

FEBRUARY 8 – 12

In honor of Black History Month, Columbia GSAPP is highlighting the achievements and contributions of Black alumni throughout February.



Hilyard Robinson (1899-1986) graduated from Columbia University with a B.Arch in 1924 and an M.S. in Architecture in 1931. He was the first African American to earn an architecture degree in the school's history. Distinguished for his commitment to socially conscious design, Robinson returned to his hometown of Washington, DC to live and work upon graduation, and later spent nearly a year traveling internationally to study the design of public projects. While at Columbia, he began teaching in the architecture program at Howard University, where he served as Chair from 1928-1930, and where he remained deeply involved throughout his lifetime.

Read more on our [website](#).

Additional information can be found here:

- [Hilyard Robinson Profile on Docomomo](#).
- [Hilyard Robinson resource page on the AIA Historical Directory of American Architects](#).
- ["Three Architects of Afro-America: Julian Francis Abele, Hilyard Robinson, and Paul R. Williams"](#) by Max Bond, Harvard Design Magazine No. 2.

Columbia University's upcoming events celebrating Black History Month include:

- A virtual walking tour of historic Harlem, exploring its origins as a Dutch village in the 17th century through its transformation into the "Capital of Black America" in the early 20th century on Feb. 10 at 5PM hosted by the Office of Work/Life. [Details here](#).
- Columbia University's School of Social Work Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosts a panel titled "Black Heritage: Narratives on History, Belonging, and Activism" on February 10 at 12PM. [Register here](#).

Photo of Hilyard Robinson by Roger Smith. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Photographs and Prints Division, The New York Public Library.

MID-REVIEWS

Mid-Reviews begin this morning! Students and faculty are invited to join the sessions, including:

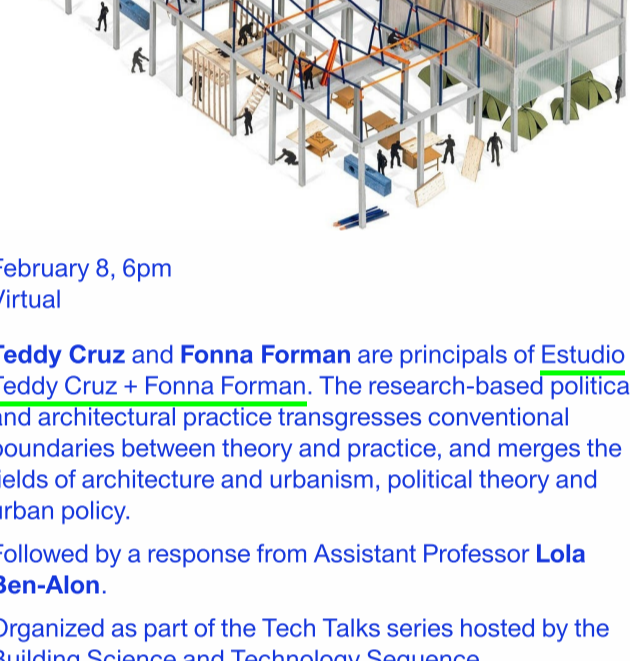
Architecture Advanced VI Studio: Feb. 8–22

Architecture Advanced IV Studio: Feb. 15–18

Architecture Core II Studio: Feb. 17–19

View the full schedule with critics and guests on GSAPP's password-protected [internal site](#), where updates and links will be posted over the next two weeks.

TEDDY CRUZ AND FONNA FORMAN



February 8, 6pm

Virtual

Teddy Cruz and **Fonna Forman** are principals of [Estudio Teddy Cruz + Fonna Forman](#). The research-based political and architectural practice transgresses conventional boundaries between theory and practice, and merges the fields of architecture and urbanism, political theory and urban policy.

Followed by a response from Assistant Professor **Lola Ben-Alon**.

Organized as part of the Tech Talks series hosted by the Building Science and Technology Sequence.

[More info](#)



NYC TRANSFORMED: CITY PLANNING PRACTICE AT A TIME OF CRISIS

February 9, 1:15pm

Virtual

NYC Transformed: City Planning Practice at a Time of Crisis

Discussion among **Brooke Wieczorek**, AICP, Assistant Vice President, Land Use, New York City Economic Development Corporation; **Neil Gagliardi**, Director of Urban Design, NYC Department of Transportation; **Calvin T. Brown**, PhD, Assistant Commissioner of Neighborhood Development, NYC Department of Small Business Services; and **Erick Gregory**, Deputy Director of the Urban Design Office, NYC Department of City Planning.

Organized as part of the Lectures in Planning Series.



MATTHEW MEHALIK

February 9, 5pm

Virtual

Sustainable Community Development

Matt Mehalik is Executive Director of the [Breathe Collaborative](#) and its communication platform, the Breathe Project. Mehalik's work integrates complex systems engineering, sustainable communities, environmental policy, and the fundamentals of sustainable product innovation and design in domestic and international settings.

Moderated by **Lola Ben Alon**.

Organized as part of the Tech Talks series hosted by the Building Science and Technology Sequence.

CAREER SERVICES

Personal Leadership Workshop

A three-hour professional leadership intensive with Executive Coach **Patricia Hayling Price** will strengthen personal leadership competencies including distinguishing yourself on the job market, adopting interview best practices, and learning the unwritten rules of the office. Priority will be given to graduating students.

- Feb 12, 1PM–4PM

Sign up through [Engage](#) (listed under workshops).

Registration per session is on a first come, first served basis.

GSAPP RECOMMENDS

- [URBAN Magazine](#) seeks pitches for their Spring 2021 issue. The magazine welcomes all topics broadly related to urbanism, architecture, and the built environment and hopes to continue the dialogues that were started in its previous issue, *Dialogues*. All forms of writing, from personal reflection to research articles, are invited. Please send a short pitch to urban.submissions@gmail.com by February 12.
- Watch a [video](#) of GSAPP Faculty Ifeoma Ebo and Justin Garrett Moore '04 MARCH MSAUD, Sophonie Milande Joseph '20 UP PhD and Peter Robinson '04 MSAUD of BlackSpace speaking at The World Around Summit hosted by the Guggenheim Museum.
- The Center for Architecture hosts [ResArch Lab \(RA Lab\): The Mycelium Project \(Part 1\)](#), an introduction to building structures with mycelium in the context of residential architecture on Feb. 10 at 6PM.
- The Tamer Fund for Social Ventures provides seed grants of up to \$25,000 to nonprofit, for-profit, and hybrid early-stage Columbia University affiliated social and environmental ventures. Apply [here](#) before the spring application deadline on Feb. 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Ventures must be led by Columbia students, alumni, faculty or researchers, or be advised and have significant involvement by Columbia University faculty or researchers.

NEWS

News:
SOFT-FIRM, CO-FOUNDED BY GSAPP FACULTY LEXI TSJEN, NAMED WINNER OF THE 2021 TIMES SQUARE DESIGN COMPETITION

News:
URBAN PLANNING PHD STUDENT JENNA DAVIS PUBLISHES BOOK REVIEW OF "THE AFFORDABLE CITY" IN THE JOURNAL OF PLANNING LITERATURE

News:
GSAPP'S CENTER FOR SPATIAL RESEARCH AND YALE'S GLOBAL HEALTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH INTERACTIVE MAP ON COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATION

News:
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARIO GOODEN '90 M.Arch FEATURED IN VIDEO PORTRAIT PUBLISHED BY PIN-UP MAGAZINE

News:
FACULTY IFEOMA EBO INTERVIEWED BY MADAME ARCHITECT ON "CULTURAL IDENTITY, PRIORITIES IN DESIGN EDUCATION, AND AN INCLUSIVE DESIGN PROCESS"

News:
FACULTY EMANUEL ADMASSU FEATURED IN VIDEO PORTRAIT PUBLISHED BY PIN-UP MAGAZINE

News:
UP PHD CANDIDATE MICHAEL SNIDAL PUBLISHES OP-ED IN THE BALTIMORE SUN

News:
FACULTY AMANDA WILLIAMS FEATURED IN VIDEO PORTRAIT PUBLISHED BY PIN-UP MAGAZINE

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