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UP CAREER WEEK, FEBRUARY 6TH TO FEBRUARY 20TH

We look forward to launching our annual UP Career Week on February 6th and ending on February 20th. A wide range of these various panels, information sessions, and networking opportunities to get a head start on your job search. Please keep an eye on the UP Facebook page, program flyer, and look out for an email containing more information!! Start the sign-up form later today.

Tuesday, February 6th (6:30-8:30pm), Career Panel (6:30-7pm), and the Alumni Networking Evening will be on Friday, February 23rd (6-8pm). Second year and graduating students are encouraged to attend the career panel, and everyone is encouraged to attend the other events.

The following programs will kick off the career week:

- Tuesday, February 6th (7:00-8:30pm), UPS Networking Photo Frames
- Wednesday, February 11th (5-7pm), Overview of Job Markets and the Search Process
- Wednesday, February 11th (7-9pm), Urban Chinese Network Dinner
- Thursday, February 12th (6:30-8:30pm), LinkedIn Photo Shoot
- Friday, February 20 (6:30-8:30pm), Office Visit to AARP

VATECH: CONVERGING PEDAGOGIES + PRACTICES FEBRUARY 16TH

Architecture, Urban Design and Urban Planning faculty discuss new opportunities for cross-curricular work within visual studies and technology at GSAPP.

Organizers

- Laura Kurgan '99 MUrb, Associate Professor and Director, Visual Studies
- Craig Schreiber, Associate Professor and Director of Building Science & Technology

Participants include:

- Carol Rapp '10 MUrb / '11 MSUP, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Lecturer in Preservation Scientist and Design Associate, The Loom
- Laura Wolkowicz '08 MUP / '09 M Arch, Assistant Professor
- Eric Plemenitas, Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Juan Francisco Saldarriaga '09 MUP, '12 M Arch, Assistant Professor and Research Associate, Center for Spatial Research

In recent decades, GSAPP's Visual Studies and Technology sequence has been running in parallel. This conference will extract the ways in which these two fields have begun to intersect, and the ways in which they have converged to create all GSAPP through the policies and practices of its faculty and students. Over the years, we have pushing the boundaries of spatial technology in architecture, urban design, and urban planning. Simulations, accelerations, complex qualified versions of digital technology – software, hardware and data – this expanded technology has been at the core of our work, and has only our relationship to the built environment, but our larger role as designers.

Over the last three years and think about the future of this work at the GSAPP, we invite students, faculty, and alumni in a conversation on the evolution of GSAPP's VS and T sequence and its enriching network in its environs.

The event is at Wood Auditorium and starts at 1 pm. Read more

CARLO RATTI + MIT SENSEABLE CITY LAB, FEBRUARY 23RD

Carlo Ratti is an architect, engineer, and professor at MIT, where he directs the Senseable City Lab, and is a founding partner of the international design and innovation office Carlo Ratti Associati.

In the last decade, Carlo Ratti has been talks around the world on the theme of Smart Cities, while his work has been exhibited at institutions including the Venice Biennale, New York's MoMA, London's Science Museum, and Barcelona's Design Museum.

Carlo Ratti will lecture at Avery Hall, Room TH and starts at 11 pm. More info

A HEALTHY HOME: THE KEY TO URBANIZATION

Mark Hudson, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University, and Mark Mara, Tetra Tech. The following is an excerpt from the talk:

> *As communities around the world further toward urbanization, authorities have the opportunity to make the most of resources, improving housing and its effects on the health of urban populations.*
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> *Increasingly, the developing world are living in urban areas. By 2050, 66 percent of the world's population will be urbanized. But unplanned, rapid urbanization has left a third of the global urban population suffers from inadequate living conditions. Underlying this is a lack of sanitation and hygiene, which is the spread of communicable diseases, urban sprawl and poor environmental conditions impact on the health and well-being of residents.* Read more

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tyrene Calesdaret

Where are you from?
I'm from Manila.

What and where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
I studied architecture. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture (Cum laude) from Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico.

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
I chose Columbia because I felt that it was the right place for years and after finally deciding to go back to school, my experiences doing various things in the city (from office work to teaching) made me realize that I wanted to contribute more to complement my architecture background with a career that supported my relations to the city at large. When I discovered that there was a program that was in the heart of GSAPP because it was the school that could give me a well-rounded education that would allow me to pursue my interests in trade practice, and at the same time a critical understanding and practice for large-scale urban questions and problems, I knew that this was the place for me. I was mostly related to social justice in community development, housing and the built environment.

What is your interest in the urban planning field?
My interest in urban planning is in the social dimension. I am now exploring a larger framework to look at the city, and how it is made, who it is made for, who it is not, who is speaking, in the intersection of community development and urban analytics.

What is your dream career?
My dream career is to consider myself as having a single path (career) but more like having several paths at once. I would like to be a practitioner, teach, be involved in organizations or findings ways to provide spaces, channels, opportunities for people to participate in decisions and structures that aren't included or taken into consideration in the city's decision making process. Both the non-profit and government sector are important to me and I want to work towards, ideally, I would like to have a studio that works interdisciplinary with planners, architects, artists and people from other disciplines.

What do you do for fun?
Although my name is fairly English, I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. Also, I used to be part of Puerto Rico's national soccer team.

SECOND-YEAR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Yanjie Zhang
I'd love to respond to "Yanjie", and don't call me "Jennie" please.

Where are you from?
I'm from Shanxi province, China.

What and where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
My undergraduate degree was Construction Management at Northern Arizona University. It's a small town in Arizona with a population of 60,000.

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
To study urban planning. It's better to live in urban area. Columbia University's location makes me have chances to see and learn from the most populous place (metropolis) of the urban region.

What has been your favorite urban planning class so far at GSAPP?
My favorite one was the studio class. It's like a wonderful time with Floyd Lapp and tried to improve ground access to the Bronx waterfront. Also, I learned how to use transportation planners work in an project, and we also had experience in working with clients like BFK and Port Morris Brewery.

What is your interest in the urban planning field? What is your concentration?
My interest is in Transport Built Environment. To be more specific, my concentration is transportation planning. I think transportation related classes in all different impacts in City, and I want to learn more about urban design critical.

What is your dream career?
My dream career is to work in large-private companies and work on transportation planning works in different countries.

What has been your favorite place in the New York area?
Chinatown. It's the place where I feel most comfortable. You can always make up your conversation by yourself!

Eric Plemenitas(left)

Where are you from?
Eric: Brooklyn but I've also lived in the Bay Area and Singapore.

What and where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
Eric: Undergrad at Columbia University in architecture history and city planning.

Why did you choose to study at Columbia University?
I had been living in New York for two years prior to coming back to school. I had a lot of friends in the city and despite the mountain of debt I was amassing myself to, I felt that it was worth it to be in a place I knew and ultimately been a very good decision. I think, then, the quality of the courses offered. GSAPP Interiorly: Eric

What has been your favorite urban planning class so far and why?
Eric: Hard to pick – definitely going to a close out to the Rio studio (wood wood), but also the Bogotá (I'm calling it a studio, but it's a course). Both were great because they were classy, data mining – in the case of Chinese Urbanism were very much enjoyable and enriching. (I have some least favorites but I'll keep those to myself, and I'm sure they're great.)

What is your interest within the urban planning field? What is your concentration?
Eric: Urban Theory, Urban Design. I'm fascinated by Iyran-urban migration, destitution, care-burns, urban informality in all its incarnations, urbanization and modernity in Latin America, Cities and Capitalism (Harvey and the interpretive frame), 80s conceptualisms and International Planning and Development & Urban Analytics. Interiorly: Eric

What is your dream job?
Eric: Ideally working at the convergence of technology, international development, planning, and architecture. Ideally, I'd like to be in a small, independent, non-managerial group, get to travel to interesting places, and it starts no earlier than 10 am.

What is one advice that you have for the first-years?
Don't be afraid to work hard. Interiorly: Eric

FELLOWSHIP

ACX Graduate Student Fellowship Program, Application Deadline: February 15th
The ACX Graduate Fellowship Program annually provides stipends to students who are conducting research or creative projects related to sustainable development, with emphasis on current social or environmental challenges related to peace, justice and sustainability. Graduate students from any university can propose individual or team projects and seek funding up to $5,000 for individuals and $8,000 for a team. Students are encouraged to work with a faculty member who has sponsored fieldwork or internship in front of students in the field or presidentiality and sustainability. More info

Sociology of Knowledge Collective Dissertation Fellowship, Application Deadline: March 30th
The Michael Mitchell Graduate Fellowship for Community Sociology, Application Deadline: March 30th. The Sociology of Knowledge Collective is seeking a significant work in a high-impact, community-based project beginning a new and ongoing relationship. The fellowship provides a stipend of $25,000 stipend to spend over a part-time (20 hours a week), ten-month (September 1st – June 30th) internship in a community-based organization or government agency (this team organization). Projects may be in the fields of education, criminal justice, public health, or community planning. A key objective of the program is to help train the next generation of public sociologists committed to work in solidarity to develop an community development work. Fellows will have the opportunity to meet with leaders in the field, and to participate in a cohort of fellows working on development fields. If you have any questions about it, feel free to contact Stephanie Roop or Melissa Brown of Labor a former fellow). More info

OTHER NEWS

Public Engagement that Counts, February 6th
Public Engagement that Counts (PEC) is a forum for GSAPP to re-convening on the ground engagement through the Street Ambassadors Team, and how Minnesota DOT is using public engagement to inform transportation planning and land use and sustainability to connect pedestrians to traditionally underserved communities, and quantify the impact of transportation on public health. Read more

Regional Conference for Sustainable Development, New Canaan, Connecticut, February 7th
Regional Conference for Sustainable Development discuss entrepreneurial strategies for sustainable development, with regional case studies demonstrating how some of those strategies have been implemented. Read more

2016 Tanner Center Annual Reception, February 9th
The Tanner Center for Social Enterprise at our Annual Reception will be a celebration of Columbia's social enterprise and building an active social enterprise community across Columbia University. This event serves as a unique opportunity for students, faculty, alumni, practitioners, and professionals. Spend the evening discussing social impact careers, learning what's new in the industry, and expanding your network. Tickets are $20 for students and $50 for non-faculty. To cover of RSVP, Kitchen, with the 2016 Tanner Center Annual Reception, February 9th. Attention and receive employment Student tickets are free with discount code StudentPass. Register here

Ways of Knowing Cities, February 9th
Ways of Knowing Cities explores the ways that knowledge, power, and culture interact to create and transform the urban environment. Ways of Knowing Cities is a conference which brings together leading scholars and practitioners to discuss the ways in which knowledge and the role that technologies have played in changing how urban spaces and social life are structured and understood. Ways of Knowing Cities is a conference. Read more

American Planning Association, Planning and Black Communities Division Student Fellowship 2016, February 15th
Student affiliates of current planning and related degree PBCD members. The Robert A. Catlin/David H. Lang Memorial Student Fellowship is a $500 award to a student interested in the profession of urban planning among African American students. The goal of the scholarship is to encourage the pursuit of a career in planning by a deserving African American graduate students entering the urban planning profession. The goal is to create a critical mass of African American professionals in the profession of urban planning and to provide new perspectives on issues facing the communities that they serve. Read more

Social Enterprise Prize Competition at Columbia Business School, Application Deadline: February 15th
The Social Enterprise Prize Competition is a Columbia Business School student-run competition that seeks out most social enterprise startups for a chance to win up to $5,000 in prize money. For profit and nonprofit ventures of all stages are welcome to apply. Ventures should demonstrate social value and mission are eligible. To be considered, please complete the Social Enterprise Prize Competition Application and submit it to the Social Enterprise Jacob Lesser @Columbia.edu by February 15th. Read more

Health Equity, Shaping Just Societies, March 23rd
Health Equity: Shaping Just Societies presents efforts from practitioners, researchers, and advocates for health inequities. Panelists highlight the ways in which institutions, policies, programs, and practices at multiple scales are shaping health equity and inequity in the United States and public health practice. Keynote speaker is Dr. Jason Corburn, Professor of City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley. Between discussions, Panelists include:

- Nupur Chaudhury '11MPH, Program Officer, New York Academy of Medicine
- Jessica Mitchell, Associate Director, Columbia GSAPP More info

ACP Candidate Pilot Program
The Advanced Certification (ACP) FRB accreditation programs run once and in the Program any time during the year, register in December-March (for the May exams in the following year) and take the exam in the spring. Preparation program for exam fees, and take the exam prior to earning professional planning experience. More info

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