URBAN PLANNING WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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LIPS FILM SCREENING: “MAKING SENSE OF PLACE – PHOENIX: THE URBAN DESERT”
26 MARCH, 2013, 1:00PM
ROOM 114, AVERY HALL

We will be screening the documentary Making Sense of Place – Phoenix: The Urban Desert. There will be a short presentation prior to the film. Paul Kearns and Motti Ruimy, authors of the book Redrawing Dublin, will introduce their conceptual project Postcards of our City and invite audience members to share their thoughts on the lessons of city-making in New York.

Making Sense of Place – Phoenix: The Urban Desert is a one-hour documentary film about urban growth and change in and around Phoenix, Arizona. In only half a century, Phoenix has expanded from a small desert town into the sixth largest city in the country.

Through the eyes and voices of Phoenix residents, the film explores the interrelationships both caused by and affecting individual choices, the democratic process and market forces in the region. Many factors contribute to this development pattern, which is providing homes and jobs to 100,000 new residents each year but is also threatening the region’s unique desert environment.

Coffee and snacks will be served. You can view a trailer for the film here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0HEj4Yb-tQ&feature=related

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SPEAKER EVENT: PREETI SODHI
27 MARCH, 2013, 9:15AM
ROOM 201, FAYERWEATHER

We would like to invite all interested students in GSAPP to attend a discussion with our class on Preeti Sodhi’s work in creating new spaces for skateboarding and the relation of that activity to the reimagining of the public realm. Preeti will be discussing her work with students on March 27th, beginning at 9:15AM in 201 Fayerweather.

Preeti Sodhi is currently Project Manager at Spaceworks, a non profit real estate developer of affordable art studios and rehearsal spaces in public and private properties throughout New York City. While at Columbia, she completed her Masters thesis entitled “The City is a Skatepark: How Can Planning Best Address
Skateboarding in NYC”, which examined the appropriation of public space by skateboarders and the development of public skateparks. As a Design Fellow with Architecture for Humanity, Preeti managed the planning, design, and construction of the Coleman Oval Skatepark through a partnership with Nike and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. Preeti also created the exhibition “The City is a Skatepark: The Geography of Skateboarding in NYC” for the Queens Museum of Art’s Panorama of the City of New York and is the producer of events such as Go Skateboarding Day. Preeti has also been a Community Planning Fellow with the Manhattan Community Board 3 and a Project Manager with the 125th Street Business Improvement District.

NYC MAYORAL FORUM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
APRIL 10, 2013
NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, 40 WASHINGTON SQUARE SOUTH

Moderated by Brian Lehrer, WNYC. Featuring Bill De Blasio, Joe Lhota (Invited), John Liu, Christine Quinn, and Bill Thompson. Please join us for an educational forum on affordable housing featuring New York City mayoral candidates. New York City has a long history of supporting affordable housing and has been a model for cities across the country. For the last 25 years, successive administrations have invested significant resources into creating and renovating affordable housing.

The Mayoral Forum will be preceded by a light lunch and panel discussions to review the lessons learned from former New York City mayor Ed Koch's innovative housing plan, and will be followed by a networking reception.

Lunch, the panel discussions, and the post-forum reception have been generously sponsored by Bryan Cave, LLP, in memory of Ed Koch.

Schedule
12:30pm - 1:00pm: Lunch (Lipton Hall, 108 West 3rd St.)

1:00pm - 2:20pm:
Panel 1: Koch's Reimagination of the Bureaucracy and the Role of the Private Sector (Lipton Hall)

2:40pm - 4:00pm:
Panel 2: The Impact of the Ten Year Plan: Looking Back, Looking Forward (Lipton Hall)

4:30pm - 6:00pm
**Mayoral Forum** (Tishman Auditorium, 40 Washington Sq. South)

6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Networking Wine & Cheese Reception** (Greenberg Lounge, 40 Washington Sq. South)

To register, please visit [http://nyu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4ZooJ79pFwh0jch](http://nyu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4ZooJ79pFwh0jch)

Please note that attendance to the forum is limited and you may be placed on a waiting list. Tickets are allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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**LEFT FORUM: MOBILIZING FOR ECONOMIC/ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION**

**JUNE 7-9, 2013**

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** 15 APRIL, 2013

**PACE UNIVERSITY, 1 PACE PLAZA, NY 10038**

We need to mobilize now! The planet and humankind are in peril. The climate is warming, glaciers are melting, seas are rising, droughts are spreading and species are going extinct, all caused by unsustainable development and overconsumption of every resource on the planet. Meanwhile the ongoing economic crisis the worst since the Great Depression has devastated working people around the world with astronomical rates of unemployment, falling incomes and brutal austerity measures. Everywhere, the people least responsible for these interrelated crises are bearing their brunt, in particular people in developing countries, women who are the bulk of ecological refugees, and people of color. Bangladesh with its floods and factory fires is a tragic case in point. These twin crises reveal the destructive – indeed eco-suicidal - nature of capitalism’s inherent drive to growth, where everything in nature has a price, and nothing has a value, including human life.

At the same time, new forms of anti-capitalist and horizontal democratic resistance are emerging everywhere. There is reason to hope, as the basic question of who should own the Earth is coming to the fore. Come to this year’s Left Forum to explore the environmental and movement-building imperatives that make another world not only possible but necessary.

For more information and to register, see [http://www.leftforum.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=677](http://www.leftforum.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=677)

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**SYMPOSIUM – OUT OF CONTROL SUBURBS? COMPARING REPRESENTATIONS OF ORDER, DISORDER AND SPRAWL**

**JUNE 27-28, 2013**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 12 APRIL, 2013
Hofstra University, Hemstead, New York

Keynote Speaker: Professor Dolores Hayden, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism and of American Studies, Yale University

Following the success of our 2011 Inaugural Symposium, our second meeting seeks to discuss the nature and representation of suburbs, suburban life and sprawl whether local, regional or global. Where are the margins of suburbia and do they represent order, disorder or nostalgia? How is sprawl defined – as organic social process or negative cultural impact? And how is it experienced by diverse communities and individuals? What are the aesthetics of order and sprawl? How do representations of suburban sprawl and disorder converge or diverge between the Global South and North – and within the Global North?

Panels on the themes of: Design and Influence in Cities / Suburbs; Social and Spatial Order /Disorder; Planning; Perceptions of Home / Defining the Suburbs; Segregation / Integration and the Suburbs; and The Suburbs in Fiction / Film / TV

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN at: http://suburbs.exeter.ac.uk/network-news-and-events/conferences-and-cfps

5th National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration (NCER)
July 29 – August 2, 2013
Registration Deadline: 5 May, 2013
Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, Chicago, IL

NCER is an interdisciplinary conference on large-scale ecosystem restoration presenting state-of-the art science and engineering, planning and policy in a partnership environment.

For more details, see http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/ncer2013/index.html

Work Opportunities
Pratt Center for Community Development
Summer Intern
Pratt Center for Community Development (www.prattcenter.net) is looking for a Summer intern with GIS expertise (ArcGIS) who can assist staff with various mapping and data visualization work. Interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, and a GIS sample to prattcentercd@gmail.com

NYC Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Preparedness Specialist

Under supervision by the Director and Senior Project Manager of the Transportation and Infrastructure Unit, the Planner will:

• Develop hazard mitigation goals and objectives
• Coordinate with agencies and organizations
• Involve community groups and other stakeholders in the planning process
• Indentify and profile hazards, assess vulnerability, and estimate potential losses
• Conduct risk assessments for climate change and manmade hazards
• Work with planning participants to identify and analyze mitigation actions
• Establish scientific and technical foundations for the mitigation strategy
• Integrate other planning efforts into the Hazard Mitigation Plan
• Develop and maintain up-to-date knowledge of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as part of the Stafford Act, including the requirements for both pre-disaster and post-disaster grant programs
• Provide excellent project management, problem solving, communication, and organizational skills
• Work within a team structure
• Other duties as assigned

The selected candidate will be assigned to a periodic Emergency Operations Center team, will be expected to work non-business hours during emergencies and will assist with Ready New York presentations to external groups.

See attached for more details.

NYC Office of Emergency Management

Hazard Mitigation Intern (Unpaid)

Please e-mail hr0iter@oem.nyc.gov. HR0ITER@OEM.NYC.GOV if you are
interested. I am looking for a graduate student (urban planning or public policy preferred) available at least 15 hours a week through the summer. The candidate should have an interest in disaster planning and/or sustainability. The intern will work in the Transportation and Infrastructure Unit at OEM and will help with the following:

- Research manmade and natural hazards to develop hazard risk assessments
- Research Hazard Mitigation Plans from the region and other cities in order to distill key pieces of information relevant to NYC
- Compile key information, which may be technical in nature, to support mitigation planning and grants
- Develop documents for meetings and summarize materials related to NYC’s resiliency

They must be proficient in Microsoft Office. Familiarity with ArcGIS is preferred.

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**Manhattan Community Board 4**

**Community Planner/ Associate (CP/A)**

The Community Planner/Associate (CP/A) works closely with the District Manager (DM) and Assistant District Manager (ADM) to support and inform the Board's web based planning, administrative, and outreach activities. The CP/A will act as the primary liaison to the Transportation Planning, Housing, Health and Human Services, and the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee, and will also provide support to other committees as needed.


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**Enterprise Community Partners**

**Intern**

**Job Summary**

Enterprise’s mission is to create opportunity for low- and moderate-income people through affordable housing in diverse, thriving communities. We raise and leverage financial resources, shape policy, and provide programs and expertise to help communities create and preserve safe, healthy affordable homes. We also work to ensure that housing connects people to other resources critical to success, like transportation, quality schools, and health care. Since 1982, Enterprise has invested
$11.5 billion to create or preserve nearly 300,000 affordable homes nationwide, for more than 1 million people. In New York, since 1987, Enterprise has created or preserved more than 35,000 affordable homes for 116,000 New Yorkers and committed nearly $2.3 billion in equity, grants and loans to community development projects across the city. The intern will provide support to Enterprise’s national initiative on housing and services with a focus on the specific projects outlined below. This internship will provide exposure to national policy issues such as healthcare reform, community development, and affordable housing, and aging issues. You will draw on and expand your skills in project management, the craft and practice of innovation, program design, implementation and evaluation, and written and oral communication. The intern will be an active member of the Vulnerable Populations team, and will be exposed to a wide breadth of affordable housing issues, while maintaining a focus on older adults. The position is based in New York, NY and reports to the Program Director for Senior Housing.

**Job Responsibilities**
The intern will support Enterprise’s national Vulnerable Populations initiative, specifically our national efforts for housing and services for older adults.

- **Learning Collaborative (50%)**: The national Learning Collaborative for Housing Plus Services (http://www.enterprisecommunity.com/solutions-and-innovation/senior-housing/learning-collaborative) is Enterprise’s signature initiative to connect housing to healthcare and services that can improve outcomes for older adults while demonstrating cost savings. The intern will provide critical programmatic support to this effort. Specifically, the intern will:
  - Provide operational and programmatic support in preparation for a national convening of housing and service providers in July 2013.
  - Synthesize qualitative information across multiple sets of data and organize common themes and elements that can link housing to health systems.
  - Develop and manage communication using an online platform and social media applications.

- **Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing (40%)**: The intern will serve a critical role in implementing and organizing a national awards program that recognizes innovative aging in place housing strategies.

- **Other research and assignments as needed (10%)**: Research innovation, develop case studies, and develop new program concepts at the intersection of affordable housing, design, real estate, and health care. Examples of issue areas include: universal design, aging in place in non-senior specific housing environments, and older adults aging in place in public housing.

**Qualifications**
Advanced undergraduate student, graduate student, or recent graduate in relevant area (public administration, urban planning, social sciences, public health, etc.). Applicants should demonstrate a passion for community development, public health, urban planning, housing, or related field. Content knowledge in aging is not required; we welcome candidates with transferrable skills from unusually related fields.
Applicants should have experience in project management and demonstrated ability to work independently with light but targeted supervision. Consulting, program development, business development, and public health are all relevant skills. Creativity in problem solving, ability to maintain focus in busy environment, and sense of humor are most welcome.

Excellent written/oral communication skills; excellent organizational skills; competent use of business applications in a networked environment. Adobe Illustrator skills a plus.

To Apply:  
https://careers.enterprisecommunity.com/careers.aspx?adata=HEWw33Tvdn7eshUAYL4WudD5Qh44oRKazxmtD%2bQ%2bzWw8S%2fr%2b%2bIgniT97%2fTcyPNpU%2fmu8wszp0hx%2bQKfl%2fog0ZfgFY9dY8De

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The Nature Conservancy (CA)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 March, 2013

CONSERVATION ANALYST

The Conservation Analyst provides technical and scientific support and leadership for conservation projects and initiatives through high-level data- and spatial-analysis. This position will be primarily focused on Conservancy projects and initiatives that touch ground in the Central Valley, Sierra Nevada, and Klamath Mountains ecoregions in California. S/he effectively and efficiently manages multiple analytical projects. S/he independently evaluates, selects, and applies standard methods and techniques, and collects, manages, and analyzes spatial data related to natural resources and human demographics. S/he delivers analytical tools, decision support products, biodiversity data, and training to Conservancy staff and its partners. S/he helps develop conservation plans and conceptual models that support development of conservation strategies. S/he develops and defines methodologies, criteria, and algorithms for conservation planning, and produces high quality visualizations, cartographic products, web-based platforms, and other products to effectively communicate complex information to diverse audiences. S/he conducts scientific research, records data, and writes proposals, project reports and peer reviewed publications.

Based out of Sacramento office

To apply: Go to http://nature.org/careers and Search Current Openings using position number 40935 or “Conservation Analyst”
Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation

DIRECTOR OF EAST VILLAGE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

GVSHP seeks a highly-organized, detail-oriented, self-starter to coordinate diverse preservation, education, outreach, research, and advocacy projects.

Duties include:
- Special research and writing projects on the architecture and cultural history of our neighborhoods and historic sites
- Event and program planning
- Producing special reports and studies regarding preservation and development issues
- Media outreach regarding organization’s activities and accomplishments
- Coordinating East Village preservation efforts, such as:
  - Outreach to community groups and leaders, government officials, preservation organizations and other interest groups regarding East Village preservation and education efforts
  - Formulating and executing events to engage the public in East Village preservation effort
  - Helping to coordinate on-line, web-based, and social media outreach to assist with East Village preservation effort
  - Tracking status and condition of buildings in area

Applicant should have at least a BA, experience with community outreach around preservation and/or planning issues (preferably in New York City), experience with designing and executing events and web-based educational materials, and a strong interest in the educational, research, programming, preservation, and advocacy work of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation. Strong writing and computer skills are a must. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, Dreamweaver or other web design programs, experience with digital video and video editing, database applications, and document layout programs, and familiarity with GIS, Wordpress, and Sage, are especially helpful. Familiarity with the East Village a plus. Strong organizational skills and a proven track record of managing and completing projects in a fast-paced work environment are a must. Ability to juggle multiple tasks and maintain flexibility is key. 40+ hrs./week, with occasional weekend and evening work.

Applicants are sought to fill the position on either a permanent or short-term (approx. 2-3 months) basis. Compensation package for permanent position includes full medical benefits, vacation, etc.
Send resume and cover letter to GVSHP, 232 East 11th Street, NY 10003 and indicate if interested in position on permanent or short-term basis, or either. E-mailed and faxed resumes will NOT be accepted.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 APRIL, 2013

Columbia University's International Fellows Program (IFP) is now accepting applications from continuing GSAPP students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Centered at the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), the IFP is a two-semester seminar open to students of all graduate-degree programs at Columbia University. The diverse perspectives and professional backgrounds that fellows bring to the Program enrich their year-long common enterprise.

All fellows receive a stipend and study a curriculum with two goals - to examine the origins of the current international order, in which the United States has for decades played the leading role, and to look ahead to the new world that will eventually take its place, dominated by a larger number of actors, new problems, and approaches to problem-solving that have yet to be defined. Weekly meetings of the International Fellows Program are supplemented by trips to Washington, D.C. and the United Nations, where fellows have extraordinary access to senior policymakers, diplomats, legislators, journalists, and leaders of nongovernmental organizations.

The deadline for non-SIPA students to apply to the IFP for the 2013-14 school year is April 1, 2013. More information and the IFP application are available at http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/academics/ifp/.

USC SUMMER PRE-DOCTORAL WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26 APRIL, 2013

To introduce planning doctoral study to selected outstanding students, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, will host a four-day workshop to prepare students to apply to and succeed in doctoral programs. Students from groups that are under-represented
on planning faculties are particularly encouraged to apply (groups that are underrepresented on planning faculties include: African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders)

The workshop will be on the USC campus, in the heart of Los Angeles, July 21-24, 2013. Registration and instructional materials will be provided at no cost, lodging and meals will also be provided at no cost, and travel stipends are available for students coming from outside of California.

This workshop will include:

• Networking with planning scholars from USC and other top national and international programs
• Information sessions on:
  o Applying for Ph.D. study
  o Linking research and the community
  o Preparing yourself for doctoral study
• Mentoring sessions with senior scholars and graduate students in planning
• Chances to meet students from across the country

See http://priceschool.usc.edu/programs/phd/upd/predoctoralworkshop/ for more details.

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**ONE Prize Competition – Call for Submissions**

**Application Deadline: 31 August, 2013**

Recently relocated to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Terreform ONE has announced the 4th annual ONE Prize Competition. Creating and promoting ecological design technology, Terreform ONE takes an interdisciplinary approach by running a collaborative space at the Navy Yard, leading workshops, facilitating relationships between students and professionals of all backgrounds. Since 2010, the annual competition has attracted thousands of participants from around the world.

This year’s competition is set in the context of severe climate dynamism. How can cities adapt to the future challenges of extreme weather? The ONE Prize is a call to deploy sophisticated design to alleviate storm impact through various urban interventions such as: protective green spaces, barrier shorelines, alternative housing, waterproofing technology, and public space solutions. We wish to reinvigorate infrastructure and repurpose spaces towards environmental adaptation in order to put design in the service of the community.

The ONE Prize seeks architects, landscape architects, urban designers, planners,
How can urban ecosystems be enhanced to prevent flooding? 
What can restore Rockaway Beach social infrastructure and public space? 
When can the New Orleans community change to accept storms without losing character? 
What can protect Asian Coastal Cities against the unforeseen? 
Where can shorelines be storm surge barriers as well as interactive zones? 
How can storm proofing be seen as an opportunity to rethink the future of our cities?

The ONE Prize Award is an international competition and it is open to everyone from professional to students. The teams can have one or more members. The proposals can be for real or speculative projects, at one or more actual sites. Projects can be located either in the U.S. or abroad, but should be applicable to the U.S. Proposals need not be generated exclusively for this competition, provided that they address the intent of the competition.

For more information contact Maria Aiolova, LEED AP maria@terreform.org

More details at http://www.oneprize.org/

THOUGHT FOR FOOD 2013 GLOBAL CHALLENGE
DEADLINE: 1 APRIL 2013

I wanted to draw your attention to the Thought For Food (TFF) 2013 Global Challenge. We are calling best and brightest students from universities around the world to helping find unexpected and out-of-the-box solutions to the massive question: how are we going to feed 9 billion people? We would love to have visionary architecture students involved – as you know, some of the dilemmas regarding the urban/rural future will be critical in solving this global challenge.

Through a sequence of fast-paced “missions”, student teams compete to win $10,000 to execute on their big ideas, as well as a trip to Berlin. In return, TFF will provide access to all-star mentors and first-rate tools to help them every step of the way. See more details at http://tffchallenge.com/2013

Please download this student information pack at http://tffchallenge.com/static/docs/TFF2013_booklet.pdf for more details. There is no limit to the number of teams that can join from each university and the competition is open to students at any level (undergrad, grad and post-doc) and
from any field of study.

Sign up closes April 1st.