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THE CAUSAL EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE ON LONG-RUN ECONOMIC GROWTH

19 NOVEMBER 2012 4:10-6:30PM
ROOM 402B INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUILDING

This week’s Sustainable Development Seminar features Amir Jina, a fourth-year student in the PhD program in Sustainable Development. His main research interests lie in community-based climate change adaptation and community development. Prior to joining the program, Amir completed an MA in Climate and Society from Columbia University during which, among other things, he had the opportunity to travel to India and Bangladesh to aid the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in South Asia in implementing climate change adaptation projects. He hopes to continue this relationship with the Red Cross as his studies progress.

LIPS – ‘GASLAND’ DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

20 NOVEMBER 2012 1:00PM-2:30PM
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The upcoming LiPS is a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary Gas Land. The largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history has swept across the United States. The Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudia Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND. Part verite travelogue, part expose, part mystery, part bluegrass banjo meltdown, part showdown.
WORK OPPORTUNITIES

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 1

LAND USE AND PLANNING CONSULTANT
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 23 NOVEMBER 2012

Manhattan Community Board One (CB1) is seeking a consultant to work with the board on planning and land use matters for six months with options to renew for three additional six month periods by mutual consent of CB1 and the consultant. The consultant will be expected to provide technical assistance and other support to the Director of Land Use and Planning and the board and its committees as they perform their regular work as well as special projects.

The consultant will be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the board and committees as described in this document as well as other ad hoc meetings and activities. The consultant will report to the District Manager and the Director of Land Use and Planning to do all preparatory and follow-up work for these meetings and activities and other projects as needed.

This purchase shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible offeror that has made the most advantageous offer. Awards will not be made on the basis of the lowest bid alone. In order to respond to this solicitation, offerors are required to provide the information below in the section entitled “Proposal Requirements”.

More details attached with this newsletter.

MUNICIPAL ART SOCIETY (MAS)

PLANNING AND DESIGN INTERNSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 27 NOVEMBER 2012

The Municipal Art Society of New York is a private, non-profit membership organization that fights for intelligent urban planning, design and preservation through education, dialogue and advocacy.

The Planning and Design Internship will be a part-time position for the academic year. Work-study is preferred. The selected candidate will be engaged in a variety of urban design and planning initiatives and will have the opportunity to participate in MAS programming and networking opportunities.
Applicants must be currently enrolled in a master degree program in urban design, planning, architecture, public policy, or a related field. Strong organizational, written and verbal communication skills are required. All candidates must have a strong background in Microsoft Office, ArcGIS and be familiar with both Mac and PC platforms. Experience using Adobe Creative Suite is desirable.

The deadline for applying to the Planning and Design Internship position is November 27, 2012. To apply, please email a resume, cover letter and 1-2 page writing sample to jkolkmann@mas.org, with the subject line “Planning and Design Internship.”

More details in document attached.

**Asthma Intervention and Relief (A.I.R.) Harlem**

Intern

**Asthma Intervention and Relief (A.I.R.) Harlem** is a community-based health initiative that serves some of New York City’s most vulnerable populations. A.I.R. Harlem exists to serve the roughly 30% of Harlem families with children suffering from asthma due to poor housing conditions and other risk factors prevalent in Harlem. Kids with poorly-controlled asthma have high rates of school absence, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations that interfere with the quality of life of the entire family.

We are seeking a creative, capable intern with demonstrated GIS skills and experience who is interested in having high impact in a community-based health organization. We are interested in mapping asthma prevalence as well as the scope of our intervention in order to help us better deploy program resources. Publication of work product is a possibility.

10 hours/week minimum, $750 stipend. Projected start date: January 2013. Projected length of internship: 10 weeks

Please email your resume and cover letter to: Rebi Wong, Director of Care Coordination, at rwong@harlemasthma.org

For more details, see document attached.
**DUMBO Improvement District**

**INTERNS**

The DUMBO Improvement District is looking for three highly organized, energetic interns to work for one of the most exciting neighborhoods in New York for Spring 2013. Ideal candidates will have interest in one or more worlds of economic development, urban planning, digital communications, community development, event planning and other. Internship will include work on events in the Archway under the Manhattan Bridge, local retail programs, writing for website and newsletter and much more.

Join us for a spring full of incredible events in DUMBO and the chance to get to know all the players in NYC's hottest startup and design scene, all in a friendly and creative atmosphere– local digital firms and board members include Etsy, Huge, and West Elm.

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign experience preferred. Graphic design abilities are a major plus, but not a requirement.

20-40 hours a week. A minimum of three days.

Email resume to jobs@dumbonyc.org


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**Tenants & Neighbors**

**PLANNING INTERN**

Tenants & Neighbors is looking for a planning intern to work on an interesting and timely project: researching the impacts of Hurricane Sandy on affordable housing in New York and Identifying gaps in the recovery effort for low-income tenants.

The internship is unpaid and will be approximately 8-10 hours a week (flexible) for the duration of the semester and potentially the spring semester.

To apply, please send a thoughtful cover letter and resume to Katie Goldstein, Senior Organizer, at kgoldstein@tandn.org

More details in document attached.
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

**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/](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](http://www.polito.it/turintogreen).

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**AESOP-ACSP 2013 Joint Congress Abstract Submissions**

**Deadline: 15 January 2013**

Anyone interested in presenting their research and/or professional experience in planning and related disciplines are welcome to participate in the congress to share their work. We, therefore, invite submissions from academy/faculty members, research students, as well as professionals and researchers from government offices, the private sector, and NGOs.


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**APA Transport Planning Division 2013 Student Paper Competition**

**Deadline: 13 February 2013**

The Transportation Planning Division (TPD) is looking for outstanding student papers on current transportation planning or policy issues. Our purpose is to
recognize and reward work completed for courses in accredited masters and undergraduate planning programs. Please nominate and encourage your students to participate in APA’s student paper contest. Winners will be announced at the APA National Conference in Chicago, IL on April 13-17, 2013.

**The Prizes: Awards of $1,000 and $500.** The top two student papers will be awarded. The grand prize for the best student paper is $1,000 and the second prize is $500. Winning papers (or summaries) will be published in the TPD’s quarterly newsletter. The TPD may also submit full versions of the winning paper for peer review and possible presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board and for publication in APA’s *Planning Magazine*.

More details at [http://www.apa-tpd.org/competition.html](http://www.apa-tpd.org/competition.html)

**DOCTORAL ASSISTANTSHIP AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY**  
Rolling applications. Review begin 5 January 2013

The College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities at Clemson University is accepting applications for five three-year assistantships for the pursuit of the Ph.D. degree in Planning, Design, and the Built Environment. The fellowship provides a stipend of $18,800 payable per year plus tuition, and may be renewed for up to two years. The diversity of our faculty, who have advanced degrees in applied economics, architecture, construction management, civil engineering, history, landscape architecture, parks, recreation and tourism, planning, political science and urban geography allows students to pursue a variety of research interests.

The objective of the program is to prepare a new generation of academics and professionals to deal with the diverse and complex issues relating the future of our built environment. We have identified focus areas of: Regional & Community Development & Design; Built Environment and Health; Restoration, Sustainability & Landscape Ecology; Technology, Materials and Construction Processes. It is expected that graduates will be well prepared to address increasingly complex issues relating to human settlement patterns and the built environment.

While we have a rolling admissions process, we will begin reviewing applications around the 5th of January 2012. More information about the University can be found at our web site at [http://www.clemson.edu](http://www.clemson.edu) and details about the PhD program at [http://www.clemson.edu/caah/pdbe/](http://www.clemson.edu/caah/pdbe/)