CRP 5661 Planning and Preservation Practice: Work Weekend

April 20 – 23, 2017

1 unit    S/U    Graduate students only
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This one-unit course offers the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to a community by undertaking a hands-on preservation project at a significant historic site. Students will be given basic training in one or more simple tasks, and then spend a minimum of two full days using their skills to stabilize, repair, and/or rehabilitate elements of a building. Typical projects include window reglazing, prepping and painting, repointing masonry, patching plaster, demolition, and simple carpentry.

Work Weekend is hosted by the Historic Preservation Planning Program and the HPP Alumni organization. It takes place over four days in April. Students will depart Ithaca on a Thursday afternoon, and return Sunday. Among the past sites for Work Weekend have been Ellis Island, NY; a rural church in Wyco, WV; the Cascadilla Boat House, Ithaca; Pratt Opera House, Albion, NY; Liberia Plantation, Manassas, VA; Chalfonte Hotel, Cape May, NJ; First Baptist Church, New Bedford, MA; Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia; and the greenhouse at Lindhurst, Tarrytown, NY.

There is one mandatory meeting prior to departure. The cost of the class is $50, which goes to partially defray the cost of lodging, meals, supplies and transportation. Students will also be required to sign a liability waiver in order to participate.

PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF PROJECT PLANNING, STUDENTS CANNOT DROP THIS CLASS AFTER APRIL 1ST, EXCEPT FOR MEDICAL REASONS. PLEASE PLAN YOUR WORK FOR THE SEMESTER TO AVOID A PROBLEM.

SIMILARLY, BECAUSE PLANNING AND EXPENSES ARE SET SEVERAL WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TRIP, NO REFUNDS CAN BE MADE IF YOU DROP AFTER APRIL 10.