

WELCOME BACK

STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF

Fall 2025 CONVOCATION



COMMUNITY

Welcome!



Frank Melendez



Malcolm Spruiell



Yuko Suzuki



POLICIES

- 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.
- No refrigerators, no microwaves, no food in studios—let's 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.ccnycuny.edu/return-campus>

Taking care of each other, respecting shared space





PUBLIC EVENTS AT SPITZER



WORK IN PROGRESS

SSA FACULTY WORK EXHIBIT

FALL 2025
09.15.25 →
12.15.25

Opening Event: September 15 (5:30pm-7pm)

The Spitzer School of Architecture invites you to visit **Work in Progress**, a Fall 2025 exhibition **showcasing the diverse practices of our faculty** across architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, and urban studies. This exhibition transforms the Atrium Gallery into a living space of exchange—where drawings, models, photographs, texts, videos, and other materials reveal how design ideas take shape and circulate between studios, construction sites, city agencies, collaborators, and communities.

Work in Progress highlights not only finished work but the **creative and critical processes that define contemporary architectural practice**. Through this exhibition, Spitzer faculty share their evolving investigations, innovative approaches, and the tools they use to communicate and build. Visitors are invited to engage in dialogue about the future of our disciplines at the intersections of **design, pedagogy, and public life**.

FALL 2025

SCIAME LECTURE SERIES
CONVENED BY MARTA GUTMAN & ADI SHAMIR-BARON

THURSDAY, 9/11

TAMAR RENAUD

Asphalt, Rails, and Rights-of-Way: Repurposing Underused
Spaces for Nature and Recreation

THURSDAY, 9/25

ADI SHAMIR-BARON

Adaptive Reuse and the Restoration of the American Urban Core

SATURDAY, 9/27

PHILIP SCHMERBECK

Building on the Built: Project Insights and Tour of Powerhouse Arts
OFFSITE: 12-1:30 PM | POWERHOUSE ARTS | 322 THIRD AVENUE, BROOKLYN

THURSDAY, 10/9

PHILIP KENNICOTT

Rome's Spolia Churches: Reinventing Recycling

THURSDAY, 10/16

NANCY RUDDY + JOHN CETRA

Creating Home and Community at 25 Water Street:
The Nation's Largest Residential Conversion

THURSDAY, 10/30

RUCHIKA MODI

Palimpsest | Repurposing a Sugar Refinery

THURSDAY, 11/6

NANDINI BAGCHEE, FABIAN LLONCH,

SHAWN RICKENBACKER

Upcycling: Toward a Pedagogy of Material and Cultural Conservation

REPURPOSE

ALL LECTURES ARE FREE, IN-PERSON, AND START AT 5:30 IN ROOM 107 AT SPITZER | MORE INFO ->



rePURPOSE

Sciame Lecture Series Spitzer School of Architecture
Fall 2025

co-curated with Adi Shamir-Baron

Repurposing, the practice of adaptive reuse, embedded in historical patterns of city building, and for the most part discarded in the modern movement, is undergoing a remarkable renaissance. This semester architects, planners, developers, advocates, and engineers will present the technologies, designs, economic incentives, and policy changes that are needed to advance a substantively renewed and at-scale program of repurposing in New York and other global cities.

The reuse of old structures is not a new idea. (After the fall of the Roman empire, for example, the Colosseum was repurposed for housing and workshops). Although reuse is understood as a convention that both requires and imposes minimal impact, RePURPOSE shines light on how the methodology might not be entirely benign, how it might in fact have impact, and the ways in which it challenges and would necessarily disrupt the very conventions with which we typically assume it is aligned.

Of special although not exclusive interest is unpacking the relationship of repurposing to the climate crisis. Might historic preservation sit at the center of technical innovation? Are all older buildings valuable as climate mitigation assets? What rules, laws, incentives are needed to sustain innovative approaches to meaningful reuse?

With thanks to Nick Smith and Evi Abeler!

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Tamar Renaud is the New York State Director at Trust for Public Land



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Philip Schmerbeck is the Studio Director overseeing the operations of Herzog & de Meuron's studios in the USA.

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FACILITIES

Getting closer to getting done!





“Spitzer Roof Being Damaged by Others”

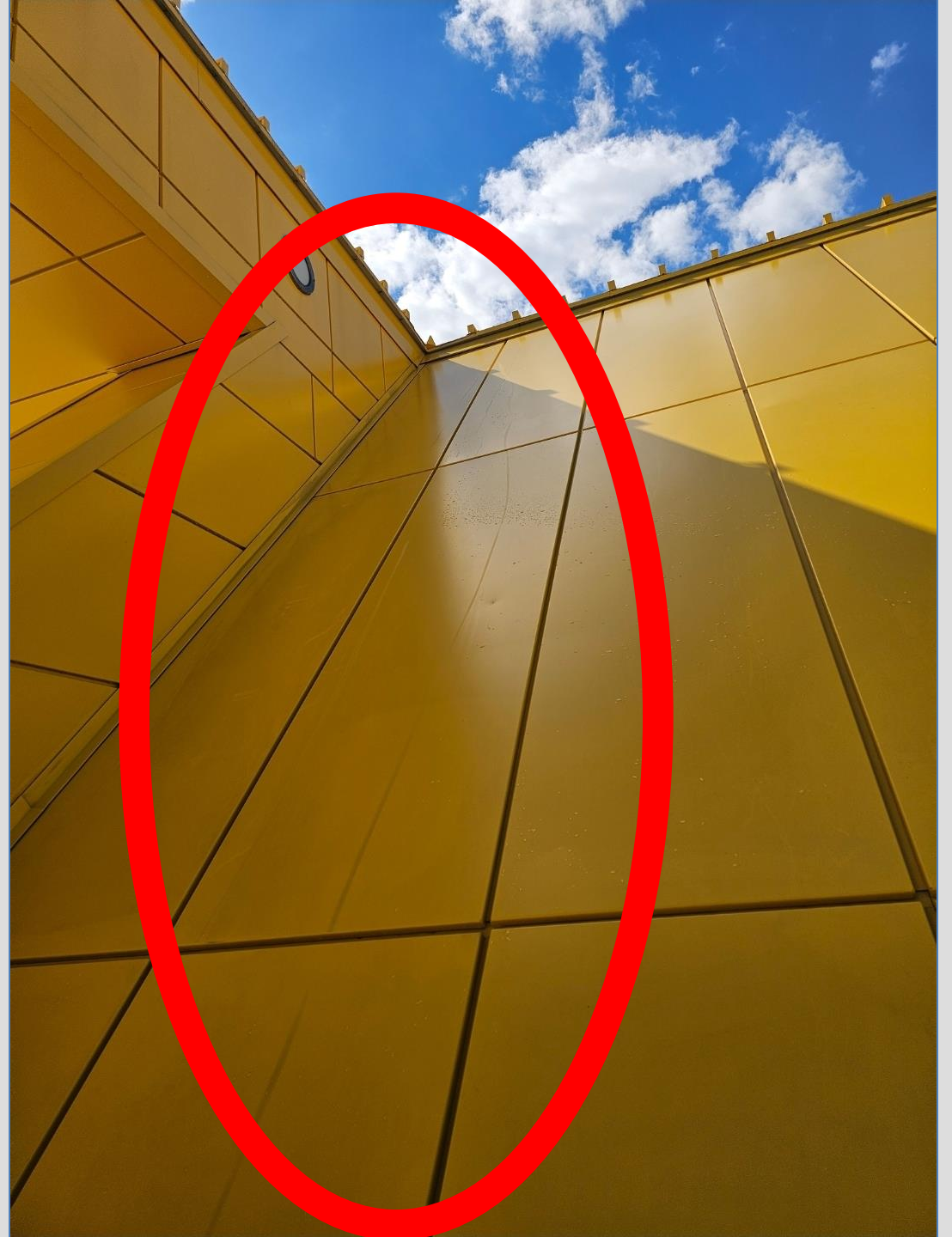
“They already damaged the newly installed panels.”

Safety first!

Respect the design!

Respect Jason Garcia!

Cameras are being installed!



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



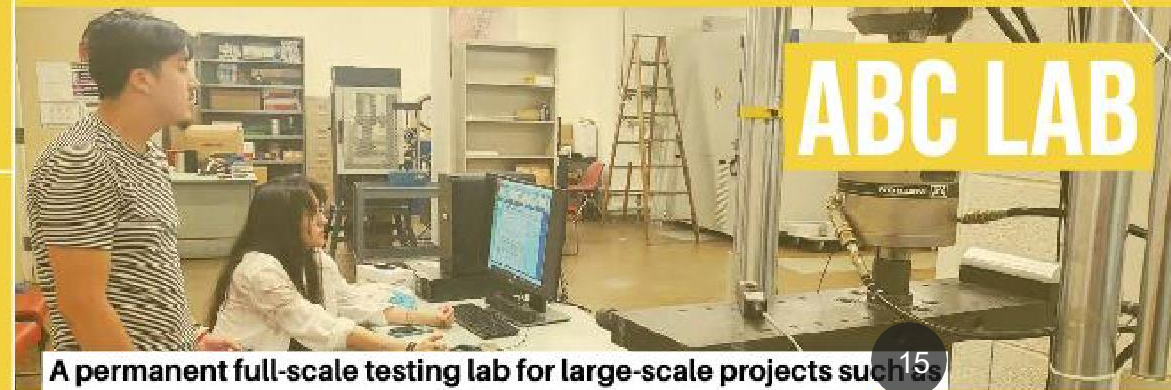
**Advanced robotic and automation facilities to support
a variety of constituents and programs**

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**

ROBOTICS LAB:
Instruction, research, production
Room 213
Professor Gebert



Digital Fabrication Lab
Room 212
Jason Garcia

*Open for use as soon
as possible!*



Living Systems Lab
Room 325
Professors Aydogan,
Zhang, and Melendez



New screens! New digital signage!

More on the way, Lobby, 3, 3M



With thanks to Muhammad Ahmad and his team! And Jason Garcia!



STUDENTS



merch



CCNY collection available in Benny's Store/NAC
and online www.ccny.cuny.edu/bennys



student-designed limited
SSA Edition
available in the Café



**Build
Out** 
Alliance

THE ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE NY

Who We AreWhat We DoJoin Us

Events Student ProgramShare

Annual Student Program 2025

September 20, 2025

A one-day program for architecture students, offering career insights from leading design professionals and studios.

2025 Student Program Panel + Studio Tours

9.20.25

Mentorship program starting Fall 2025
Specialized areas at Gensler will be paired with student interest!

Arch League

Build Out Alliance

CAPACITY

- **Peer & Group Mentoring**
 - **Mentor NYC**
 - **Associate Dean Michael Miller is the lead**
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- 4th year B.Arch students are invited to apply to participate – application information to follow!
 - Paid training and participation
 - Students will be trained to support 1st year students
 - This will cycle over the next 5 years, creating dozens of mentors and relationships!

LET'S TALK ABOUT AXP



**FOR FUTURE
ARCHITECTS**

OPEN TO EXPERTS AND NEWBIES ALIKE!

**FRIDAY 9/5
1:30-2:15pm**

Please register for the Zoom here →



- 1.** What is AXP?
- 2.** Should you be logging hours?
- 3.** Show-and-tell: Reporting AXP
in your NCARB record
Demos needed!
- 4.** Making AXP work for you
- 5.** Upcoming changes to AXP



JEDI, WELLNESS, and COMMUNITY

- NY Therapy Dogs (that's Cedar in the photo!)
- Mediation space with curated audio - 2nd floor
- Book club starting in fall 2025
- Community potlucks
- SSA Club sponsored events
- SSA and CCNY wellness partnerships

2025 JEDI Community Survey will be sent next week!

Cultivating Communities of Care Leadership Series



Eric McGriff (he/him)
Prevention Coordinator
Crime Victims Treatment Center

“Care, courage, connection, and collective action”

Through a series of interactive sessions, reflection, and dialogue, students will learn how to embrace intersectionality, engage allies, and harness collective action to create lasting change. There will be a certificate of completion for each student who completes the series!

Session 1: Leading at the Intersections: Embracing Intersectionality

Session 2: Engaging Allies

Session 3: Collective Action & Impact

If you are interested, please e-mail Michael at
mmiller@ccny.cuny.edu

Fall dates TBD – depending on student availability



Confidential GBV Resources

Confidentiality – what does that mean?

Confidential employees have an obligation to maintain confidentiality and do not disclose any information without written consent. Limits to confidentiality include if someone is a danger to themselves or others, child abuse is suspected or there is a court ordered subpoena.

Contact Information



Sophie English, LCSW (*she/her/hers*)
Psychological Counselor/Confidential Advocate
Office of Compliance and Diversity

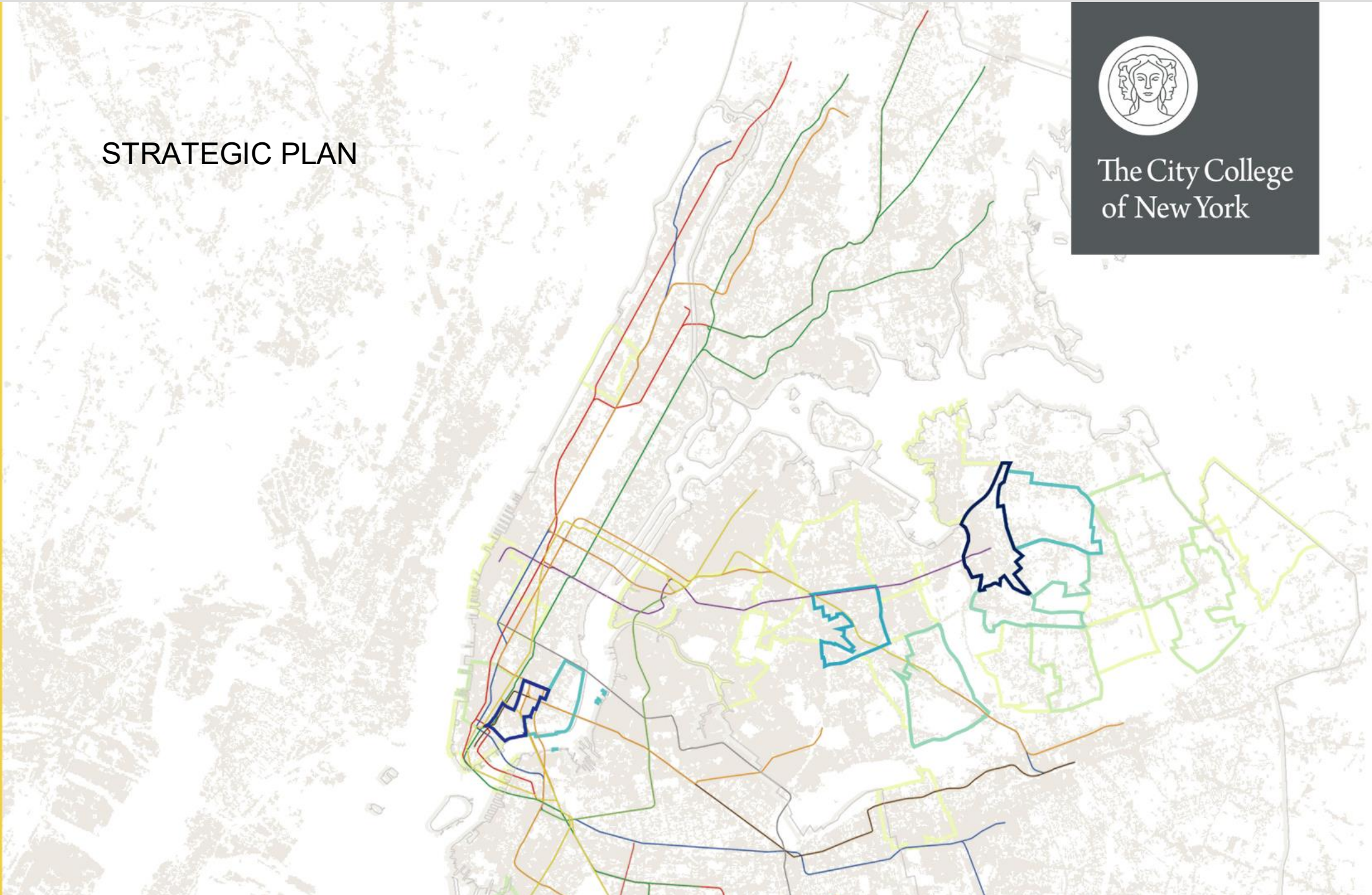
- **Shepard Hall, Room 109E**
- **senglish@ccny.cuny.edu**
- **212-650-8905**



STRATEGIC PLAN



The City College
of New York



What is Student Advisory?

- **Student voice** in SSA decision-making
- **Bridge** between students, faculty, and administration
- **Monthly meetings** to share feedback and updates
- Open to all SSA students for input
- Focuses on SSA-specific issues, feedback, and initiatives within the Spitzer School of Architecture.

Get Involved!

- Seeking **M.Arch** and **MLA** representatives
- Opportunities for **studio reps**
- Help shape events, share feedback, advocate for student needs
- If you're interested, talk to a rep or join the Discord.



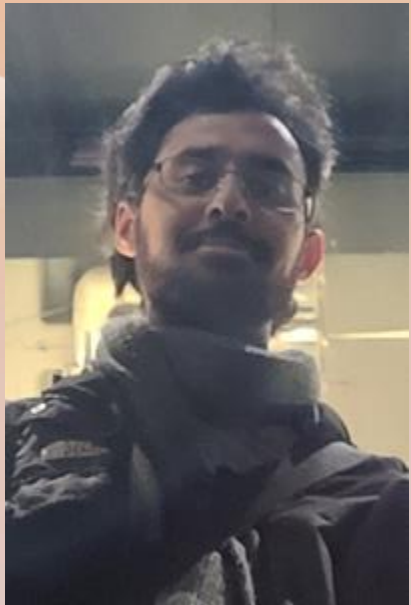
Fall 2025 Student Advisory Meeting Dates

- Thursday, October 23 – 1:00 – 1:45 PM
- Thursday, November 20 – 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Location: To be Confirmed!
In SSA Lecture Hall or Room
128

Info Is Subject To Change

Meet Your Representatives



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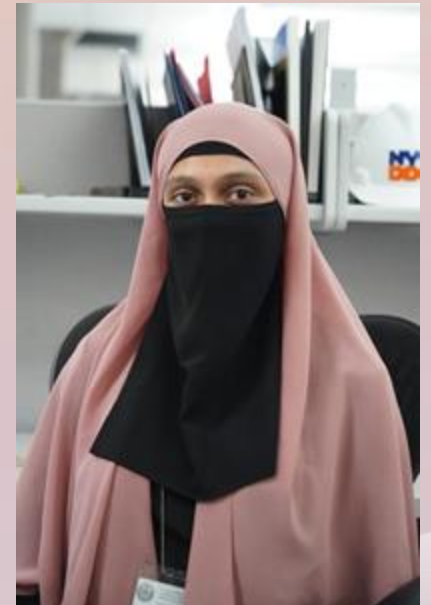
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4th Year B.Arch



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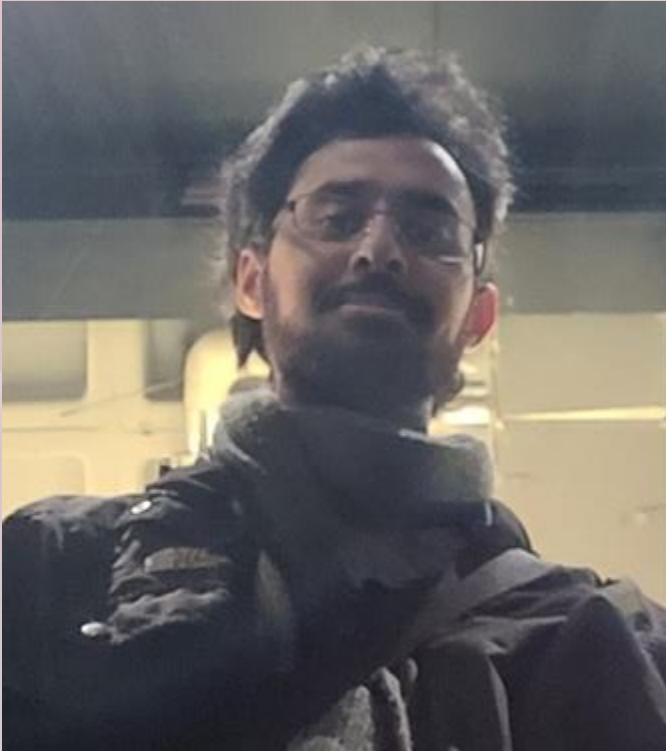
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5th Year B.Arch



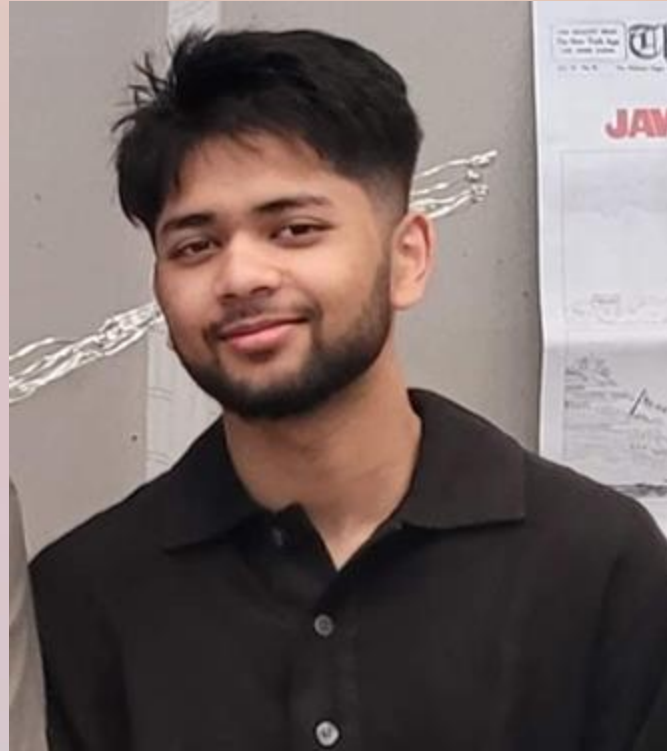
Undergraduate Student Government

Your Architecture Senators



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- Represent SSA students at the CCNY Undergraduate Student Government
- Work on campus-wide policies, funding decisions, and governance matters that affect all students.
- Anyone, students, staff, or faculty, can contact them to share feedback or raise issues



FACULTY IN THE LEAD

Winners Announced for the ACSA 2025 Concrete Masonry Student Competition



2ND PLACE

EAST HARLEM FIRE STATION & LOCAL MARKETPLACE

Students: Rafah Alzindani & Era Hulaj

Faculty Sponsor: Suzan Wines

Institution: City College of New York

NEW ADJUNCT FACULTY

Architecture
Landscape Architecture
Urban Design



Zarith Pineda



Megumi Tamanaha



Victor Zagabe



Shahab Albahar



Phu Duong

Zarith Pineda
Megumi Tamanaha
Victor Zagabe
Shahab Albahar
Phu Duong
Nancy Seaton
Luisa Valle
Dorsen Sween
Rachel Schneider
Abram Morris
Marlon Davis
Suzanne Alphonse
Cheyne Owens
Guanghui Ding
Paria Yavatanoo



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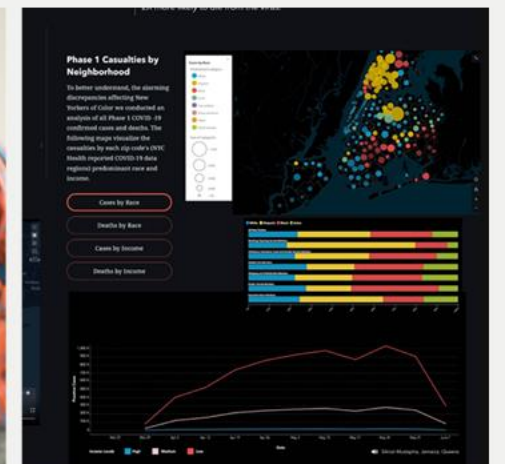
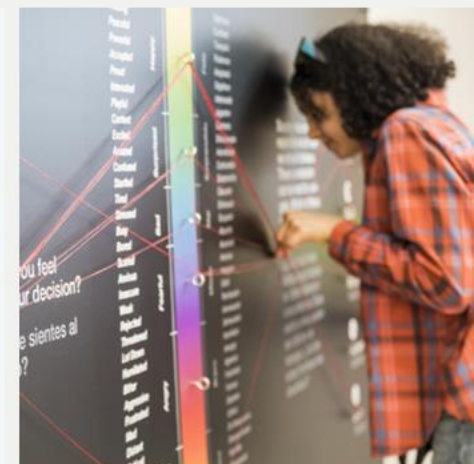
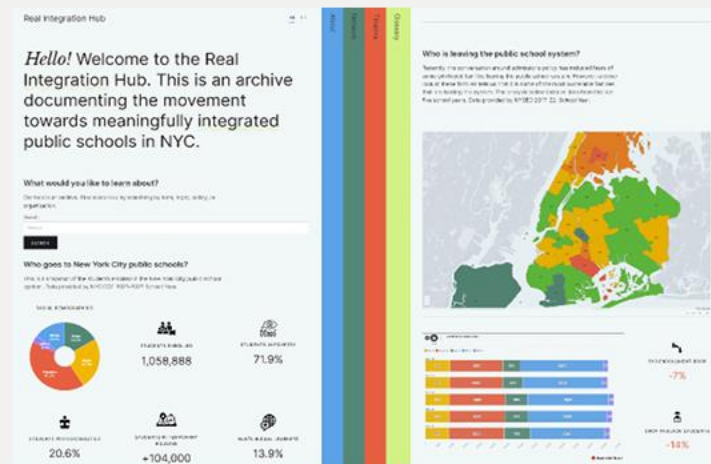
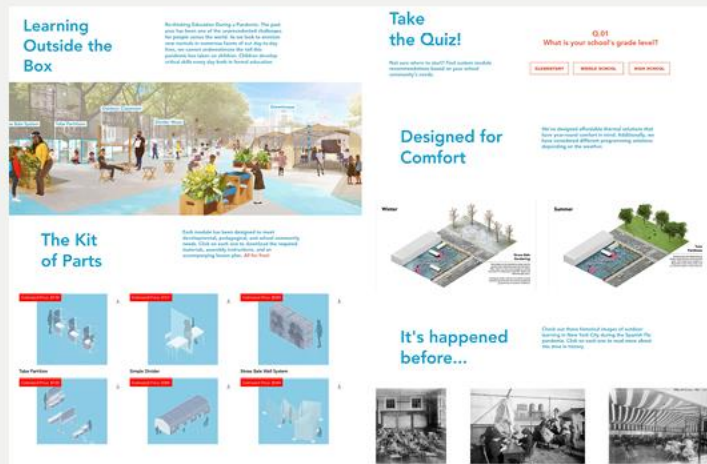


Paria Yavartanoo

Territorial Empathy



"Territorial Empathy strives to promote spatial justice by cultivating empathetic design that is deeply rooted in cultural responsiveness, anti-racism, and anti-bias practices. Only through these principles can we work towards dismantling systemic inequities. Our collective, consisting of architects, urbanists, and researchers from diverse backgrounds, actively engages with often overlooked communities to co-create thriving, just, and resilient spaces." - Zarith Pineda, Founder, Director



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Architect Magazine: The Dark Matter U Issue

[Dark Matter U](#) provided the design, content, and coediting of the October 2023 issue of [ARCHITECT](#). The collective was formed in 2020 alongside protests for the reinvigorated Black Lives Matter movement and the global COVID-19 pandemic. DMU is a Black-, Indigenous-, and people of color-led network representing a design justice movement within academia and built environment practitioners who converged to address longstanding, structural racism present in the design fields and education.

School of Architecture alum Victor Zagabe (BAS '16, MArch '20) is a core organizer in the collective and contributed to several pieces in the issue.



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Lights & Cam...



Field Trips



Student Life



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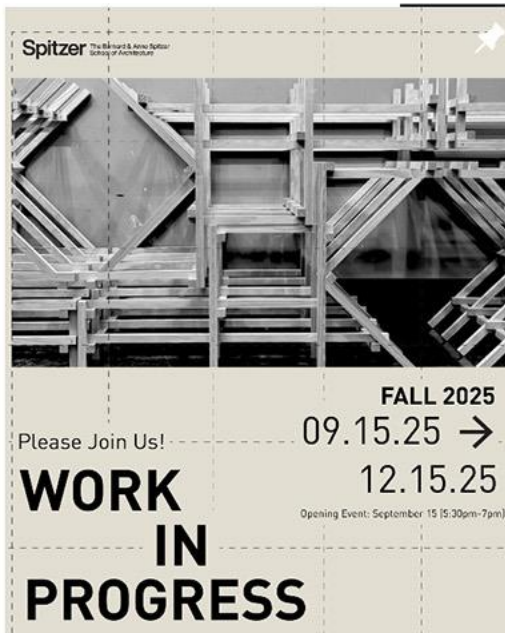
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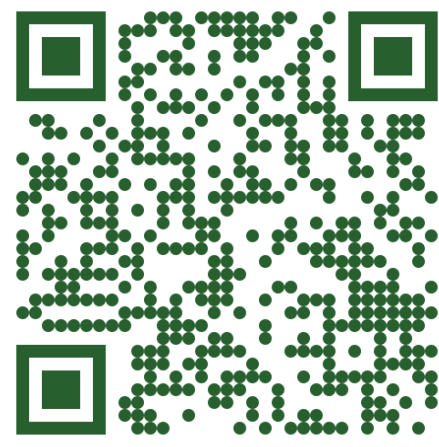
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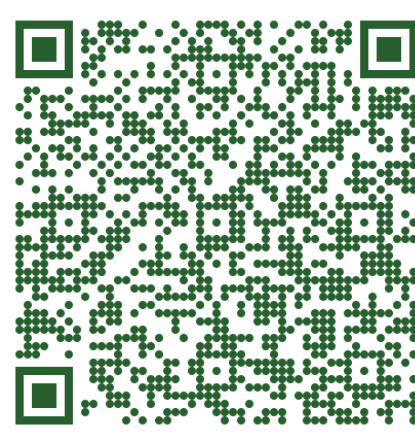
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PIZZA PICNIC

Today on the Spitzer Terrace

