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Dear GSAPP Family,

As the semester and academic year comes to an end, I want to express my gratitude and my thanks. Faculty, administrators, alumni, colleagues, and friends: thank you for carrying the school (and its spirits) to the “finish line” with your care, empathy, and dedication. Students: thank you for your astonishing thoughtfulness, depth, resourceful creativity, and endlessly resilient imagination. The quality of your work and your willingness to stage challenging conversations around it—pushing forward, asking hard questions, staying open—was beyond moving. As your critics, professors, and mentors, the inspiration we felt when we came together to witness your accomplishments in the final weeks of reviews was unequaled.

This time is always bittersweet as we prepare to witness another generation of students graduate and launch into the world. Yet we are also filled with a sense of excitement and anticipation—for we know that all that you have achieved in here will find new expression out there, and that you will no doubt bring the same vitality we’ve come to know in the present to whatever path you find yourself on in the future.

This year, we are deeply saddened by our inability to come together in person to celebrate this crucial moment of transition. But we are holding this sadness together with the knowledge that there will be other occasions to return and come together again. We are also holding all of the uncertainty of this moment with the certainty that our togetherness is more than a ritual we reenact every year: it is a practice that we must actively reconsider and re-invent in the face of a changing world. So while graduation will be different this time around, it will certainly not be any less important. It might even be made more meaningful by our shared circumstances. Certainly, it will be the most creative and unique—again, a reflection of the strength, intelligence, and engaged imagination you have all cultivated during your time with us.

So please know that as you grow from students to alumni in this GSAPP Family, we will still be here on the other side. We will continue to communicate as much we can on our recovery efforts for a safe return in the fall and to share with you the ongoing life of GSAPP: its resolute and creative energy in New York as well as its strong, extended ties around the world. Stay tuned for alumni networking opportunities, for updates on career services, for special events hosted for our incoming students, for original workshops and new opportunities (like crash courses in making and scripting!) for returning students…

Thank you all again for everything you continue to contribute—in work and in thought—to re-imagining possibilities for architecture and the built environment. A huge congratulations to the GSAPP Class of 2020! I look forward to seeing you all Saturday for a magnificent celebration together.

Sincerely,
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END OF
YEAR SHOW

The 2020 End of Year Show launches online
Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Columbia GSAPP concludes each academic year with its End of Year Show, an exhibition that celebrates and showcases student work from across the school's degree programs: Architecture; Urban Design; Urban Planning; Historic Preservation; Critical, Curatorial, and Conceptual Practices; and Real Estate Development. We are pleased to share this expansive selection of GSAPP student work online for the first time. Our community of alumni, colleagues, and friends around the world can access the exhibition on Saturday afternoon through the GSAPP homepage.

COMMENCEMENT

The GSAPP Commencement will stream
Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 12:00 PM.

We look forward to celebrating with you, your families, and friends this weekend! If you haven’t already done so, please register to join the commencement live stream.

A Commencement Celebration Tool Kit is now available for graduates who want to host their receptions immediately after the ceremony airs. It includes instructions for creating your own zoom meeting, virtual GSAPP backgrounds, a package of gifs for your social media posts, and a custom Spotify commencement playlist. We’ll add more elements throughout the week.

Graduates can also register their Zoom meetings so that our faculty can drop in for virtual visits.

You can wear a Columbia University cap on Instagram, and find other stickers on our profile. Use #gsappfamily2020 or #gsapp2020 on posts to feature on our website and be reposted in our feed.

CAREER SERVICES RESOURCES

GSAPP’s Career Services support our current and graduating students with resources including individual Career Counseling Sessions, Professional Portfolio Reviews with alumni and faculty, networking opportunities, virtual presentations on navigating an uncertain job market, and more. And with new listings posted regularly, Engage is an important platform for sharing resumes and finding employment leads.

Featured employment opportunities this week include:

- AECOM: Architect, multiple locations
- City of Cambridge, Planning & Zoning Dept. Specialist

- National Gallery of Art, Chief of Design

AVERY SELECTS

In case you missed it, Avery Shorts Live is officially live (!) with “Tarot Cartography” by Scott Hunter: a short “reading” and text on Tarot as a spatial device for making meaning, making sense, and re-making our intellectual, political, and social terrains.

And, don’t worry, there are still two more issues of the *Avery Review* coming your way! Keep an eye out for issue 47 this week.

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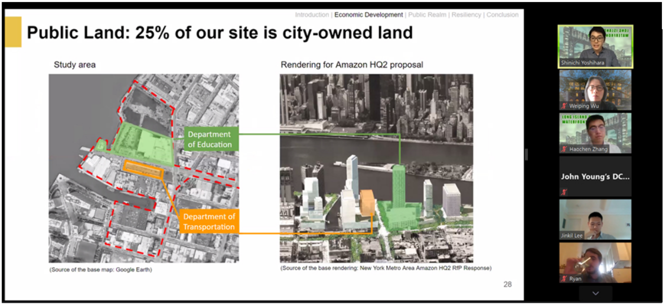

Introduction | Economic Development | Public Realm | Resiliency | Conclusion

Public Land: 25% of our site is city-owned land

Study area

Rendering for Amazon HQ2 proposal

(Source of the base map: Google Earth)

(Source of the base rendering: New York Metro Area Amazon HQ2 RfP Response)

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Urban Planning Studio Final Review captured here took place last Wednesday, congratulations to everyone!

And please continue to use #gsappfamily2020 on social media to share your experiences this week and beyond!

As the semester comes to a close, you can catch up on the Open Courses and Faculty Broadcasts you may have missed. They are available on the School's YouTube Channel, with additional recordings still being published.

TUESDAY TALKS WITH ALUMNI

Thank you to the GSAPP alumni who participated in last week's Tuesday Talks!

The next Tuesday Talk will be held on May 12. Those students who requested to be on the waitlist will have first access for registration on Monday, May 5. Any slots unfilled through the waitlist will be made available at 12pm, as in previous weeks.

Please contact gsappalumni@columbia.edu with any questions.

A list of participating alumni can be found on our website.

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