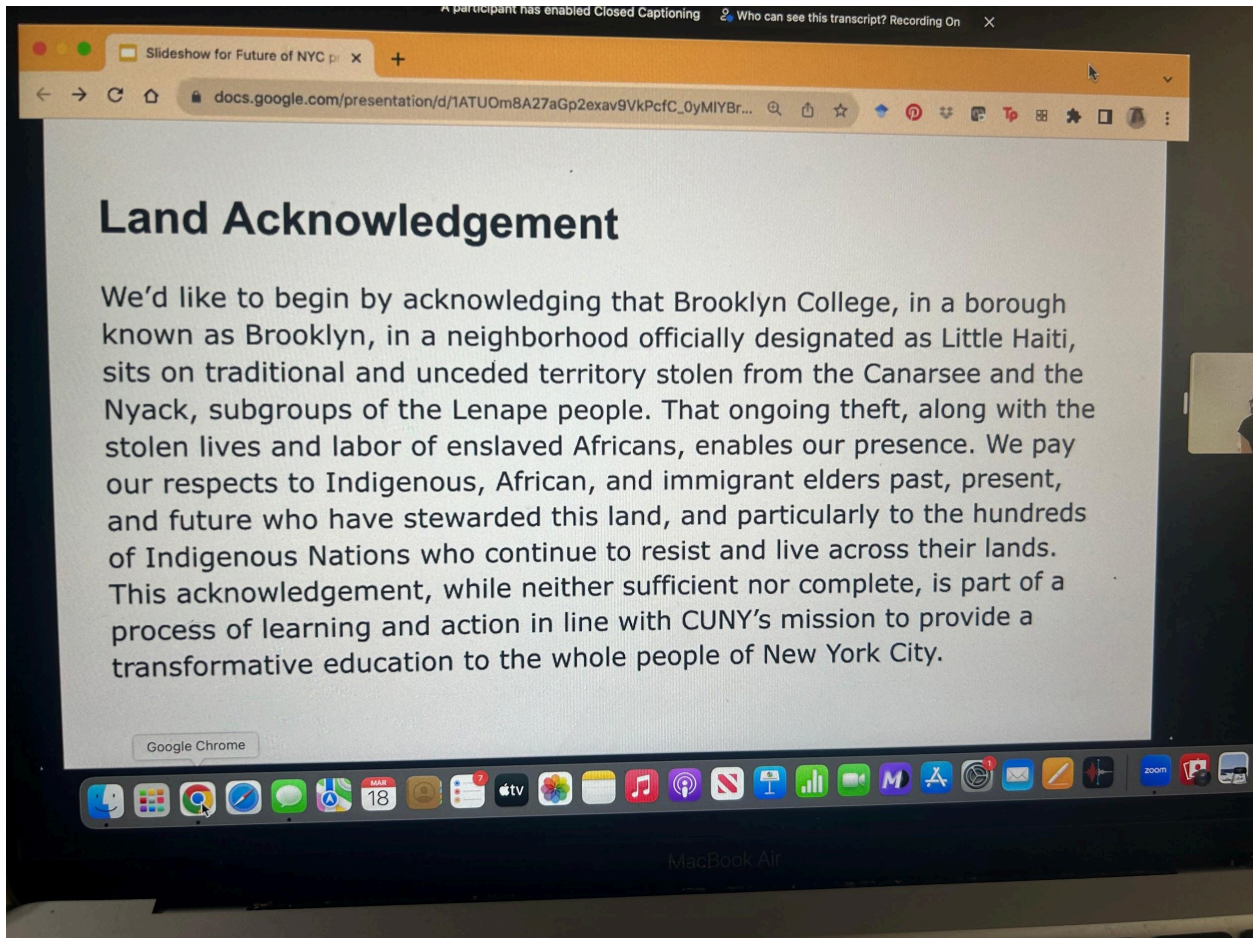


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New Books by BC Faculty Series: The Future of New York City Who Decides? Notes

Book Link: <https://centerforthehumanities.org/programming/disruptive-engagement>

Land Acknowledgement



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Community organizers

Fights city plans to fight against gentrification and displacement

zoning - what can be built and where

Zoning rules are being used for more property

Williamsburg 2005- rezoning caused demographic shift. Poc left the neighborhood & white population grew

Wealth and class differences

Against capitalism

How to organize for change to push demands

1970s nyc include more community participation to plan neighborhoods and housing

City has constrained participation

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Ulurp- ULURP is a standardized procedure where proposals to change zoning or land use are publicly reviewed.

City uses hearings to appear democratic but they are not actually listening
Industry city rezoning- pushed back proposal that would have been detrimental to communities of color

Paired organizers from different boroughs to talk to each other and organize

Talk about base building through petitions

How to craft a positive vision on the community side

How to disrupt inside- during public hearings

Legislative tactics

How to assess victory and failure

Julia Bryant- battle of going to a meeting or having dinner

Her building was bought from the city for \$1 in 1980 (Atlantic yards now Barclays Center)

Con edison gave \$100 to put in a stove

Notices they were going to put up a stadium

Victory and failure is not always obvious

MTOPP-movement to protect the people

Developer wanted to put up towers next to the botanical gardens. Brought flowers to the courthouse left a trail of flowers(people got arrested)won case

Judge told developer bring back 74 tons of soil

Article 78- how you sue the city

They want Community land,for food, solar panel rooftop farms etc

Manufacture to residential

Commitment to creating affordable housing

PEGS- mayor adams(budget cuts)

City of yes, mayor adams meeting with developers

Political will is not there to take resources for people's needs

Biggest donors for campaigns/ real estate lobby given to Kathy hochul eric adams

What's more important to create an equitable and stabilized city?

New deal for cuny to create free tuition, they are joining students to fight for that

Assessing wins and losses

- <https://govislandcoalition.org>

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- Suing the city gave us a seat at the table even though they didn't win
- Lawsuit helped indirectly

Lawsuits = ultimate disruption

The fight went on for so long you can bankrupt original developer(ex MTOPP suing developers in the city/ Atlantic Yards)

<https://hellgatenyc.com/welcome-to-the-eric-adams-table-of-success>

Lawsuits slow their roll

When you think you aren't winning there is a level of the universe kicking back

<https://mtopp.org/i>

City of yes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=C1YwMl_jpZ8&fbclid=IwAR1M-YpBXWkf1g1bYetrwiWjOO8KaWXWfU-8IM9JTuzDGXGP2zI6ntWO2o

Private public partnerships - not working

City gives them land and money in turn they promise to have housing for avg new yorker

Below 3.9% make under 25,000 cannot find housing

6% chance of getting an apt in Nyc

Eric adams supported by borough hall no

other person challenged him (he bought out opposition) was not really voted in

First person chief of staff is a lawyer that was on case for real estate industry in one year created city of yes

He doesn't see people he sees the real estate industry demanding to private public partnerships when it comes to creating housing

New bill for social housing

<https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2024/02/lawmakers-propose-creation-state-authority-finance-and-build-affordable-housing/393946/>

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S8494>