

URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 6, 2020

A lot of events have unfolded in the past few days and please take a moment to reflect and take care of your mental well-being. The Office of University Life hosts a series of events related to the election and hope everyone is getting enough rest, some sunshine, and getting the support you need during this time. Our health is most important and remember that your peers are there to help you get through the semester, as well as Columbia health resources and mental health counseling services.

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.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Sean Ansanelli '13 MSUP, James Piacentini '20 MSUP, and Amewusika Sedzro '13 MSUP have received the 2020-2021 GSAPP Incubator Prize. The Prize seeks to bridge the gap between academia and professional practice and awards \$10,000 to each alumni working on a wide range of ideas from architecture, contemporary culture, to the future of the city. Please check the projects of award recipients [here](#).

A number of our PhD students are presenting at the ACSP 2020 Annual Conference, which runs today until Sunday. Please check [this schedule](#) for their presentations and register [here](#).

UP WORKSHOPS

Improving Prose: Editing English Sentences for International Students

9AM, Thursday, November 19

Writing Mentor Geon Woo Lee will discuss simple techniques to improve an English sentence. Geared towards non-native speakers of English, this workshop will cover editing awkward sentences, minimizing clutter, importance of diction, and writing in the active voice. Please join with [this Zoom link](#).

For past writing and digital workshops, please refer to the [UP Program Information google drive](#) where you can find all videos and presentations in the [Resources folder](#).

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

UPDATES

LatinGSAPP and Prof. Anna Dietzsch present:
[fall conversation series on ALTERITY]

URBAN FABRIC & SCALE

Design approaches of practices in Latin America that ingrain the conversation in the specificity of their localities to bring forth the discussion around "identity"

COMUNAL TALLER

Jessica Amescua Carreras & Mariana Oridiana Grajales, Practice in Mexico

DIANA WIESNER

Practice in Colombia & Executive Director of Fundación Cerros de Bogotá

TALLER KEN

Ines Guzman Merdes & Gregory Katin Maltosov, Practice in US & Guatemala

Tuesday, November 10th
@ 7:30 pm ET

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LatinGSAPP As part of Latin GSAPP's Conversation Series on Alterity, we would like to invite you to participate in the "Urban Fabric & Scale" event, scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30 PM ET via [Zoom](#).

Panelists: [Comunal Taller](#), [Diana Wiesner](#), [Taller Ken](#)
Moderators: Latin GSAPP - Alice Fang (MARCH '21), Osvaldo Delbrey (MARCH '22), and Juan Moreno (MSUP '21)

Program Council

The Program Council invites you to join another TGIF Happy Hour tomorrow, Friday, October 23, 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](#).

Unlearning Collective

After a brief hiatus to adjust to the new semester, the [Unlearning Collective](#) is back and planning a meeting for next month. Be on the lookout for an email to come regarding next discussion topics and accompanying readings. If you'd like to add your name to the unlearning collective email list, email Lanier Hagerty (mlh2224@columbia.edu). All are welcome to join any of the [conversations](#) - this includes non GSAPP affiliates, colleagues and pals.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Katherin Sibel
Philadelphia, PA, USA

Where did you study for your undergraduate degree?
International University '15
International and Environmental Studies

What is your interest within the urban planning field?
I'm figuring that out, haha. I'm the most drawn to the topics of disaster risk and resilience; agro-forestry and conservation; environmental justice; food security; (anything related to) Latin America

What's your favorite city you've ever visited, and why?
It's a close tie between Gothenburg, Sweden and Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon, I love the proximity to the ocean, and the scenic, colorful buildings. Urban planning-wise I'm impressed by Gothenburg, but I also enjoyed the eclectic music scene and endless summer nights.

What has been your fun quarantine activity?
During quarantine, I learned how to sew without a pattern! So, whenever I have free time you can find me at a sewing machine or in my family garden. This season, I grew more tomatoes and cilantro than anticipated (a blessing considering how expensive grocery costs have been lately), so my ajis have been fresh, and bomb!

What TV shows are you currently bingeing?
Not really watching TV these days. While studying, I play in the background "Mr. Robot" with Rami Malek and the docu-series "The Last Dance". I love all of the old footage of Michael Jordan, Scotty Pippen and Dennis Rodman. Over the summer, my sisters, cousins and I were glued to "Elite". At first, I initially felt it was a bit too Spanish Gossip-girly, but then one episode somehow turned into two seasons. The anachronistic, murder mystery plot got me!

LECTURE IN PLANNING SERIES



**Clarisa Bencomo, Don Chen,
George McCarthy, Maria Torres-Spranger**

Making Space for Social Justice? A Practitioner Panel on Philanthropy and the City
October 27, 2020

Four panelists from a wide range of esteemed backgrounds spoke on the issue of environmental justice, future of cities in the context of the pandemic, and professional pathways that support social justice.

UPCOMING GSAPP EVENTS

Emergency Architecture and Planning: Recovering Beirut Post-Explosion

12 PM, Thursday, November 12

Following a series of economic, political and environmental crises that culminated in the Beirut explosion on August 4th 2020, the [GSAPP Collective for Beirut](#), in collaboration with Assistant Professor [Hiba Bou Akar](#) invites a group of multidisciplinary professionals to a round table discussion that explores architecture and cities in a time of emergency and political deadlock through ecological, planning, and policy lenses.

The Kenneth Frampton Endowed Lecture: Tatiana Bilbao

6 PM, Monday, November 16

Architect Tatiana Bilbao lectures about her work at the annual Kenneth Frampton Endowed Lecture. She has previously taught two architecture studios at GSAPP and her work has been acclaimed across the globe. She possesses a keen interest in affordable housing and sustainable design.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Managing Presidential Transitions and Governance: Perspectives from the White House

1 PM, Monday, November 9

Please join Dean Merit Janow of SIPA in conversation with two former White House Chiefs of Staff, John Bolton, former Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush and former National Security Advisor to President Donald Trump, and Jack Lew, former Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama and former Secretary of the Treasury, will share insights from their White House experience and their thoughts on the election.

Emerging Firms in Planning and Urban Design in the Era of Covid

12 PM, Tuesday, November 10

Join the APA NY Metro Chapter for a dialogue centered around the ways the planning community can support and encourage new and smaller firms to flourish. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, emerging firms are facing new challenges but also opportunities for more adaptive and creative strategy making for our cities. Panelists will discuss the challenges and opportunities for emerging firms in the NYC region.

ULI NY's Women's Leadership Initiative (WLI) Virtual Career Development Night

6 PM, Tuesday, November 10

Join Urban Land Institute for a two-part virtual career development and company coffee chat. This event is designed for current undergraduate and graduate students interested in land use and real estate development.

Energy and the Election

10 AM, Thursday, November 12

The two presidential candidates have different visions for the future of energy policy in the United States. The NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs and the Center on Global Energy Policy's Women in Energy Program are excited to host a conversation centered around the energy policy and geopolitical implications of the election.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Post-Pandemic Real Estate: Urban planners, city officials, and real estate developers weigh in how the pandemic could change the city's housing markets, land use, and policy.

Protecting Consumer Data: Urban Planning PhD students Tyler Haupt and Gayatri Kawlra wrote an op-ed advocating for protecting consumer data used in fintech lending.

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 Monday (1-3pm), Thursday (9-11am) 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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