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EVENTS/ CONFERENCES

THE RISE OF CHINA’S GREEN CITIES
15 OCTOBER 2012 4:10PM
SIPA IAB ROOM 402B, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Matthew Kahn (UCLA) will present "The Rise of China's Green Cities" in the Sustainable Development Seminar next week.

The remaining schedule is located here: https://docs.google.com/document/pub?id=1fXaGB6wArPNPDB1G7XNqDSKkQK1zX7XRQ4sQWZGcfEc

If you’d like to meet with Matt before or after seminar please e-mail Nan Zhong nz2180@columbia.edu.

GIG CITY: THE REINVENTION OF CHATTANOOGA TENNESSEE
15 OCTOBER 2012 6:00PM – 7:00PM
3RD FLOOR, WORLD ROOM, 2950 BROADWAY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY


Did you know that the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee experience rising home values in 2011? Did you know it controls street-lights via the city-wide WIFI-enabled smart grid? Did you know it is home to the World’s first LEED Platinum Automotive Factory?


BOX: THE FORGOTTEN SPACE
15 OCTOBER 2012 6:30PM
MILLER THEATRE

With Allan Sekula, Victoria de Grazia, Giuseppe Lignano, and Ada Tolla
Allan Sekula, Filmmaker and photographer. In conversation with Victoria de Grazia, Columbia University History, and Giuseppe Lignano and Ada Tolla, Columbia University GSAPP and LOT-EK.

Conceptual photographer and writer Allan Sekula presents The Forgotten Space (2010), a film essay co-directed by Noël Burch. The award-winning documentary based on Sekula’s critical work, Fish Story, continues to explore the contemporary maritime world in relation to global trade. In particular, the effects of shipping containers, "those brightly colored, corrugated metal boxes that have changed the way goods are transported around the world — on land."

"The consequences of containerization," reviews the New York Times of the film’s depiction of on the social and political life of Hong Kong, Long Beach, Benelux, and Bilbao, "reach into every aspect of modern life and, in Mr. Burch and Mr. Sekula’s view, are almost never benign."

More details at http://events.gsapp.org/event/box-the-forgotten-space

LiPS: DESIGN AFTER DECLINE
16 October 2012 1PM – 2:30PM
114 Avery Hall

MIT professor Brent Ryan research focuses on emerging urban design paradigms, particularly in postindustrial cities. His book Design After Decline: How America rebuilds shrinking cities, was published in 2012. He has worked as an urban designer in New York City, Boston, and Chicago, and previously taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was also Co-Director of the City Design Center. Ryan holds degrees from Yale University (1991), Columbia University (1994), and MIT (2002).

Almost fifty years ago, America's industrial cities began shedding people and jobs, and the future of neighborhoods in these places is precarious. How we will rebuild shrinking cities and what urban design vision will guide their future remain contentious and unknown. In this presentation, Prof. Ryan will reveal the fraught and intermittently successful efforts of architects, planners, and city officials to rebuild shrinking cities following mid-century urban renewal.

In twin narratives, Ryan describes how America’s two largest shrinking cities, Detroit and Philadelphia, faced the challenge of design after decline in dramatically different ways. Philadelphia emulated its own best policy and design
practices from 1960s urban renewal with salutary results, while Detroit permitted
the market to construct self-enclosed suburban enclaves. Today, shrinking cities
face a new wave of abandonment and new opportunities for reimagining their
urban fabrics. Ryan proposes that the unprecedented crisis facing these cities
requires a revival of the visionary thinking found in the best modernist urban
design, tempered with the lessons gained from post-1960s community planning
and a spirit of optimism, to shape a brighter future for shrinking cities and their
residents.

LEADING THE WAY IN GREEN BUILDING: SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP FROM
THE BOTTOM UP
18 OCTOBER 2012 6:00PM – 10:00PM
KNOLL, 76 NINTH AVENUE, 11TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10011

Want to know what it takes to be an industry leader in sustainable design? Join
us on Thursday, October 18 as we ask four sustainable design advocates in
New York City to share what drives them, how they got to where they are
today, and how today’s younger generation can find their niche in this ever
evolving industry. At Sustainable Leadership from the Bottom Up, Nicole
McGlinn (KPF) will lead a discussion featuring Chris Cayten (CodeGreen),
Jennifer Preston (BKSK), Steve Baumgartner (Buro Happold), and Wolfgang
Werner (Thornton Tomasetti).

More details at
http://www.urbangreencouncil.org/UGCInteraction?key=tO0vKn_2Fl4BNZOAk2O
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CLUSTER: ADVANCED DATA VISUALIZATION PROJECT
18 OCTOBER 2012 6:30PM
WOOD AUDITORIUM, AVERY HALL

Ali Brivanlou, Head, Laboratory of Molecular Embryology, Rockefeller University
Matthew Jockers, Fellow, Center for Digital Humanities Research, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln
Steven Dean, Quantified Self
In conversation with David Benjamin, Living Architecture Lab, and Laura Kurgan, Spatial Information Design Lab, Columbia University GSAPP

An interdisciplinary conversation on the future of data visualization, led by the newly formed Advanced Data Visualization Project.

Sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

“Representing the City: Technology, Action and Change” Symposium
19 October 2012 10:00AM – 5:00PM
Civic Square Building, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy is pleased to announce Representing the City: Technology, Action, and Change, a day-long symposium exploring the possibilities and challenges of information technology in democratic planning practice for social justice. The symposium features a morning panel of five organizations that utilize digital data technologies as a catalyst for urban community engagement, a keynote lunch, and a series of afternoon workshops that will expose participants to new technologies and tools for social change. Opportunities for dialogue, debate, and discussion will be available throughout the day. R.S.V.P. is required

Representing the City: Technology, Action, and Change is part of the larger, multi-year initiative Technologies Without Borders: Technologies Across Borders, exploring how the vast advancements in technology are changing the world. This years’ focus, Citizenship and Social Responsibility, looks at cooperative efforts being made across disciplines, communities, nations and continents.

For more information visit policy.rutgers.edu/news/events/representing-the-city.php or email representingthecityconference@gmail.com
**Work Opportunities**

**Bay Area Council**

**Internship or Co-op Assignment**

**Openings Available All Year Round**

Intern or co-op student needed to provide research, analytical, communications, and administrative support to this public policy advocacy organization for the Bay Area business community. Assignments may range from public policy research and analysis, program design, market research, foundation funding analysis and requests, website content development, event management, and database development. Administrative support such as coordinating mailings, managing contact lists, and arranging meetings will also be involved, but will not be a major part of the workload.

Interns will have the opportunity to attend Council events and policy committee meetings to see first-hand how the Council and its CEO-level members engage with stakeholder groups in the shaping of public policy for the region.

The work environment is a professional office located in the heart of the San Francisco Financial District.

The internship is unpaid.

Applicants please submit cover letter with resume to internships@bayareacouncil.org. No telephone inquiries.

See attached document for more details.

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**Project for Public Spaces**

**Photo Archivist Intern AND Transportation Interns**

Project for Public Spaces is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people turn their public spaces into vital community places, with programs, uses, and people-friendly settings that build local value and serve community needs. Founded in 1975, PPS embraces the insights of William (Holly) Whyte, a pioneer in understanding the way people use public spaces. PPS is an internationally recognized center for best-practices, information, and resources about Placemaking.
**Photo Archivist Intern**

PPS is seeking a Photo Archivist Intern to organize the PPS image database. Over the past 35 years, PPS has accrued a wealth of photographs taken over the course of project work and staff travel. This intern will be responsible for organizing all PPS images on the image server. The intern will upload and categorize new photos taken by senior staff and organize the organization’s extensive slide collection. The intern will also be responsible for uploading images to a searchable database such as Flickr or Picasa, as well as general coverage of in-house administrative tasks.

Additional responsibilities could include color correcting, maintenance of print quality and low-resolution imagery for use internally or sold via our website, and researching photo archiving programs and selecting one that best meets the needs of our office.

**Transportation Interns**

PPS is seeking two transportation interns to assist with multiple projects this fall for approximately 15 hours of paid work per week per intern. PPS’s transportation mission is to create vibrant communities connected by streets that are safe and efficient for all using community-based transportation planning and Placemaking.

The primary task will be supporting PPS’s contract for the Federal Highway Administration’s Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Clearinghouse. CSS is a collaborative and interdisciplinary process that involves all stakeholders in providing a transportation facility that fits its setting. Interns will accumulate and prepare new content for the Clearinghouse website as well as updating existing pages to reflect current information. Interns should expect to gain invaluable insight into a growing process for delivering transportation facilities that add value to economic, environmental and cultural assets.

Other responsibilities include preparing research and documents for a report on high speed arterial roads, a study of rightsizing (aka road diets) projects, and the creation of a new online tool for professionals and nonprofessionals to access transportation research and answers to frequently asked questions.

When applying for an internship, please remember to include the title of the position in the subject line of your email. To apply, send your resume and a statement of interest to interns@pps.org.

More information at [http://www.pps.org/about/jobs-internships/](http://www.pps.org/about/jobs-internships/)
The 6th Annual Urban Green Career Fair

DATE: 18 October 2012 1:00PM – 5:00PM
LOCATION: GENERAL SOCIETY OF MECHANICS & TRADSMEN, 20 W 44th STREET

Urban Green Council’s Emerging Professionals are proud to present the 6th Annual Urban Green Career Fair. This event offers an unparalleled opportunity for young professionals and students to connect and market their skills to some of New York City’s most esteemed architecture, engineering, construction, real estate, and product manufacturers in the green building industry. The event will also feature a dynamic panel discussion with some of New York’s most successful green building young professionals, offering insights and guidance into how to affect change and become a leader for sustainability in the workplace from the bottom up.

Whether you are looking for a job, internship, career transition, networking opportunity or general information, this event will provide you with the knowledge and networking opportunities that you need.

To register or to see more details, visit http://www.urbangreencouncil.org/UGCInteraction?key=z20fKzD_2Bej2HM_2Bzhss9E_2FQQ_3D_3D

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

2013 Leadership Fellows Program
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26 NOVEMBER 2012

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is a bi-state public agency operating some of the busiest and most important transportation links in the New York / New Jersey region including The Port Authority Trans Hudson Corporation (PATH), the primary transit link between Manhattan and New Jersey communities and suburban commuter railroads.

The Port Authority’s Leadership Fellows Program is a distinguished program for leadership and public service in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region. This two-year, fast-track, rotational program offers Port Authority Fellows invaluable on-the-job experience in planning, financial and facility operations functions. Each assignment is designed to build a strong foundation of business acumen and knowledge of Port Authority operations. The breadth and depth of
these experiences are critical in preparing the participants to be future leaders of the Port Authority.

In the Leadership Fellows Program, you will have four to five rotational assignments over a two-year period. You will manage multiple projects in our major business units, field facilities and corporate offices. Past Fellows have had the opportunity to contribute to our key regional capital programs, learn the nuts and bolts of policy development and manage the challenges of daily operations at our transportation facilities.

Rotational assignments - coupled with an agency orientation, classroom training, coaching by senior management and your commitment - will ensure a valuable experience. After successful completion of the program, Fellows will be considered for key positions in areas such as facility management, finance, capital programs or related business functions.

For more information, see http://www.panynj.gov/careers/leadership-fellows-program.html and apply from the website via the on-line application system.

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

WATER_WORKS – An Open Design and Planning Competition

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12 NOVEMBER 2012

Can a new community center and retention facility on a heavily contaminated urban site be designed so that it strengthens the surrounding infrastructure and educates the community about the precious value of water and the environmental challenges facing the area?

Gowanus by Design envisions this competition as an opportunity to consider a new urban typology while focusing on our protean relationship with water. Fresh water accounts for about 2% of all the water on the planet and as the climate continues to change, clean water is becoming a critical commodity. Its availability is subject to the vagaries of extreme weather patterns, such as droughts, hurricanes, and warm winters. Many designers are now evaluating the “embodied water” in their projects and seeking solutions that minimize the use of fresh water in a building’s construction and operations.
Design entries should present site-specific solution(s) that simultaneously explore water’s role in recreation, quotidian uses, and in contaminated urban environments, and demonstrate how a redesigned community center and retention facility represent a more progressive view of our city's infrastructure. The jury will look for designs that explore these challenges and propose a stronger community node within an area that is slowly establishing its identity as a viable mixed-use urban neighborhood. The competition aims to attract the interest of a wide range of professionals and students (not just those within the architectural profession) on a local and international level.

Competition registration, program, rules, and materials available on our website: www.gowanusbydesign.org/competitions

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**tur(i)ntogreen – International Student Design Competition**

**Deadline: 21 December 2012**

The Research and Documentation Centre in Technology, Architecture and City in Developing Countries (CRD-PVS) at the Politecnico di Torino organizes **tur(i)ntogreen**, an International student design competition on urban smart regeneration and agro-housing open to students enrolled in any program/level of Worldwide Academic institutions.

The Competition has been announced on the 5th of September during the World Urban Forum in Naples (Italy) as part of the UN HABITAT “I’m a city changer” and World Urban Campaigns (http://www.imacitychanger.org/) within the Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025.

For more information, please visit the official website (www.polito.it/turintogreen).