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PN NEWS

Justice by Design? The Planners Network 2005 Conference, June 2-5

Registration for the 2005 Planners Network Conference in the Twin Cities is now open.

- * Hear Anne Spirn discuss her work in West Philadelphia and Mike Pyatok on affordable housing.
- * Tour sustainable agriculture, community development, and affordable housing projects.
- * Learn skills in hands on sessions and discuss progressive planning issues.

Download the registration form at
http://www.designcenter.umn.edu/reference_ctr/pnReg.htm

Visit the conference web site at
http://www.designcenter.umn.edu/reference_ctr/planNetConf.html

Registration is available for the whole conference, one-day of sessions or tours, and there is a special free registration for the two evening keynotes (Anne Spirn and Mike Pyatok). If you want to propose a session, email Richard Milgrom at rmilgrom@umn.edu. Questions? Email info@plannersnetwork.org

From PNER **Jamie Cutlip** of the San Francisco Chapter of PN:

The **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Planners Network** hosted Leaving the Postcard: A Disorientation Bus Tour of San Francisco on Sunday, March 20th during the APA conference. 50 participants jump aboard the outbound 19 Polk public bus line and journeyed through San Francisco's Russian Hill, Nob Hill, Tenderloin, Civic Center, South of Market, Potrero Hill, and Bayview/Hunter's Point neighborhoods. This reality tour of San Francisco included demographic, economic, historical information, and development pressures that revealed how a progressive lens can tell an alternative and often surprising story of these dynamic neighborhoods. The tour concluded in Hunter's Point with reflections by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell and Karen Pierce, President of the Bayview/Hunter's Point Community Advocates and coordinator of the San Francisco Health Department's Health and Environmental Assessment Task Force. To find out more about the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter visit us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pn-bayarea> or contact Jamie at jamie@urbansolutionssf.org

From PNER **Alex Schafran**:

Letter from Porto Alegre – Report-Back From the 5th World Social Forum

When fellow PN Steering Committee member Josh Lerner mentioned to me in passing that he would be attending the WSF in Porto Alegre in January, as part of his lengthy sojourn south of the Rio Bravo, I realized that I too would be in the neighborhood and could join him in representing PN at the WSF. I was thrilled at the opportunity – relatively new to both Planning and PN, this seemed to be a perfect coming out party, one where grand connections would be forged and new ideas for progressive planning alliances would emerge.

As is often the case, great expectations lead to grand disappointments. Although the energy from the tens of thousands of participants, sunny and fantastically hot weather and infectious enthusiasm of our Brazilian hosts was invigorating, I quickly realized that Josh and my hopes of meeting an international array of progressive urbanists was not going to happen. Although we hosted our own session, participated in an INURA pre-forum conference, spoke fluent Spanish and a smattering of Portuguese, and spent hours scouring the two-inch think program for any sign of planning, the forum was simply too wide open, the days too hot, and the workshops too pedantic to really do the kind of networking that we had wanted to do.

But sitting in the hot sun and talking with the handful of planners and activists I did manage to meet, I was able to do a lot of thinking about what the forum meant for PN, and what role PN has outside of North America. Latin America is a particular passion and interest of mine, and I have struggled with the issue of how to incorporate Latin American issues into PN in a non-colonial way. Many of us are uncomfortable with the idea of “expanding” PN south – likewise, the few planners I met in Latin America, although they liked the idea of PN and were interested

in connecting with other progressive planners in Latin America and the world, also were uncomfortable joining a North American group. Yet both of us realize that more and more the Americas are connected, whether it is through immigration (the US is now the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world), the fight against the FTAA (hopefully), or simple globalization. The need for cross-border participatory planning has never been greater.

So what can PN do in this context? Here are two recommendations:

1. Start at home. We should work to develop a **Spanish-language website**, and more importantly a **Spanish-language listserv**. This will enable participants south of the border to participate in discussions openly and freely without having to join a North American group. Work on building connections with Latino planners in the US and Canada.

2. Use our conference to promote understanding of these issues. **I propose hosting the 2006 conference in New Mexico** (I know Ted and Sean are excited), and having the focus be on border issues (not just US/Mexico but US/Canada, etc). Make a point of inviting Mexican planners, having bilingual (or tri-lingual) sessions. This is also an opportunity to reach out to the francophone community in Quebec.

I'd love feedback from PN's on these ideas. Contact me at aschafra@hunter.cuny.edu, or come find me at the conference in June. See you in Minnesota!

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Update from **PNer Alejandro Rofman**, Argentina:

Alejandro Rofman, Ph D in Economics, has recently been appointed Honorary Professor at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. This appointment is offered to academic scholars with a long lasting teaching and researching activities in one of the schools of the University. Dr. Rofman is working as Full Professor at the University of Buenos Aires since 1972. His academic activity has been developed in the School of Economics. Last year, he was head of a research team encharged of designing a comprehensive plan for enhancing socio-economic performance of the small peasants in the poor rural lands of Argentina. The research was encharged by the Federal Secretary of Agriculture and it will be available in Spanish next May. All those interested in receiving a copy of the research report, please send the home or the e-mail address to Mr Rofman. He will send the report in the way it is required as soon as it is published. Alejandro can be reached at srofman@fibertel.com.ar.

Obituary for Cushing N. Dolbeare:

(Excerpts from the National Low-Income Housing Coalition Press Release)

Cushing N. Dolbeare died of cancer on March 17, 2005 at her home in Mitchellville, MD. She was 78. Cushing began the National Low Income Housing Coalition in 1974 when she organized the Ad Hoc Low Income Housing Coalition in response to the Nixon Administration's moratorium on federal housing programs. She served as NLIHC's Executive Director from 1977 to 1984 and again from 1993 to 1994. She remained active with NLIHC as a researcher, policy analyst, and board member until her death. Cushing was one of the nation's leading experts on federal housing policy and

the housing circumstances of low income people. She designed the methodology for and was the original author of *Out of Reach*, NLIHC's widely cited annual report on the gap between housing costs and wages of low income people. She was also well-known for her work on analyzing federal housing subsidies, documenting the disparity between the cost of tax-based subsidies that benefit homeowners and direct spending on housing assistance for low income households. Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) appointed Cushing to the Bipartisan Millennial Housing Commission, chartered by Congress in 2000 to examine and make recommendations to Congress on providing affordable housing for all Americans. In 2002, she was appointed Senior Scholar at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Enterprise Foundation, and the Boards of Directors of the Housing Assistance Council, the Alliance for Healthy Homes, and the National Housing Conference. Cushing is survived by her husband of 49 years, Louis P. Dolbeare, their son Louis N. Dolbeare, their daughter Mary O'Kane, her sister Alice Lynd, and four grandchildren. Condolences to the family can be sent in care of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20005. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the Cushing N. Dolbeare Endowment Fund at the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Cal Poly Announces the 2005 Dale Prize!

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Cal Poly, Pomona has announced the winners of the 2005 William R. and June Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban Planning. The Dale Prize is awarded annually to recognize planning excellence and is the only planning award that creates dialogue between planning scholars and practitioners. The Dale Prize is organized around a focused planning theme each year. The theme for 2005 is *Voices in Planning: Transforming Land Use Practice through Community Engagement*, focusing on those planners whose work is giving voice to underrepresented communities, ensuring that land use planning and decision-making practices are responsive to these new voices, and creating a civic culture of community engagement.

The winner of the Practitioner Prize is Ms. **Ceola Davis**, Community Organizer, East St. Louis. Ms. Davis spearheaded the revitalization of East St. Louis and is widely recognized for uniting neighborhood residents around causes of unemployment, environmental degradation, and crime.

Two Scholar Prizes are being awarded this year. The recipients are: Dr. **Kenneth Reardon (PN Steering Committee Member)**, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Planning, Cornell University. Dr. Reardon is the foremost academic engaged in community action research.

Dr. **Leonie Sandercock**, Professor, University of British Columbia. Dr. Sandercock is the preeminent theorist in this field and has influenced practice around the world.

Each of the winners will receive a \$5,000 prize and will be honored during a three-day visit to the Cal Poly Pomona campus. On April 14, 2005 the winners will participate in a colloquium on *Voices in Planning*. The event will be held on the Cal Poly Pomona campus from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The event is free and open to all. Immediately following the Colloquium will be the awards banquet, which is open to all at a cost of

\$40.00 per person. Please contact the Urban and Regional Planning Department for additional information at either urpdept@csupomona.edu or (909) 869-2688. Information is also available at our website at <http://www.csupomona.edu/urp>.

PUBLICATIONS

The Geography of Opportunity: Race and Housing Choice in Metropolitan America, edited by Xavier de Souza Briggs, Foreword by William Julius Wilson, published by Brookings Institution Press (2005, 420pp.), Paper Text, 0-8157-0873-4, \$29.95.

China's Urban Transition, by John Friedmann, published by University of Minnesota Press, (2005, 168 pp.), \$18.95.

"Structural Racism and Community Building" (49 pages, June 2004) is available (possibly free) from the Aspen Institute, PQ Box 222, 109 Houghton Lab Lane., Queenstown, MD 21658, Tel.: 410-820-5338, publications@aspenscience.org.

"The Wealth Inequality Reader," (200 pages, 2004), from Dollars & Sense and United for a Fair Economy, is available (\$15.95) from Dollars & Sense, 740 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141, Tel.: 617-876-2434, www.dollarsandsense.org.

"Risky Business: An Economic Analysis of the Relationship Between Subprime Lending & Neighborhood Foreclosures," by Daniel Immergluck and Geoff Smith (33 pages, March 2004), has been published by the Woodstock Institute, 407 South Dearborn, #550, Chicago, IL 60605, Tel.: 312-427-8070, woodstock@woodstockinst.org, www.woodstockinst.org/document/riskybusiness.pdf.

EVENTS

April 21-22, 2005. "Healthy Cities and Smart Growth: Planning for Healthier Communities," is a conference presented by California Healthy Cities and Communities, in Berkeley, California. For more information phone 916-646-8660 or visit www.civicpartnerships.org.

June 20-21, 2005. "When Women Gain, So Does the World," the 8th International Women's Policy Research Conference, sponsored by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, will be held in Washington D.C. More information is available from Tel.: 202-785-5100, conference@iwpr.org

October 20-23, 2005. The 11th biennial of the **Society for American and Regional Planning History** will take place in Coral Gables, Florida. For more information visit www.urban.uiuc.edu/sacrph/.

October 29, 2005. "Public and Private in Urban Space," sponsored by The New York Metro American Studies Association (NYMASA), will be held at Hunter College, CUNY. NYMASA is seeking abstracts and papers for the annual one-day conference,

and particularly encourage submissions that discuss urban spaces before the 20th century, and presentations that cross historic and disciplinary borders. Please submit proposals (250 words maximum) by Monday May 2nd to Sarah Chinn via email at sarah.chinn@hunter.cuny.edu or via U.S. mail at Sarah E. Chinn, English Department, Hunter College, CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021
Electronic submissions are preferred.

November 2-4, 2005. "Brownfields 2005," the official national brownfields conference cosponsored by U.S. EPA and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA.) will be held in Denver, CO. The conference is free, and registration info and other details can be found at www.brownfields2005.org ICMA offers a limited number of full and partial travel scholarships for government and nonprofit stakeholders involved in brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Scholarship application deadline: April 29. To apply or learn more, visit <http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/Scholarships.aspx>

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Van Meter Williams Pollack, an urban design and architecture firm with offices in San Francisco and Denver, is looking for an experienced **Urban designer/project manager** to join its San Francisco office. The Urban Designer/Project Manager position requires a creative individual to explore unique urban design, planning, and architectural solutions to a variety of projects. A master's degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning, or Urban Design is required. Ideally, the candidate will also have at least three to five years of professional experience beyond the graduate-level education including experience managing projects with multiple subconsultants and disciplines. Understanding of urban design principles and architectural prototypes for a variety of uses is necessary, as are written and verbal presentation skills. Graphic presentation skills include drafting, freehand rendering, as well as facility with desktop publishing software. CAD and/or GIS experience is helpful but not required. Candidates must work well within a team and individually in an interactive studio environment. For more information visit www.vmwp.com or contact via electronic mail Rick Williams at rick@vmwp.com.

The Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula and Marin is looking for a **Director of Planning and Agency Support**. The candidate will lead community-wide planning to identify needs and priorities and develop strategies and processes for funds allocation in accordance with the Federation's mission, goals, priorities and expected outcomes, support beneficiary agencies with technical services where requested and warranted, build strong, positive relationships with the lay and professional leadership of all key domestic beneficiary agencies, synagogues and other social service, educational and cultural organizations. The necessary qualifications include MA in Social Work, Sociology, Social Policy, Jewish Communal Service, Public Administration or, knowledge of or experience in Jewish communal services and

programming, 10 years of senior management experience in non-profit, public sector or for profit organization preferred, substantial experience in strategic planning, priority setting and needs assessment, demonstrated financial, analytical and research skills, strong interpersonal skills and ability to work collegially with internal staff and external leaders of other organizations, outstanding verbal and written communications skills, able to travel the extent of the Federation's reach to visit agencies, lay committees, planning meetings and attend key events. Please e-mail cover letter and resume to ricki.wasserman@ujc.org.

Hogle-Ireland, Inc. has vacancies for **Assistant, Associate, Senior Associate** and **Principal Land Use Planners** in our Irvine, Riverside, and Palm Springs offices. Hogle-Ireland is a land use planning and development consulting firm providing services to both the public and private sectors. All positions require a degree in land use planning or equivalent and working experience with a California city or county. We do have several entry level positions open at this time and they also require a degree in land use planning or equivalent and minimum experience of an internship with a California city or county. Please submit your cover letter and resume to sball@hogleireland.com

FLORIDA

The **City of Pinellas Park** is seeking a creative and energetic professional for the **Planning and Zoning Analyst** position in our Zoning Division. The ideal candidate will have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree with a major in urban planning, business or public administration, or related field and 1 year experience in research analysis related to urban planning or zoning. Work entails gathering and analyzing data, making technical recommendations and/or preparing written reports for the Zoning Division, Planning and Zoning commission or Board of Adjustment. The candidate must be comfortable with creating presentation materials and making oral presentations at public hearings and workshops. May also approve residential and commercial building plans and interpret Code. Initiate correspondence related to petitions for rezoning, code amendments, site plan reviews and waivers. Review and approve occupational license applications for use and site sufficiency. For more information visit www.pinellas-park.com.

LOUISIANA

The **College of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of New Orleans** invites applications for a tenure-track position in **Urban planning** at the **Assistant Professor** level effective August 2005. The candidate for this position will teach housing and community development courses within the fully-accredited Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree program, but may also work with students in the College's other degree programs: the interdisciplinary Master of Science in Urban Studies and Ph.D. in Urban Studies degree programs, the Master of Public Administration degree program, and a growing undergraduate program in Urban Studies and Planning. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree in planning or a closely related field and have a strong commitment to professional planning practice. Applicants should also have a

broad knowledge of contemporary U.S. planning practice, demonstrate potential for research and publication on planning-related topics, and have significant expertise in an additional area such as statistical analysis, research design, or international development. The College may consider a candidate with a completed Ph.D., strong publication record, and several years of full-time teaching experience at the Assistant Professor rank for tenure on an accelerated basis. College faculty members and students play an active role in the metropolitan New Orleans area by conducting applied research and studio projects on issues of local and regional concern. The successful applicant for the position would be expected to become fully engaged in community-related work and serve as a liaison with the planning community for student job placement and contract research. The College values and encourages AICP certification. Candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three references to Scott Farrell, Assistant to the Dean, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148, telephone 504-280-6277 or fax 504-280-6272.

NEW YORK

The **City of Albany**, New York, the state capital is seeking a highly-motivated and experienced candidate for **Senior Economic Developer** within the Department of Development and Planning. This is a fast paced position responsible for the coordination and administration of business development programs, including the City of Albany Empire Zone program. The successful candidate must have experience in the economic development field including project financing and management, good knowledge of the principles and practices employed in business development and the ability to interact with business leaders, government officials, lending organizations and real estate professionals. The annual salary ranges from \$43,000 to \$53,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Please send your resume to Megan Daly, Department of Development and Planning, 21 Lodge Street, Albany, New York, 12207.

OHIO

The **City of Delaware**, Ohio is seeking applications for the position of **Planning and Community Development Director**. Under the immediate supervision of the City Manager, the Planning and Community Development Director, reports directly to the City Manager, manages a staff of 14 and is responsible for managing the development process, negotiating with developers, enforcing development and building codes, urban design and planning for growth. The Director works in a highly visible position advising city administration, City Council, and the Planning Commission on development issues. Must possess strong analytical and negotiation skills, and ability to communicate effectively both in writing and verbally. Position requires a strong and diverse background in municipal land use planning and development and the ability to manage multiple projects. Attendance at evening meetings expected. For more information visit www.delawareohio.net.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Jewish Federation is seeking a **Director of Planning**. Among the various tasks the candidate will: direct the development of a community plan reflecting the mission and vision of the Federation, manage a process for allocation of funds raised by the Federation, build strong relationships with constituent agencies and other stakeholders, and serve on the Federation's Management and Leadership Team. The successful candidate will possess the following: MA in Social Work, urban planning, public administration or related field, 3-5 years progressively responsible experience in a social service agency, preferably in Jewish communal agency, and understanding of diverse community needs and values, strong analytical skills. Also, experience managing budgets, strong problem solving skills and excellent interpersonal and communication skills are also required skills. Please e-mail cover letter and resume to ricki.wasserman@ujc.org.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Rutgers University Offers Online Professional Development for Urban Planners

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, one of the top planning schools in the United States, is offering online professional development courses in land use law, leadership and management, and urban design and placemaking. Designed to meet the needs of busy professionals, Bloustein Online Continuing Education for Planners (BOCEP) will offer nine courses between April and September 2005. Each five-week course is taught at a graduate level by experts in the subject. Students can get to the course from any computer with an Internet connection, and participate at their convenience. There are no scheduled class meetings. Every class will provide ample opportunities for planners to discuss issues and resolve problems in collaboration. Working professionals and expert researchers will teach the courses. While courses are not eligible for graduate credit, students who complete a track of courses will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Bloustein School. Each course costs \$250, but discounts up to \$100 are available for Bloustein School alumni and members of these partnering organizations: Planners Network, and the New York and New Jersey chapters of the American Planning Association. Each class is limited to 25 students. Interested planners should reserve a seat to ensure that they will be able to get into their preferred course. For more information, please visit <http://policy.rutgers.edu/bocep/bocep> . Contact: Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP, Instructor, Tel.: 732-932-3822, x711, vazquezl@rci.rutgers.edu;

The Work Site is a new free website that allows users to download and adapt tools for effective grassroots communication & organizing, including training materials, examples

of best practice, etc. – plus opinion research and the opportunity to share ideas and seek advice on a wide variety of organizing and campaign work, <http://www.theworksite.org>.

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