

# Re: happy new year!

Jason Montgomery

Tue 2/5/2019 10:37 AM

To: Michael Benediktsson <mbenedik@hunter.cuny.edu>; Nora Almeida <NAlmeida@citytech.cuny.edu>;

Michael,

Good to hear we are confirmed. Thanks again for the invitation. We will see you then.

Best,

Jason

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**From:** Michael Benediktsson <mbenedik@hunter.cuny.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 12:36 PM

**To:** Nora Almeida

**Cc:** Jason Montgomery

**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Nora and Jason,

So, we have confirmed the panel for Tuesday, March 12. Hope that still works. We've got a great panel, with a duo of physics/engineering professors from Hostos, a Poli Sci professor from Hunter, and the two of you. I might also present on my Macaulay Honors class if it looks like there will be time.

The format is 10-15 minute presentations, usually followed by a short Q&A, with a general discussion at the end. We welcome slides / visuals, but they are entirely optional. If there's a way to demo a small part of a lesson plan in an interactive way, that's always a plus, but also optional.

The audience is a very friendly group of about 25-30 professors from a variety of fields who are interested in sharing ideas about teaching - we usually serve sandwiches, salad, etc. It's a fun, informal event.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions at all. I'm looking forward to hearing about your class.

Best,  
Mike

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**From:** Nora Almeida [NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** Michael Benediktsson  
**Cc:** Jason Montgomery  
**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Michael,

Jason Montgomery from our Architecture Technology Department is interested in participating in the panel and is available on all of the proposed dates. Copying him here. Jason and I have taught the course together several times and he's currently teaching an iteration with my colleague focused on the Barclays Center area in Brooklyn.

As I mentioned, I can do either the 26<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> but will be traveling the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for including us. Let us know when you finalize a date and what we should prepare for the discussion.

Looking forward!

All best,  
Nora

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**From:** Michael Benediktsson [mailto:mbenedik@hunter.cuny.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** Nora Almeida <NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Nora,

Jason sounds great - and I would personally love to hear about an architectural place-based learning course, as I involve the built environment in my own teaching.

A little more on the panel - the format will be short talks (10-15 minutes) followed by a general Q&A. I've got 3-4 other presenters lined up from various disciplines who teach outside the classroom in different ways. The audience is a friendly group of 20-30 professors who are there to share teaching strategies and learn from each other. Lunch is served.

Please let me know if any of the following dates / times would work for you two:

TUES, 12pm-2pm - 02/26/19  
TUES, 12pm-2pm - 03/12/19  
TUES, 12pm-2pm - 03/19/19

Thanks and all the best,  
Mike

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**From:** Nora Almeida [NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:43 AM  
**To:** Michael Benediktsson  
**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Michael,

I'd be interested in joining a discussion (depending on timing) and could reach out Architecture faculty who I've taught with in the past...Amira is an adjunct and may not be the best fit for the panel (we're no longer co-teaching with adjuncts because we split the credits so there are obvious issues with compensation) but Jason Montgomery from our Arch Dept has taught the class multiple times and helped develop the original curricula so I'd try him first. I could also reach out to Chris Swift from Humanities who has a background in Performance Studies and whom I've adapted the course with and taught with most recently. Let me know your thoughts.

Do you have a rough sense of when before I reach out?

Best,  
Nora

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**From:** Michael Benediktsson [<mailto:mbenedik@hunter.cuny.edu>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 18, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** Nora Almeida <[NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Nora,

This is fantastic! Would you and Amira like to join our panel this spring? So far we have a political scientist, a sociologist (me), a physicist, and perhaps a mathematician. Clearly, all we're missing is a librarian and an architect. :)

The format would be short presentations on our experiences and a discussion, over lunch. If one or both of you are interested, let me know and hopefully we can find a date and time that is amenable to your schedule.

Best,  
Mike

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**From:** Nora Almeida [NALmeida@citytech.cuny.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 4:56 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Margolin; Michael Benediktsson  
**Subject:** RE: happy new year!

Hi Stephanie and Mike,

Happy New Year to you both!

Happy to answer questions you may have...City Tech has really jumped on the place based learning bandwagon and so other colleagues in my department (and beyond) have taught versions of the course too.

For starters....here are some of the course websites from recent semesters where you'll find syllabi and assignments and such:

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/almeidaswiftlibarch2205fall2018/> (this past semester did an iteration with a Performance Studies faculty)

<https://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/libarch2205fa2017/> (more traditional arch / lib pairing).

Best,  
Nora

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**From:** Stephanie Margolin [<mailto:smargo@hunter.cuny.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019 4:09 PM  
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**Subject:** happy new year!

Hi Nora,  
Happy New Year! I hope that you're having a nice, quiet, productive January!

I'm writing to e-introduce you to to Mike Benediktsson, a faculty colleague here at Hunter. We know each other through ACERT, Hunter's center for teaching and learning. Mike is organizing an event about faculty engaging with the city in their teaching/with their students and I thought about the credit course that you guys run with architecture.

If you have the time, perhaps Mike can send a few questions/ideas your way?

thanks!

Best,  
Stephanie

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