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2015 Senior Thesis Colloquium
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Carl Fields Center, MPR-Room 104
11am – 1:00pm

11:00-Noon

Moderators **Professor Bruno Carvalho**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Literatures

Professor Douglas Massey
Office of Population Research and Program in Urban Studies

Misha Semenov, Architecture

“Playing by the Rules: Examining the Interactions of Rules with Built Form in Five Seminal American Housing Projects”

Kathryn Scott, Woodrow Wilson School

“Trapped in the Margins: Improving Interventions for Homeless Transition Age Youth in Los Angeles”

Questions and Discussion

Lunch Noon-1:00

Kathryn Scott is a senior in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, receiving a certificate in Urban Studies. Two summers ago, she worked with homeless youth in Los Angeles, which inspired the topic for her thesis. Last summer, she worked for an NGO in Singapore that helps foreign migrant workers attain financial independence and entrepreneurial knowledge. Her academic focus has been on housing policy, with her previous Junior Papers addressing public housing options for ex-offenders, and promoting low-income rental housing through foreclosure investment. Advisor: David Kinsey.

Misha Semenov is a concentrator in Architecture obtaining certificates in Urban Studies and Translation & Intercultural Communication. Originally from San Francisco, Misha has long searched for a way to combine his passions for environmental action and social justice with his interest in architecture and urban planning. At Princeton, he has attempted to bridge these interests through his academic work—in research projects on urban agriculture, public space design, and sustainable architecture, as well as in socially-minded design studio work. On an extracurricular level, throughout his undergraduate career, he has engaged with campus sustainability initiatives, serving as co-president of Greening Princeton, chair of the Greening Dining Committee and member of the GreenLeaders forum. He has also taken advantage of Princeton's many travel opportunities, spending a summer at Princeton in Beijing and doing thesis research in Latin America with a fellowship from the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

He is a recipient of the George B. Wood Legacy Sophomore Prize and the Class of 1939 Princeton Scholar Award, and twice received the Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence. Next year, Misha is planning to begin a four-year, dual Master's program in Architecture and Environmental Management at Yale University. Advisor: Stan Allen.