

## SPRING SEMESTER COURSES

### Urban Economic Development: Theory and Practice

Hugh O'Neill, president and founder of Appleseed, an economic development consulting firm serving non-profit, government and corporate clients, is teaching Urban Economic Development: Theory and Practice (P11.2621) The course will examine economic development concepts, strategies, programs and projects in cities, with a particular emphasis on the New York metropolitan area.

It will provide a basic understanding of the process of economic development; tools for assessing development opportunities and promoting economic development; case studies of both successful and unsuccessful strategies and projects; and opportunities to discuss current issues in economic development.

### Housing & Urban Development, Law and Policy

Michael Schill, Director of the School of Law Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, is teaching Housing and Urban Development, Law & Policy (P11.2638). This class will examine housing and urban development policy in the US, the causes of current housing and neighborhood problems in America's cities, and economic, moral and political rationales for government intervention in the housing market.

### Urban Planning Quiz

How many acres of parkland are there in New York City?

Answer to the quiz: 28,569 acres

12.06.01

### Urban Planning Discussion: Waterfront Planning in the Post 9/11 Environment

5:00-6:30 pm, Location: 26 Washington Square Place, Payne Room- Dean's Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Julie Nadel, Board Member of the Hudson River Park Trust & Democratic District Leader for the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly, will speak about Waterfront Planning in New York City

12.07.01

### The Next New York: One Day Conference at NYU

Location: King Juan Carlos Center, 53 Washington Square South. Co-sponsored by Metropolitan Studies Program and Taub Urban Research Center, NYU

12.14.01

### Urban Planning Holiday Gathering at the Blue Note, 6:00-8:00

Location: 131 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDougal Street

## STUDENTS



NYU's Urban Planning Program hosted their annual Alumni, Student and Faculty Wine & Cheese on 10/26.

### Sophie Mayes ('03)

As an architect who has lived, worked and studied in Montreal, Bogotá, New Delhi, Fez, Washington DC and most recently NYC, Sophie believes that urban history contains a wealth of resources which could be exploited as an engine for urban revitalization, community development and economic renewal. This is of particular importance in NYC following the events of 9/11.

Both architects & planners should work with the context they are given, taking advantage of the narratives of the places where they live to build a complex layered environment, that responds to both the past & present denizens.

### Kim Baker ('02)

Kim works part-time as assistant to the Director of the Historic Preservation Grant Program at the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. The program provides grants to low & moderate income homeowners and not-for-profits located within a Historic District or in a landmarked building. Grants are provided to restore severely deteriorated facades. Kim is involved in all aspects of application preparation and review.

Email Lisa Falcocchio at  
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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Jennifer Gerend Revitalizing Myrtle Avenue

Jennifer Gerend (MUP '00) is the Executive Director of the Myrtle Ave. Revitalization Project Local Development Corporation (LCD) in Brooklyn's Fort Greene and Clinton neighborhoods.

The LCD's commercial revitalization programs, which focus on helping existing "mom n' pop" merchants to improve their businesses, have been featured in the Daily News, The New York Times, and on "Fox 5 News." [www.myrtleavenue.org](http://www.myrtleavenue.org)

### Antonio Lopez Doing GIS for Ground Zero

Antonio Lopez (MUP '00) is a Senior Planner/GIS Analyst for the MTA NYC Transit. Since 9/14, Antonio has been on loan from the MTA and working for the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management in the Emergency Mapping and Data Center. Antonio provides GIS support to agencies in the EOC including FDNY, FEMA, EPA, NYCDEP, NYCDOH, and US Army. GIS has played a vital role in the WTC disaster emergency response.

### Colleen Alderson Plans for NYC Parks

Colleen Alderson (MUP '98) is currently a Staff Planner with the Department of Parks & Recreation for the City of New York. Her work involves the coordination of design reviews for capital projects that involve parkland, environmental reviews of both public and private projects, and writing grant applications to seek state and federal funding for park projects.

