

URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 9, 2020

One month has passed since the start of the academic year and we realize that all of us, students and professors alike, may have been stressed with hybrid learning and lack of human interaction. Please take care of your well-being and look out for those around you. Nothing is more important than our health.

For those abroad, Columbia University has opened 7 existing Global Centers (Amman, Beijing, Istanbul, Nairobi, Paris, Santiago, Tunis), Columbia-dedicated WeWork sites in 7 cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore, London), and offers WeWork All-Access passes in 50 other cities for students to study. Please see [this website and presentation](#) for more details.

In an effort to continue building our community during COVID restrictions, we encourage students to join the [GSAPP UP Connect Slack page](#), a virtual space to provide opportunities for UP students to connect with one another, share resources, ask questions, plan projects, etc.

Contributions or ideas for the newsletter can be submitted to Elaine Hsieh and Geon Woo Lee using [this form](#). Feel free to share any news regarding events, class projects, jobs/internships, scholarships/fellowships, and academic related student updates.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Myles Agudelo (MSUP '21) worked at the Center for Active Design, a non-profit that works to promote public health through the built environment. He contributed his efforts to create policies and practices on how buildings can mitigate the spread of infectious respiratory diseases.

Regina Joy Alcazar (MSUP '21) continued a research assistantship for Assistant Professor Leah Meisterlin over the summer and into the 2020-2021 school year. She supports an array of spatial research and writing projects that span historic census data across 39 cities in the US, innovation districts, leisure opportunities for commuters, among others.

Tihana Bulut (MSUP '21) continued her spring internship at Philip Habib and Associates throughout the summer. At PHA, Tihana works on a variety of projects and helps prepare environmental planning documents pursuant to S/CEQR and NEPA. These documents compliment land use planning and other discretionary actions for projects throughout New York City.

Elaine Hsieh (MSUP '21) held a summer fellowship on the Innovation Team at the NYC Mayor's Office of Technology Officer where she was able to work on the NYCx Housing Rights and Mental Health Challenge Project. She assisted in marketing and developing a qualitative data visualization to be published on the NYCx site.

Jinkil Lee (MSUP & RED '21) spent his summer as an associate consultant intern in CBCM Inc. (Cross-Border Capital Management), a Korean consulting firm. He worked on creating an investor-relations (IR) strategy for client cities to attract foreign direct investment.

Jin Hong Kim (MSUP '21) spent the summer co-authoring a report on the state of Publicly Owned Private Spaces (POPS) in New York as part of a forthcoming report by the Architecture & Urban Research Institute in South Korea. As a summer research assistant he was responsible for field research, conducting interviews, and policy analysis in New York-based POPS.

Soyeon Kim (MSUP '21) worked as a researcher at the National Medical Center in South Korea. She was a part of the Center for Public Healthcare, mainly planning regional rehabilitation centers for vulnerable neighborhoods. She continues her job until the end of 2020 and will be back in NYC in Spring 2021.

Jason Mencher (MSUP '21) spent this past summer interning for the NYC Housing Development Corporation. At HDC, Jason worked on a variety of projects with the Capital Markets and Asset Management Teams, including the development of a tracking system to monitor the financial status of HDC's current affordable housing projects in light of Covid impacts on rent collections and evictions.

Zeineb Sellami (MSUP '21), graduate analyst at Karp Strategies since March 2020, develops stakeholder outreach and engagement, and works to advance equitable development and renewable energy projects. Over the summer, she contributed to strategies in support of shared streets for a business improvement district and MWBE procurement strategies for private firms. Currently, she continues to support business development by participating in RFP proposals for various projects in the urban realm, while continuing to support engagement efforts for offshore wind initiatives on behalf of a state agency.

Angel Yin (MSUP '21) worked as a land use policy intern for the Shenzhen Research Institute of Urban Planning & Design. She conducted research on land use policy in Singapore, examining how Singapore deploys strategies, such as land reclamation/acquisition and zoning regulations to maximize the national land market.

Haoran (Rachel) Zhong (MSUP '21) spent her summer in Beijing interning at China Academy of Urban Planning and Design. She worked on a comprehensive plan in Zhongmu County in Henan Province. Performing on-site investigation for half a month, she learned a lot about the development of Chinese cities and the relationship between the rural and urban areas.

UP WORKSHOPS

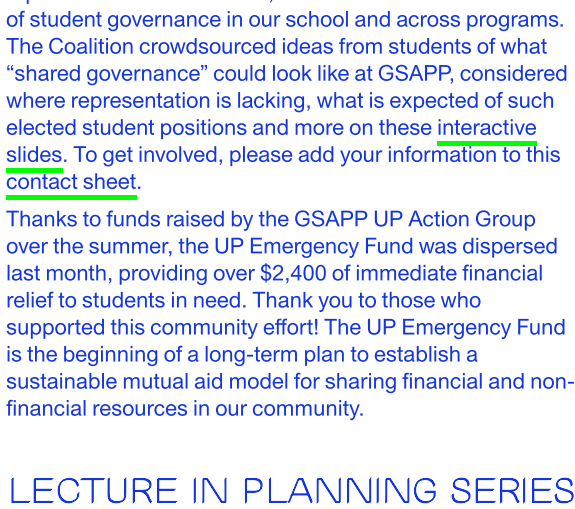
Citation Style Writing Workshop
Thursday 9AM, October 22

Writing mentor Geon Woo Lee will discuss proper usages of APA and Chicago style citations, differences between them, and when to cite. Please join with [this Zoom link](#).

Digital Workshop
Thursday 11:30AM, October 22

Digital mentor Elaine Hsieh will go over essentials in creating a publication/booklet using Adobe InDesign. Please join with [this Zoom link](#).

STUDENT ORGANIZATION UPDATES



UP Program Council

The Program Council invites you to join the TGIF Happy Hour today at 11:30AM. This will be a virtual hangout for all first and second year students across all time-zones to chat, play games, and build the community we deserve. Bring yourself, a snack, and hopefully a stable internet connection! See you then.

Urban China Network (UCN)

7th Urban China Forum October 9-10, 2020 (EST)
Pandemic Urbanism: China's Response to COVID-19 and a Post-COVID Future
The Urban China Network invites students, faculty, and everyone to join the two-day virtual forum through the [Register Link](#). The forum will revolve around urbanism in the pandemic, discovering multiple aspects of urbanism, from urban design, public space and public health, management, to data and technology, urban resiliency, and smart cities. Recognizing the broadness of the planning field, the forum will be joined by scholars and practitioners with various interests to reflect on the past, review the present, and reimagine a post-COVID future. Updates of all Urban China Network events can be found through their [webpage here](#).

LatinGSAPP

LatinGSAPP invites you to participate in the "Mapping & Authorship" round table, moderated by Laura Kurgan, on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30PM via [Zoom](#). Kendall Thomas, Regner Ramos, and Felipe Correa are invited to address questions of authorship in mapping as an exercise of recognition to define "the other." The conversation is interested in exploring the implications of this tool on the Latin community in Latin America and the United States by comparing tools and techniques across time and place.

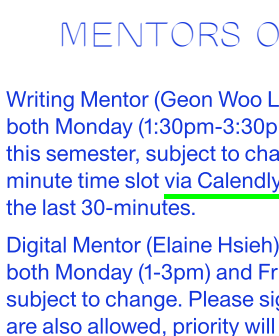
UP Action Group

Over the past few weeks, the GSAPP Student Advocacy Coalition, a voluntary collective of student organizations represented across GSAPP, formed to rethink the structure of student governance in our school and across programs. The Coalition crowdsourced ideas from students of what "shared governance" could look like at GSAPP, considered where representation is lacking, what is expected of such elected student positions and more on these [interactive slides](#). To get involved, please add your information to this [contact sheet](#).

Thanks to funds raised by the GSAPP UP Action Group over the summer, the UP Emergency Fund was dispersed last month, providing over \$2,400 of immediate financial relief to students in need. Thank you to those who supported this community effort! The UP Emergency Fund is the beginning of a long-term plan to establish a sustainable mutual aid model for sharing financial and non-financial resources in our community.

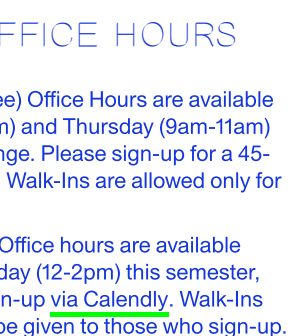
LECTURE IN PLANNING SERIES

All LIPS Lectures are recorded and linked below.



Rachel Franklin,
Sensing Inequality: Smart Cities, Sensor Deserts, and the Politics of Decision-Making.
September 29, 2020.

Given the rise of technology, cities have been able to gather and respond to problems through sensor networks or online citizen participation. However, what about those who lack access to technology? Professor Rachel Franklin presents case studies from Newcastle and Chicago, addressing to minimize coverage gaps.



Justin Steil,
Race and Regulation: Legal Geographies of Property in Early 20th Century Segregation Ordinances.
October 6, 2020.

When Baltimore enacted a comprehensive racial zoning ordinance in 1910, cities throughout the South followed, adopting nearly-identical zoning ordinances. However, state court decisions reveal a wide range of interpretations to a nearly-identical law. Professor Justin Steil responds to this irregularity.

UPCOMING GSAPP EVENTS

The Impact of COVID-19 on Affordable Housing in NYC
12PM, October 13, 2020

Join Professor Richard Froehlich's discussion with panelists: Anne-Marie Hendrickson, Deputy Commissioner of NYC HPD, Kirk Goodrich, President of Monadnock Development, Ron Moelis, CEO of L+M Development, and Anthony Richardson, EVP of NYC HDC. Please see [this link](#) for more details.

Dean's Lecture, J. Phillip Thompson
6PM, October 19, 2020

Join our Planning community in welcoming J. Phillip Thompson, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives in NYC, to the Dean's Lecture. He has extensive experience managing multiple initiatives, including Democracy NYC and Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises Program. Also, he has written extensively on community health planning and the politics of black economic advancement. Professor Weiping Wu will respond. Please [register here](#).

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

TDC-MIT Transportation & Infrastructure Virtual Summit
October 12, 2020

The Transportation Diversity Council and MIT welcome you to the 2020 TDC-MIT Transportation & Infrastructure Summit, a virtual event featuring panels, interactive sessions, and speakers. Students can register for free. [Register](#) for free.

Racial Injustice and Reimagining Criminal Justice
4:40PM, October 19, 2020

Columbia Law School hosts an event pondering how to reimagine the criminal justice system, questioning the extent of change, and forging a path towards a just society.

Why Reconstruction Matters
6PM, October 20, 2020

Join President Bollinger moderating a [discussion panel](#) reflecting on the legacies of post-Civil War Reconstruction and why centuries-old problems still remain unresolved. Panelists include academics from Columbia and Harvard University, including Kimberlé W. Crenshaw, Eric Foner, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Pre-Doctoral Workshop for Underrepresented Students of Color by ACSP
November 4-8, 2020

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) invites students of color interested in pursuing a Doctoral degree in Urban Planning to attend the [Pre-Doctoral Workshop](#). This virtual workshop will be held on November 4-8. Should you be interested, please apply by October 2.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Mapping Stigma: Bloomberg CityLab cautions us how crime-tracking applications can work to confirm negative stereotypes. Mapping gunshots in Rio de Janeiro showed how wealthier neighborhoods receive more attention and stigmatizes low-income neighborhoods.

Progress Reversed: According to a World Bank study, the pandemic has forced 88 to 114 million people worldwide into extreme poverty, spending less than \$1.90 a day. This is by far the largest increase since data collection on extreme poverty began in 1990.

Rezoning SoHo: Mayor Bill de Blasio wants to upzone SoHo to build more residential units. With mandatory inclusionary housing in place, this rezoning has the potential to create 800 affordable units in Lower Manhattan.

Abolition theorist Angela Davis writes on Why Arguments Against Abolition Inevitably Fail. A concept many are unwilling to grasp and struggle to understand. This approach, however, grapples America's issues by its roots.

MENTORS OFFICE HOURS

Writing Mentor (Geon Woo Lee) Office Hours are available both Monday (1:30pm-3:30pm) and Thursday (9am-11am) this semester, subject to change. Please sign-up for a 45-minute time slot via [Calendly](#). Walk-Ins are allowed only for the last 30-minutes.

Digital Mentor (Elaine Hsieh) Office hours are available both Monday (1-3pm) and Friday (12-2pm) this semester, subject to change. Please sign-up via [Calendly](#). Walk-Ins are also allowed, priority will be given to those who sign-up.

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