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URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER MAY 4, 2018

Contributions or ideas for this newsletter can be submitted to Nicholas Johannes. Newsletters will be sent on a bi-weekly basis. For jobs, internships, and fellowships, please see the new career portal.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATES!

With the semester quickly wrapping up, we invite submissions for the "Student News" section of our Spring 2018 Semester in Review newsletter. News regarding jobs, classroom activities, projects, awards, fellowships, and publications are all welcome. Please submit your updates using the Google form here by Sunday, May 6th.

APA NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE 2018

On April 21st, the GSAPP Urban Planning program held a private cocktail reception at the American Planning Association's 2018 National Planning Conference in New Orleans. During the annual conference, thousands of planning professionals came together to discuss current issues, trends, challenges, and solutions that are shaping planning today. Columbia GSAPP alumni attending NPC18 met with current students at the reception.

FINAL STUDIO PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to the first-year students who on May 2nd gave their final studio presentations. Each studio had 35 minutes to present and 35 minutes to respond to questions and feedback from the client representatives, faculty, and guest critics.

Guest critics included:

- Matthijs Bouw, Founding Principal, One Architecture
- John Chin, Professor and Director, Master of Urban Planning Program at Hunter College
- Flores Forbes, Associate Vice President, Strategic Policy & Program Implementation, Columbia University of Government and Community Affairs
- Fanny Gong, Assistant Vice President, Design Management, Columbia University Manhattanville Development
- Amy Lelyveld, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture, Columbia GSAPP
- Thaddeus Pawlowski, Director, Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes and Adjunct Associate Professor of Urban Planning, Columbia GSAPP
- Francesco Rossini, Assistant Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Brent Ryan, Head of the City Design and Development Group and Associate Professor of Urban Design and Public Policy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2018 RPA ASSEMBLY

Justin Romeo (M.S. UP '18), Yufi Priadi (M.S. UP '19), Nicholas Johannes (M.S. UP '18), Angela Li (M.S. UP '18)

On April 27th, government, business and civic leaders from across the region gathered at RPA's Assembly to discuss issues vital to our region's future, including the crisis of affordability, threats to our coastlines, deteriorating infrastructure and pressures on our quality of life. The 2018 Assembly featured Big Ideas that Can't Wait —ideas we need to move forward on today to tackle some of the region's biggest challenges in order to ensure sustainability, good governance, and shared prosperity.

The guests included Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former U.S. Senator from New York and Secretary of State; Phil Murphy, the Governor of New Jersey; and Anthony Coscia, the Chairman of Amtrak and former Chair of the Port Authority.

Columbia University's faculties and students attended and participated at the RPA Assembly. The opening remark was given by UP Adjunct Associate Professor and RPA President Tom Wright. Later in the afternoon, Associate Professor Malo Hutson participated in a talk titled, "Give Communities the Tools to Plan their Future." More info

APA STUDIO PRESENTATIONS

May 9th, Puck Building - Rudin Family Forum for Civic Dialogue, 295 Lafayette Street Floor 2, New York

Please join Columbia University, Hunter College, New York University, Pratt Institute, and Rutgers University for our annual graduate planning student studio showcase!

One team from each school will present on work completed as part of a studio workshop or thesis project. This event culminates the 2017-2018 academic year, highlights the accomplishments of planning students in the New York Metro area, and offers an opportunity to celebrate achievements, hear feedback from a panel of faculty judges, and enjoy networking with students and professionals in the planning community.

- 5.00 pm: Doors and Light Refreshments
- 5.30 pm: Opening Remarks
- 6.00 pm: Presentations

The "Creating a Pilot Emergency Planning Toolkit for Gowanus Community for NYC 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan" team has been selected to present their findings.

More info

URBAN MAGAZINE EDITORIAL BOARD APPLICATION

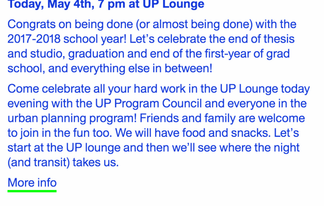
THE SEARCH FOR A NEW EDITORIAL BOARD BEGINS!

The graduating URBAN editorial board invites applications from all first-year students to the three (PAID) positions on the editorial board:

- **Content Editor**: Responsible for managing and editing all content and written submissions for each issue. (Contact Maria with questions.)
- **Design Editor**: Responsible for designing the entire layout of the magazine and managing graphic submissions. (Contact Eva with questions.)
- **Publishing Editor**: In charge of all external communications, coordinating with the printing company, any administrative tasks, and assisting with content (Contact Ramya with questions.)

All questions can go to urban.submissions@gmail.com or directly to us. Send us your applications by Monday, May 7th. Refer to the email from Maria Garces for application requirements.

UP END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



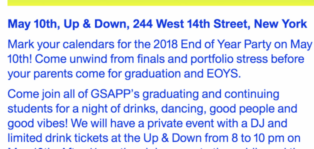
Today, May 4th, 7 pm at UP Lounge

Congrats on being done (or almost being done) with the 2017-2018 school year! Let's celebrate the end of thesis and studio, graduation and end of the first-year of grad school, and everything else in between!

Come celebrate all your hard work in the UP Lounge today evening with the UP Program Council and everyone in the urban planning program! Friends and family are welcome to join in the fun too. We will have food and snacks. Let's start at the UP lounge and then we'll see where the night (and transit) takes us.

More info

GSAPP END OF YEAR PARTY



May 10th, Up & Down, 244 West 14th Street, New York

Mark your calendars for the 2018 End of Year Party on May 10th! Come unwind from finals and portfolio stress before your parents come for graduation and EOYS.

Come join all of GSAPP's graduating and continuing students for a night of drinks, dancing, good people and good vibes! We will have a private event with a DJ and limited drink tickets at the Up & Down from 8 to 10 pm on May 10th. After 11 pm the club opens to the public and the night will rage on. Tickets will only be available for GSAPP students, and will not be available for any plus ones.

You must RSVP to this Eventbrite and add your name to the guest list in order to receive drink tickets. Refer to the email from Nicholas Johannes for event password.

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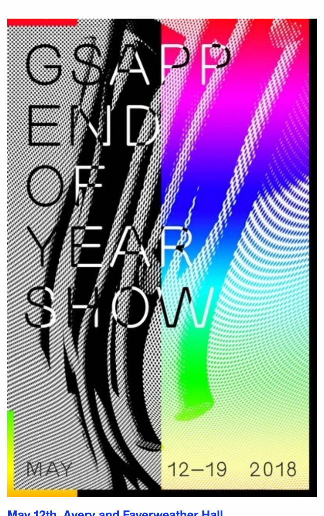
END OF YEAR SHOW



May 12th, Avery and Fayerweather Hall

At the conclusion of each academic year, Columbia GSAPP celebrates the work of its students with the End of Year Show. The outcomes of studios and seminars from all of GSAPP's programs are on display throughout Avery Hall, capturing the school's playful experimentation, unbridled imagination, disciplinary expertise, and incisive critical thinking. It represents the best work of GSAPP's diverse and international student body spanning degree programs in Architecture, Urban Design and Urban Planning, Historic Preservation, and Real Estate Development.

Free and open to the public. More info

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Maddie Entrikin

Where are you from?
Corvallis, Oregon

What and where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
Architecture at the University of San Diego

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
My dad went here for undergrad and studied engineering. He's one of the coolest people you'll ever meet (his hobbies include gold panning, buying random stuff on Craigslist and baking pies) and I've wanted to follow in his footsteps and attend Columbia for a long time. The opportunity to spend a few years in NYC didn't hurt either.

What is your interest in the urban planning field?
With my background in architecture, I came into the program interested in the intersection of design and planning. As this year has progressed, though, I've grown increasingly interested in the analytics side of things.

What is your dream career?
I don't think I know yet.

Tell me something that most people don't know about you.
I can ride a unicycle.

SECOND-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Emily Fesette

Where are you from?
The real upstate New York, Plattsburgh.

Where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
The University of New Hampshire

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
Columbia has a renowned international reputation... and they gave me the best deal (shrug emoji).

What has been your favorite urban planning class so far and why?
Planning Law: I really enjoyed seeing the intersection between the theory of our work and the reality of the legal implications (and how you can work within these bounds).

What is your interest in the urban planning field? What is your concentration?
I like connecting people who don't normally interact (i.e. the public to the mythical "man"). I somehow managed a dual concentration in International Development and Community & Economic Development!

What is your dream career?
One that pays me to help people achieve positive goals and travel. If anyone knows what that is, I'm ears.

What is one advice that you have for the first-years?
Take time to enjoy the ride, don't let it pull you along.

Lingran Meng

Where are you from?
Harbin, China

What and where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
I studied real estate in Hong Kong.

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
Because Columbia University is in New York City. Life here is convenient and planners can learn a lot from its developed urban systems.

What has been your favorite urban planning class so far and why?
Urban Planning Studio. We went on an interesting trip to Belfast, North Ireland. Urban planning and architecture students got the opportunity to work together. We did site visits, met with the local city council, and designed plans for addressing a number of problems.

What is your interest within the urban planning field? What is your concentration?
I am interested in infrastructure and transportation planning in developing countries. My concentrations are the Built Environment and International Development.

What is your dream career?
I hope to devote myself to the planning of smart cities in China.

What is one advice that you have for the first-years?
With many options, choose your courses wisely.

MENTORSHIP

Randall Lewis/Urban Land Institute Health Mentorship Program for Graduate Students, Application Deadline: June 15th

The Urban Land Institute's Building Healthy Places Initiative is excited to announce that applications for the second cohort of the Randall Lewis/ULI Health Mentorship Program are now open! This program is an opportunity for graduate students in architecture, urban planning, real estate, or a related field to engage with ULI and deepen their understanding of how the built environment shapes and influences human health. More info

OTHER NEWS

Columbia GSAPP Alumni Weekend, June 1st to 3rd, Avery Hall

Columbia GSAPP welcomes back alumni from class years ending in '3 and '8 to celebrate their reunion. Join us Friday, June 1st to Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 for a weekend of social gatherings, discussions, presentations, site visits, and professional development both on campus and around NYC. Weekend Passes are available for $50 online. More info

AICP Candidate Pilot Program

Students and recent graduates of PAB-accredited programs can now enroll in the Program any time during the year, register in December–March (for the May exam) or in June–September (for the November exam), use the payment program for exam fees, and take the exam prior to earning professional planning experience. More info

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