

# PLANNING MATTERS

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## Professor Booth Nominated to Adirondack State Park Agency Board

Governor Elliot Spitzer has announced the nomination of Professor Richard Booth to the eleven-member board that determines long-range land use plans for both the public and private lands within the boundary of the Adirondack Park and regulates development on the Park's non-state land. Professor Booth's nomination to the Adirondack Park Agency must be confirmed by the New York State Senate. Professor Booth is an environmental lawyer who began his career in the early 1970's working for the administration of former governor Nelson Rockefeller in implementing legislation that created the Adirondack Park Agency. Professor Booth's prior state service includes time as a Senior Attorney for the New York State Adirondack Park Agency, Assistant Counsel for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and as a member of the New York State Low-Level Radioactive Siting Commission. In addition to his many years of service in the Department of City and Regional Planning and the State of New York, Professor Booth served as a member of the City of Ithaca's Common Council and is currently a member of the Tompkins County Legislature. His areas of scholarship include environmental law, environmental politics, resource management and legal aspects of land use planning.

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## CRP's Re-accreditation

The Department of City and Regional Planning's Master of City and Regional Planning Program is one of ninety graduate planning programs recognized by the American Institute of Certified Planners and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Every four years, each of the nation's accredited programs must complete a rigorous self-study that evaluates the quality of their teaching programs according to a ninety-five point criteria.

Beginning in July, members of the administrative staff began working with Professor Kenneth M. Reardon, the former Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning in preparing CRP's self-study in anticipation of a site visit by two nationally-known scholars and one highly-regarded professional chosen by the Planning Accreditation Board which is comprised of members of our professional association (AICP) and our disciplinary association (ACSP). The four-volume report that CRP prepared in response to the accreditation evaluation criteria included a 100-page program history and narrative, 300 pages of supporting evidence, 350 pages of faculty CVs, and more than 600 pages of course syllabi.

In early September, the PAB Site Visit Team came to Ithaca after reviewed our voluminous Self-Study Report. Among those participating in the site visit were Professor Jerome Kaufman, Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin, Professor and Chairman Jonathan Levine from the University of Michigan, and Patricia Matheny, a private planning consultant from South Carolina. The team spent two and half days meeting with students, faculty, staff, and alumni from the program. They also met with local employers who hired our students, members of the Upstate chapter of the American Planning Association, and representatives of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

In early November, the Department received a very positive Preliminary Report from the Planning Accreditation Board's Site Visit Team. The MRP Program, as currently constituted, fully met or exceeded eighty-seven of the PAB's ninety-two evaluative criteria. The MRP Program partially met five criteria. Among the areas favorably cited in the report were the MRP Program's many field-based learning opportunities, paid internships, international planning

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## Preservation Students, Alumni Work to Preserve Historic Prison

*April 12–15, 2007, Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA*

The Cornell Preservation Studies Student Organization (PSSO) traveled to Philadelphia for the annual PSSO Work Weekend, April 12–15. Thirty-five Cornell students and alumni restored portions of the historic Eastern State Penitentiary in the Fairmount neighborhood of Center City Philadelphia. The project was a success, despite being cut slightly short on Sunday, April 15 due to a severe rainstorm.

Every year, Cornell historic preservation planning, city and regional planning, and architecture students, as well as preservation alumni and faculty, come together to work on a preservation project that will contribute to a historic site. While Eastern State Penitentiary

## Cornell Urban Scholars Program Expands

The Cornell Urban Scholars Program (CUSP) is expanding in important ways as it enters its sixth year. First, Dr. Richard Kiely has joined CUSP as its new Faculty Director. Working with Sarah Smith, CUSP Administrator, Professor Kiely has expanded the number of placements available to students engaged in public service activities in New York City, redesigned the preparation course that students take prior to their service activities, restructured the program's interview and election process, and expanded CUSP's Advisory Board.

In addition to these activities, Dr. Kiely, has worked with Nessia Sloane, an Arts and Sciences student, and Professor Maria Davidis, Assistant Dean for Arts and Sciences Admissions, to create an exciting new public service program in New York City. The Cornell Urban Mentors Program, the brainchild of Nessia Sloane, seeks to match Cornell undergraduates with middle school students from Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood. The goal of this new initiative is to expand the educational and career horizons of students attending the Urban Assembly School for the Environment, a new charter school, located in this historic African American community. While 66% of those entering high school in the US eventually graduate, only 49% of urban youth do so. In New York City, only 39% of those entering high school manage to earn their diplomas.

Research on adult mentorship programs show they can be highly effective in encouraging youth to remain in school, develop supportive relationships with peers and adults, and solve important school/life crises they may face. The Cornell students participating in the Cornell Urban Mentors Program will contact their middle school mentees three times a week via email and once a week via the phone. Each year the Brooklyn middle school students participating in the program will travel to Cornell on two different occasions to learn more about living and learning opportunities at Cornell and other colleges and universities. Likewise, the Cornell Urban Mentors will travel to NYC two times a year to participate in educational and cultural enrichment and exchange programs with their assigned middle school students. Each Cornell student participating in the program will have the opportunity to take a course on Progressive Urban Education offered by the Department of City and Regional Planning. Finally, a select number of faculty from the Urban Assembly School for the Environment will be able to take advantage of summer teacher training programs offered on our campus. The Cornell Urban Mentors Program is being funded by the Heckscher Foundation for Children, the New York-based foundation, that has been the long-time sponsor of the Cornell

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Carolyn Keenan (MA-HPP '07), Jacob Brown (MLA '08), and Heather Marciniak (MRP '07) sanding and scraping. Photos: Ashima Krishna

(ESP) has thousands of visitors every year, funding the preservation and stabilization of the massive complex remains a challenge.

ESP was built in 1829 and quickly became one of the most famous prisons in the world; the penitentiary was the largest building in the United States at the time. Thirty-foot tall stone walls enclose the entire 11-acre complex. In the 1830's and 1840's Eastern State Penitentiary was a popular destination for national and international tourists who came to view the imposing architecture. More than 300 prisons worldwide were based on the plan of ESP.

The penitentiary was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965, and was shut down and completely abandoned by 1971. The following thirty years of neglect allowed most of the prison to fall into severe states of decay. In 1994, the prison was again opened to the public for tours and today operates as a museum and historic site. Eastern State Penitentiary currently strives to sensitively balance the conflicting emotions and points of view involved in the preservation of a prison. The volunteer efforts of Cornell's PSSO contribute to the preservation of this important historic site and allow for future interpretation of the penitentiary's place in society and history.

The 2007 PSSO Work Weekend targeted the restoration and protection of ESP's kitchen building windows. This stone building was built in 1903, and many of the wood windows have significantly deteriorated since the closure of the prison. In order to preserve the entire building, the windows must be restored and covered to prevent rain, snow, and wind from causing further damage to the structure. Student and alumni workers restored a portion of the windows and built enclosures for the others.

Cornell's College of Architecture, Art, and Planning (AAP), PSSO, Cornell's Historic Preservation Planning Alumni (HPPA), and Eastern State Penitentiary funded the Work Weekend. Special thanks to the following Ithaca businesses for their very generous donations: Inlet Glass & Mirror, Ithaca Paint & Decorating, Superior Glass, and Bishops Home Center.

Eastern State Penitentiary information can be found at:  
<http://www.easternstate.org/visit/>  
(for location and directions)  
<http://www.easternstate.org/tour/>  
(for a virtual tour)



## The People's Plan for the Ninth Ward

In January 2007, the ACORN Housing-University Partnership (AHUP) Planning Team—a planning team that includes Cornell CRP faculty and students—produced a recovery plan for the residents of the 9th Ward, New Orleans, titled “The People’s Plan to Overcome the Hurricane Katrina Blues”.

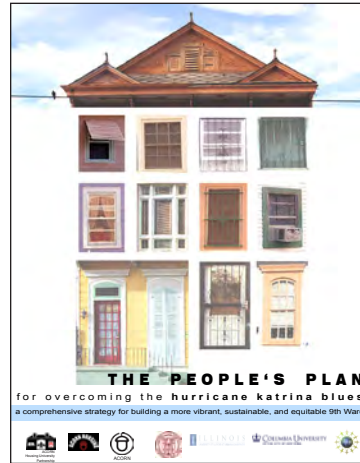
The AHUP planning team is a collaborative partnership between CRP’s New Orleans Planning Initiative, ACORN (a national grass roots community organization that stresses community-based, resident-led planning and social and environmental justice), ACORN Housing (a sister organization that provides home ownership counseling and develops low and moderate income housing), and scholars from the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Although the AHUP planning team was originally selected as one of the official district planning teams for the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP), they became detached from the planning process due to a perceived “conflict of interest” associated with ACORN’s plans to assist residents in redeveloping the area.

The Cornell planners and their partners devised a plan that emphasized resident-led recovery, which differed in many respects from the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP). Unlike any other planning efforts after Hurricane Katrina, for example, the AHUP team undertook a massive data collection effort to understand the needs and preferences of the residents. 70 students, faculty, and AHUP staff conducted over 200 door-to-door interviews with residents, over 3,000 physical condition surveys of properties, and conditions surveys of schools, parks, business corridors and public infrastructure in the 9th Ward were performed.

Contrary to earlier reports, the surveys showed that 80% of the houses had no major structural damage and the vast majority of residents were willing to come back. One of the residents said “people are dying to get back to this city ... there ain’t no other city like it.” Some pointed to the obstacles to residents’ return: “people who can’t get back are stressed, worn out and worrying about money” and “[people] are giving up because no one is helping.” The People’s Plan is a strategic action plan to assist the residents in their recovery efforts, and provides a thorough assessment of what must be done to recover and rehabilitate one of the hardest-hit areas of the City. The most updated version of the plan is available digitally at [www.rebuildingtheninth.org](http://www.rebuildingtheninth.org). In February 2007, Professor Ken Reardon presented the plan to the City Council of New Orleans; in March, we learned that the AHUP plan will be included in the City’s comprehensive plan, after a group of students led by Professors Ken Reardon and John Forester presented the plan to an audience of financial institutions, housing developers, and intermediary organizations such as Enterprise Foundation, LISC, in the Cornell AAP studio space in New York City.

The 9th Ward was a distressed neighborhood before Katrina—the planners are well aware of the challenges they face. However, the plan they produced was not meant to accumulate dust on a city official’s bookshelf. It was made to be implemented, and the planners are prepared to follow the plan through pre-development, development, and implementation phases. The New Orleans Planning Initiative will continue to provide cutting-edge research, planning, and development opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff at CRP and across the Cornell community.



Cover of the People's Plan Summary.

Students in green shirts, with New Orleans residents, are Nadia Crisfalli, Carmen Benanti (visiting from Catania, Italy), Ed Anthes-Washburn, and Brian Dennis (CRP). Photo: Rachel Newman.



## William W. Goldsmith Appointed Chair

Dean Mohsen Mostafavi recently announced the appointment of Professor William W. Goldsmith as the new Chairman of the Department of City and Regional Planning, to begin May 1, 2007. Professor Goldsmith, who is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of urbanization, race and inequality, regional planning, and international development, has been a member of the Cornell faculty since 1967. Goldsmith received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University. Goldsmith is co-author, along with Edward Blakely, of *Separate Societies: Poverty and Inequality in the United States*, for which he shared the prestigious Paul Davidoff Award in 1993.

Professor Goldsmith brings significant administrative experience to his new role, having previously served with distinction as chair from 1983 to 1988, and having also served, for many years, as director of CRP’s graduate and undergraduate programs. He founded and has often been Director of Cornell’s program on International Studies in Planning, was acting director of Cornell in Washington, and long served on the steering committee for Cornell in Rome.

Professor Goldsmith has been well known for many years to both undergraduates and graduate students through his teaching of two core requirements, the URS introductory course The American City (CRP 100), and the graduate theory course Urban Spatial Theory (now CRP 519). Among his many contributions to CRP’s teaching program is the Brazilian Cities summer school, run with Cornell’s Latin American Studies Program and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Goldsmith’s current research projects include a book on U.S. metropolitan problems and a study of the use of public spaces in Rome, for which he was won his third Fulbright award.

## Ithacan Appointed Urban Scholars Director

The Cornell Urban Scholars Program is pleased to welcome Dr. Richard Kiely as its new Faculty Director. Richard brings a wealth of experience and background in community-based service learning and experiential education to his new position. Prior to assuming the position of CUSP Faculty Director position, Dr. Kiely held a dual appointment as a Lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning and as Interim Director of Graduate Career Development and Student Life at Cornell University. He was also the Academic Director of Amizade Global Service Learning and Volunteer Programs, a non-profit organization, that supports a number of university-based community development projects in the US, Africa, Europe, South and Central America.

From 2002–2006, Dr. Kiely was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy at the University of Georgia, where he taught graduate courses on service-learning, community development, program planning, qualitative research, and learning theory. In 2004–2005, Dr. Kiely gained national recognition for his service-learning research by being selected as the John Glenn Service-Learning Scholar by The Ohio State University’s John Glenn Institute of Public Service and Public Policy. His current research focuses on transformative models of experiential education and service-learning, collaborative university-community partnerships, educational planning with underrepresented populations, and learning models for global citizenship.

Asked about his new appointment, Kiely said that he is “honored to be a part of a model experiential program”, Kiely added, “The CUSP program affords Cornell students opportunities to: bridge theory and practice, make a meaningful social contribution to communities and organizations in New York City, and gain a deeper understanding of the origins and solutions to complex

## New Faculty to Join CRP

Ann Forsyth will be an incoming professor in City and Regional Planning in the Fall of 2007. Since 2002, she has been the Dayton Hudson Chair in Urban Design and Director of the Metropolitan Design Center at the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus. Forsyth’s contributions have been to analyze the success of planned alternatives to sprawl, explore the tensions between social and ecological values in urban design, examine urban intensification in terms of walkability and affordability, and develop systematic methods for analyzing the built environment. Forsyth is the author of *Constructing Suburbs: Competing Voices in a Debate Over Urban Growth* (1999, Routledge/Gordon and Breach), *Reforming Suburbia: The Planned Communities of Irvine, Columbia, and The Woodlands* (2005, University of California Press), and *Designing Small Parks: A Manual Addressing Social and Ecological Concerns* (2005, Wiley, with Laura Musacchio); a fourth book, *Building Ideals: Practical Utopias from New Towns to New Urbanism* (with Katherine Crewe), is under contract. Dr. Forsyth is a Cornell CRP Ph.D.



Ann Forsyth

Nancy E. Brooks will be coming to us from the University of Vermont in the Fall of 2007 as an assistant professor. Her research interests focus on microeconomic policy in environmental and urban/regional contexts. She characterizes one of her principal concerns as “the implications for both equity and efficiency of the market failure” of externalities, which are benefits or costs, such as air pollution, imposed on parties outside the transaction. She has been codirecting a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-funded research project on the economic impacts of the University of Vermont. Her doctorate is from the University of Pennsylvania.





Top: street scene in Mukuru kwa Reuben, one of the two pilot areas for the Growing Up in Nairobi initiative. Photo: Kendall Lowe and Prasad Khanolkar.

Above: young people from Soweto East, with support from their Cornell counterparts, present the results of the January community research to residents, NGO reps, and UN officials at the UN-HABITAT office in Kibera. Photo: Prasad Khanolkar.

## CRP Students Growing Up in Nairobi

The new Kenyan initiative of the UNESCO Chair for Growing Up in Cities got off to a running start in December 2006 with the visit to campus of Olympic track gold medalist Kipchoge “Kip” Keino. David Driskell and his team of seven CRP students hosted a project-launch reception in Hartell Gallery in Sibley Hall, then took off for Africa over the winter break, working with more than 20 young Kenyans to explore and document two self-built settlements in the Kibera and Mukuru areas of Nairobi. The students and their Kenyan partners used interviews, drawings, walking tours, and photography to engage people of all ages and positions in documenting their daily lives, analyzing community strengths and weaknesses, and defining priorities for change.

January’s fieldwork provided the starting point for a spring semester collaborative planning and architecture studio on urban Africa co-taught by Driskell and visiting critic Jeremy Foster. In the studio, 20 students from architecture, planning, and related disciplines are exploring the context of self-built settlements in Nairobi and developing meaningful design interventions. Community-defined projects include community toilet complexes, a youth resource center, solid waste management and recycling, and a river restoration effort. The team returned to Nairobi over the spring break in March, funded in part by a Rotch Traveling Studio grant to work further with residents on project design and planning strategies. “Growing Up in Nairobi” is a collaborative project that includes team members from Cornell CRP, UN-HABITAT, UNESCO-Kenya, University of Nairobi, and local youth organizations.

## Thames Gateway Initiative Conference Draws Scholars and Professionals

On March 9th and 10th, the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning hosted a conference examining the London Thames Gateway Initiative, a 40-mile long redevelopment proposal for the Thames River corridor extending eastward from London towards the North Sea. This Initiative is the largest urban revitalization project to be undertaken in Europe since the Marshall Plan following the end of World War II. The project, which is a public/private venture, seeks to enhance the quality of life for residents within the Greater London Metropolitan Region while creating exciting new sites to accommodate more than 100,000 new jobs and 250,000 housing units. Two of the Thames Gateway Initiative anchor projects are Richard Rogers’s Millennium Building and 2012 Olympic Complex.

The Urban Regeneration at the Water’s Edge: London’s Thames Gateway Initiative Conference was the second spring forum examining large-scale urban revitalization sponsored by the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. The event, part of the Case Studies in Urban Development (CSUD) Series funded by Department of Architecture Alumnus Matt Witte, was initiated with the support of Dean Mohsen Mostafavi to encourage greater interaction among the College’s architecture, landscape architecture, art, planning, and real estate students and faculty.



2012 Olympic Complex.

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Downtown Pittsburgh and the Sixth Street Bridge (Roberto Clemente Bridge), as seen from PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

## URS Students Tour Pittsburgh

### *Planning at the Rivers’ Edge*

Six urban and regional studies undergraduates visited Pittsburgh, PA as part of this year’s annual spring URS Urban Explorations Field Trip. From April 12–14, Eugene McGuinness, Juan Castellanos, Jeremy Siegfried, Daniele Petrone, Jay Corbalis and Todd Henry, along with Professor Richard Booth, Director of the Urban and Regional Studies Program, met with many of Pittsburgh’s most innovative and

committed civic leaders. The URS Urban Exploration field trips that began five years ago are designed to introduce undergraduates to urban planning issues and innovative solutions in Northeast cities. Some of the cities that URS students have visited are Boston, Providence, and Washington, DC.

This year, the group met with two Cornell alumni, Chris Siefert (BS Landscape Arch. ’88) and Stephen Quick (M.Arch. ’69). Chris talked to the group about the Charm Bracelet Project he is managing for the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh. The project hopes to re-brand the city’s Northside neighborhood re-connecting city residents with a group of places and institutions that it calls



From left to right: Juan Castellanos, Professor Richard Booth, Eugene McGuinness, Daniele Petrone, Jeremy Siegfried and Todd Henry (missing: James Corbalis).

“charms”. Through this process, this project hopes to catalyze new outside interest in this area. Steven, principal at Perkins Eastman Architects PC, spoke about the Pittsburgh Hillside Study. This report examined the role of topography and natural woody hillsides in the development of the City of Pittsburgh and its subsequent urban form. The report has been used to create a legally defensible zoning plan for the city emphasizing the protection of hillsides as a social, cultural, economic, and ecological resource.

The group also met with a series of local groups: Neighbors in the Strip, a community

organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging healthy street-level wholesale retail in the Strip District; Sustainable Pittsburgh, a non-profit group of consultants who challenged local leaders to work together for a more sustainable southwestern PA; the Union Project, a group of young people that became involved in community development by restoring an abandoned church and transforming it into a community gathering place while offering restoration classes for neighbors that wish to learn a trade; the South Side Local Development Company, an organization focused on building a healthy mix of housing and neighborhood retail in the South Side neighborhood; and David Vater, architect, historian, and resident at Chatham Village, who led the URS group on a tour of the 1930’s garden-style neighborhood designed by Clarence Stein and Henry Wright.

Those participating in the tour described it as one of the highlights of their years at Cornell; they only wished more URS students would take advantage of this opportunity.



# Service Learning In Translation

## The San Cristoforo Experience

Learning when and how to intervene to improve urban environments is a challenge. An even greater challenge is to bring into the decision making process neighborhoods with a long history of stigmatization and marginalization. This was the task assigned to students participating in a collaborative planning workshop held in Catania, Sicily, March 19–23. Professor Barbara Lynch and six Cornell students worked with students and faculty from LabPEAT, the planning faculty of the Università degli Studi di Catania. Cornell students included Camille Barchers (MRP), Brian Dennis, Emma Hamme, Todd Henry, and Daniele Petrone (URS), and URS alumna Sarah Lin, now a graduate student in international development at Cambridge University.

The goal of our workshop was to work with residents of San Cristoforo—a historically poor and marginalized neighborhood—to identify strategies for environmental improvement. San Cristoforo grew up on a lava flow; home to a traditionally Sicilian working class population and to immigrants from the Balkans, Africa, and Mauritius, it has been stigmatized by residents of “La Bella Catania” as a hotbed of criminality, and indeed we found some signs of illegal activity. Small polluting factories and workshops sit next to residential units. Water delivery and solid waste management are problematic. The horse is a central feature of San Cristoforo’s culture and economy. Magnificent race horses and small ponies occupy stalls in residential courtyards, and saddle and sulky shops dot the landscape. Once illegal, the importance of the equestrian culture was recognized by Catania’s government, but waste is still an issue.

While San Cristoforo residents are quick to complain about neighborhood failings, they display an unusual degree of pride in place.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Dra. Brusca and faculty members Filipo Gravagno, Laura Saija, and Sebina Caruso, Catania and Cornell students went into the neighborhood in small teams to talk informally with men, women, and children in order to identify their environmental concerns and priorities. The teams summarized their findings in poster format and presented them to city officials at the conclusion of the workshop. In a next stage, they will be shared with neighborhood groups.

Unique among its peer institutions in Italy, LabPEAT emphasizes participatory planning at the neighborhood level. LabPEAT moved beyond the confines of the university campus when director Dra. Piera Brusca acquired for the program a town house on Catania’s main street. The new City Center is designed to facilitate productive exchange between the planning unit and Catania residents. The collaboration with Cornell began when CRP Professor John Forester visited the University in 2005, and deepened when in 2007 Professor Barbara Lynch

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Below left: URS student Todd Henry and LabPEAT students discuss open space issues with San Cristoforo children.

Below right: URS and LabPEAT students prepare posters summarizing findings and inviting community response. Photos provided.



## An “Incurable Addiction”

### Cornell in Rome Celebrates 20 Years

It was March in Rome, but it was the Nones and not the Ides, when more than 100 faculty, students and former students got together in the Eternal City to celebrate 20 years of the Cornell program in Rome. For 18 of those years, Jeffrey Blanchard, a professor of architectural history and academic coordinator of the program, has been enjoying, along with students and other faculty, what he calls “various incurable forms of Rome addiction.” Dean Mohsen Mostafavi said the purpose of the program is “to convey urbanism in a way that we can’t in the classroom.” About 98% of Cornell’s architecture students and 75% of students in CRP and Art take advantage of the Rome program.

The program was originally devised by William McMinn, then dean of AAP, and Roberto Einaudi, an Italian architect educated at Cornell, in 1987. It was Einaudi’s idea to locate the program offices in Rome at the historic center of the city, in the 16th century Palazzo Massimo alle Colonne, still the home of the Massimo family. The 20 year anniversary celebrations included a reception on the private-residence side of the palace on March 25. The program, which has grown considerably since 1987, is now in a more spacious 18-room space in the Palazzo Lazzaroni in the Largo Argentina neighborhood, not far from the Campo dei Fiori.

The students benefit from courses in planning, architecture, history, literature, Italian, photography, and even contemporary cinema, but it is the cultural experience of living in Rome that former students recall most vividly. The food ranks high in their memories, as do the landmarks, the field trips, and the experience of living in a European city “almost as a citizen,” as alumnus Bryant Liu said of his Rome semester in 1995.

The City and Regional Planning component of the Rome program includes classes, workshops, and field trips. The

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Above left: CRP students Joe Mizener, Zac Sivertsen, and Brian Connolly on the steps at the Sanctuary of Fortuna Primigenia in Paestrina near Rome. February 2007. Photo: Rolf Pendall.

Above right: Architectural historian and academic coordinator Jeffrey Blanchard lectures to AAP students and one local resident on the site of the greek temples at Paestum. February 2007. Photo: Leda Black.

Right: CRP students Josh Lathan, Madeline Giscombe, and Theresa White survey housing projects in the Roman periphery, led by Adjunct Professor Greg Smith (far left). April 2007. Photo: Rolf Pendall.







Rolf Pendall.

## Pendall Named to MacArthur Foundation Network

Rolf Pendall, associate professor of city and regional planning, has been named a member of a new research network sponsored by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Called the Network on Building Resilient Regions, the 13-member group consists of experts in the fields of planning, economics, political science, and sociology as well as practitioners from local government.

The network was formed in recognition of the fact that different regions may respond in very different ways to large-scale economic and demographic shifts.

The network, according to official statements, “seeks to expand our knowledge base about how regions shape the response to major national economic and demographic challenges. At the same time, it aims to provide new evidence about how regions can cultivate resilience in the face of major economic and

social challenges. By comparing how diverse regions have responded to challenges, the Network will show how various elements can work together to help build and sustain regional resilience.”

In January the network published a working paper, with Pendall as lead author, titled “Resilience and Regions: Building Understanding of the Metaphor.” The paper reviews the meaning of resilience across such fields as ecology, psychology, economics, disaster studies, geography, political science, and archeology.

More information about the Network may be found at: <http://www-iurd.ced.berkeley.edu/brr/>

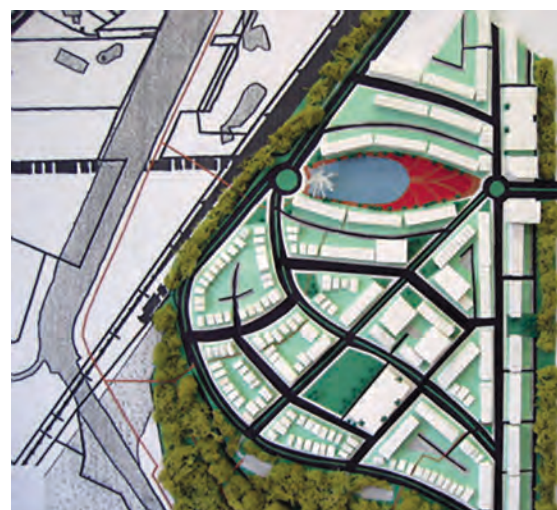
## The Village in the City

### *Designs on Ithaca*

Twenty graduate and undergraduate students in Roger Trancik’s Fall 2006 course in Principles of Spatial Design produced seven designs for an area of Ithaca scheduled for redevelopment, a 60-acre site in the southwestern part of the city near the Inlet, behind a large shopping mall off Route 13. The city’s director of planning and development, Matthys Van Cort, gave the class the same specifications for the project as those to be used in the formal proposals from planner and architects in March 2007, which included a walkable landscape with 600 affordable housing units, open spaces, transit and road access, plenty of open space, and sustainable infrastructure.

Trancik explained that “One of the motivations for this whole effort was the lack of affordable housing in the city. The students’ work really helped the planning department and the Southwest committee visualize what this was really going to mean.” The objective was to produce a village-like ambiance in an urban setting. The students had to learn everything they needed to know to meet the specifications and produce three-dimensional models, as Professor Trancik observed: “We were teaching them how to use a scale, how high ceilings should be, how wide roads are, how do you build a model, where do you find the material for trees?”

The comprehensive plan for the City of Ithaca is available at [http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us/planning/compplan/compplan\\_for\\_web.pdf](http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us/planning/compplan/compplan_for_web.pdf).



“Cayuga Commons,” by planning students Kate McConnell, John Norwood, and Chris Persheff, was one of seven proposed designs for Ithaca’s southwest redevelopment produced as part of a fall course.

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programs and participatory governance philosophy. Among the areas where the PAB felt the program could improve were the Department’s strategic plan, evaluation of student learning outcomes, and lack of policies regarding public service by faculty. These items, as well as the findings and recommendations emerging from the 2007 Town Hall meeting involving students and faculty will be among the issues to be discussed at the CRP Faculty’s Strategic Planning Retreat which Dean Mostafavi will attend scheduled for May 6th and 7th.

On May 1, 2007 CRP received a letter from the Planning Accreditation Board indicating that it was being re-accredited for a period of seven years (the longest period allowable) because of the current strength of the program.

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The CSUD Series also hopes to encourage closer ties between AAP’s academic units and our region’s professional associations of planners, designers, and economic and community development officials.

Students from CRP 649: Urban Regeneration: London’s Thames Gateway Initiative, co-taught by Professor Brad Olsen and Kenneth Reardon, helped design and facilitate the conference which attracted more than one hundred and fifty participants. Among the conference speakers were Professor Susan Fainstein of Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, author of *City Builders*, an in-depth look at waterfront redevelopment in New York and London. Also speaking was Fred Koetter of Koetter Kim & Associates, the lead architect and developer of Canary Wharf in London, one of the first redevelopment projects to be implemented within the Thames Gateway Initiative. Among the other keynote speakers were developers Marvin Suomi of KUD International and Frank Duffy of DEGW. One of the highlights of the conference was Ricky Burdett’s description of the origins, evolution, politics, accomplishments, and challenges of the Thames Gateway Initiative. Mr. Burdett, a former official in the office of Mayor Kenneth Livingstone of London, is currently on the faculty of the London School of Economics.

Professor Andre Bideau, Visiting Critic in the Department of Architecture, offered a set of cautionary observations regarding the impact of very large development projects on poor and working class individuals, families, and communities. The conference concluded with a set of reflections, or “lessons learned,” offered by Dean Mohsen Mostafavi. The excitement of this year’s conference has provided momentum for the CSUD III Conference on recent urban revitalization projects within the Greater Los Angeles Region. Those interested in getting involved in the planning of next year’s event should contact Dr. Beth Kunz at [egk7@cornell.edu](mailto:egk7@cornell.edu).

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accompanied Rome Program planning students to Catania where they spent a day with LabPEAT faculty visiting Catania neighborhoods and exchanging ideas about participatory planning. Last fall, LabPEAT members Carmen Benanti and Nadia Crisafulli spent six weeks in Ithaca learning about CRP participatory planning efforts on campus and in New Orleans. The collaboration will continue this summer when Professors Forester and Ken Reardon visit Catania to speak at a conference sponsored by the University.

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Urban Scholars Program.

Dr. Kiely, working with Professors Forester, Booth, and Reardon, recently crafted a proposal to create a new campus-wide concentration in Social Justice and Public Scholarship Studies. The proposal establishing this exciting new course of study was recently adopted by the Department of City and Regional Planning and the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Students enrolling in this concentration will take an introductory course focused on the structural courses of social inequality, a second class examining alternative approaches to poverty elimination, and a final course introducing them to participatory action research techniques. Following this initial course sequence, students will complete two in-depth community-service experiences. They will complete the concentration by participating in a senior honors seminar in which they will produce policy papers addressing critical social problems. The new concentration will be open to all undergraduates regardless of their majors. Cornell University will be one of the few schools offering students engaged in public service activities the opportunity to complete an interdisciplinary minor designed to prepare them to lead major social reform movements aimed at reducing social inequality at home and abroad.

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graduate program, added this year, includes internships with United Nations organizations in Rome, such as the Food and Agricultural Organization, the World Food Program, the World Health Organization’s European Centre for Environment and Health, and Acnur UN-HCR, the UN’s High Commissioner for Refugees. Possible internship sponsors for Spring 2008 also include the International Fund for Agricultural Development, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute’s Biodiversity Headquarters, the information technology firm Laziomatica Ltd., the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, and several Italian agencies, including the City of Rome Department of Civil Protection, Movimondo, the Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati, and the International Development Law Institute.

# Distinguished Visitors at CRP

With the support of Dean Mohsen Mostafavi, the Department of City and Regional Planning was able to bring four outstanding scholars to campus this spring as part of its 2007 Distinguished Visitors Program. These visiting scholars typically spend three days on campus giving a major public lecture and a master's class for graduate students, and meeting with undergraduate and graduate students working in their field of study.

This semester's visitors were: **Dr. Robert Fishman**, Professor of History, University of Michigan, whose latest book, *Bourgeois Utopias*, explored the influence of Ebenezer Howard's, Clarence Stein's, and Henry Wright's ideas about ideal forms of residential living on contemporary architecture and planning practice. Professor Fishman's public lecture was entitled, "Global Garden Cities: The Genesis of an International Planning Movement." Professor Fishman was brought to campus through the efforts of Professor Roger Trancik, who curated a concurrent exhibit on Panama's Newtown communities in AAP's Hartell Gallery.

**Dr. John Friedmann**, Professor Emeritus of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, is the author of many seminal works in planning history, theory, and practice, including: *Territory and Function*, *Planning in the Public Domain*, *Prospect of Cities*, and *China's Urban Transition*. Professor Friedmann's lecture was entitled, "The Invisible Web: Place and Place-Making in Cities." This summer several of our Ph.D. students will be participating in the Ph.D. Jamboree that John established with his wife, Leonie Sandercock, designed to assist young scholars in formulating their research agendas.

**Dr. Leonie Sandercock**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, is the author of a number of important books offering critical perspectives on planning theory and practice, including: *Towards Cosmopolis* and *Mongrel Cities*. In 2005, Dr. Sandercock was the winner of the Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban Planning. As part of her public lecture,

Dr. Sandercock shared her recently-completed, award-winning documentary on the work of the Collingswood Neighbourhouse and explored Canada's policies in support of multi-culturalism.

**Dr. Xolela Mangcu**, Visiting Fellow at the Constitution of Public Intellectual Life Research Project, University of Witwatersrand, and W.E.B. DuBois Fellow at Harvard University, is the author of numerous scholarly articles on post-apartheid South Africa. Dr. Mangcu is a 1997 graduate of our Ph.D. program and the founder and Executive Director of the Steven Biko Foundation. He has established the first public archive of documents from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Dr. Mangcu's public lecture was entitled, "Reflections on the Political Culture of Our Times: The Leadership Challenge in the ANC".

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