GUH Students Examine US-Mexico Borderlands with Art Projects

Project presentations May 8, 3:30-6:00pm
Wurster Hall courtyard

Graduate students in art, architecture and city planning traveled to Juarez/El Paso and Tijuana/San Diego to consider the “third space” of the US-Mexico borderlands. After studying artists’ responses to the wall, they created their own interventions including monument rubbings, signs, and “cacti” filled with drinking water.

This GUH graduate interdisciplinary research studio is a core course in the GUH Graduate Certificate and was co-taught by Ronald Rael (Architecture) and Stephanie Syjuco (Art Practice).

Siteworks: Landfill Mysteries Revealed through Performance

Undergraduates created a site-specific performance as a means of exploring an old landfill on San Francisco Bay. A visual chronicle of their semester, from movement exercises to mapping to creating new ways of choreographing public space, can be seen here.

This GUH undergraduate interdisciplinary research studio is a core course in the GUH Undergraduate Certificate and was co-taught by Erika Chong Shuch (Theater, Dance and Performance Studies), Ghigo DiTommaso (Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning) and Susan Moffat (City and Regional Planning).
Angela Marino Publishes on Populism and Performance in Venezuela

Angela Marino's new book explains how supporters of the emergent socialism of Hugo Chávez negotiated terms of national belonging and participatory democracy through performance. By foregrounding populism as an embodied act, Marino draws attention to repertoires of populism that contributed to what is arguably the most significant social movement in the Americas since the Cuban Revolution.

Marino has taught several Global Urban Humanities courses. The book is available at nupress.northwestern.edu for a discounted price of $26.00 with the code NUP18.

Roughing it Up: Dancing the Rubble

Sunday, May 6, 2PM
Albany Bulb map

Students in Prof. Rene David’s design-build architecture course built a temporary stage and seating amidst the rubble of the Albany Bulb landfill to create a unique performance space. This experiment in placemaking and placekeeping asked students to consider current uses of a contested public space. Tickets to a performance by acclaimed dancers Joe Orrach and Sam Weber using the students' prototype are available here.

Upcoming GUH Courses

Lagos: Infrastructure Imaginaries
Traveling Course Spring 2019
Instructors: Charisma Acey, City and Regional Planning & Ivy Mills, Art History

About 15 students will travel to Lagos in Spring 2019 for the interdisciplinary graduate research studio called “Infrastructure Imaginaries in West Africa: Informal Urbanism, Creativity and Ecology in Lagos, Nigeria.” Course applications will be available in Fall 2018. Students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Global Urban Humanities will get priority in the application process. Details on the certificate are here.
The City Arts and Public Space
Core GUH Course Spring 2019
Instructors: Teresa Caldeira, City and Regional Planning &
Shannon Jackson, Theater, Dance and Performance Studies

This theory and methods course focuses on urban themes
including spectacle, publics and precarity and examines a
foundational set of readings in the urban humanities. Required for
the Graduate Certificate in Global Urban Humanities. Details on
the certificate are here.

GUH Picks

At the foot of the Bay Bridge
Tuesday, May 15, 10.30AM
SPUR, Oakland map

A proposed 170-acre open space at the Oakland side of the Bay
Bridge, Gateway Park will create new parkland, provide a distinct
entryway to the East Bay, connect to the bridge's new bicycle and
pedestrian path and increase shoreline access. More

Opportunities

Townsend Center Working Groups Program Application
DEADLINE: Friday, May 4, 2018
The aim of these working groups is to bring together faculty and graduate students at Berkeley in an
effort to create scholarly dialogue and to foster the free exchange of ideas on shared research
interests. The primary coordinator of each working group must be affiliated with at least one UC
Berkeley department, which will serve as the “home” department and will administer the funds awarded
by the Townsend Center. Working group awards range from $250-$750 for the academic year. More

AFFECT - Berlin Summer Residency Application
DEADLINE: Sunday, May 20, 2018
AFFECT is a Program for Collaborative Artistic Practices initiated by Agora Collective e.V. in Berlin,
currently in its forth edition. A hybrid between an educational program and a research-based artist's
residency, the 2018 edition consists this year of a curriculum of 4 topics growing out of the research
and practice of 4 Berlin-based international artists, under the theme "Micro-Utopias: Cartographies of
Relational Art in Berlin". Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and Selected participants will be
notified within 10 days upon application. Accepted participants are requested to pay the full module fee (450,00 €* Early Bird Registration, 500,00 € Regular Registration) within 15 days upon confirmation of their spot in the residency module. More.

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