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December 2023

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Spitzer School as the fall semester draws to a close. I'd like to thank you for being part of our vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends, colleagues, and partners. Together, you constitute the fabric that makes up our school, that supports it, and that extends its influence throughout our city, our country, and our world.

Please check out the [Spitzer School Annual Report 2022-2023](#) for a shining snapshot of what we've been up to. It's been a whirlwind of a year: we've welcomed new faculty and staff, launched new initiatives, celebrated distinguished faculty and colleagues and their rich accomplishments and achievements, and advanced fundraising for scholarships, new programs, and more. My campaign to endow the [Michael Sorkin Visiting Distinguished Lecturer Fund](#) is building steam, winning support from leading figures in our community.

Under the auspices of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Humanities in Place program, the Spitzer School of Architecture has received a \$1,500,000 grant to develop a multidisciplinary incubator focused on community-based partnerships and projects that engage built environment design and the humanities through a social justice lens. The Place, Memory and Culture Incubator (PMCI) has launched with Professor [Jerome Haferd](#) and myself as principal investigators and Chair [Sean Weiss](#) as co-PI.

At the start of the fall semester, in partnership with our IT office's "techquity" program, all incoming first-year undergraduate and graduate students received a free materials kit. This gift package included a variety of tools and supplies that support studio and design work – materials that are costly and too often prove to be a financial burden for students. We believe this effort has helped all Spitzer students to begin their professional journeys on a more solid and equitable footing.

Helping students and advancing student success sit at the core of our mission. A new mentoring program, [CAPACity](#), is under development in partnership with the City College Office of Experiential Learning. It is supported by a 5-year, \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program.

I am impressed each day by our students and the work that is ongoing in our studios, classes, and labs. Please come by to see us! There is always room for more: after a full recruitment season of in-person and virtual events this fall, we

look forward to reviewing the incoming student applications. Our [graduate](#) application priority deadline is January 16, and our [undergraduate](#) application deadline is February 1. And we're getting ready to welcome students to Spitzer's new undergraduate major, the Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and the Built Environment in fall 2024.

I wish you and yours a warm holiday season and a happy new year, and thank you for being part of the Spitzer School,

[Marta Gutman](#)

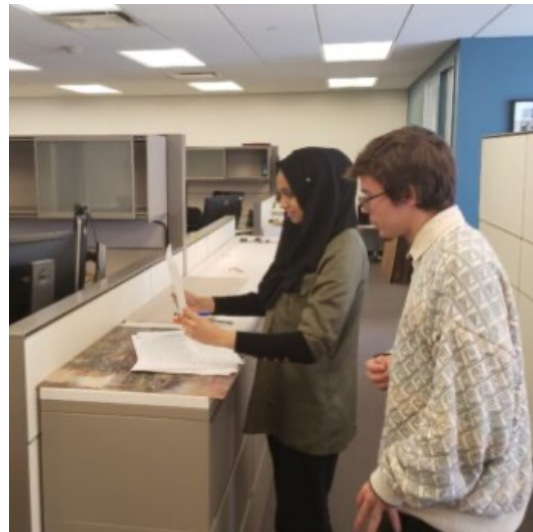
Dean and Professor of Architecture

PS - Please continue to send us your stories, news, and achievements, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Student Highlights

Eight Spitzer students take part in Career Development Internship Program with CUNY Facilities Planning, Construction and Management (FPCM)

The new [Career Development Internship Program](#) hired the interns primarily to assist with a CUNY-Wide occupancy and utilization study, part of the CUNY Strategic Roadmap.





Ten architecture projects by students at City College of New York

Ten Spitzer School student architecture projects featured in Dezeen School Shows

A project examining the street furniture in Manhattan's Chinatown district, a project that explores the relationship between humans and rats in New York City, as well as a scheme that sees the restoration and adaptive reuse of the National Opera House are select projects included in the [featured work](#).

Barcelona Summer Study Abroad Revived

After a years-long break due to COVID, students are studying abroad once again. In the summer, 16 of our students traveled to Barcelona for a summer program led by Professor [Fabian Llorch](#).



Spitzer Students win top prizes in the Montclair Gateway to Aging ADU Design Competition

Top prizes were won by Professor [Jane Kim](#)'s students in the [Montclair Gateway To Aging in Place Accessory Dwelling Unit \(ADU\) Design Competition](#) sponsored by AARP and The Partners for Health Foundation.

Faculty and Staff Highlights

New Staff at Spitzer

We are thrilled to introduce [denisse andrade](#), Director of the Place, Memory, and Culture Incubator, and [Lizzie MacWillie](#), Assistant Director of the J. Max Bond Center For Urban Futures. Welcome, denisse and Lizzie!



New Faculty at Spitzer

We are thrilled to welcome Assistant Professor [Ifeoma Ebo](#) to our faculty. Ifeoma's Spring 2024 elective is titled Principles and Praxis of Design and Spatial Justice. This seminar will explore various principles and practices of using design to address equitable access and environments of safety and well-being, particularly for communities of color. Welcome, Ifeoma!

Prof. Haferd Creates New Public Art for Harlem's Marcus Garvey Park

Professor [Jerome Haferd](#) has designed a [new installation](#) for the nearby Marcus Garvey Park in Harlem, New York. The interactive work entitled “Sankofa” will reopen in spring 2024.



Giving and Growth



Mellon Foundation awards Spitzer School \$1.5M for multidisciplinary community-based incubator

The Spitzer School is the recipient of a [three-year \\$1.5 million grant from the Mellon Foundation](#) to support a new multidisciplinary Place, Memory and Culture Incubator (PMCI). The incubator's focus will be community-based partnerships and projects in Harlem that engage built-environment design and the humanities through a social-justice lens.

Mark and Carol Willis donate \$25,000 to the Michael Sorkin Visiting Distinguished Lecturer Fund

Mark Willis and Carol Willis have [donated a gift](#) to the Michael Sorkin Visiting Distinguished Lecturer Fund. The donors pledged \$25,000 which they offered as a match to inspire contributions of \$10,000 or less. Encouraging those who can only make such smaller gifts is both important and welcome. Click here to [donate](#).



Events and Outreach

Spitzer School of Architecture Virtual Tour

Check out new facilities such as the Advanced Building Construction (ABC) Lab, the Digital Fabrication Lab, and the Robotics Lab in the recent [virtual tour](#) filmed by Gilbert Santana B Arch `19.



Speakers Explore Southwest Asia and North Africa

Our Fall Sciame Lecture Series, "[Crosscurrents: Architecture, Landscape, and Spatial Practices in Southwest Asia and North Africa](#)," brought together designers, scholars, practitioners, and activists who engage the territories of Southwest Asia and North Africa.

Spitzer architecture students reimagine a new future for the Kingsbridge Armory

Spitzer students attended a [celebration for the future redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory](#) and displayed the models they made for an architectural competition to reimagine the space in the Armory parking lot on Sunday, Sept. 17th.





Career Fair

Save the date! The school's annual [Career Fair](#) will take place in person on February 29, 2024, led by CCNY's [CPDI](#). [Employer/recruiter registration is open now!](#) Please note that capacity is limited, and we encourage early registration.

Where Are They Now?

Spitzer Alumni Selected as Forefront Fellows

Congratulations to two Spitzer alumni who are among the talented young urbanists selected for the [Urban Design Forum's 2023 Class of Forefront Fellows](#), Rujuta Naringrekar (MLA `20) and Matthew Mbamelu (B Arch `16).



CCNY Alumnus Frank J. Sciame Received 2023 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal

Distinguished architect and 1974 City College of New York alumnus Frank J. Sciame is a recipient of the [2023 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Medal from the Municipal Art Society \(MAS\)](#). The honor is for making a lasting contribution to New York City through his vision, leadership, and his philanthropy. Congratulations, Frank!

**Emmanuel Thingue BSLA `86
B Arch `91 featured in
The NY Times**

The NY Times [recently profiled](#)
Emmanuel Thingue BSLA `86
B Arch `91, a visionary landscape
architect, who is retiring after
designing more than 30 iconic New
York City parks.



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