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## VAN ALLEN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW YORK PRIZE FELLOWS FOR 2009–2010



*From Left to Right: Public School (for Architecture), Underdome, Looking at Nothing*

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**New York, NY** - Van Alen Institute today announced the following recipients of the 2009–2010 New York Prize Fellowships:

**common room** (Lars Fischer, Maria Ibañez, Todd Rouhe), New York, and **Telic Arts Exchange** (Sean Dockray), Los Angeles  
Project title: **The Public School (for Architecture)**

**Erik Carver and Janette Kim**, New York  
Project title: **Underdome**

**Annie Han and Daniel Mihalyo**, Seattle  
Project title: **Looking at Nothing**

The New York Prize Fellows were selected through a competitive open application process. They will be in residence at Van Alen Institute for a period of three months each from fall 2009 through summer 2010. In addition to carrying out their independent projects, they will take part in a range of public programs related to their work.

This year's jury included **Kadambari Baxi** (principal, imageMachine, Martin/Baxi Architects, New York), **Ann Hamilton** (artist, Columbus, Ohio), **Thomas Keenan** (professor, Bard College), **Joan Ockman** (former director, Buell Center for the Study of American Architecture, Columbia University), and **Sarah Whiting** (principal, WW Architecture, Princeton).

The New York Prize Fellowships were established in 2007 to bring practitioners and scholars to Van Alen's headquarters in New York to pursue advanced research related to the design and conception of public space. Now in its third year, the Fellowship has supported over 30 architects, designers, and related practitioners from all over the world.

"This year's Fellowship projects focus on three areas of inquiry to which Van Alen Institute has had a long-standing commitment: architectural education, energy policy in relation to the built environment, and techniques of urban representation," stated jury member and acting Van Alen Co-director Joan Ockman. "The projects address these issues in particularly challenging and innovative ways. We are very excited about the new thinking and synergy they will bring to Van Alen in the coming year."

Further information on the New York Prize and this year's Fellows may be found on the Van Alen website: [www.vanalen.org](http://www.vanalen.org).

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**About Van Alen Institute: Projects in Public Architecture**

Van Alen Institute is an independent nonprofit architectural organization. Our mission is to promote critical inquiry into the design and shaping of the public realm. For over a century Van Alen has fostered significant architectural work by the professional and scholarly community, awarded excellence in design, and provided a platform for expanded public dialogue about the built environment. Van Alen continues this legacy today, focusing on research and debate about twenty-first-century spatial practices. Our primary activities include design competitions, fellowships, exhibitions, publications, and public forums. For more information, please visit [www.vanalen.org](http://www.vanalen.org).

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