal second book split the way our cities are read, and created entirely new research paths for his contemporaries and younger practitioners.

Forty years after its publication, Social Justice and the City is as relevant as when it was first conceived. As the processes of urbanization fall faster than ever at the control of the elites, an unprecedented wave of enforced spatial segregation radically alters our urban realities. Today, Social Justice and the City provokes views and directions that remain at the core of any imaginary for resistance, and an action towards the belief that socially just forms of urbanization are possible.

The 40 year commemoration of Social Justice and the City will pay tribute to the lasting work and influence of David Harvey. The day will be introduced by Harvey, who will share his views on the book and its 40 year trajectory. Harvey will then be joined by a diverse array of urban practitioners, from artists to academics and designers, whose practice has been transformed by Social Justice and the City.


RSVP & Information: urban.parsons.edu

Urban Regimes and Gray Spacing: Between Privatizing Democracy and ‘Creeping Apartheid’
May 6, 2013, 1:00PM – 2:00PM
504 Avery Hall

The renowned planning theoretician is visiting us from Israel and presenting "Urban regimes and grey spacing: Between Privitizing Democracy and 'Creeping Apartheid.'" Response by Peter Marcuse.

Left Forum 2013
June 7 – 9, 2013
Pace University, 1 Pace Plaza, NY 10038

The first round of panels and workshops for Left Forum 2013 are now on display on the website – www.leftforum.org Check out the wonderfully engaged array of
topics, titles, speakers and panel descriptions. Please click the topics below to see the panels for that topic area.

You will also find a great new feature on the panel displays. Panelists have and will continue to provide support readings, reading lists, and papers for their talks and workshops. This will enable all participants to better prepare for the conference sessions, to raise interesting questions and to engage in critical dialogues.

Register at [http://www.leftforum.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=677](http://www.leftforum.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=677)

**LEFT FORUM 2013**  
**JUNE 7 – 9, 2013**  
**PACE UNIVERSITY, 1 PACE PLAZA, NY 10038**

Cataclysmic events across North America and throughout the world such as Hurricane Sandy lay bare the ongoing crises in low-income communities: unemployment, foreclosures, homelessness, and service cutbacks. During the storm, historic patterns of racial discrimination isolated the most vulnerable while wealthier, better-connected residents had the privilege of mobility. Traditional planning is partially responsible for these injustices. However, community-based organizations and activist networks are mobilizing, networking, and filling the gaps left by the failure of local and federal responses. This organizing continues beyond simple resilience, toward building a more just collective future.

Join us June 6-8 in New York City for a progressive, practice-based planning conference that explores these alternatives to urban development and planning practice. At this conference, planners, architects, designers, activists, and neighborhood advocates come together to exchange ideas and perspectives to promote alternative, more sustainable, and just ways of preserving and developing the metropolis. For the full registration fee, you'll experience:

- **Thursday night screening** of the acclaimed documentary, “My Brooklyn,” and a discussion with the filmmaker.
- On Friday, a dialogue and tours with community groups and residents at your choice of mobile community workshops.
- A **Friday night kick-off party** at Pratt Brooklyn’s historic Higgins Hall—a celebration of justice and action!
- A full Saturday of diverse conference panels, interactive workshops, and plenaries.
- The conference will wrap up Saturday evening with a performance by the dynamic **Reverend Billy and the Church of Stop Shopping**.

Register at [http://justmetropolis.org/home/registration1](http://justmetropolis.org/home/registration1)
WORK OPPORTUNITIES

New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P)
Planning & GIS Intern
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 APRIL, 2013

About Organization:
New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P) is the independent citywide research and advocacy organization championing quality parks and open spaces for all New Yorkers in all neighborhoods. For over 100 years, New Yorkers for Parks has advocated for all of the city's parks, beaches and playgrounds.

NY4P regularly hosts interns to assist with research & planning projects relating to the efficient and equitable delivery of public park services in New York City. Interns will spend time conducting research and writing on open space planning issues and will also be asked to assist with field work and other outreach and advocacy work as needed.

Description
In 2008 NY4P developed the Open Space Index (OSI) in response to New York City's lack of a master plan for the improvement and expansion of parks. The OSI is a set of 15 population-adjusted targets for park access and environmental sustainability designed specifically for New York City neighborhoods. Beginning in July 2013, New Yorkers for Parks will conduct an open space assessment of the Mott Haven neighborhood in the south Bronx using our OSI methodology. The Planning Intern, working collaboratively with NY4P's Research Intern, will participate in data collection and analysis for NY4P's Mott Haven OSI.

This position's scope of work includes the following:

- Collecting field data for NY4P's Mott Haven OSI project. The physical survey requires block-by-block canvassing to assess and measure each open space in Mott Haven. Field work will also include in-person interviews with park visitors and systematic social observation of park use.

- Creating maps to support the Open Space Index data collection and analysis.

- Gathering supplemental neighborhood data, including US Census data and land use patterns.

- Performing other research and writing to support ongoing NY4P projects, as needed. This may include research on issues such as public-private partnerships, natural areas, and ongoing environmental reviews of development proposals impacting parks.
**Qualifications:** NY4P seeks a self-starting graduate student who has strong research and people skills, clear and polished writing ability and excellent computer skills. Qualified candidates will either have completed or be working on a graduate degree in urban planning, public policy, geography, sociology, or a related social science or public administration field. Candidates must have the ability to initiate and complete long-term projects, as well as the flexibility to work as part of a collaborative office environment. Candidates must be able and willing to spend extended periods of time in city parks and travel throughout all five boroughs on mass transit. This position requires fluency with Arc Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Candidates should be proficient in all Windows-based programs.

This is a 22 week paid, part-time internship beginning the week of July 8, 2013 and concluding December 6, 2013. The position requires three days of work per week, including several days of weekend work throughout the internship period. The total compensation for the internship is $6,500.

**How TO APPLY:** Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, 2-3 sample maps, and references as a single .pdf attachment to Jessica Feldman, Research & Planning Analyst, at jfeldman@ny4p.org. Application deadline: April 30, 2013.

New Yorkers for Parks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**Cecil Group (MA)**

(1) **Urban Planner AND (2) Urban Designer/Planner Summer Intern**

The Cecil Group is currently recruiting for two open positions, urban planner and urban designer/planner summer intern. More information about the company on [http://www.cecilgroup.com/about/](http://www.cecilgroup.com/about/)

**Open Position: Urban Planner**

The Cecil Group is seeking a highly-motivated, self-directed and creative planner to take an active role on a number of projects. Responsibilities include GIS coordination, research, writing project reports, coordinating large amounts of project data, project coordination with clients and subconsultants and interaction with and presentations to clients and community groups. Applicants should have excellent organizational and communication skills, and the ability to produce high-quality work products within budget both independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary team on multiple time-sensitive assignments. Applicants for this position should possess a minimum of 5 years professional experience with a
minimum of 2 years planning experience including:

- Project management experience under the direction of a senior project manager or principal.
- Strong research, writing and presentation skills.
- Excellent conceptual design skills with land use and physical planning experience.
- Experience in developing zoning recommendations.
- An advanced degree in city planning, urban design or related field.
- Proficiency in ArcGIS and graphic software programs.

The Cecil Group is a multi-disciplinary planning and design firm whose practice and philosophy is based on “putting places together.” The firm combines urban design, planning, landscape architecture, and architecture on a wide range of projects in and beyond New England.

Please forward cover letter, resume and work samples to: info@cecilgroup.com

Open Position: Urban Design / Planning Summer Intern

The Cecil Group is looking for a multi-talented individual to help with targeted planning and urban design research and studies that will contribute to current projects. The intern will work under the supervision of a senior urban designer and have the opportunity to participate in client meetings and public forums. Tasks will include GIS analysis, analyzing data in spread-sheets, creating illustrations in Photoshop, SketchUp, InDesign and/or Illustrator, as well as production support for meeting materials and reports. Applicants should be comfortable with using design processes and thinking as a form of problem solving.

Please send cover letter, resume and portfolio examples (link to an on-line portfolio will suffice) to info@cecilgroup.com.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (CA)

MULTIPLE POSITIONS

MTC’s has a number of positions currently open.

Freeway Service Patrol Program Coordinator; MUST APPLY BY: Tues. 4/30/13
Individual will act as support staff for the management and operation of the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program.
Funding Program Manager **MUST APPLY BY: Tues. 4/30/13**
Individual will be responsible for managing funding programs; identifying and helping to resolve project delivery challenges; conducting complex financial analyses of transportation revenues and expenses.

Financial Analyst is re-opened with a new closing date of **Wed. 5/1/13**
Individual will perform treasury and debt analysis on billion dollar portfolios; evaluate current and historic data; Study economic and business trends; Study financial statements and analyze data.

For more in-depth job descriptions please direct all interested individuals to [http://jobs.mtc.ca.gov/](http://jobs.mtc.ca.gov/)

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**Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc. (FL)**
**TRANSPORTATION PLANNER/ ENGINEER I (ENTRY LEVEL)**

**Description**
Reports To: Senior Planner/Engineer or Project Manager

Tindale-Oliver & Associates, Inc., a mid-size planning and engineering firm based in Tampa, FL, is seeking an entry-level Transportation Planner/Engineer for its Fort Lauderdale office. Successful candidate will have bachelor’s degree in Planning, Civil Engineering, Transportation/Traffic Engineering, Economics, or related field and up to 2 years of relevant work experience. Candidate must be able to multi-task and function well in a fast-paced, deadline-driven, team-oriented environment. Primary responsibilities include providing technical support and assistance to Project Managers related to transportation and planning analysis and technical reports.

**Essential Functions**

- Assists with transportation planning analyses for metropolitan transportation planning, long range transportation planning and policy plans, corridor/sub-area transportation planning, transit planning and operations, and government financial analysis, among others.
- Supports technical analyses related to engineering analysis and design, site civil engineering, quality/level of service analysis, site impact analysis, traffic impact analysis, capacity analysis, travel demand modeling, and access analysis/design, among others.
- Assists with field review, data collection, and site/infrastructure assessments.
- Assists with writing and preparation of technical reports and documents, presentation materials.
• Other duties as assigned.

Job Qualifications

• Bachelor’s degree in Planning, Civil Engineering, Transportation/Traffic Engineering, Economics, or other closely related field. Master’s degree preferred.
• Up to 2 years of relevant work and/or training experience.

Skills/Abilities

• Familiar with a variety of transportation planning/engineering concepts, practices, regulations, and procedures.
• Familiarity with federal, state, and local development review guidelines, as well as legislation and administrative codes regarding comprehensive plans and growth management.
• Able to participate in field review and data collection activities and possess valid driver’s license.
• Excellent English communications abilities, both oral and written.
• Highly computer literate with some knowledge of specialty software such as ArcGIS, AutoCAD, and/or MicroStation, among others; proficiency in Microsoft Office; experience with TBEST preferred.
• Interested in multiple transportation-related disciplines.

Apply at http://www.tindaleoliver.com/p3-1.html

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Alliance for Coney Island

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Alliance for Coney Island seeks a qualified individual to join the Alliance as an intern. The Alliance is dedicated to the continued transformation of Coney Island into a year-round, world-class entertainment destination by the sea. To carry out this mission, the Alliance has several initiatives including, assuming management and maintenance tasks, partnering with the public, private and nonprofit sectors, and advocating for resources and policies that support the ongoing revitalization of “the People’s Playground.”

Key Responsibilities:

With the Alliance, the Intern will assist with the implementation of initiatives aimed at positioning Coney Island as a must see New York City destination. To this end, the intern will assist Alliance staff, NYCEDC staff and the Alliance Board of Directors, and work with the local community and area stakeholders in
implementing and/or planning for a series of projects.

**Responsibilities may include participation in some or all of the following projects:**

- **Programming and Marketing initiatives:** The intern may be responsible for projects ranging from tourism efforts, maintenance of a tourism web resource, maintenance of tourism phone messaging resource, new district programming, event planning, and the production of literature, graphics, and other materials for distribution to a variety of audiences, as well as managing social media platforms

- **Outreach initiatives:** The intern will assist in outreach efforts involving Alliance membership, including outreach to local stakeholders, membership management, membership communications, coordination of meetings and ongoing updates of Alliance’s website

- **Advocacy initiatives:** The intern will assist with planned advocacy initiatives that aim to improve quality of life, strengthen connections between local Coney Island residents, businesses and government agencies and advocate for policies and resources for the benefit of Coney Island

- **Alliance administration:** The intern will assist in the administration of Alliance’s activities and finances, the management of contractors, and the possible preparation of grant/funding applications.

- **General Support** for implementation and execution of Alliance initiatives. **Qualifications:** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the job functions.

  - College students, recent college graduates, or graduate students in marketing, urban planning, urban studies, public administration, political science or a related field

  - Background and interest in public relations, event planning, graphic design, web development, viral marketing and social media outlets

  - Excellent critical thinking, communication, presentation, and writing skills

  - Ability to work independently and to exhibit initiative and creativity

  - Ability to interact and work with a diverse constituency

  - Quantitative background and familiarity with accounting methods / finance
Regional Plan Association  
**GIS Planner**  
**Application Deadline: 17 May, 2013**

Regional Plan Association, a nonprofit urban-planning organization, is seeking a talented GIS planner to work in our New York office. RPA conducts research, advocacy and planning on regional and national priorities including open space and environmental sustainability, transportation, economic development and governance. To underpin that work, we are looking for a talented professional with the skills and flexibility to conduct complex analyses and high-quality mapping. We are looking for someone who shares our passion for fostering thriving, healthy cities and communities. We encourage a challenging, collaborative and fun work environment. We also believe in work-life balance.

Applicants should have several years of experience. A relevant masters-level degree is preferred. We are seeking someone with a deep understanding of ArcGIS as well as a demonstrable track record creating maps and analysis with extensions and third-party tools. Applicants should understand GIS data formats, tools and methods, including ModelBuilder and geoprocessing. Knowledge of Access, Excel and stats tools is essential, as is an eye for good mapping and high-caliber presentations. Experience with networks, advanced regression models, web mapping, open source GIS and online tools also appreciated. Applicants should be comfortable working in teams and supervising interns, and possess excellent writing skills.

Typical projects include map production for public conferences and workshops; analysis of journey-to work data for a VMT model; urban growth models; habitat and land cover mapping; and zoning buildouts. Depending on the project, the GIS planner will be responsible for the creation of maps and slides; preparation of map atlases; design and calculation of analysis spreadsheets; gathering of new data; documenting processes; and thinking creatively about tools, data and methods to support RPA's high-quality planning and policy work.
To apply, send your resume and cover letter and any additional supporting materials to resumes@rpa.org by Friday, May 17. We kindly request no phone calls regarding this position.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

STUDIO-X GLOBAL – SUMMER WORKSHOPS
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2013

Please apply for summer workshop opportunities of various Studio-X institutions at http://www.arch.columbia.edu/studio-x-global/research/workshops and note the following three that are open to and seem most relevant to planning students. Please also note that only first year students are eligible to apply.

THE CAPITAL OF RIO DE JANEIRO’S BUILT FORM: A GAME ON URBAN RE-DENSIFICATION.

FACULTY: Alejandro de Castro Mazarro and Francisco Diaz, Latin Lab

DATES: August 1 - 21, 2013

LOCATION:
August 1 - 5, New York
August 6 - 18, Rio de Janeiro
August 19 - 20, São Paulo

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS: Studio-X Rio; Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF); and the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro

WORKSHOP SUMMARY:
This workshop will explore how economic, social and ecological restrictions can foster alternatives to tabula-rasa building re-developments of consolidated urban areas in Rio de Janeiro. Based on the selection of a site, students will propose architectural projects and urban programs that leverage these areas; during the field trip they will visit sites, architectural landmarks, perform interviews and discuss their work and ideas with peers from Rio. The workshop’s final output will be a publication with strategies identified by the students.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
FUTURE OF THE MUSEUM IN CHINA

FACULTY: Jeffrey Johnson with Zoe Florence, China Megacities Lab

DATES: June 24 – July 31, 2013
LOCATION: Beijing, China
PARTNER INSTITUTIONS: Studio-X Beijing, Studio-Pei-Zhu, Urbanus, Central Academy of Fine Arts

WORKSHOP SUMMARY:
Concurrent with China’s rapid urbanization is a museum building boom which is producing an average of approximately 100 new museums a year across the country, with even greater numbers most recently. These often iconic structures act as landmarks for newly planned government and civic centers, CBD’s, cultural districts, and even in some cases, residential and commercial developments, symbolizing the value of culture in the identity of a new China. With this proliferation of new museums, are there trends that can be identified that might mark a paradigm shift in how the museum project is defined? Are there new roles – socially, culturally, politically – that the museum is playing? And what new architectural forms and spatial organizations are being invented to accommodate these new ambitions? What are the consequences on design, and on the role of design? The aim of the summer workshop is to begin to address these questions and to develop the necessary critical lens to redefine the museum of the future, in China, and around the world.

The workshop will function as a research “think tank” on the subject of contemporary art museums in China. The student workshop team will collaborate with Studio Pei-Zhu in Beijing. Its sole mission is to research, document and catalog past, current and proposed (contemporary) art museums in China, and to begin to define the analytical process that will assist in reconceptualizing it. This workshop is a continuation of research on the “Future of the Museum in China” that was initiated during the 2012 Summer Workshop at Studio-X Beijing and that has continued during the academic year. In addition to expanding the data base and research, the workshop team will participate in museum field study tours, documentation and visualization, interviews and in round table discussions. At the conclusion of the workshop, a book will be produced that includes all new and past research on the topic. In addition to the publication, an exhibition will held at Studio-X Beijing that will coincide with a final presentation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Jeffrey Johnson - jj2235@columbia.edu
MOBILITY and TRADE: Data, Media, Race + Space

FACULTY: Global Africa Lab co-Directors Prof. Mario Gooden, AIA and Dr. Mabel Wilson; Carson Smuts, Researcher; Mpho Matsipa, Research Coordinator and Studio-X Johannesburg Director

DATES: June 3 - June 21 at GSAPP; June 25 - July 16, 2013 at Studio-X Johannesburg

LOCATION: New York, NY and Johannesburg, South Africa

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS: University of the Witwatersrand; Kibwe Tavares (Factory Fifteen); Solam Mkhabela (Black Lines on White Paper)

WORKSHOP SUMMARY:
In what ways does urban infrastructure shape possibilities and constraints for mobility in Johannesburg?

What are the spaces and temporalities of these mobilities and in what ways do they constitute ‘hidden’ circuits of capital, goods and ideas? What kinds of circuits and intersections do they create?

In what ways are circuits of small-scale trade and transport remaking the inner city and the broader region?

The 2013 Summer Workshop will explore the possibilities of and constraints to mobility in post-apartheid Johannesburg. Using mobile phone data, social media, advanced computational methods, and parametric modeling, the workshop will research and map the relationships between transportation infrastructures and trade in the city at the macro and micro scales. Mobility is understood here broadly as the ways in which urban actors are able to mobilize resources in order to gain access to economic and social opportunities in the city as they try to improve their life chances. Infrastructures are understood as the means through which such actors are able to secure a foothold in the urban economy, physically, socially and spatially.

Through the investigation of mobility and trade in Johannesburg, the summer workshop will ask the broader questions: If architecture is a form of knowledge, the materialization of concepts, then how do we conceive architecture and urban design in Johannesburg’s spaces of disjunction, denial, absence, and suppression? Can data, advanced computational methods, and parametric modeling enable us to understand the complexities, transformations, and new types of relations and
exchanges, development and subsistence, forms of solidarity and of resistance being produced as the city confronts rapidly adaptation to the global restructuring of urban life?

The research will result in the production of spatial information analyses of the issues of mobility and trade within the broader Johannesburg region as well as the Bree Street corridor within the inner city. Using mobile phone technology, students will interview and map the mobility of traders and flows of their goods and services. Students will learn film-making and produce short films that combine spatial information mapping with narratives and images regarding the complex conditions of mobility and trade.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Prof. Mabel Wilson – mow6@columbia.edu

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:
The deadline for online submissions is April 29, 2013. All submissions will be reviewed and will receive a response no later than May 6, 2013. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Please note that you may apply to up to three workshops but attend only one.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTERS’ POSTER SESSIONS ON URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING HISTORY
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2013

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) will be holding its biennial conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in Fall 2013. The conference will be based at the Toronto Downtown Courtyard Marriott Hotel and will run from Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6. On Saturday, October 5, the conference will feature a public session of posters that present original research by undergraduate and masters degree program students. This session will be a unique opportunity for students at the bachelors and masters level to present their work in a forum attended by hundreds of professionals from all over the United States as well as overseas.

Undergraduates and masters students interested in participating should submit to m.souther@csuohio.edu by May 31, 2013, a single document containing:

- A one-page abstract clearly marked with your name and contact information summarizing the research, including the title, the central research question(s), a brief statement of significance, the sources consulted, and the major
conclusions. (Works in progress, such as Bachelors or Masters theses, that do not yet have firm conclusions, are also encouraged.)

-A one-page resume or curriculum vitae, including (at a minimum) your contact information, university, major or concentration, expected degree, and expected date of graduation.

Please have your adviser, or a faculty member closely familiar with the project, email a short letter of endorsement to m.souther@csuohio.edu explaining the significance of the work and confirming that the faculty member expects it will be ready to present by October. This email is also due by May 31, 2013.

Presenters are expected to provide their own poster of up to 36” x 42”. SACRPH will provide foamcore backing boards, easels, and clips. For tips on designing and creating a poster, see http://www.aspb.org/education/poster.cfm

A special schedule of discounted fees will be available to student presenters who wish to attend only one day or a portion of a day at the conference. Those wishing to attend more of the conference will pay the regular student registration fee.

Questions can be addressed to Mark Souther, Associate Professor of History and Director, Center for Public History + Digital Humanities, at Cleveland State University, at m.souther@csuohio.edu.

SACRPH is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to promoting scholarship on the history of planning cities and metropolitan regions. Its members come from a range of professions and areas of interest, and include architects, planners, historians, environmentalists, landscape designers, public policy makers, preservationists, community organizers, students and scholars from across the country and around the world. SACRPH publishes a quarterly journal, The Journal of Planning History (http://jph.sagepub.com/), hosts this biennial conference and sponsors awards for research and publication in the field of planning history.

For further information please consult http://www.sacrph.org.