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Sustainable Development Seminar Series
17 SEPTEMBER 2012 4:10PM – 6:00PM
ROOM 402B, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUILDING

Columbia University's Sustainable Development Seminar on Mondays! This fall's topic is **Urban Economic Development**.

This week, **Prof. Mushfiq Mobarak** from Yale University presents on ‘Seasonal Migration and Risk Aversion: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh’.

Please see the website for the rest of the fall schedule.

SHOP: ‘Walmart and its Discontent’
17 SEPTEMBER 2012 6:30PM
WOOD AUDITORIUM, AVERY HALL

This GSAPP Event features **Liza Featherstone**, Adjunct Professor, Columbia University SIPA, author of ‘Selling Women Short: The Landmark Battle for Workers Rights at Wal-Mart’, **Frances Fox Piven**, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Political Science, The Graduate Center, CUNY **Michael Sorkin**, Distinguished Professor of Architecture, Director of the Graduate Program in Urban Design, Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, The City College of New York, CUNY **Stacey Sutton**, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Director, Community and Capital Action Research Lab (C2ARL), Columbia University GSAPP.

**Abstract:** Does New York City need Walmart? The Bentonville, Arkansas-based multinational is famous for big boxes and bargain-basement prices that allow consumers to “Save money. Live better.” It is equally renowned for low wages, sex discrimination, worker abuse, union busting, and corporate malfeasance in the US and abroad. Now, the world’s largest retailer plans to grow even more, with rumors for an imminent debut in Gateway II (a 630,000-square-foot shopping center by The Related Companies) in the East New York section of Brooklyn. In this conversation, interdisciplinary experts discuss the economic, political, and spatial impacts of Walmart on New York City. #wood091712
LiPS: ‘Labor, Politics and the Green Economy’

18 September 2012 1 PM – 2:30 PM
114 Avery Hall

This week, LiPS features Brian Lombardozzi, Senior Policy Analyst at The BlueGreen Alliance. The BlueGreen Alliance is a strategic partnership that unites 14 of our country’s largest unions and environmental organizations and represents more than 15 million members and supporters. Through designing public policies, performing research, and running advocacy and public education campaigns, BlueGreen works to provide a powerful voice for building a cleaner, fairer and more competitive American economy.

In his talk, Mr. Lombardozzi will discuss the work of the BlueGreen Alliance and his involvement in advocating for the growth in the number and quality of jobs in the clean economy by expanding a broad range of industries, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, the substitution of safer, cleaner chemicals, modern transportation systems and advanced vehicle technology, domestic manufacturing, high-speed Internet and a smart, efficient electrical grid, green schools and other public buildings, improving our nation’s water infrastructure, recycling, and sustainable agriculture.

Afterwards we will have a brief presentation on the newly formed Columbia University Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Planning students who are interested in transportation issues should attend.

See the attached flyer for additional details.

‘Sneak Peak’ at Freshfields Park

23 September 2012 11AM – 4PM
Freshfields Park, Staten Island

Freshkills Park is hosting the third annual “Sneak Peak” on Staten Island. This free, family-friendly event offers a preview of the breathtaking hills and creeks that will become New York City’s biggest and most fascinating new park. This year’s Sneak Peak will feature art projects, workshops, demonstrations, and many fun activities, including kayaking, walking tours, pony rides, birdwatching, kite flying, and much
more! A variety of transportation options will make it easy to get to and from the event, including free shuttle buses from the Staten Island Ferry St. George Terminal and a free roundtrip NYC Water Taxi ride from the Battery. For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov/sneakpeak.

See attached poster for transport options.

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**Active Design 101: An introduction NYC’s Active Design Guidelines**
**27 September 2012 6:45PM**
**8th Floor Auditorium, Rosenfield Building, 722 W. 168th Street**

Join Group for Community Recovery and Students for Food Policy and Obesity Prevention at Mailman School of Public Health for Active Design 101, a 1-hour presentation and discussion session that will: explore the relationship between health and the built environment; provide an overview of the Guidelines and its list of strategies; examine synergies between Active Design, environmental sustainability, and universal design; and highlight current NYC policy initiatives.

More information please go to www.nyc.gov/adg.

Event flyer attached.

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**‘The Cosmopolitan Metropolis’ - the 6th Biennial Urban History Association Conference**
**25 – 28 October 2012**
**Columbia University, New York City**

Organized by the Urban History Association, ‘The Cosmopolitan Metropolis’ is a 4-day event with multiple workshop sessions, dinner receptions and walking tours at various places of New York. Ticket is $90 for students – register early by 30 September. See http://uha.udayton.edu/conf.html for more details.

The schedule is also attached in this newsletter.
WORK OPPORTUNITIES

North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA)

Publishing Interns

The North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA), an independent non-profit established in 1966, is currently seeking candidates for internship positions for Fall 2012. Interns will assist staff in the production of our award-winning magazine, NACLA Report on the Americas, as well as with programs, events, and development. While interns are unpaid, course credit can be arranged. All positions will start as soon as possible, and can be arranged for one or two semesters.

1. Editorial Intern: Assist editors in producing NACLA Report on the Americas, the most widely read English-language magazine on Latin America. Tasks include generating story ideas, general research, photo research, proofreading, and fact-checking, as well as administrative work, like handling author communication and helping to build and maintain a database of authors. Graduate students who use this internship to fulfill academic degree requirements are preferred. Time commitment is at least two days a week (or more, depending on degree requirement). Qualifications: Background in Latin America and the Caribbean or training in Latin American and Caribbean studies. Ability to write well and pay attention to detail is essential. Basic computer skills (Mac) required. Knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese helpful. Familiarity with NACLA Report on the Americas a definite plus. To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to mfox@nacla.org.

2. Social Media Interns: Assist editorial and administrative staff in doing more social media outreach to relevant publications, organizations and bloggers. Tasks include: posting daily updates of NACLA articles, blogs and events; driving more traffic to the NACLA website; recruiting more followers for NACLA on Facebook, Twitter, Google +, and other social media platforms; monitoring and responding to web comments; posting comments on other relevant sites to encourage more communication; assisting in developing an overall web marketing strategy for NACLA’s Report and archive. Knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese is helpful. To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to anila@nacla.org.

3. Circulation/Outreach Intern: Assist publishing staff with publication and circulation of NACLA Report on the Americas. Tasks include circulation support, including handling orders and assisting with inventory; online outreach, including
use of networking sites, new media, blogs, etc.; distributor and circulation outreach, including identifying new markets and creating marketing materials; and advertising support, including identifying new advertisers and generating new advertising strategies. Time commitment is preferably 2 days a week.

Qualifications: An interest in the business of magazine publication and advertising is required. Prior experience in marketing/outreach is a plus. Knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese is helpful. To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to anila@nacla.org.

Hudson Square Connection

PLANNING INTERN

Hudson Square Connection, a Business Improvement District, is looking to hire a paid Planning Intern as soon as possible. The website (http://www.hudsonsquarebid.org) can tell you more about the organization and the sort of work that we do.

Feel free to email lracusin@hudsonsquarebid.org for questions. If you’re interested please send your resume to lracusin@hudsonsquarebid.org as soon as possible.

GSAPP AV Department

AV Office Positions

The GSAPP AV Department is looking for students to work evenings in the AV Office (203 Fayerweather). The position is 10-12 hrs/week. M,T,W,TH,F evenings from 5:30-7:30pm and Tuesday afternoon from 12-2pm.

Students that have availability during those hours and are interested in the position, should send a letter of interest and resume to Lou Fernandez and Kevin T. Allen at following email address: av@arch.columbia.edu
ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

SCUP-48 ‘Cultivating Integration’ – Call for Proposals

**DEADLINE: 1 OCTOBER 2012**

Call for proposals is now open for Society for College and University Planning’s (SCUP) 48th annual, international conference, “Cultivating Integration”. The conference will be held on 27-31 July 2013 in San Diego. It is now looking for proposals in one or more of the following formats: concurrent sessions, workshops, poster forums, or the NEW! ideas-to-action sessions. We are looking for interactive programs that engage audiences and provide tangible walkaways, processes, and results. Go to [http://www.scup.org/page/eventsandeducation/annualconf/48/education/call?utm_campaign=scup-48&utm_medium=Email+-+Alert&utm_source=call-for-proposals-one-month-reminder-s48](http://www.scup.org/page/eventsandeducation/annualconf/48/education/call?utm_campaign=scup-48&utm_medium=Email+-+Alert&utm_source=call-for-proposals-one-month-reminder-s48) for more information.

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’Sudden Shifts: causes and consequences of rapid environmental change’ A Northeast Regional Conference – Call for Papers

**DEADLINE: 1 DECEMBER 2012**

Yale University’s working group on global environmental history invites paper proposals from graduate students at northeastern universities for a one-day conference titled ‘Sudden Shifts: Causes and Consequences of Rapid Environmental Change.’ The conference will be held at Luce Hall Auditorium Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut on 20 April 2013.

Conference paper topics might address: the relative roles of nature and society in ‘natural disasters’; cultural alterations or adaptations to rapid environmental change; the role of the state and local communities in addressing sudden environmental shifts; the success or failure of projects borne out of rapid change; transnational dimensions of environmental change such as new commodity flows, biological movements, emergence of ideas, and migrations of humans and animals; shifting notions of nature and causation; and historical watersheds of sudden change and environmental consciousness. Conference organizers are particularly interested in the inclusion of comparative and transnational perspectives on environmental history.
Abstract submissions should be in the form of a SINGLE document in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format, and must include the following: (1) your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) a 250-word abstract; (3) a one-page C.V. Submissions must be emailed to environmentalhistory@yale.edu by December 1, 2012. Submissions are invited from graduate students enrolled in doctoral programs in New England, New York, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania.

Full details: http://www.yale.edu/environmentalhistory/programs/conference.html. Please contact environmentalhistory@yale.edu with any questions.