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Greetings from the Spitzer School of Architecture!

It's high summer here at the Spitzer School -- hot as blazes outside the building and cool as a cucumber inside our offices. We're using this moment to step back and catch our breath after a tumultuous school year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! You are off and running, and I hope you enjoy your next steps, be it a pause for summer travel or a direct plunge into your career. Congratulations, also, to the alumni who have become licensed as architects or landscape architects; vaulting this hurdle is quite an accomplishment.

Have a look at the accomplishments of Spitzer faculty and students; I hope you enjoy reading about their awards, honors, and fellowships, and learning about the engagement that informs so much of the work at Spitzer. If you're inclined to come for a visit, please be in touch. This is a time when we open the doors to aspiring young designers and welcome these students from our extended community to summer programs that introduce them to architecture and the allied professions. The studios are humming, the energy is high, and the work is impressive.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer! Please share your suggestions! Please take part in governance! And please remember: the first day of classes is

Wednesday, August 28th.

[Marta Gutman, PhD](#)

Dean and Professor of Architecture

Class of 2024



Commencement Ceremony

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2024! The Spitzer School is incredibly proud of their achievements and excited to see what the future holds for them. Click [here](#) for the list of graduates and their awards and scholarships.

We also send congratulations to the talented continuing students recognized at the annual [Spitzer Awards Ceremony](#) and appreciation for the many donors lending support. Their contributions and commitment are truly inspiring.

Place, Memory, and Culture Incubator



Uptown Grand Central Pop-Up Exhibition and Activation

On May 16, SSA hosted a vibrant pop-up exhibition and activation event at [Uptown Grand Central Plaza](#). This event was the culmination of our semester-long [PMCI](#) (Place, Memory, and Culture Incubator) course, Generative Harlem Histories Part 1 - 125th Street Corridor, led by Prof. [Jerome Haferd](#).

After engaging deeply with the Harlem community, architecture students showcased projects that explored the rich culture and history of 125th Street, guided by our esteemed community partners including the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCCADI), Uptown Grand Central, While We Are Still Here (WWASH), artist Franco (The Great) Gaskin, historian Michael Henry Adams, and more! We extend our deepest gratitude to these partners for their unwavering support and to Uptown Grand Central for co-hosting this memorable event.

Student Highlights



Hollander Design Fellowship Awards

Congratulations to Dana Ladd MLA '26 and Musa Matiwane MLA '26 for their achievements! They are the proud recipients of the 2023 Hollander Design Fellowship awards. A heartfelt thank you to [Hollander Design Landscape Architects](#) and its president and SSA Dean's Advisory Council member, Edmund Hollander, for their commitment to diversity in the field and their generous contributions.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Renewable Ravenswood Helped by CCNY

Shiva Abbaszadeh B Arch '24 and Mateo Penafiel B Arch '24 made a significant impact on New York City's energy landscape through their work with [Rise Light & Power](#).

For more information please click [here](#).



Pop Joslaine Manos is 2024 Moynihhan Center Public Service Fellow

Congratulations to Pop Joslaine Manos B Arch '26 for being selected as one of the esteemed Moynihhan Center Public Service Fellows for 2024! With this prestigious fellowship, Pop joins a cohort of 22 CCNY outstanding students from diverse backgrounds, each committed to making a positive impact through public service.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Faculty Highlights



Prof. Topolnytska co-curates exhibition at Center for Architecture

“[Constructing Hope: Ukraine](#)” an exhibition co-curated by Prof. [Sasha Topolnytska](#) runs until September 3, 2024, at AIA New York Center for Architecture.

The exhibition presents the work of over a dozen participants currently applying architectural thinking to support Ukraine’s short- and long-term reconstruction efforts.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Prof. Bolhassani shares insights on Baltimore Bridge Collapse

Prof. [Damon Bolhassani](#) spoke with FOX LiveNOW's Josh Breslow about the structural factors involved in the tragic collapse of the Key Bridge in Baltimore.

You can see the full interview [here](#).

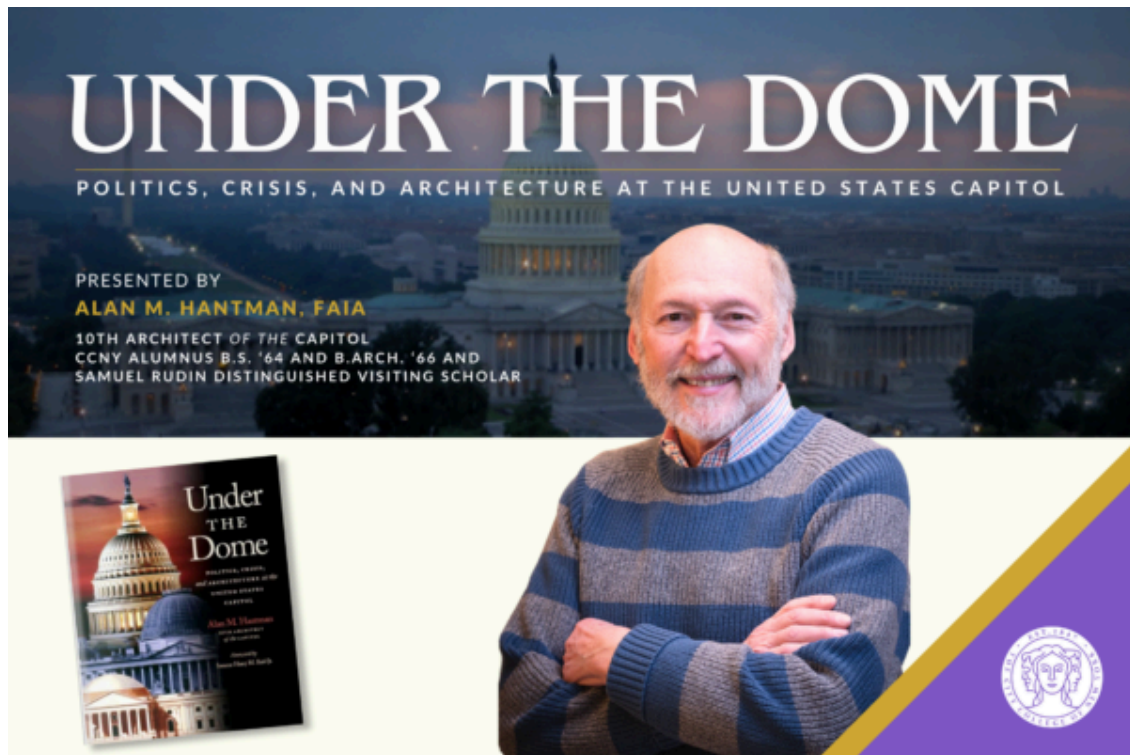


Prof. Ebo Wins Prestigious Placement in Climate Change Workshop

Join us in celebrating Prof. [Ifeoma Ebo](#) for her outstanding achievement in being selected for the esteemed 2024 Cohort for the Academy for Public Scholarship on the Built Environment: CLIMATE ACTION.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Upcoming Events



Alum to Deliver Samuel Rudin Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture

[Join us](#) for an engaging evening with Alan M. Hantman, FAIA, the 10th Architect of the Capitol and a proud alumnus of CCNY (BS '65, B Arch '66, MUP '79). Hantman will delve into the fascinating intersection of politics, crisis, and architecture at the United States Capitol in his lecture titled "Under The Dome." Join us for this at the Spitzer School of Architecture on Thursday, September 19, starting at 5:30 pm. Following the lecture, there will be a book signing session.

Registration for the event will be live soon.

Alumni Highlights



Newly Licensed Architecture Alumni

Chitra Mamidela B Arch '17, MS SUS '19, Isabella Joseph B Arch '20, and Dariel Levan B Arch '21 are some of the recent SSA graduates to have completed the architecture licensure process in New York State. Congratulations to them on this accomplishment!!

SSA students: During your studies, you can start your NCARB record, take the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), and log Architecture Experience Program (AXP) hours. Please contact our architecture licensing advisor, Director of Graduate Affairs Hannah Borgeson via [Navigate](#).

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