

URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER JANUARY 22, 2021

Welcome back and hope the new semester is off to a great start! A lot of events have been planned early on and we have included important updates for international students.

For local students, know that Columbia's campus, including the UP lounge, remains closed and will reopen Monday, January 25. For those abroad, Columbia continues to offer [WeWork passes](#) in global cities. You need to register again even if you accessed last semester.

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.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Elaine and Geon Woo would like to thank those who have joined our workshops and office hours last semester. We sincerely enjoy helping others and we will continue to do so this spring. This semester, Geon Woo will offer his [Writing Mentor office hours](#) on Wednesdays 5- 7 PM and Thursdays 10 AM - 12 PM. Elaine will offer her [Digital Mentor office hours](#) on Tuesdays 9-11 AM and Wednesdays 5 - 7 PM. If none of these times work, please reach out and we are happy to accommodate.

The UP Office has planned [many events](#) this semester to help out with recruiting and networking. These range from workshops in resume and cover letters, career session, to LiPS panels that can be great opportunities for networking.

Resume Workshop

7 PM, Friday, January 22

Adjunct Assistant Professor Kaz Sakamoto will provide tips and strategies for creating a compelling resume that will catch the attention of potential employers. It will focus in part on graphic design concepts and tailoring resumes for different types of roles. A presentation will be followed by activities with one-on-one resume review.

AutoCAD Workshop

9 AM, Saturday, January 30

This workshop led by Sybil Wa, Adjunct Assistant Professor, is designed to bring students from the basics through a series of exercises increasing in difficulty. It is open to those who have never used AutoCAD and want to learn the basics and to those who have some experience and would like to practice using AutoCAD for planning applications.

All Ivy Career Fair

7 PM, Friday, January 22

Representatives from public agencies, consulting firms, nonprofit organizations, and corporations participate in the Fair to discuss careers, internships, full-time positions and graduate opportunities in a variety of fields. For a full list of employers, [click here](#).

STUDENT ORGANIZATION UPDATES



Program Council's
TGIF

1pm today!

Program Council

The Program Council invites you to join another TGIF Happy Hour today, Friday at 1pm. This will be a [virtual hangout](#) for all first- and second-year students to [chat](#), play games, and build the community we deserve. Bring yourself, a snack, and hopefully a stable internet connection! Get in touch with the UP Program Council by joining the [GSAPP UP Connect Slack page](#).

APA Student Representative

2021 National Planning Conference

Wednesday, May 5 – Friday May 7

These last few months have been draining on all of us. NPC21 is a chance to hear about and prepare for the challenges having the biggest impact on the planning practice now and in the years ahead. This year GSAPP UP will sponsor all students to attend NPC21, which will take place virtually. If you would like to attend, please fill out this [form](#).

UPCOMING GSAPP EVENTS

Deconstructing 'Collective Memory' in Public Spaces

6:30 PM, Thursday, January 28

Shelby Green, Professor at Pace University School of Law, delivers a [lecture](#) on the concept of 'collective memory' in public space. The challenge going forward is how to enable our institutions, as well as individual designers and planners, to rewrite the narratives to reveal memories of a diverse people.

Addressing Systemic Racism in Real Estate

1 PM, Friday, January 29

Ed Poteat, Adjunct Professor in the Real Estate Development program and a leading developer of affordable housing in New York City, leads a [discussion](#) on systemic racism.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Post-Completion OPT for F-1 Spring 2021 Graduates

1 PM on Jan 22, 9 AM on Jan 26, 11 AM on Feb 4

For F-1 international students, ISSO has organized three [information sessions](#) about [eligibility requirements](#) and application procedures for F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT). Saturday, Jan 30, which is 90 days before the end of the Spring semester, is the earliest date to apply for an OPT. Please apply as early as possible.

COVID-19 Update: A Year Into the Global Pandemic

4 PM, Wednesday, Jan 27

Office of University Life will provide [updates](#) on University protocols, vaccine distribution to faculty and students, and other Columbia's response to the pandemic.

Post Election Debrief: Challenges & Opportunities for Change

12:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan 27

Columbia School of Social Work hosts an [election debrief event](#) following the [inauguration](#) of a new administration. Attendees will identify ways to engage in civic action, understand their ability to impact policy reforms, and discuss the role of the media to drive civic engagement.

NYC Mayoral Candidates Education Policy Panel

7 PM, Wednesday, Jan 27

Columbia Law School hosts a [discussion](#) with NYC Mayoral Candidates Eric Adams, Shaun Donovan, Quanda Francis, Kathryn Garcia, Carlos Menchaca, Dianne Morales, Scott Stringer, and Maya Wiley on education policy.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Biden's first 100 days: Prof. Weiping Wu urges the new administration to [invest in public infrastructure](#) to help revitalize the economy.

The World's Most Beautiful Avenue: Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo approved the plan to turn [Champs Elysees](#) as a car-free garden space for walkers, bikers and trees.

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