KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOST ART EXHIBITION OPENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON BROOKLYN WATERFRONT

A distinguished interdisciplinary panel will explore waterfronts’ future in the era of climate change

Brooklyn, N.Y., August 15 – Kingsborough Community College (KCC) today announced that it will host a roundtable discussion, “Brooklyn Under Water: Confronting a Landscape of Risk,” on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, from 5 to 7 pm, in the college’s Art Gallery. The event, organized by the Brooklyn Waterfront Research Center at New York City College of Technology and KCC, will be an interdisciplinary conversation about the future of Brooklyn’s waterfronts in the age of climate change.

The event speakers, representing a wide range of expertise, including architecture, history, city planning, biology, and geophysics, will explore what should be considered as we confront rising sea levels. Panelists include faculty from KCC and New York City College of Technology as well as special guests Klaus Jacob, geophysicist at Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and Michael Marella, Director of Waterfront and Open Space Planning at the New York City Department of City Planning. The Audience will be invited to participate in the discussion and debate.

The roundtable will coincide with an exhibition at KCC’s art gallery titled Brooklyn’s Waterfronts: Past, Present, Future, which runs from September 4 to September 19, 2012. It is curated by Libby Garland and Brian Hack. Five artists consider Brooklyn’s diverse and changing waterfronts, each from a different perspective. The past is explored in Jean Miele’s photos of the vestiges of Brooklyn’s industrial waterfront and Nathan Kensinger’s photos of the disappearing bungalows of Brighton Beach. The present is represented by Willis Elkins Lighter Log, a collection of the plastic lighters that wash up on Brooklyn’s beaches, and by Susan Bowen’s panoramic images of Coney Island’s boardwalk. The future is represented by Robin Michals’s photos of places in southern Brooklyn threatened by sea level rise. The exhibition will open Wednesday, September 12, from 4-5 pm in the KCC art gallery.

Attendance for the roundtable is free but space is limited. Attendees should RSVP to brooklynwaterfront1883@gmail.com by Monday, September 10. For more information on the roundtable and exhibition, visit http://bwexhibit.commons.gc.cuny.edu.

About Kingsborough Community College

Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn’s only community college, is located on a 70-acre campus in Manhattan Beach, on the southern tip of Brooklyn. The breath-
taking campus overlooks three bodies of water: Sheepshead Bay, Jamaica Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It serves approximately thirty thousand students per year, offering a wide range of credit and non-credit courses in the liberal arts, career education, and specialized programs.

About the Brooklyn Waterfront Research Center

The Brooklyn Waterfront Research Center of New York City College of Technology has a three-fold mission of research, education, and public outreach. More about the BWRC can be found at: http://bwrc.commons.gc.cuny.edu/about/.

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