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SACHS STUDENT LECTURE: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
30 OCTOBER 2012 4PM - 6PM
ROONE ARLEDGE AUDITORIUM, ALFRED LERNER HALL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Speaker: Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University

The Earth Institute Annual Sachs Student Lecture presents "Sustainable Development in the New Administration," with Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, The Earth Institute; Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development; Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University and Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon on the Millennium Development Goals.

Registration is recommended at http://www.earth.columbia.edu/events/view/59739

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MAJA BEJEVIC – ‘TO BE CONTINUED’ PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITION RECEPTION
1 NOVEMBER 2012 6PM
THE JAMES GALLERY, THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY

What is the boiling point of language? When does it agitate and awaken listeners to spring into action? On the other hand, when is it just a lot of hot air—left to dissipate and lose meaning in a haze of absurd unfinished operations?

The title of Maja Bajević’s solo exhibition To Be Continued refers to the protests that have occupied spaces worldwide—physical and online—since January 2011. Like Shifters, which took place in the gallery last fall, this exhibition looks at political voice through performance and music in public space.

The exhibition is open until 23 February 2013. Free and open to all. More details at http://centerforthehumanities.org/james-gallery/maja-bajević-be-continued
**Film Screening: ‘At Home in Utopia’**

1 November 2012 6pm  
TriBeCa Screening Room, 375 Greenwich Street  

The Historic Districts Council is presenting the Fall Film Series “Across New York”. The series will feature documentaries followed by discussion about New York architecture as well as social and cultural history.

This fall’s schedule is as follow –

‘At Home in Utopia’ [1 November, 6pm];  
‘Florent, Queen of the Meatmarket’ [8 November, 6pm],  
‘Coney Island’ [14 November, 6pm].

Tickets at $5 for friends, seniors and students; $10 for others.

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**The Second Annual New Jersey Apartment Summit & Expo**

8 November 2012  
Hamilton Park Hotel & Conference Center, 175 Park Avenue, Florham Park, NJ  

The Second Annual New Jersey Apartment Summit & Expo will bring together the most active and innovative firms in multifamily investment, development, financing and operations for discussion, debate and networking.

Join 300+ commercial real estate executives to discuss the opportunities and challenges in the state’s exciting apartment industry. Agenda coverage will include:

- The Outlook for Multifamily Investment, Development & Leasing: Analysis & Review of Demand Drivers for the Myriad of Apartment Buildings from Luxury to Affordable  
- The Multifamily Legends Panel: Industry Heavy-Hitters Discuss Election-Year Challenges and Rising New Jersey Submarkets  
- Investor Power Panel: What are the Acquisition Strategies of REITS and other Well-Capitalized Firms in Today’s Environment?  
- Financing Multifamily Acquisition & New Development in a Low-Interest
GREAT AMERICAN CITY AND THE FUTURE OF URBAN STUDIES CONFERENCE
2 NOVEMBER 2012 1PM – 7PM
LESTER POLLOCK COLLOQUIUM, NYU LAW SCHOOL, 245 SULLIVAN STREET

Though published only a few months ago, it's already clear that Robert J. Sampson's 'Great American City: Chicago and the Enduring Neighborhood Effect' will rank among the most important works of urban studies in a generation. It's the culmination of an extraordinary research project on Chicago's neighborhoods and also a major theoretical statement about how to understand local life in a decidedly global age. Building off of a critical discussion in a recent Public Books forum, this conference presents urban scholars who will assess Sampson's arguments and discuss the future of urban studies.

On Neighborhoods 1:00pm -2:45 pm
Dalton Conley, NYU
Claude Fischer, UC Berkeley
John Goering, CUNY (Baruch School of Public Affairs)
Alford Young, U Michigan
Moderator: Patrick Sharkey, NYU

On Politics 3:15pm -5:00 pm
Nicole Marwell, CUNY (Baruch School of Public Affairs)
John Mollenkopf, CUNY Graduate Center
Sharon Zukin, CUNY (Brooklyn College)
Dorian Warren, Columbia
Moderator: Frederick Wherry, Columbia

Concluding Conversation 5:15pm - 6:15pm
Robert Sampson, Harvard
Sudhir Venkatesh, Columbia
Moderator: Eric Klinenberg, NYU

This event is open to the public with photo ID.
WORK OPPORTUNITIES

The Latin Lab

There is an opportunity to work for the Latin Lab for the remaining Fall. The position requires the editing of a book. The position is paid, by the hour. Hours are flexible.

Include a brief description of your previous editing experiences and e-mail jordan.salinger@gmail.com for additional details.

Residents of Windmill, Inc.

Residents of Windmill, Inc., a not-for-profit organization located in Westchester County, NY is seeking a graduate student to perform analysis of property subdivision plans including an estimate of the as-of-right number of buildable units per current zoning regulations. Work will be paid on an hourly basis. Please apply to petecoviello@gmail.com and include your resume.

The City of Chicago

MAYOR’S OFFICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4 NOVEMBER 2012

The City of Chicago Mayor’s Office Fellowship Program offers fellowships to students interested in learning about City government and public policy. The program provides an in-depth view of how City government operates. Fellows will:

- Work directly with the Mayor’s senior staff;
- Research policies and evaluate their potential benefit to Chicago;
- Draft memoranda on upcoming issues and new initiatives;
- Interact with and attend meetings with Commissioners, Aldermen, senior-level staff from various City departments, and experts in a variety of policy fields;
- Learn about the work and mission of the City’s departments through weekly presentations by department commissioners and senior level staff, and through guided tours of City facilities.
- Attend press conferences, City Council hearings, senior staff meetings, and strategic planning sessions.
• Develop “New Ideas” for policies and initiatives.

While there are no preferences to specific graduate fields or majors, the program seeks candidates who are enthusiastic to learn about city government and have demonstrated a substantial commitment to excellence as evidenced by academic honors, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and involvement in community or public service. You must be a currently enrolled student at the time of employment in order to be eligible. International students must have an F-1 Student Visa and must be a full-time student. Full details and online application at http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/supp_info/mayorsfellows.html

The City of New York – Housing Preservation and Development

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST & ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT DIRECTOR

The Division of Preservation Finance seeks a Director AND a Project Manager for the Participation Loan Program (PLP) Unit. The Division of Preservation Finance administers multiple loan programs which facilitate the rehabilitation of privately-owned multifamily buildings throughout New York City.

Housing Development Specialist

Reporting to the Director and Deputy Director of the program, the Project Manager will be responsible for managing the intake, assessment, and underwriting of projects, including project management through construction loan closings. S/he will also assist in monitoring construction progress through completion and loan conversion. Primary responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to:

• Evaluating projects and developer capacity.
• Reviewing and analyzing mortgage notes, regulatory agreements and other related documents requiring understanding and applying of complex regulations.
• Performing detailed financial analyses and underwriting.
• Reviewing legal documents and coordinating loan closings with other HPD divisions and programs.
• Ensuring timely completion of PLP transactions.
• Overseeing construction requisition processes and, coordinating with construction monitoring staff during construction.
• Engaging in programmatic policy discussions.
• Preparing statistical and tracking reports and working on other special projects as needed

**Administrative Project Director**

The Director will oversee a staff of approximately seven project managers, including a Deputy Director, and will manage a budget of more than $40 million in combined city and federal funding sources. The Director will lead staff efforts in working with owners and other program partners to ensure that program underwriting and pre-development requirements are met. The Director has primary responsibility for overseeing underwriting and project management, securing necessary transaction approvals, and ensuring projects are executed, closed and completed in a timely manner.

For more information and application details, see the documents attached.

**Next American City**

**International Editor & Audience Engagement Editor**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 NOVEMBER 2012**

**International Editor**

The International Editor’s primary focus will be managing from the United States the editorial, social media and communications output of a grant-funded project based in six rapidly urbanizing cities (Accra, Bangkok, Chennai, Lima, Manila and Nairobi). This international project will explore the interface between the formal and informal in local economies, infrastructure, healthcare and culture and require written and multimedia documentation of the project, engagement with the local community and analysis of the project’s outcomes.

The International Editor’s primary responsibilities include:

• Working with local organizations to find one writer in each of the six cities who will serve as a local blogger for the next year
• Overseeing weekly editorial content and social media outputs of the six embedded local writers
• Assigning and editing *Forefront* stories set in the six cities
• Working with an Audience Development Assistant to leverage local social media for maximum impact and awareness
• Providing analytical reports back to the granting foundation
• Working with the editorial team, Creative Director and Web Developer to create a website that contains all communications content
• Assigning and editing other international content as necessary

Full details at http://americancity.org/daily/entry/next-american-city-seeks-international-editor

**Audience Engagement Editor**

The Editor’s responsibilities will be split between developing Next American City’s domestic audience and developing the social media output of a grant-funded project based in six rapidly urbanizing cities abroad (Accra, Bangkok, Chennai, Lima, Manila and Nairobi). The Editor will work closely with our new International Editor to develop robust social media coverage of the projects underway in these six cities, while also working closely with the Executive Editor on domestic audience growth.

The Audience Engagement Editor’s primary responsibility will be to leverage content generated by Next American City for greater impact and influence. This means using Next American City’s online presence and social media to:

• Build new domestic and international audiences through Next American City’s and partners’ websites, e-newsletters and social media accounts;
• Engage local stakeholders in the direction of their cities by encouraging them to generate their own social media, which will be amplified by Next American City;
• Create partnerships with international websites and distribute Next American City content on multiple social media platforms;
• Extend readers’ interest in free editorial content toward subscribing to Forefront.

Full details at http://americancity.org/daily/entry/next-american-city-seeks-audience-engagement-editor

Next American City is based in Philadelphia, and prefers local candidates, but is open to candidates working in or willing to relocate to New York, Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. The salary for the year-long contract is commensurate with experience and includes health insurance and paid vacation.
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 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 databases, 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.

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/
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.
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).