

Spitzer News - Winter 2022

Dear Friends of the Spitzer School,

Here it is, February 2022, and we are back at the Spitzer School, together again after too many years of separation. The pandemic has lasted longer than any of us imagined, bringing with it illness, pain, hardship, and loss, and touching each one of us in the Spitzer community. We are forever changed. The bug is still out there, making people sick, but I am hopeful—I have to be—that the worst is behind us. This is one reason for my optimism. We're in school—Spitzer is open—and we're creating, drawing, building, imagining, studying, working, and learning together. Have a look at this newsletter; it gives a good sense of what's happening at SSA (also our social media handle – @whatsonatssa), including some of the many, impressive accomplishments of students, faculty, staff, and alums.

We're publishing four times a year, so please [send us your stories, news, and achievements](#). And follow the Spitzer School on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Twitter](#).

Yours,
Marta Gutman
Interim Dean and Professor of Architecture

The poster for the Spring 2022 Sciame Lecture Series, titled "Radical Black Space," is designed with a dark teal background and a large orange triangle on the left side. The text "SPRING 22 LECTURES" is written vertically in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters within the orange triangle. To the right of the triangle, the title "Radical Black Space" is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, the text "Convened by Marta Gutman and Jerome Haferd" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of descriptive text follows, detailing the themes of the lectures. To the right of this text is a list of speakers and their lecture dates, each preceded by a small white square icon. The list includes: Jerome Haferd (02/10), Emanuel Admassu (02/10), Curry Hackett (02/10), Jennifer Newsom (02/10), Craig Wilkins (02/17), Justin Garrett Moore (02/24), Amber Wiley (03/03), Shawn Rickenbacker (03/10), Jeffrey Nesbitt (03/10), Iman Ansari (03/17), Tara A. Dudley (03/24), Shani Peters (03/31), Joseph A. Cuillier (03/31), Yasmeen Lari (04/07), Kishwar Rizvi (04/07), and Cameron Rowland (04/28). At the bottom left, the website "tinyurl.com/SSA-RBS" is listed. At the bottom right, a small note states: "All lectures are on Thursdays at 6pm NYC time and are open to the public. Zoom links at [ssa.cuny.edu](#) | [whatsonatssa](#) | [tinyurl.com/ssa-u](#)". On the far right edge, the text "Spitzer The Bernard A. and Susan S. Spitzer School of Architecture The City College of New York" is written vertically in a small, white, sans-serif font.

SPRING 22 LECTURES

Sciame Lecture Series

Radical Black Space

Convened by Marta Gutman and Jerome Haferd

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All lectures will be presented via Zoom, are free, open to the public, and held on Thursdays at 6pm NYC time.

Registration is required to attend each lecture.



Virtual Tours

Know someone who might be interested in studying at Spitzer? Please share our upcoming tour dates!

[Register here](https://asa.cuny.edu)

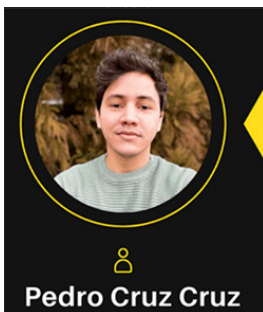
B. Arch '22 student, Nicole Bass, has been appointed as **Vice President-elect** of the 2022-2023 AIAS Board of Directors.

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Ahmed Helal (B.Arch '22 candidate) **received the John A. Notaro Memorial Scholarship** for his proposal *Monumentality and Public Space*, questioning the existing architecture of Untermyer Park and Gardens in Yonkers, NY.

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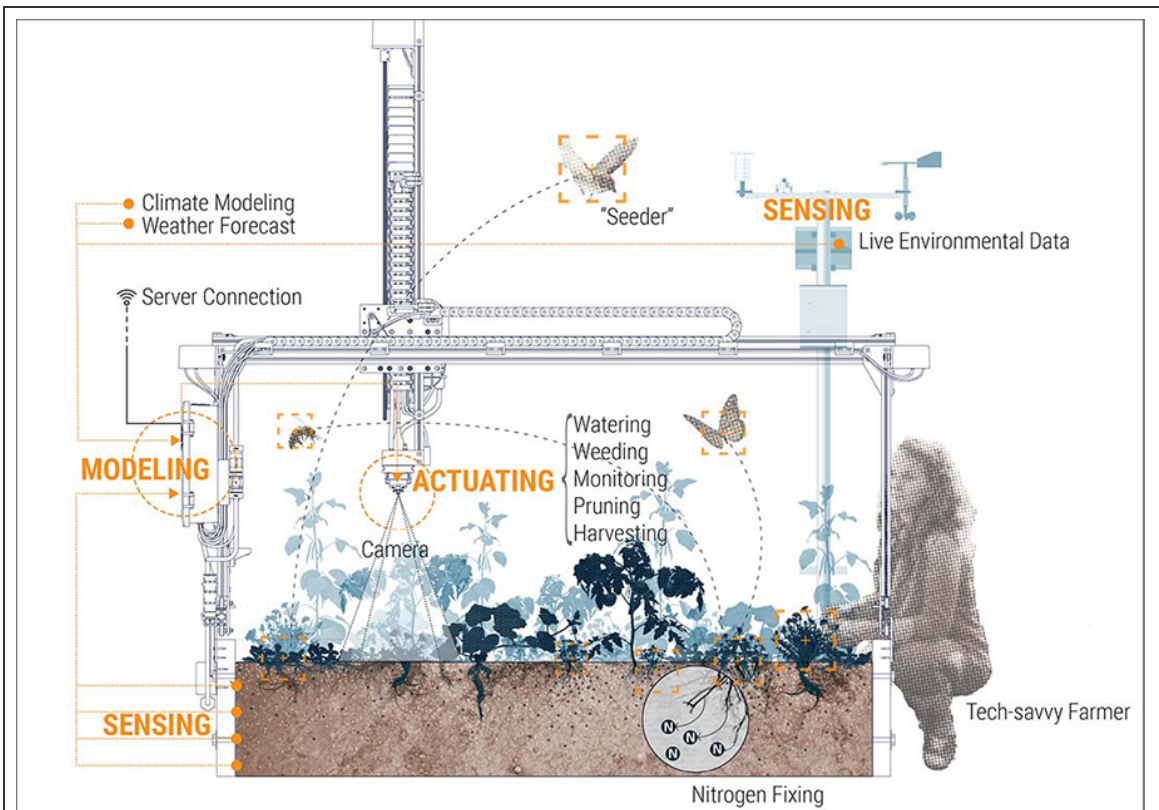


Third-year M. Arch student Pedro Cruz Cruz's article on the street vendors in The Bronx's Corona Plaza was published as the **main feature** on [Urban Omnibus](#), a publication of the Architectural League of New York.

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Catherine Seavitt Nordenson, director of Spitzer's Master of Architecture Landscape program was named as one of the winners in the UNM School of Architecture's **book and lecture award**, *On The Brinck*. -- [Read more](#)



Professors Zihao Zhang and Christian Volkmann, in collaboration with Professors Zhigang Zhu (Computer Science at CCNY) and Susan Epstein (Computer Science at Hunter College), have received the 2022 CUNY **Interdisciplinary Research Grant for Growing Urban Food with Robotics**.

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Spitzer chair, June Williamson, talks about **retrofitting suburbia** in this CNBC mini-documentary about the impact of the suburban sprawl on the U.S. economy.

[Watch the video](#)

Spitzer Partners With Deans' Equity and Inclusion Initiative



Spitzer is now officially a partner school of the [Dean's Equity and Inclusion Initiative \(DEII\)](#) and plans to become a contributing member to support this nationwide initiative, which aligns with Spitzer's own mission – to change the face of architecture and be a vessel for equity and inclusion. [Read more](#)

Spitzer Donates to Another Worthy Cause

Marta Gutman, on behalf Spitzer, initiated a generous donation to the Harlem non-profit organization [While We Are Still Here \(WWSH\)](#). “It’s so important to support the on-the-ground endeavors of groups like WWSH. They are taking the lead, and we need to do all that we can to facilitate their work,” says Dean Gutman. [Read more](#)



The JEDI Initiative Committee

The JEDI committee at Spitzer consists of students, staff, and faculty who are examining what the diversity we've always celebrated actually means at our institution. From its inception, the committee has strived to look across all aspects of the school for ways in which we can further cultivate a learning environment rooted in mutual respect, inclusivity, and compassion.

[Watch the recent interview with JEDI chair Michael Miller.](#)





Spitzer B. Arch alum, Alex Nizhikhovskiy, recently **made partner at award-winning architecture and interiors firm, The Turrett Collaborative (TTC).**

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SSA professors and B. Arch alumni, Ilva Dodaj and Domingo Gonzalez, were crowned as **winners of the 2021 LIT Design Awards in Interior Architectural Illumination** for their project “Daniel Patrick Moynihan Train Hall”. [Read more](#)



Spitzer Alumni Named AIA NYS Honor Award Recipients

[Willy Zambrano](#) (BS. Arch '90 B. Arch '92) and [William Gati](#) (B. Arch '82, MUP '84) received The Matthew W. Del Gaudio Award and The Educator Award, respectively.

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