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## **Karen Kubey Receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Argentina for Teaching and Research on Housing, Architecture, and Social Equity**

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Karen Kubey of Pratt Institute and the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Argentina. Kubey will be based in Buenos Aires this September to December and will teach a comparative housing seminar at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Escuela de Arquitectura y Estudios Urbanos. She will also join the Centro de Investigaciones de Historia de la Vivienda en América Latina (CEIHVAL) at the Universidad de Buenos Aires as a visiting researcher, and will collaborate with the Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales (CEUR) on a research project on the effects of housing policies on regional urbanization processes.

Kubey will give public lectures in Buenos Aires, Santiago, and Rio, to be announced at [www.karenkubey.net](http://www.karenkubey.net). The first, "New Forms of Housing and a New Kind of Architect," will take place September 26, 7pm at the Di Tella Centro de Estudios de Arquitectura Contemporánea.

### **Fulbright Project: "Housing as Intervention: A Comparative Analysis of Architecture towards Social Equity"/"Intervención con Vivienda: Análisis comparativo de la arquitectura hacia la equidad social"**

Innovative design strategies being implemented in Argentina, addressing inequalities through new social housing and interventions in informal settlements, are not well known in the U.S. and merit a comparative study. What is at stake is not only an urgent contribution to the field of architecture, but also critical material in the global fight for housing justice. The housing systems in the U.S. and Argentina leave millions of people housing insecure and many more without quality homes. Argentina's long standing engagement with housing inequality has produced thoughtful strategies that must be considered as both countries endeavor to ensure their citizens are properly housed.

### **Karen Kubey**

Karen Kubey is an urbanist specializing in housing and health. She is the editor of *Housing as Intervention: Architecture towards Social Equity* (Architectural Design, 2018) and served as the first executive director of the Institute for Public Architecture. Kubey co-founded the New York chapter of Architecture for Humanity (now Open Architecture/New York) and co-founded and led the New Housing New York design competition.

Holding degrees in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley and the Columbia University Graduate School for Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP), Kubey began her career as a designer of below-market housing. She has received support from the New York State Council on the Arts and MacDowell. Currently a Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Buenos Aires, she teaches at Pratt Institute and Columbia GSAPP, and was a 2019-20 Faculty Fellow in Design for Spatial Justice at the University of Oregon.



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