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Contributions or ideas for this newsletter can be submitted to Tim O'Grady. Newsletters will be sent out a bi-weekly basis for jobs, internships, and fellowships, please see the new career portal.

UP CAREER MONTH 2019

On February 22th, the UP Program hosted the annual Career Month presentation. Over the last 10 years, people working in the public, private, and non-profit sectors met with current students for a night of speed networking and reconnecting with old friends. Urban Cities Network organized another alumni event on March 1st featuring a panel of alumni who shared their career paths and alumni working abroad. To wrap up Career Month, Leah Meadatein led a Portfolio Workshop on March 4th featuring alumni who shared their portfolios with students.

Thank you to all those who participated in our Career Month programming this year. We hope you were able to make new connections, reconnect with old friends, professionals while gaining confidence and skills for your job or internship search. Your resume and cover letter review during the remainder of the semester, please email Margaret to make an appointment.

DEAN'S LECTURE RECAP: ANANYA ROY

Ananya Roy presented her talk "An Theoretical Empire: Sanctuary Cities in the Age of Trumpism" on February 26th as part of GSAPP's Dean's Lecture series. Her lecture explores the long-held concept of "the city as sanctuary." She unfolds the current concept of "sanctuary cities" as a set of practices that have emerged in recent years power to resist cooperation with federal ICE agents. This narrow reading of sanctuary attunes us to the contours of a new, but also enduring, relation between and state protection offer go hand-in-hand. Ananya turns to a more comprehensive ethico-political inquiry into sanctuary, tracing the idea of sanctuary as refinishing of traditions of liberal inclusion and cosmopolitan humanism that promotes the idea of "city as refuge." Ananya Roy argues that sanctuary is a practice of unconditional hospitality which demands that the city exist not at the head of the nation, but rather at the "threshold of empire."

Ananya broadly calls for a shift from sanctuary to abolition and from hospitality to hostility, from "refuge" to a conceptual pulmonary for planning itself. Abolition, in fact, can be a form of placemaking – "the undoing of bondage." Ananya Roy concludes by drawing on Cedric Robinson's concept that African American scholarship/art W.E.B. DuBois emphasized was a necessary corollary to abolitionism. Drawing on Robinson's concept of abolition, Roy asks how we can make reparations to communities most affected by former regimes of colonialism and imperialism. Roy's lecture, which was a powerful call to action for freedom – referencing the Movement for Black Lives, which provides a blueprint for ending structural racism in the US. Ananya concluded her talk with a call to action for freedom means changing who controls the part – which is key to insurgent planning and essential to the transformative goals yielded throughout her lecture.

Ananya Roy is Professor of Urban Planning, Social Welfare, and Law at UCLA where she is Director of the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin.

A full video of the lecture and Q&A session has been posted to YouTube. More info

URBAN CHINA NETWORK: NEW OFFICERS FOR 2019-20

Conor McKay Allerton

UCNY's **Urban China Network** (UCN) serves as an international platform that allows students, scholars, practitioners, and other people who are interested in development issues in China to communicate and interact. UCN organizes the Urban China Forum every fall where people from the U.S. and the world discuss a contemporary theme in Chinese urbanism.

The following students will serve as UCN's officers for the 2019-2020 academic year (from left to right):

Morgan Cheng (MSUP/MSRED '20, Treasurer), **Yuanyuan Zhang** (MSUP '20, Vice President), **Conor Shao** (MSUP '20, Vice President), **Yuan Sun** (MSUP '20, Secretary), **Zhongjie Jia** (MSUP '20, Communication Officer), **Bingu Wu** (MSUP '20, Vice President).

STUDENT NEWS

Pauline Claramunt Tomlin (MSUP '18), along with another Columbia Business School student, will compete in the Harvard Real Estate Venture Competition (REVC) on March 29th-31st. The duo is developing a concept, Zupthick, which transforms underutilized restaurants/bars into a network of coworking spaces, offering clients access to reliable internet connectivity, affordable and affordable prices and flexible memberships. Zupthick has been in operation in Paulina's home country of Chile since January 2019. More info

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Laura Pistorini

Where are you from?
New York, NY

What degree are you studying for your undergraduate degree?
Bachelor of Arts

What was your major?
Vassar College (Poughkeepsie, NY), Urban Studies

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
It's a great school and I wanted to study in NYC.

What is your interest within the urban planning field?
Neighborhood level community organizing and development, cooperative housing, and combating capitalism.

Where are your favorite study spots in the city?
Cafe Mogador, Tompkins Square Public Library, and Sunburst Cafe in Gramercy.

If you could pick up a new skill in an instant what would it be?
Owing to sleep at a reasonable hour.

What is your favorite summer longing?
24 Hours to rest and Black with Gabbie Hanna.

SECOND-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Carlos Rodarte

Where are you from?
Miami, FL

What and where did you study for your undergraduate?
Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia), Industrial Design

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
I chose Columbia because I felt that the curriculum would focus on the international experience. I'm interested in understanding how different cities around the world are dealing with similar challenges. I also chose Columbia because it's based in New York City, which is one of the most complex cities in the world. It is a leader in a wide variety of topics that are relevant to cities, such as climate change strategies, etc... so what better lab can we have to learn about the most innovative strategies and policies implemented in the field?

What has been your favorite urban planning class so far?
The classes that I enjoy the most are interdisciplinary courses, especially the ones that involve traveling. For my studio class, we went to Medellín, Colombia. It was a great opportunity to visit other places, work on real-life projects, get to know the local stakeholders, and work in teams with students from different backgrounds and areas of study. This is one of the most fulfilling experiences. As planners, we are going to have to deal with these environments and these courses provide valuable preparation.

What is your interest within the urban planning field?
Sustainable development, climate change adaptation.

What is one advice that you have for the first-years?
Take interdisciplinary courses and/or classes outside of the field. Take a class in the Business School, Law School, or you find interesting and can complement what you learn in UP classes. There is a lot to learn from working with people in other fields.

What is your favorite spot in NYC?
Hudson River Park, Bryant Park, Observatory in Central Park. I live very close but so it's a pleasure to go for a run around it and the view from the northeastern corner is amazing!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Turner Social Enterprise Summer Fellowships, Deadline: March 15th
The Turner Center for Social Enterprise provides financial support to students engaged in summer internships with social impact organizations. Students who are under age 6.10 You are a non-graduating student (currently in year 1 or 2 of a graduate program or an undergraduate student) Your internship for the summer will be working at a social venture or a social or environmental entrepreneurship-focused organization which is less than 7 years old, or a social or environmental entrepreneur. (The internship is 8-10 weeks long, full-time, and conducts on or about August 3rd. More info

Logo Design Competition: NYC Privately Owned Public Spaces, Deadline: March 15th Calling all Graphic Designers! POPS logo! NYC Department of City Planning, Advocates for Privately Owned Public Space, and The Municipal Art Society of New York are pleased to announce the first POPS Logo Design Competition for a new POPS logo to be featured on signage at over 500 Privately Owned Public Spaces across the city. More info

TDC-MIT Transportation & Infrastructure Summit Technical Tour Signup Deadline: March 15th Bumped Registration Deadline: April 8th The Transportation Design Center (TDC) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are pleased to announce the 2019 TDC-MIT Transportation and Infrastructure Summit on Monday, April 29th. The Summit will include technical tours, presentations and panel discussions addressing the theme of "Exploring Innovations in Meeting Transportation Challenges."

The summit also includes technical tours of critical transportation and infrastructure assets in the greater's top options include (1) East Side Access, (2) NYC7 Rail Control Center, (3) NYCT Coney Island Rail Yard, and (4) Amtrak's Hell Gate Bridge. Students who are interested to attend a technical tour, students must register by March 15 and send a wish of (3) based ID in the photo page of a passport to rodriguez@tdc.org. More info

2019-2020 Morgan Stanley Community Development Graduate Fellowship, Deadline: March 22nd
The Morgan Stanley Graduate Fellowship for Community Development is a paid 10-week summer internship for Master's Degree students to take a significant role in a high-impact, community-based project targeting a few- and many-year community development goals. Fellows receive $20,000 stipend to serve in a part-time (20 hours a week) ten-month (September 1st – June 30th) internship in a community-based community development organization. More info

Failing Well Lab New York - Pitch Contest, Deadline: March 31st
Entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs will answer the following question by presenting their cutting-edge ideas and innovation in just three minutes: Which leads will the Failing Well Lab New York Pitch Contest support in its social initiative – in just 3 minutes in 3 slides – in a p.s. A distinguished jury will select a winner who will compete again in the finale in Berlin. More info

Global Urban Studies Doctoral Program at Rutgers University – Newark, Deadline: April 1st
The Ph.D. program in Global Urban Studies at Rutgers University-Newark is accepting applications for doctoral candidates to begin studies this Fall 2019. The program offers funded opportunities to take part in collaborative research and teaching with faculty specialists in this global urban studies. Review of applications is from March 1st to April 1st. Global Urban Studies is part of the Joint Ph.D. program in Urban Studies between Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers-University-Newark and New Jersey Institute of Technology. More info

PhD Urban Planning and Design Summer School, Deadline: April 1st
The 20th PhD Urban Planning and Design Summer School in Finland, the oldest ongoing summer school in the field, will take place from August 19th-23rd, 2019. The course is co-organised by Tampere University and Aalto University together with International Federation for Housing and Planning. The summer school is open to young professionals from all disciplines related to spatial planning. More info

2019 Waterfront Conference - Waterfront Scholar Program, Deadline: April 10th The Waterfront Alliance, in partnership with The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, invites students to apply to attend the Alliance's annual Waterfront Conference as part of the "Waterfront Scholar" Now in its fourth year, the Waterfront Scholars program brings together a diverse group of students who are interested in the future of the waterfront. The annual conference will take place on Tuesday, May 7th. This year's theme, "Rising Seas, Rising Risk" will explore how waterfront communities are adapting and climate change adaptations from across the region while assessing the challenges and opportunities for better preparedness. More info

2019-2020 Enterprise Rose Fellowship, Deadline: April 14th.
The Enterprise Rose Fellowship partners community-minded graduate students with community development organizations. Together, the program facilitates an inclusive approach that creates and preserves opportunity for low-income communities. Rose fellowship candidates will be prompted to select their preferred location and host organization when they apply. More info

2019 Salve Regina University Cultural & Historic Preservation Conference - Call for Papers, Deadline: April 18th
Salve Regina University invites proposals for individual papers as well as complete sessions on the theme "Preservation and Memory." Potential topics include: Preservation and commemoration; preservation as memory; historical analysis, and case studies; Papers in any field of academic or applied preservation (e.g. architecture, landscape, archaeology, material culture, historic preservation planning/policy) and public history are welcome. Selected academics will present their work at the Cultural & Historic Preservation Conference in October 2019. More info

UPCOMING EVENTS

"When Does Neighborhood Poverty Matter? Using Large-Scale Data to Understand Heterogeneity", March 11th, 12:30 pm, Lecture
Professor of Sociology Maria Krysan (Harvard University) will discuss two of her recently published academic papers that explore how neighborhoods matter, for whom, heterogeneity, and disparpolicies in poor neighborhoods across American cities. More info

"Film Screening & Panel Discussion: Paris to Pittsburgh", March 12th, Columbia SIPA Building - Room 1501
SIPA has organized a special screening of the documentary film Paris to Pittsburgh. The film has this focuses on the incredible action individuals, communities, businesses and local governments in the U.S. have taken to reduce their carbon footprint and reduce their carbon backpacks in the wake of the Trump Administration's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion between Michael Gerrard (Professor at Columbia Law School), Dr. Ken Kimmell (President of the Union of Concerned Engineering), and Kelly Shultz of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Environment team. More info

"A. Wind Lecture", March 15th, 1st Floor
Beaver (innovative) are sustainersteer aqua-structures that combine the ancient Roman hydraulic engineering with end of the 19th century, after a long hiatus, as ecological and sustainability issues have taken center-stage amidst growing concerns that the environmental crisis is fast approaching and that the ancient wisdom of humanity has to be re-visited. Architect A. Wind will talk about their project, Bretha Beaver. Fashioned like a styawell, it was designed and built in the Urbed Heritage Housing Township in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India by on the fringe of the Thar Desert of India. More info

"What's in Store for Census 2020?", March 20th, NYU Furth Building
Join the Wagner Policy Alliance in a panel discussion with leaders from the Census Bureau and stakeholders around the upcoming Census. Come learn how you can play a role, and why being counted matters to the future of our communities and voices in Congress. Speakers will explore a range of concerns, such as why we should care about the Census, how the Census Bureau is preparing for traditionally undercounted, what messaging strategies have organizations taken, and what should be done to spread the word. More info

"Building a Republic of Villages: Society, Law, and Planning in Mid-Century Israel", March 21st, Lecture
This lecture will focus on the overlooked story of the effort to manage India's human and natural resources during the 1950s and 70s. This multidisciplinary undertaking attempted to couple celestial and terrestrial technologies to produce a "scientific" and "rational" approach to agricultural production to prevent scarcity and community development. The goal of the collection and management of these resources was to produce a society made informed national and regional planning policies. The talk will discuss how and why a vast secretary infrastructure was created to collect and manage information and perspectives with on the ground nation-building programs. More info

"Chinese Real Estate Boom: Opportunities and Challenges", March 27th, Columbia Faculty House
Columbia's Weatherhead East Asian Institute welcomes professors Wei Xiong (Princeton University) and Neng Wang (Columbia Business School) to discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with China's real estate boom. More info

"The Modern Skyscraper", March 27th, 22 West 23rd Street – 6th Floor
Design Trescowski of SHoP Architects will speak about the modern skyscraper highlighting all the complicated design and engineering challenges that are involved in such Projects to be presented include 111 West 57th Street, 5 De Kalb Avenue, and the American Copper Buildings. More info

"Chicago's Real Estate Boom: Opportunities and Challenges", March 27th, Columbia Faculty House
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"Building Resilient Communities", March 27th, 22 West 23rd Street – 6th Floor
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