

Good evening my name is Mike Harrington and I am the Assistant Director of the Tishman Environment and Design Center here at The New School. It's my pleasure to welcome you all to our campus.

The New School's mission is to prepare students to understand, contribute to, and succeed in a rapidly changing society. As a university where design and social research drive approaches to studying issues of our time, we seek to provide students, staff and faculty with the tools needed to grapple with complex problems facing society and to pursue just and sustainable approaches to address these problems.

The Tishman Environment & Design Center is a university-wide center with more than 70 affiliated faculty representing every school at The New School. We are dedicated to research and practice that integrates bold design, policy and social justice approaches to tackle the climate crisis and advance environmental justice.

We would like to welcome the Greenwich Village Society for Historical Preservation back, as our institution has worked well with them in the past and are always happy to support our neighbors in the village, especially neighbors that are working to make the neighborhood better through educational programs, historical programs and advocacy for preserving the unique character of the Village. We are lucky to have such neighbors that provide a living history of the area that our TNS community should be taking advantage of in order to further understand the area that so many of us spend our time working and studying in.

Having a deeper understanding of cities will be key to addressing the climate crisis, since even more people (up to 80%) will be living in urban areas, with many of these cities yet to be developed. And, while not cities are not equal, NYC is a great laboratory to study to figure out how we can increase sustainability, equity and connectivity within small spaces that hold millions of people. I am very interested in hearing Jason's lecture and learning what his lessons his experience and expertise has yielded.

We are pleased that you came out tonight to Jason's presentation, which Ariel Kates from GVSHHP will be introducing. Again, we would like to thank you for coming to visit our university and I would like to introduce Ariel Kates, the Programs Director and Communication Manager for the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation. Thank you and enjoy the Lecture!