Collections and Exhibitions
Major Architectural Exhibit Mounted at Wallach Gallery
By Peter Nobilo

In the first major retrospective devoted to modernist architect Max Abramovitz, the Miller and Jra D Wallach Art Gallery will explore his life and work, which included such major urban, postwar projects as Avery Fisher Hall at New York City’s Lincoln Center, in an exhibition titled "The Troubled Search: The Work of Max Abramovitz," which will run from Sept. 15 through Dec. 10.

Equally skilled in design and engineering, Abramovitz took a problem-solving approach to the demands of postwar architecture, said Janet Parks, co-curator and curator of drawings and archives at Columbia’s Avery Library. "In this day of complex building programs, his example is particularly valuable and instructive.

For much of his career, Abramovitz was one-half of the noted architectural firm Harmon & Abramovitz. Although Wallace Harrison has received much critical attention, "Troubled Search" will be the first in-depth study of Harrison’s partner.

Born in Chicago in 1908, Abramovitz had a long, prolific and varied career. His work encompassed the corporate and the religious, the cultural and the military, architecture and urban planning. The exhibition, comprising more than 500 works covers his student work and travels, military and teaching careers and professional activities. It also provides a thorough overview of his major architectural works, including the U.S. Steel Building (Pittsburgh), Krammert Center and Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) as well as Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs and Law buildings.

Parks co-curated the exhibit with John Harwood, a doctoral candidate in architectural history and 2004-2005 CoVA fellow at the National Gallery of Art. The Abramovitz archives, housed in Avery Library, are the foundation for the exhibition.

A gallery talk by Harwood will be offered Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. A guided walking tour of Abramovitz’s major New York projects is planned for Oct. 16. Both events are free and open to the general public.

A catalog will accompany the exhibit. The Wallach Art Gallery is located in Schermerhorn Hall.

Interdisciplinary Studies
New Study: The Hazy Days of Summer Are Getting Hazer
By Stephanie Berger

Here’s yet another worry about global warming. A new study, conducted by researchers from Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York and the University at Albany, found that asthma patients are more sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity.

The study analyzed six years of medical records for 3,148 asthma patients at two New York City hospitals. The results showed that higher temperatures and humidity levels trigger asthma attacks.

Seasonal changes contribute to increased asthma attacks, but research has focused on the role of seasonal allergens, such as pollen and mold. This study suggests that temperature and humidity also play a role.

The researchers found that higher temperatures and humidity levels were associated with increased asthma attacks. They also noted that the effects were more pronounced in the summer months.

The study was published in the journal Chest, which focuses on respiratory health.

The findings suggest that people with asthma may need to be more aware of their environment during the summer months.

The study was funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Changes in Number of Healthy and Unhealthy Summer Days Due to Global Warming

July-August 2007

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This table shows the estimated number of healthy and unhealthy days in July-August 2007 due to global warming.

In 2007, there were 29.8 healthy days and 20.2 unhealthy days in June, 25.6 healthy days and 34.4 unhealthy days in July, and 22.8 healthy days and 37.2 unhealthy days in August.

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