

SPITZER CONVOCATION

Spring 2025





WELCOME





“Undocumented New Yorkers are our family and friends, classmates and community leaders, who make us better through their diversity and strength of spirit. We remain committed to fighting for justice for our undocumented students and making sure they are receiving the help they need to complete their education.”

Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez



SSA COMMUNITY

(STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF)

22 OUT OF EVERY 100
members identify as

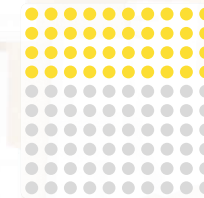
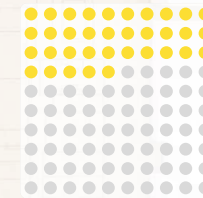
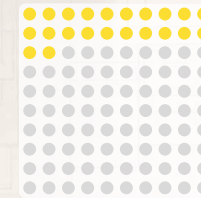
PART OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

35 OUT OF EVERY 100
members were

BORN IN A
FOREIGN COUNTRY

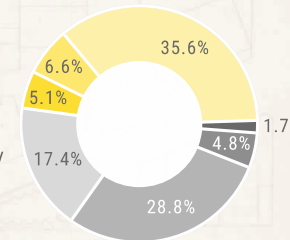
40 OUT OF EVERY 100
students are

FIRST-GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS



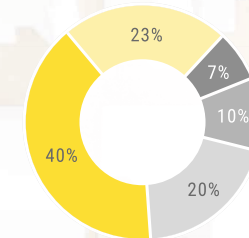
RACIAL/
ETHNIC
DIVERSITY
OF
STUDENTS/
FACULTY/
STAFF

- White
- African American/Black
- Afro-Caribbean
- Asian American/Asian
- Hispanic/Latino/a
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Native American/Alaskan Native



HOURS
STUDENTS
WORK
WEEKLY

- 1 to 10
- 11 to 20
- 21 to 30
- 31 to 40
- Over 40



50% of students work while attending SSA.



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Know Your Rights Resources for Immigrant New Yorkers

Last updated January 27, 2025

MOIA's Know Your Rights Booklets

The NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs has created Know Your Rights booklets in multiple languages to share information and resources if:

- ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents approach you
- What to do if your friend and family member is detained
- Sanctuary City Laws in New York City.

Download the booklets below.



Know Your Rights with ICE

If ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents approach you, you have rights!

- English
- Arabic | العربية
- Bengali | বাংলা
- Chinese (Simplified) | 简化字
- Chinese (Traditional) | 正體字
- French | français
- Haitian Creole | kreyòl ayisyen
- Korean | 한국어
- Polish | Polskie
- Russian | русский
- Spanish | Español

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/legal-resources/know-your-rights-federal-immigration-enforcement-ice>

CUNY Office of Undocumented and Immigrant Student Programs

<https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/cuny-immigrant-student-success/>



**Office of Undocumented
and Immigrant Student
Programs**

What's Next: Supporting Immigrant Students

<https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/cuny-immigrant-student-success/undocumented-student-support>



Speakers

- Cynthia Carvajal, CUNY UISP
- Profs. Nermeen Arastu & Talia Peleg, Co-Directors of the Immigrant and Non-Citizen Rights Clinic, CUNY School of Law
- Tania Mattos, Unlocal
- Shawn Rahman, CUNY Citizenship Now
- Maria Vera, New York State Youth Leadership Council

CCNY POLICIES

Please understand and please remember:

The CCNY campus buildings are designated “PRIVATE SPACE.” Please have your validated CCNY ID handy; it is required for entry.

The CCNY policy regarding the disclosure of information to outsiders making inquiries is this: such inquiries should be immediately referred to Paul Occhiogrosso, Esq., Executive Counsel to the President (CCNY). An inquiry may come in person or by email, phone call, text, or another form of social media. Refer **any and all inquiries** to Mr. Occhiogrosso.

There is no plan to disclose information to outsiders without them having the legal means to compel disclosure from City College.

The Immigrant Student Center, in NAC 6/204, is a crucial resource for students.

Angelo Cabrera will be the Director of the [Immigrant Student Center](#), starting February 10th. Angelo, once an undocumented student, has dedicated his career to supporting migrants by providing access to educational opportunities, legal support, and financial resources.

Under Angelo's leadership, the center will offer comprehensive support including financial aid application assistance, fostering community belonging, and connecting our students to legal services, mental health resources, and emergency financial support. He will keep immigrant students informed about evolving immigration policies and offer "knowing your rights" sessions to empower them further.



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SEARCH LOGIN

ABOUT ACADEMICS ADMISSIONS RESEARCH STUDENT AFFAIRS SUPPORT CCNY

IMMIGRANT STUDENT CENTER FOR RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

HOME GUIDING PRINCIPLES CCNY DREAM TEAM FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS CUNY CITIZENSHIP NOW! EVENTS

Home / Immigrant Student Center for Resources and Research

ABOUT

The CCNY Immigrant Student Center for Resources and Research supports and guides immigrant students to enroll, navigate, and complete their college degrees. The Center serves students who are undocumented, have precarious immigration status, and are first-generation immigrants. The Center is an entity within the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at The City College of New York.

<https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/cuny-immigrant-student-success/>



SPITZER POLICIES

- Each division is appointing a “Policy Liaison”; Dean Marta Gutman is the point of contact for Spitzer.
- The Spitzer building is **open on weekdays, and Saturdays, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, with a security guard on duty.** A key card call is needed to open the building on Sunday.
- Your validated CCNY ID is required for entry.
- No refrigerators, no microwaves, no food in studios—please work with Jason and his team to keep the building vermin-free; no cots, to keep you healthy!
- Please stay home if you’re not feeling well! Check the CUNY website for updates:
<https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/return-campus>



WELCOME BACK EVENTS

Today @ 5:30 pm Spitzer Café Lounge

THURSDAY 1/30

2pm Convocation | Aaron Davis Hall

5:30pm Pizza Picnic | Café Lounge 2nd Floor



I-BEAN CAFE IS OPEN



Hours:
Monday to Thursday,
9:00-5:00
Friday: TBA

Offerings:
coffee/tea/hot
chocolate/muffins/fruit/
more to come!

Staff:
Adriana, manager
Lia, barista
Katherine, barista

No cash payments

Thank you, Camille Hall!



CUNY is implementing enhanced cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive data and reduce risks, in light of breaches at CUNY campuses.

This is the new policy--**BLOCK THEN NOTIFY**—and it is effective immediately. It applies to:

- email accounts
- servers
- workstations

SSA IT will help you recover. Come ask for assistance, if you're blocked.

You can protect yourself:

- change your passwords
- use different passwords for different accounts
- do not respond to spam; do not click on links from sources not known to you; do not reply to urgent appeals



PUBLIC EVENTS AT SPITZER

STILL MAKING SPACE FOR GENDER

Convened by Marta Gutman and Sean Weiss

Still Making Space for Gender, centers women and LGBTQIA+ folk in the built environment. While the discourse framing gender morphs and gender identities broaden and become more intersectional, the predicament remains the same. Women and LGBTQIA+ folk continue to struggle against exploitation and fight for equal rights and equity in opportunities in the United States, with this situation troubling unrelenting claims of exceptionalism at home and abroad. Although gender politics are ever present, achievements are hard-won and sometimes rolled back in the face of misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, and other ingrained expressions of exclusion. Buildings, cities, and landscapes are not only where battles over gender unfurl, but these spaces also foster identities and incite change. In this lecture series, trailblazing women and LGBTQIA+ design practitioners, scholars, and activists—working in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design—insist that gender must remain in sharp focus if we are to shape equitable and just built environments.

With thanks to Nick Smith!

Thursday, Feb. 6
SARA ZEWADE
The Aesthetics of Being

Monday, Feb. 10
JOEL SANDERS
Building Belonging: Equity, Health and Wellbeing in Public Space

Thursday, Feb. 20
JACK JEN GIESEKING
Lesbian Bars/Queer Parties: On How We Can Never Afford Them and Why We Need Them Anyway

Thursday, Feb. 27
DOLORES HAYDEN
Domestic Revolutions, Then and Now

Thursday, Mar. 20
CHELINA ODBERT
Toward a Just Public Realm: Gender Equity in the Built Environment

Thursday, Apr. 03
DESPINA STRATIGAKOS
A Collaborative (Re)turn: Feminist Architectural Historians Join Forces and Get Things Done... Again

Special Events:

Lewis Mumford Lecture:
Thursday, Mar. 13
AIMI HAMRAIE
Rethinking Livability

Thursday, Apr. 10
**YAEL MELAMEDE,
MARY MCLEOD**
Film Screening and Panel Discussion:
Ada - My Mother the Architect



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School of Architecture

The City College
of New York **CUNY**



Thursday, Feb. 6
SARA ZEWDE
The Aesthetics of Being

Spring 2025
Sciame Lecture Series



RETHINKING LIVABILITY



Image by Aimi Hamraie.

SPRING 2025 LEWIS MUMFORD LECTURE

Funding provided by the Bernard & Anne Spitzer School of Architecture Fund

Each spring, the Spitzer School of Architecture and its Urban Design Program present the Lewis Mumford Lecture and seminar. Named for writer, architecture critic, and urbanist Lewis Mumford, who attended City College, the series invites the world's most distinguished urbanists to speak freely and publicly about the future of cities and the social purposes of architecture.

This series was initiated by the late Michael Sorkin, distinguished professor of architecture and director of the Urban Design Program at the Spitzer School, and curated by him for eleven years.

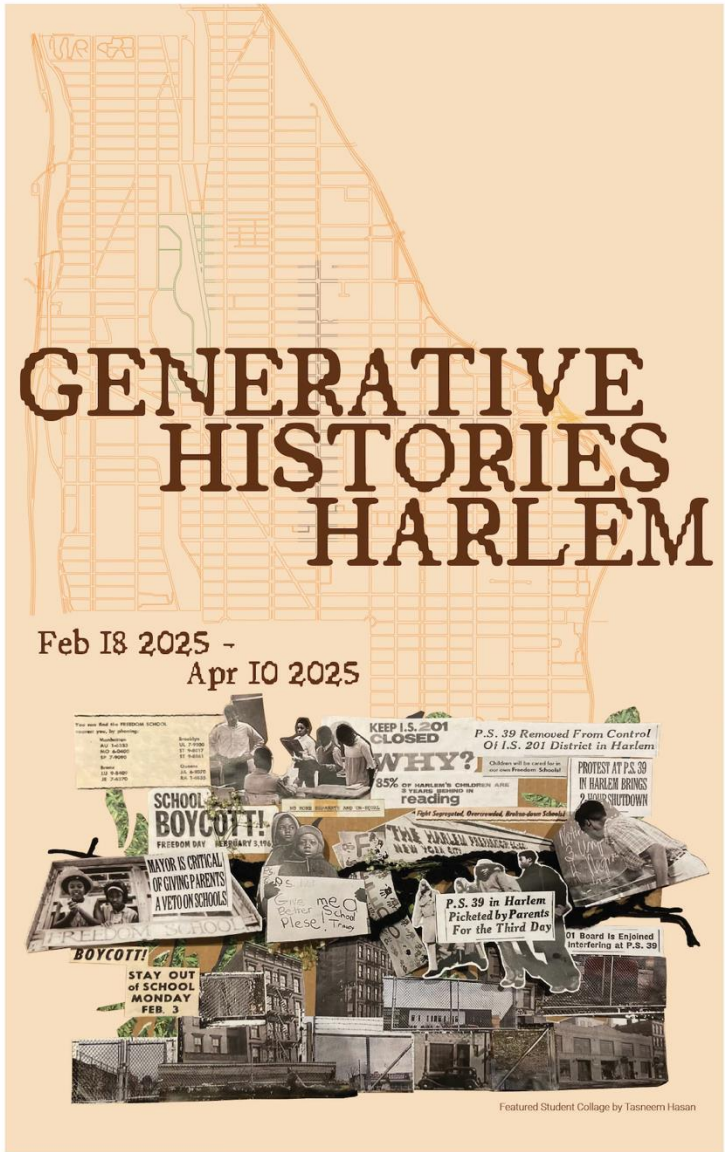
AIMI HAMRAIE

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 5:30PM

Live captioning and ASL interpretation will be available upon request. For access requests or questions, please contact ssadean@ccny.cuny.edu.

All lectures are in-person and free.

Sciame Auditorium | Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, 141 Convent Avenue at West 135th Street, New York, NY 10031



Feb 18 PMCI exhibit opening

FACILITIES

- The capital projects are almost complete!
- The atrium/gallery: scaffolding will be dismantled in February.
- Finishing touches are in process on the rooftop. Opening date TBA, this spring.
- The fabrication/robotics labs will be ready to use in early February.
- The Bond Center repairs will start in the spring.

Thanks to Jason Garcia!



CITY LABS

A collective for architecture and design innovation
at the Spitzer School of Architecture

We are expanding our lab spaces to create three state-of-the-art research facilities: the Robotics Lab, Living Systems Lab, and Advanced Building Construction Lab. These labs will facilitate pioneering research and give students interdisciplinary experience that will prepare them for the jobs of the future in robotics, architecture, and related fields.

Your investment will support:

- Educating innovative leaders to address global challenges
- Building a sustainable, high-tech future to combat the climate crisis
- Expanding City Labs' interdisciplinary spaces for collaborative solutions
- Providing cutting-edge, affordable education for all

Together, we can shape a high-tech, sustainable future.
Thank you for supporting our mission!



Review proposal & donate

ROBOTICS LAB



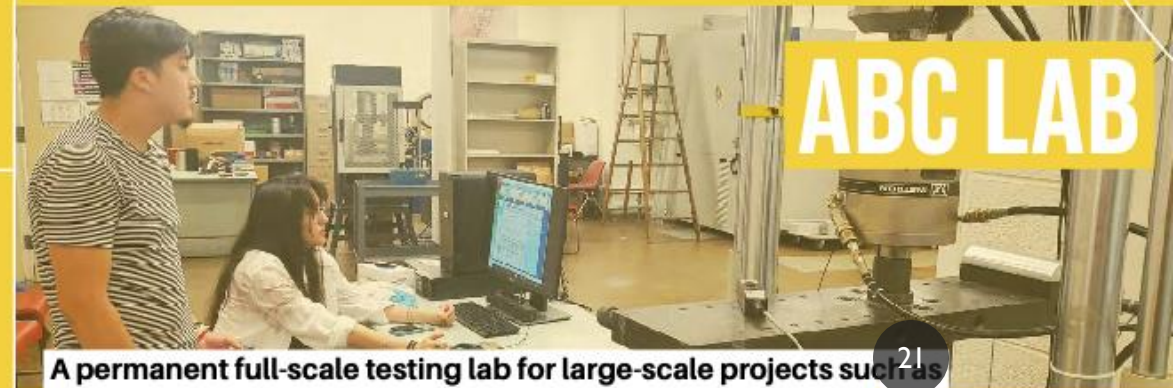
Advanced robotic and automation facilities to support
a variety of constituents and programs

LIVING SYSTEMS LAB



A wet lab dedicated to lab-scale experiments to advance
research in built and environmental sustainability

ABC LAB



A permanent full-scale testing lab for large-scale projects such as
concrete printing, stone curving, and masonry construction



The Sorkin Reading Room is open! You need to make a reservation!

Please email requests to archlibrary@ccny.cuny.edu.

Spitzer Stars



Michael Sorkin
Urban Design Program Director 2000-2020



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Led the profound transformation of the Urban Design Program at the Spitzer School of Architecture, steering the school away from trends, styles, and disciplinary silos and toward a deeply poly-symphonic mission of creating new, equitable, beautiful, and sustainable forms and technologies for the city and urbanity at large

Produced a prodigious output of essays, lectures, and designs, all promoting social justice, which established him as the political conscience in the field

KEY PROJECT

Founder of the Terreform Center for Advanced Urban Research, an interdisciplinary nonprofit dedicated to achieving socially equitable urbanism

VISION

Through his practice and teaching, showed us that the city is part of larger ecological and social systems that contribute so much toward equanimity and sheer pleasure



the City College of New York
To Chancellor Matthew Goldstein (Class of 1942)
Our heartfelt appreciation for your staunch support and leadership in creating the Bernard and Alice Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York
September 14, 2020
BY CHANCELLOR

The Bernard and Alice Spitzer School of Architecture
September 14, 2020
We honor Bernard Spitzer, City College Alumnae (Class of 1942) and his wife, Alice Spitzer, Good House of the City College whose unwavering commitment and generous spirit will always be remembered by current faculty and alumni of The City College of New York.

The Bernard and Alice Spitzer School of Architecture
September 14, 2020
Dedicated in honor of Professor B. Williams, the first President of The City College of New York, whose unwavering leadership, generous spirit and vision will always be remembered by current faculty and alumni of The City College of New York.





Other alterations and improvements: The Sciame Auditorium!
Thank you, Prof. Llonch!



Pinboards have been placed near all elevators and sinks. Please only post flyers in those areas. Please remove flyers after events.



Thank you Evi Abeler and Jason Garcia!



The photo studio is open!

Stay tuned for an update about new gear and workshops led by Evi Abeler.

Thank you, Evi!



STUDENTS

MERCH MADNESS COMPETITION

WHAT TO DESIGN

Hoodie

T-Shirt

Tote Bag

Water Bottle

COLOR SCHEME

All merch must be sleek and black, with pops of white and/or yellow! Must use CCNY +CCNY Spitzer Logos!

VOTING TIME

Vote through Google Form

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK!



WIN \$250
BLICK
CREDIT/
SSA MERCH!

SUBMISSIONS DUE

3/1/2025

APPLY NOW!

Need help or have questions? Send us an email
ccny@aias.org



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Architect Licensure Advising: Plenty of info for licensure candidates aka future architects

- Self-service info station by CAD Lab
- Professional Practice and Ethics class required in our NAAB-accredited programs
- Architecture Licensure Info Session scheduled for April 30 – part of Professional Practice class and open to all
- Hannah Borgeson (staff) and Sam Ehrman (student) are the school-wide Architect Licensure Advisors and are available for consultation.



**THURSDAY
FEB 27, 2025
11:30AM-2PM**

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CAREER FAIR

**INTERNSHIPS
CONNECTIONS
FEEDBACK
JOBS**

REGISTER

Spitzer Career Fair

*Thurs., Feb. 27, 2025,
club hours*

To help you prepare, the Architecture Alumni Group will sponsor its annual speed mentoring session:

*Thursday, February 13, 2025,
5:30 pm +
2nd floor, near the café and
student lounge.*





FACULTY IN THE LEAD

**Arch Dept Faculty:
Retirements**

Denise Hoffman-Brandt



**Arch Dept Faculty:
NEW ADJUNCT
FACULTY**

Rebecca	Bachman
Lafina	Eptaminitaki
Juan	Guzman Palacios
Nick	Fitch
Alexandra	Koval
Elena	M'Bouroukounda
Sharon	Mizbani
Annie	Phaosawasdi
Candelaria	Mas Pohmajevic
Zara	Tamton
Paria	Yavartanoo



N.A.A.B. & ACCREDITATION B.ARCH. + M.ARCH. PROGRAMS



N.A.A.B.
ACCREDITATION

Visit Dates: March 9-12, 2025.

Team Room: Arch III

Greg Overkamp, Associate principal, Ayers Saint Gross
<https://ayerssaintgross.com/people/view/greg-overkamp/>
Team chair

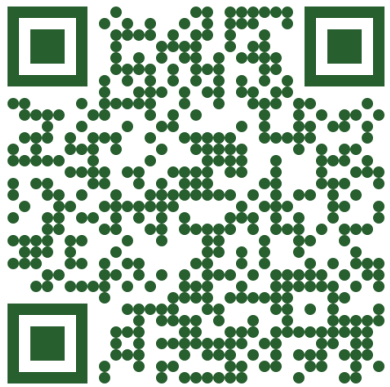
Dr. Jason Rebillot, Director of Graduate Programs, School of Architecture & Design, Wentworth Institute of Technology
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Adrienne Steichen, principal, Pyatok Architecture + Urban Design
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