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## Social Housing: Balcony for All

South Bronx, New York, NY

Architecture Design GSAPP CORE III \ 2019 Fall Critic: Gaila Solomonff Partner: Charlotte Sie Wing Ho

We believe social housing should also have a "luxury" feature that will ensure its lasting value. In our case, we aimed to provide everyone with balconies. This housing project identified the need of mixing young professionals and family households in the South Bronx local neighborhood and provided two types of units: co-living apartments and singlefamily units. Aimed to provide effective public space for both residents and the neighborhood, this project created two courtyards to serve two groups.







Private Courtyard Allowing Children to Play Safely Alternating Corridors Allowing More Balconies The west side courtyard is designed to serve only the residents. Compared to the east side, this side has a lower height, making it feel more intimate and secure. The single-loaded corridors alternate on different floors. The cores are located in the meet point of hallways, allowing residents to meet and flexibly use the spaces around the expanded, open to air central core and hallways.



Expanded Core Becomes the Converging Points for Residents







The massing utilized the shrift of the quarter-radius-shaped modules to allow balconies on every floor without adding additional structures. As a result, hallways and balconies alternate on every floor. The operation also generated expanded converging points. They become a semi-public common space for residents. For young professionals, they shared balconies provide social platforms. For families, expanded hallways become a safe place for children to play.





The project provides two separate courtyards on the east and west sides. The east side courtyard is envisioned to be more open and vivid. The storefronts on the ground level continued the heritage of the commercial street on the adjacent avenue. It also invites local citizens to come in and enjoy a public plaza. The west side courtyard is an exclusive and quiet space for residents. Besides the two yards, the projects also offer a continuous roof garden accessible from all floors, creating private outdoor access.





### Above and Under: Reuse a Warehouse

Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY

Architecture Design GSAPP ADV V\ 2021 Fall Critic: Marc Tsurumaki, LTL Architects Partner: Alexa U Kei Long Software used:Rhino, Enscape, Adobe AI PS

The project was conceived to be a mixed-use complex to reconsider the possibility of reusing a common but soon-to-be outdated typology: warehouse. The original facade and the structural grid will be preserved.

In the South Brooklyn Bushwick neighborhood, we found lots of obsolete warehouses. Bushwick was historically known for its various manufactories. Today it is influx with modern sound and image production industry. The project thus strives to become a hybrid space where co-production could happen: the ground level is an open market. Locally produced food and goods can be sent to be on display here. They can also be packaged and transported to the rest of NYC by reutilizing the abandoned railway. Independent sound and image artists will have a sun-soaked workspace.









Section: Open Market and Rail Logistics on Ground Level





Expansive Warehouse Space is Suitable for Open Market, Loading Dock is Easily Convertable to House Logistics

Located in Industrial Zone, The Project is Surrounds by Similar Flat Warehouses















## Downing Park: Natural Mediums

Downing Park, Newburgh, New York

Architecture/Landscape Design GSAPP ADV IV Studio\ 2019 Fall Critic: Adam Frampton, Only If Architects Partner: Lauren Scott Software: Rhino, Adobe AI PS, Vray,

Designed by Olmsted and Vaux, Downing Park is a forgotten gem in the city of Newburgh as its urban environment decays over the decades. By incorporating small-scaled interventions on the existing Downing Park, Natural Mediums create microclimates pockets where facilitate existing social activities. The design speaks to many lost historic usages and their changing contextual use. Instead of erasing what is there and building new, we propose to add small-scaled "mediums" to intensify the experience and extend the usage throughout the seasons.















8 Types of Interventions Creating Microclimates























Tulip Garden Mixed Types

Summer Stage

















Restored Historic Tulip Garden and Platforms to overlook Hundson River

# Link Libary

Sara D. Roosevelt Park, New York, NY

Architecture Design GSAPP CORE II ∖ 2019 Spring Critic: Mimi Hoang Software: Rhino, Adobe PS AI, VRray

The street life of NYC inspires this library. While we are all alone in a city, we are still together, sharing the town's infrastructure. My project translated the infrastructure of NYC into a form of stacked alternating tubes. The tubes' in-between space then became the city's in-between spaces: the streets. Inside the tubes are rooms for formal study and reading, and the in-between spaces are communal areas for people to meet and have a conversation.

















Link library is imagined not only to offer access to written knowledge in books but also oral knowledge from our friends, neighbors and even strangers. Conversations and debates are welcomed in spaces between the formal solid tunnels. The stacking tunnels also ascends people from the ground to the top, creating a visual rhythm.





# **The Village** Thomas Jefferson Elementary School,

Honolulu, Hawaii

Architecture Design GSAPP CORE VI ∖ 2022 Spring Critic: Gary Bates Software: Rhino, Adobe PS AI, VRray

The project is conceived to provide an educa-tional and transitional housing project for the large homeless population in Honolulu, Hawaii. The project proposes to incorporate a network of independent and self-buildable structures in Pres-ident Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. The structures will accommodate the houseless fami-lies who cannot afford the rent with living wages. Meanwhile, the project will offer learning and educational spaces for the houseless children as well as adults who are willing to advance their skills. For the public school on site, this project also provided additional learning and building.















Common Space provides Laundry Kitchen and Dining







Interior Perspectives

## Urban Sound Playground

Federal Plaza, Thomas St and Broadway, New York City

Architecture Design GSAPP CORE I Studio\ 2018 Fall Critic: Christopher Kumpusch

Urban Sound Playground aims to utilize sound to trasnsform the original highly guarded and dull urban environment in front of FBI buidling in lower Manhattan. It encourages citizens' involvment to different architecturual programs through the agency of sound. Five color drawings were produced to convey program, site, section, plan and context.





















## The Ultrareal: Abandoned Gas Station

Visual Studies GSAPP \ 2020 Spring Partner: Sixuan Liu Critic: Joseph Brennan, Phillip Crupi

Renderings done in Visual Studies course: Techiniques of the Ultrareal. My partner Sixuan and I were both interested in creating atmospheric renderings that will speak to emotions. We were inspired by David Lynch's Twin Peaks series, and wanted to replicate that otherworldly feeling with renderings.



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### Vault House Re-Thought

Johnston Marklee Architects, Oxnard, South Califonia

Conceptual \ Presentational GSAPP ADR I \ 2018 Fall Critic: Bika Rebek

This is a visual presentation project for Johnston Marklee Architects' Vault House. Its porous facade and interior inspired me to rethink it as a cheese and wine tasting venue. Surrounding this concpet, I produced a series of drawings, model, and animation.

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#### **Greenpoint Theater:**

Greenpoint, Brooklyn,

Architecture and Tech System Design GSAPP Advanced Tech IV\ 2019 Fall Architecture Design Lead: Nicole Dosso Team: Chengliang Li, Jiazhen Lin, Isabella Bartenstein Software: Revit, Rhino

The envisioned Greenpoint Theater would feature a sawtooth that would transform the space into a sun-soaked public space during the day and a black-box theater by night. The theater's terra-cotta facade system tries to blend it in with its brick warehouse contexts. The double-height central circulation core also welcomes light into the lobby.

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The main theater of the project features a sawtooth roof. We introduce light into the always dark theater space by integrating the sawtooth to extend its usage beyond the traditional all-dark performance experience. When there is no performance, the theater can also serve as public gatherings or event. The curved panel under the sawtooth hides the ceiling sound and lighting equipment and softens daylight.

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