

## FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello Center for the Study of Brooklyn friends! Welcome to fall semester, and to the first official CSB newsletter. We've had a busy spring and summer and are excited for our work this coming year.

### UPDATES

#### *CUNY Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Grant*



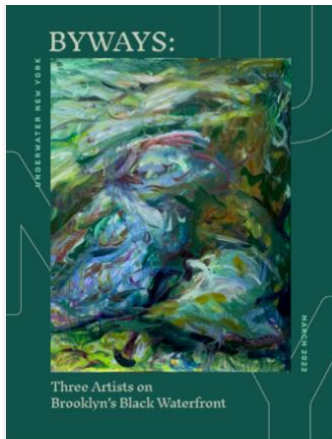
We hope you got a chance to attend spring 2022 events featuring BC students and faculty working with the [Flatbush African Burial Ground Coalition](#). We are thrilled to announce that **we won a \$32,000 CUNY BRESI grant to support 9 paid student interns** to work with the FABGC and Prof. Kelly Britt during the 2022-23 academic year.

#### *Gateway National Recreation Area Socioecological Research Fellowship*



Seven CUNY graduate students finished the CSB/Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay summer 2022 [Gateway National Recreation Area Socioecological Research Fellowship](#), funded by the National Parks Service. Students researched the Spring Creek Restoration Plan from a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion perspective; the viability of eel grass in Jamaica Bay; locations at Floyd Bennett Field for precise coastal edge measurement; and social and environmental justice organizations working in and around Jamaica Bay.

## *Brooklyn Public Humanities Program*



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We hope you had a chance to catch the launch in February of the Spring 2022 issue of **Underwater New York** at the Brooklyn College Library, [Byways: Three Artists on Brooklyn's Black Waterfront](#). Helen Georgas' [Wolfe Institute](#)-funded Brooklyn Public Humanities Grant brought poet Bernard Ferguson, fiction writer Mateo Askaripour, and visual artist Whit Harris to Brooklyn College to critically engage the histories and futures of the Black diaspora along Brooklyn's waterfront.

## CURRENT RESEARCH

### *Housing Speculation in Brooklyn*

We analyzed housing sales prices in NYC between 2019 and 2021 in spring 2022, and found that **7 of the 10 priciest zip codes for 1-3 family homes in the city are in Brooklyn**. Check out [this fantastic infographic](#) that spring 2022 data analytics interns Cindy Zhang and Wendy Martinez made and displayed at the Brooklyn College School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Expo in May 2022.

### *CUNY Climate Crisis Grant – Community Flood Sensors*



We also finished up our work piloting community engagement around community flood sensors on blocks bordering Jamaica Bay that experience chronic sunny-day flooding with our partners at the CUNY Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay and Advanced Science Research Center. The project aimed to accelerate equitable climate adaptation in local neighborhoods and, combined with complementary efforts by colleagues at NYU, has become [FloodNET](#) - a small growing network of community flood sensors on highly-impacted streets, supported by the City of New York. The pilot was funded by a [CUNY Interdisciplinary Climate Crisis Grant](#). You can read more about the project [here](#).

### ***United Order of Tents Eastern District #3***



Professor Kelly Britt continues to work with the United Order of Tents Eastern District #3 in Bedford Stuyvesant. They received a local Laundromat Create and Connect grant to hold a community event complete with storytelling and quilt making last spring-entitled Sankofa. She also continues to work on the Brooklyn portion of an international project looking at quotidian artwork as a response to trauma from the pandemic.

### ***District 15 PAR Project***

Professor Maddy Fox is continuing to collaborate with community members and the NYC Department of Education on policy-shaping PAR (participatory action research) projects investigating lived experiences and desires around educational equity and purposes of schooling in segregated school districts in Brooklyn. Check out the [District 15 PAR Project](#).

You can read more about CSB Faculty Affiliates' work on our website. (Are you interested in becoming a CSB faculty affiliate? [Let us know.](#))

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Brooklyn Digital/Public Humanities Initiative***

A group of faculty are collecting and developing an umbrella website to feature the wide range of **public/digital humanities projects focused on Brooklyn/NYC at BC** (see a similar project [focused on Baltimore.](#)) **If you're interested in contributing to or shaping the vision of the site**, please contact [Kelly Britt](#), [Donna Granville](#), or [Miriam Deutch](#).

### ***Student Internships***

**Urban Sustainability** majors can apply for paid internships (\$17/hr) at Brooklyn and NYC-based sustainability organizations, thanks to a generous BC alum. Past opportunities have included the Regional Plan Association, Riders Alliance, Harbor Ring, and Brooklyn Greenway Initiative. Urban Sustainability students can apply directly on the CSB website.

Four **paid internships with the Flatbush African Burial Ground Coalition** are available for spring 2023. Students earn \$3,000 for the semester and course credit. [Contact Prof. Britt](#) for more information and/or to apply.

## ***A People's Guide to New York City Reading + Teaching Group***

Are you interested in joining the spring 2023 A People's Guide to New York City reading/teaching group? Twelve BC faculty contributed to Professors Carolina Bank Munoz, Emily Tumpson Molina, and Penny Lewis (CUNY SPS)'s *A People's Guide to New York City*, which expands the scope and scale of traditional guidebooks to provide an equitable exploration of the city's diverse communities. **Several BC faculty are teaching with the book, and we hope to meet 3 times over the spring semester.** We will focus primarily on one of the book's themes each meeting, with plenty of time to discuss practical classroom applications. [Please RSVP](#) to with your interest, generally available meeting times, and whether you prefer in person or Zoom.

Stay tuned for upcoming events, and for our website to migrate back to BC. As always, please [email us](#) your CSB-related news.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy, productive semester,

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