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A Science of the Living City Seminar:

Transforming Brooklyn's Urban Backwater: Perspectives on the Gowanus Canal

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Rebecca Bratspies, Center for Urban Environmental Reform

Rebecca Bratspies is a Professor of Law at the CUNY School of Law and the founding director of the CUNY [Center for Urban Environmental Reform](#). She has published widely on regulatory policy—with a focus on environmental democracy, regulating new technologies, and corporate responsibility. Recent scholarship explores urban sustainability and the intersection of human rights and environmental regulation. A scholar with the Center for Progressive Reform and the Environmental Law Collective, she has also served as an appointed member of the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law and the Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Schools Section on the Environment. As a Henry Luce Foundation Scholar, Bratspies spent a year seconded to the Republic of China (Taiwan) Environmental Protection Administration.

Hans Hesselein, Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Hans Hesselein grew up on a family-owned nursery in central New Jersey, cultivating a passion for plants at a young age. Hans holds a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University. He has worked internationally in Germany, and at several domestic landscape architecture firms, as an Associate at Dirtworks, PC in Manhattan. Hans joined the Gowanus Canal Conservancy in December 2010 and began serving as Executive Director in 2013. With the Conservancy, Hans has developed and managed green infrastructure projects, watershed planning initiatives and volunteer stewardship programs. Hans comes to the Conservancy with a strong background in horticulture, construction technology, community engagement and landscape architecture.

Anthony Deen, Gowanus by Design

Anthony Deen is the Creative Director for Applied Design in the New York office of Landor + Associates. Anthony has practiced design and architecture in New York as a Senior Architect for The Rockwell Group; Senior Design Director and Studio Director for TPG Architecture; and Vice President of Design and Development for the Virgin Megastores in North America. His major projects include the interior of jetBlue's new Terminal 5 at JFK Airport, the branding of the Barclays Center and Barclays Headquarters, and the re-launch of iconic retailer FAO Schwarz. He and architect David Briggs founded Gowanus by Design, offering professional level services to local community groups and institutions. GbD sponsors an annual, international design competition on issues related to the Gowanus Canal area. Anthony is a graduate of the Cooper Union, and he co-founded the Design + Technology program at Parsons School of Design, where he continues to teach the graduate Thesis Studio.

Victoria Hattam, The New School for Social Research

Victoria Hattam is a Professor of Politics at the New School for Social. Hattam is currently exploring the unspoken political in a variety of research sites: border walls, urban creeks, and storefront churches; and she collaborates on this project with several faculty members from the Parsons School of Art and Design. Hattam has been a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation (1997-98) and a Member at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton (2000-01). Recent publications include *In the Shadow of Race: Jews Latinos and Race Politics in the United States* (University of Chicago Press, 2007), which was awarded the Ralph Bunche Prize from the American Political Science Association in 2008; and "From Immigration and Race to Sex and Faith: Rethinking the Politics of Opposition," *Social Research*, 77, 1 (Spring 2010), co-authored with Carlos Yescas.

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