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School of Architecture

The City College
of New York



Dear Friends of SSA,

Here's a quick account of the changes that are under way at SSA. The faculty elected a [new chair](#); an [associate dean](#) and new [full-time faculty](#) were appointed, and [the inaugural fellows via our Spitzer Fellowship program](#) were selected. The new colleagues, whom we will welcome in the fall, include [William Brinkman-Clark](#) as our visiting scholar.

Meanwhile, our JEDI Committee has guided the school in creating a [Racial Equity Statement of Purpose](#) to inform our efforts to bring the everyday activities and interactions at the Spitzer School more closely in line with our vision of a fully equal, respectful, and supportive community.

Other than that, as always, we have upcoming events to share, congratulations to extend, and news to point out.

We hope you enjoy the read.

Also, please [send us your stories, news, and achievements](#) and follow us on

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Twitter](#).

Yours,

Marta Gutman

Dean and Professor of Architecture

Faculty and Staff Highlights



New Administrative Appointments:

- [Michael Miller](#): Interim Associate Dean
- [Sean Weiss](#): Chair of the Architecture Department
- [Fran Leadon](#): Deputy Chair
- [Annemarie Daniel](#): Director of Undergraduate Affairs

[Jerome Haferd and Dr. Laura Sara Wainer will join the full-time faculty](#) of the Spitzer School starting in fall 2022.



[William Brinkman-Clark](#) from the Universidad Autónoma de México [will join Spitzer as a visiting scholar](#) during the fall semester, bringing his interest in “Movement, Change, and Fixity in Contemporary Architectural Thought and Pedagogy.”





Jesse McCormick and Mariana Righi have been selected as the inaugural Spitzer Fellows, to be in residence at Spitzer during the 2022-23 academic year. McCormick will work on “Speculative/Unspeculative: Land Banks in New York State,” while Righi’s project is “Construction of a Concrete-Foam Structure Using Recycled EPS Formwork, Computer Vision, and Robotic Fabrication.”

Dean’s Service Awards:

Service: Amy Daniel

Teaching: Mohammad Bolhassani

Mentorship: Paul Ruppert

Special citation for service: June Williamson



Professor Mohammad Bolhassani PhD is part of a team selected to receive \$2.4 million in funding from the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) of the U.S. Department of Energy. The objective of the research project, part of HESTIA (*Harnessing Emissions into Structures Taking Input from the Atmosphere*), is to investigate technologies for the transformation of traditional structures into net carbon storage structures.

Professor [Zihao Zhang](#) was nominated as an [early career fellow of the Dean's Equity and Inclusion Initiative](#) (DEII). Together with 16 other early career faculty, Zhang was recently welcomed into the second cohort of this scholarly development program.



Lindsay Harkema (pictured) and Kaja Kühl are named 2022 NYSCA Architecture + Design Independent Projects Grant recipients. In the first year of the League's Independent Projects partnership with NYSCA, 18 design proposals were selected for grants of \$10,000 each.

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Events

FALL 2022 LECTURE SERIES

Our Fall Sciame Lecture Series is called [***Border Crossings: Architecture and Migration in the Americas***](#) and presents meditations on the topic of migration from nontraditional, creative, and interdisciplinary perspectives. The distinguished speakers -- architects, landscape architects, architecture historians, social historians, a philosopher, an anthropologist, and an attorney -- question conventions, especially the conceptualization of migration as linear. They frame migration as a multivalent process, considering the lived realities and material conditions of migration, historically and in the present.

All lectures are in-person and free (with Zoom option available).

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Ana María León Sept 8
Gabriel Díaz Montemayor Sept 15
Claudio Lomnitz Sept 21
C.J. Alvarez Oct 6
Sarah Lynn Lopez Oct 13
William Brinkman-Clark Oct 27
Miguel Rábago Nov 3
Loreta Castro & Gabriela Carrillo Nov 10
Arturo Ortiz Struck Nov 17

BORDER CROSSINGS: ARCHITECTURE AND MIGRATION IN THE AMERICAS

Special Lecture
Paul Farber Oct 20

FALL 22 SCIAME LECTURE SERIES

All lectures are in-person, free, and held at 6pm NYC time.
Please check current campus access protocols here: tinyurl.com/CCNYclearV

Missed one of our Spring 2022 lecture events? View the archived videos of our lecture series [here](#).

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LECTURES

Sciame Lecture Series
Radical Black Space
Convened by Marta Gutman and Jerome Haford

This year's Spring Sciame Lecture Series, themed Radical Black Space, brings together architects, preservationists, planners, artists, and historians of color at a precarious moment in time. Speakers will touch on many questions: How do the places, networks, and things made by Black Americans offer possible emancipatory frameworks for America? How is difference celebrated? What constitutes architect spatial practice? Radical Black Space shows that the Black Radical tradition is alive in art and architecture, and that Black history and study are essential to understanding the present, and shaping the future for us all.

tinyurl.com/SSA-RBS

Jerome Haford 02:00
Emanuel Admassu 02:10
Curry Hackett 02:15
Jennifer Newsom 02:25
Craig Wilkins 02:30
Justin Garrett Moore 02:35
Amber Wiley 02:40
Shawn Rickenbacker 02:45
Jeffrey Nesbitt 02:50
Iman Ansari 02:55
Tara A. Dudley 03:00
Shani Peters 03:05
Joseph A. Cullier 03:10
Yasmeen Lari 03:15
Kishwar Rizvi 03:20
Cameron Rowland 03:25



Summer @ Spitzer: After a two-year hiatus, the [Career Lab in Architecture](#) and [College Now](#) programs for young students and career changers were reinstated, led by Professors Paul Ruppert and Demir Purisic (B.Arch '15), respectively.

In-Person Tours Are Back

We're happy to be back with in-person tours for prospective students. [Please share our upcoming information sessions.](#)



SACRPH Conference - 10/20

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History [cordially invites scholars and practitioners to present papers and talks](#) on all aspects of urban, regional, and community planning history and their relationship to urban and metropolitan studies.

Coming Soon

- Spitzer is working on the opening of a new library collection and space dedicated to [Distinguished Professor Michael Sorkin \(1948-2020\)](#), featuring his extensive literary collection.

Student Highlights



The Spitzer community was excited to celebrate its first in-person graduation of the Covid era. [Click here to see a few impressions of the day.](#) New alumni: Don't forget to join our [CCNY Architecture Alumni Association!](#)

Student Awards

At the end of the 2021-22 school year, we were proud to honor winners of prestigious scholarships from the Center for Architecture, Landscape Architecture Foundation, Bronx AIA, among many others. Congratulations to all of these students, and many thanks to the generous donors! [[Read more](#)]



B.Arch class of 2023 student Alix Solomon [has been awarded a Gensler Rising Black Designers Scholarship tuition scholarship for \\$10,000!](#) This annual program awards scholarships and opportunities for summer internships to underrepresented Black students enrolled in U.S. not-for-profit architecture programs.

Spitzer's New Changemaker Scholars

We are pleased to share that Dave Hardy M Arch '24, Helly Kamdar MS Arch '23, and Anita Beach MLA '24 will be working within the school community in the coming academic year. Their projects, respectively, deal with reducing anxiety around creative feedback and facilitating hands-on material exploration, reusing and refurbishing disposed materials.

Giving and Growth

Beyer Blinder Belle Foundation's Gift to Spitzer Students

We are pleased to have available a new \$10,000 scholarship, courtesy of the [Beyer Blinder Belle Foundation](#), which advances diversity and the role of architecture, planning, and preservation in strengthening the physical and social fabric of our cities, communities, and institutions.

Questioning DesignIntelligence Rankings

Spitzer joins Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, and many more in crafting a critical [open letter about DesignIntelligence Rankings](#).

JEDI Committee at SSA

The Spitzer School is deeply committed to furthering justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism within the academy and the design professions. [Read our Racial Equity Statement and find out about our JEDI initiatives here.](#)

Where Are They Now?

Spitzer alumna Rose Salane (UD '20) is featured in a new *Art21* film, part of the award-winning digital film series *New York Close Up*. Her installation, *64,000 Attempts at Circulation* (2022), featured in the film, is currently on view at the [Whitney Biennial 2022: Quiet as It's Kept](#) through September 5, 2022.



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Spitzer alum [Pedro Cruz Cruz](#) (M.Arch '22) has been selected to form part of the [2022 Lisbon Triennale Terra exhibition](#) and has been shortlisted for the [Master's Millenium BCP Universities Competition Award](#).

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In Other (Non-Academic) News

Congratulations to these sweet Spitzer alumni, here captured on our roof!

Armita and Krystian first met in SSA's B.Arch program from which they graduated in 2019 and 2020, respectively. "Spitzer will always hold a special place in our hearts," says Armita.



[More Photos](#)

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