

URBAN PLANNING NEWSLETTER

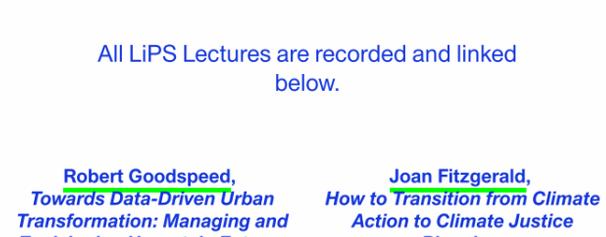
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

Welcome (back) to GSAPP's Urban Planning community! As all of us know, this has been an unusual start to the semester, notwithstanding the pandemic, but also due to [colder temperatures than normal](#). With perseverance and courage, we can overcome challenges and make our academic year worthwhile.

As a reminder, October 26 is the last day to drop Session B courses and November 19 is the last day to drop a full semester course within 25 units. Registration changes should now be requested through GSAPP's [digital add/drop form](#).

Contribution or ideas for this biweekly UP 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.

LECTURE IN PLANNING SERIES



All LiPS Lectures are recorded and linked below.

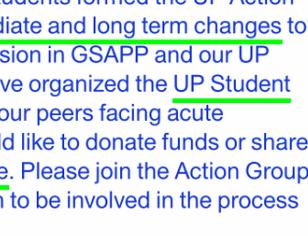
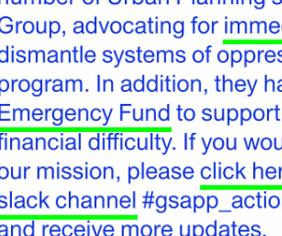
Robert Goodspeed,
Towards Data-Driven Urban Transformation: Managing and Envisioning Uncertain Futures with Scenario Planning,
 September 15, 2020.

With the rise of urban informatics, cities have gained valuable knowledge but also introduced uncertainties in planning. Based on his book *Scenario Planning for Cities and Regions*, Professor Robert Goodspeed highlighted that paradox in his LiPS lecture and envisioned alternative approaches to scenario planning.

Joan Fitzgerald,
How to Transition from Climate Action to Climate Justice Planning,
 September 22, 2020.

The past six months have clearly shown the endemic inequities paralyzing our communities. Professor Joan Fitzgerald presented ways in which cities can transform climate goals to achieve environmental justice. Based on her book, *Greenovation*, she argues that too many climate strategies of cities are in discordance and urges for a collective, integrated action plan.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION UPDATE



UP Action Group

Over the summer, the callous murders of countless Black people have fueled a national reckoning to undo white supremacy. Realizing that awareness and acknowledgement of systemic inequities are not enough, a number of Urban Planning students formed the UP Action Group, advocating for [immediate and long term changes](#) to dismantle systems of oppression in GSAPP and our UP program. In addition, they have organized the [UP Student Emergency Fund](#) to support our peers facing acute financial difficulty. If you would like to donate funds or share our mission, please [click here](#). Please join the Action Group slack channel [#gsapp_action](#) to be involved in the process and receive more updates.

URBAN Magazine

Today is the last day to submit pitches for URBAN Magazine. This is a great opportunity to engage in current discourses and publish your writing. In light of recent events, the Fall 2020 issue, titled *Dialogues*, is dedicated to conversations on spatial inequity in planning and design fields. If you want to contribute, please email a short description of your ideas to urban.submissions@gmail.com by the end of the day.

UP Program Council

If you're looking to plan future events for your UP fellows or become an advocate that coordinates and communicates between students and the faculty and administration, and create a thriving community, please contact Elaine Hsieh (Second Year rep) emh2249@columbia.edu or Eve Passman (First Year rep) ep3009@columbia.edu about joining.

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](#).

QSAPP (Queer Students of Architecture, Planning and Preservation)

QSAPP is spearheading a year-long project, *Disappearing Queer(s)*, an exploration of individuals and spaces that have fostered queer activism and have been part of the lived experiences of queer people in NYC. QSAPP aims to focus particularly on underrepresented communities in the canon of queer NYC history and is intending to look at demolished buildings and spaces. In conjunction with the NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project, QSAPP aims to spatially visualize and recount the role these spaces have had in NYC's queer history - whether these are bars, clubs, social or domestic spaces.

The fall semester will be spent diving into research, creating a publicly available compilation of queer resources. The spring semester will be devoted to actualizing the research through production of drawings, models, and scholarly writing culminating in an exhibition. If you are interested, please contact Sebastian (sha2134@columbia.edu). Know that QSAPP is a non-committal, fun space that you are always welcome to join at a later date! Everyone is welcome.

GreenSAPP

Last Saturday, GreenSAPP kicked off their semester with a fun, socially-distant cleanup of Morningside Park. Follow [@columbia_greensapp](#) on Instagram for more updates.



UPCOMING GSAPP EVENTS

Racial Justice, Fair Housing, and Affordable Housing in the Current Environment

12PM, September 29, 2020

Join Professor Richard Froehlich's discussion with panelists: Margaret Anadu, Partner at Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group; Kirk Goodrich, Director of Real Estate Development at Monadnock Development; Ruth Moreira, Senior VP for Development at NYC HDC; and Thomas Yu, Co-Executive Director of Asian Americans for Equality. 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

Managing the Green Energy Transition at Columbia Law School

4:45PM, October 1, 2020

Professor David Spence, legal scholar of environmental regulation, discusses energy reliability, energy affordability, and environmental impacts of energy production, and tradeoffs inherent in the green transition. Please [register here](#).

AICP Info Session by APA-NY Chapter

6PM, October 1, 2020

Should you be interested in taking the AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) certification, please join the APA-NY Chapter's information session about the exam. Please [register here](#) by September 30.

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. Anthony Foxx, current Chief Policy Officer at Lyft, and Craig Cipriano, Acting President of MTA Bus Company, will deliver keynote speeches. Students can [register for free](#).

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.

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

Columbia Global Centers Virtual Internships

Application Deadline, September 25, 2020

The Columbia Global Centers have identified more than 150 [virtual internships](#) across the globe. There are a few positions related to urban planning and open to graduate students. Application deadline is the end-of-day today, please apply soon.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Post-COVID Urbanism: The New York Times [interviewed a number of practitioners](#), including the Columbia Professors Kate Orff and Karen Fairbanks, on the future of public spaces.

Climate Change in your Backyard: The New York Times [released an interactive map](#) that indicates the biggest climate threat in every US county.

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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