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Please send in your updates to nrantisi@alcor.concordia.ca. Send in news about yourself and your work, notices about jobs, events, publications, and grants of interest to progressive planners (maximum 100 words please). Have a message or opinion you want to get out? Write it up (maximum 250 words; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.

PN NEWS

Justice by Design? The Planners Network 2005 Conference

Registration for the 2005 Planners Network Conference is now open on the Design Center web site. Get ready to book your tickets to the Twin Cities for June 2-5, 2005.

- * 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.
- * Debate Planners Network business and judge for yourself if Minnesota's investment in star architects has been a good one.

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). In addition to the conference registration, participants can also book accommodation. Questions? Email info@plannersnetwork.org

From PNers M. Jason Blackman and Mia Hunt of PN-Concordia:

The Concordia University Chapter of Planners Network located in Montreal co-sponsored a public forum with the University Rector's Office on November 24th 2004 entitled "Quartier Concordia: The Urban Campus, Community and Public Space". This forum, attended by 75 people from the university and community, considered the potential impacts of the expansion plans for Concordia's downtown campus. There were five speakers who participated in the forum: Michèle Gauthier, Landscape Architect from Groupe Cardinal Hardy (the firm with the winning redevelopment scheme); Jeanne Wolfe, Emerita Professor and former Director of McGill University's School of Urban Planning; Clarence Epstein, Director of Special Projects for the Rector's Cabinet of Concordia University and Estate Manager and Fundraiser for the University's Art Gallery; Concordia Professor and Architect Pierre Gauthier; and Paul-Antoine Troxler, Co-ordinator of the Peter-McGill community citizen's organization.

The discussions were moderated by John Zacharias, Chair of Concordia's Department of Geography, Planning and Environment. The panel presentations were followed by a lively discussion between the audience members and members of the panel during the question and answer period.

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Update from PNER Dick Platkin:

Currently a city planner for the City of Los Angeles in charge of liaison with the city's new neighborhood councils, as well as community planning issues and cases in the northern half of the San Fernando Valley, a major Los Angeles region.

Developing a panel for the June 2005 PN conference on the urban policies of big city mayors. My case study will be Los Angeles, in which an incumbent Democratic mayor is facing four Democratic party challengers...all of whom propose raising the sales tax to hire more cops.

New contact information: E-mail: dickplatkin@yahoo.com; Work phone: 818-374-5037; Address: Dept. of City Planning, Room 351, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91401.

Update from PNER **Camille Tuason Mata** (M.A., M.U.R.P., Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison):

I am coordinating an anthology of works by women graduate students and scholars, who can narrate about their experience as women in academia or wanting to enter the field of academia. The theme of this anthology is to describe the state of women's employment in academia today from a first-person account. The objective is to provide a realistic landscape of the current state of women's opportunities in academia as a means of predicting future trends, and to ascertain how successfully women have broken through the glass ceiling by looking at the migration into and the existing climate of this traditionally male-dominated field. I am specifically looking for submissions that comment on many aspects pertaining to academia, such as how graduate students foresee their opportunities in academia, the treatment of graduate students and how this has hindered their entry in the field, the climate in the work place for women already in the field, and how scholarship by women are treated by their male colleagues. Submissions should also comment on tenure, professional relationship with colleagues, and the role that race plays.

This anthology is not intended to be statistics-based. I am aiming for personal accounts that incorporate thoughts on the exercise of power within the academic institution.

If applicable, anonymity will be respected. Therefore, persons submitting under a pseudonym should submit work under that name, but please state clearly if it is so. I welcome submission from anyone, including men who are conscious of the gender politics that occur in the work place. In fact, such submissions would greatly enhance this project. References, if utilized, should be included at the end of the article. Be sure to include a biography and contact number or email. Please submit your articles by May 30, 2005. Contact information: Camille Tuason Mata, 815/817D Prospect Place, Madison, WI. 53703, tuasonmata@wisc.edu, Tel.: 608-255-2859

Update on **Gus Newport**:

Gus Newport has been appointed executive director of The Institute for Community Economics (ICE) as of June 2004. The Institute for Community Economics has offices in Springfield, Massachusetts, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Boulder, Colorado. Founded in 1967, ICE is a housing and community development intermediary and Community Development Financial Institution that promotes the just allocation of resources in communities for the needs of low-income families. Through technical assistance, financing, and advocacy, ICE builds the capacity of a national network of community land trusts (CLTs) and other locally-controlled organizations engaged in revitalizing communities and developing permanently affordable housing and homeownership opportunities. Mr. Newport's background is defined by innovative leadership in community development, municipal government, and nonprofit capacity building.

PUBLICATIONS

"Hope VI: A Study of Housing and Neighborhood Satisfaction" by John Gilderbloom Michael Brazley, and Zhenfeng Pan, published in *Sustain: A Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Issues*, Issue 11, Fall/Winter 2005, is available at <http://www.louisville.edu/org/sun/articles/HopeVI0706.pdf>.

"Participatory Approaches to Research on Poverty," a 2004 British study from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, is available at www.jrf.org.uk/redirect.asp?url=findings/socialpolicy/334

"The Effects of State Policies on TANF Participation," a 3-page, October 2004 Research Brief, is available from the Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Wallace Hall, 2nd flr., Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544, crcw@opr.princeton.edu, crcw.princeton.edu/fragilefamilies

"Changing Minds, Building Communities: Advancing Affordable Housing Through Communications Campaigns" is a special 2004 issue of the Neighborhood Investment Corporation Neighborworks Journal, available from Fax: 202-376-2576, www.nw.org/network/neighborworksprogs/multifamily/symposia/symposium2004.asp

"Can We Motivate People to Become Steady Workers? 19-Month Findings from Project Match's Retention Incentives Experiment," by Suzanne L. Wagner, Diana Brooks & Toby Herr is a 7-page, November 2004 Research & Policy Update. It is available from Project Match, 420 N. Wabash Ave., 6th flr., Chicago, IL 60611, Tel.: 312-893-7241, www.pmatch.org

EVENTS

March 3-4, 2005. The 2005 Planning Institute, Sixth Annual will be held at the Levis Center on the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus. The institute topic is **Community Design for Healthy Lifestyles**. For more information contact Pattsy Petrie at pattsy@uiuc.edu.

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

May 23-25, 2005. Advancing Regional Equity & Smart Growth, the 2nd National Summit, sponsored by PolicyLink & the Funders Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities, will be held in Philadelphia, PA. For more information, contact PolicyLink, 101 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607, Tel.: 510-663-2333, www.policylink.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/.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Society of American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH)** invites proposals for a SACRPH-sponsored panel at the annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Papers exploring the conference theme, preserving the Future, from a historical perspective are encouraged. Proposals are welcomed from historians, planners, and scholars and practitioners from allied fields. For consideration, please send 200-400 word abstracts by February 15th to Eileen McGurty (emcgurty@jhu.edu; 410-516-7049). For information about ACSP, visit www.acsp.org. For more information about SACRPH, visit www.urban.uiuc.edu/sacrph/.

Children, Youth and Environments announces a call for papers on the topic of Governance and Children. The projected publication date is Fall 2005. This special issue is intended to draw attention to this matter of governance as it concerns children. We welcome papers that describe creative and practical responses to this mandate to give attention to children's best interests and that contribute to an understanding of the factors that help or hinder genuine attention in this area. For more information, contact Dr. Sheridan Bartlett at sheridan@sover.net, Guest Editor, *Children, Youth and Environments*.

JOBS

COLORADO

The **City of Aspen** is looking for a **Senior Long Range Planner** for the Community Development Department. This position manages and serves as the primary authority on Long Range Planning activities for the City of Aspen, establishes work program goals and objectives and budget for long range planning activities, prepares written materials, organizes and conducts meetings pertinent to long range projects, and some COWOP projects. A Master's Degree in Planning, Urban Design, Public Administration, Architecture, or related field is preferred. AICP certification or ability to obtain within six months from the date of hire required. The candidate must possess a valid State of Colorado Driver's License. The Application is due by 5:00 p.m. on February 18th 2005. For more information visit www.aspenpitkin.com.

CONNECTICUT

The **University of Connecticut's Urban and Community Studies (UCS)** Tri-Campus program invites applications to fill two **entry-level tenure-track faculty positions**. We are seeking faculty with teaching and research expertise in one or more the following areas: (1) community and economic development; (2) nonprofit management and community organization; and (3) urban studies and planning. Minimum qualifications include an earned doctorate in urban studies, urban planning, geography, public administration, public policy, sociology, history, anthropology, social work, or a related field. Applications accepted from candidates completing their doctorate by August 2005. We seek individuals with a demonstrated record of, and potential for, scholarly excellence, who will become members of the graduate faculty. In addition, candidates should have interest in and qualifications for teaching core courses in the undergraduate UCS program as well as graduate level courses in the home department. Review of applications will begin February 15, 2005 and will continue until the positions are filled. UConn salaries are competitive, though we reemphasize these are entry-level positions. Applicants should submit a letter describing their research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, and the names, postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. Inquiries and applications should be directed to: Robert Fisher, Professor and Director, UConn Hartford Campus, Urban and Community Studies, 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford, CT 06117. (Search #'s 05A299, 05A300). Urban and Community Studies is an interdisciplinary major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The UCS program at the UConn-Tri-Campus offers a dynamic undergraduate major to students at community-oriented campuses in Hartford, Waterbury, and Torrington. For more information about the program please visit our website at www.urban.uconn.edu.

FLORIDA

The **Orange County Government** seeks an **Urban design senior planner** and a **Principal planner**. The Urban design senior planner will prepare, review and research urban design plans and regulations. The Principal planner will assist the Chief Planner in directing the section work program tasks including the gathering and preparation of reports, general meeting preparation and necessary public contact, lead cross-sectional work teams and supervise technical and support personnel. For more information and application procedures visit www.orangecountyfl.net or phone Andre Anderson at 407-836-2953.

ILLINOIS

The **School of Architecture** at the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** is seeking applications and nominations for **three or four full-time, nine-month tenure track teaching positions** to begin August 15, 2005 in the following positions: Design & Sustainability; Design; Architectural History and Preservation; and Structures. All

teaching positions will have other responsibilities including participation in architectural design studios, design studio reviews, research/creativity, thesis student advising, committee assignments, and public service. Individuals who can integrate knowledge from their specialty into comprehensive architecture education will be given the highest priority. Candidates for these positions must have a MArch degree or terminal degree in a field directly related to the position; candidates should have either a PhD or professional registration in Architecture. Candidates must have demonstrated experience in teaching studio courses, and/or lecture and seminar courses, and in architectural practice. Candidates must present a well-defined area of research or creative work, demonstrate their achievements, and outline their plans for national recognition. Required Submissions: 1) a letter of application which states clearly the specific position or positions you are seeking; 2) a brief statement of educational and research objectives; 3) a complete curriculum vitae, including address, telephone number and email address; 4) a portfolio or dossier of work; 5) samples of publications, scholarly, creative or professional work; and 6) three letters of recommendation. The salary for these full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor positions will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. For more information about programs, please visit www.arch.uiuc.edu. To receive full consideration, applications must be received by March 5, 2005. Direct submissions and inquiries to School of Architecture, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 117 Temple Hoyne Buell Hall, MC 621, 611 Taft Drive, Champaign IL 61820-6921 USA. Please indicate the position you are applying for.

MISSOURI

The **City of Blue Springs** is seeking an energetic; goal oriented **Senior Planner** for Current Planning in the Community Development Department. This position is a key middle management position within this progressive, growing city, and will be involved with all aspects of current planning and special projects. Position is responsible for current planning services including land use, zoning, development review, Unified Development Code (UDC) interpretation and application, and serving as staff liaison to Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Historic Preservation Committee, and Appearance Review Committee. The Senior Planner for Current Planning works directly for the Community Development Director and side-by-side with the Senior Planner for Long Range Planning and the Codes Administrator. The candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree in Planning or closely related field and six (6) years experience in urban planning. Knowledge and experience in GIS desirable. AICP certification preferred. Please send your resume, a salary history and three examples of recent written work to Director, Human Resources, 903 West Main Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015. For more information visit www.bluespringsgov.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The **City of Claremont**, is seeking a highly motivated individual who holds a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in **urban planning**, community development, or related

field, to join our team. This position performs professional level work in the field of current and advanced planning, land use, and subdivisions. Submit your credentials to Human Resources Coordinator, City of Claremont58, Opera House Square, Claremont, NH 03743, or email hr@claremontnh.com. Visit claremontnh.org for a complete job description.

TEXAS

The **Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning (LAUP)** at Texas A & M invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the **Assistant Professor** level with expertise in **Land and Real Estate Development** beginning as early as fall 2005. Primary areas of concentration include Market Analysis, Project Management, Public-Private Partnership, International Development, Redevelopment and Adaptive Reuse, and Sustainable Land and Real Estate Development. The Master of Science in Land Development (MSLD) is an entrepreneurship-oriented program focused on financially feasible, environmentally sensible, socially responsible, and politically viable land and real estate development. Candidates should be qualified to advise graduate students in land and real estate development and to teach core and elective courses in the MSLD. Applicants must have completed their doctorate in development, planning, or a related field by September 1, 2005. The Department is interested in candidates who have a strong potential for research and publication, demonstrated ability in teaching, have an established hands-on track record in the development industry, and a commitment to community service. Candidates with interdisciplinary educations encompassing both the physical and financial aspects of development are preferred. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applicants should send a letter of application, a curriculum vita, non-returnable samples of professional reports or portfolio of work, and names and addresses of three references. Additional materials may be requested. Review of applications will begin on February 28, 2005, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Nominations and application materials should be sent to Sam Brody, Ph. D. Chair, Search Committee, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, College of Architecture, 3137 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3137, laup_search@archone.tamu.edu.

The **Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning** at Texas A&M University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the **Assistant Professor** level with expertise in **Transportation Planning** beginning Fall 2005. Primary areas of concentration include transportation planning, quantitative methods, computer applications (including GIS), and land use planning. Candidates should be qualified to teach core and elective courses in the Master of Urban Planning and the Ph.D. program in Urban and Regional Science. Applicants must have completed their doctorate in transportation planning or related discipline by September 1, 2005. The Department is interested in candidates who have a strong potential for research and publication and a demonstrated ability in teaching, in the area of transportation planning and its linkages to land use planning, physical design, and geographic information systems. Eligibility or certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners

(AICP) is highly desired, but not necessary. Applicants should send a letter of application, a curriculum vita, non-returnable samples of professional reports or portfolio of work, and three letters of references. Additional materials may be requested. Review of applications will begin on February 28, 2005, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Nominations and application materials should be sent to Samuel Brody, Ph. D. Co-Chair, Search Committee, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, College of Architecture, 3137 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3137, laup_search@archone.tamu.edu.

WASHINGTON D.C.

The **Urban Institute's Center on Metropolitan Housing and Communities** seeks i) two **Research Assistants**, and ii) two **Research Associates II**. The institute brings local perspectives on economic development, neighborhood revitalization, housing, discrimination, and arts and culture to our study of policies and programs. The Candidates must demonstrate analytic thinking and research skills. Experience with qualitative or quantitative analysis is desired. Should have a strong interest in one or more of the following topics: community building and neighborhood revitalization, low-income housing, affordable homeownership, discrimination and segregation, and economic development. To apply, please send resume, cover letter, transcripts, and writing sample to The Urban Institute, HR Office - Job #04096-MET, 2100 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Resumes will be accepted via e-mail at resumes@ui.urban.org but send text only, no attachments please. For more information visit www.urban.org.

AWARDS

The Community Technology Foundation of California works to foster social justice, equity, and access for underserved communities in California through the use of information and communications technologies (ICT). With an overall focus on content and technology literacy, CTFC's General Grants program concentrates on the key areas of communications, media, and outreach. CTFC's current grantmaking focuses on the development and maintenance of as well as the removal of barriers to digital media, communications, and outreach for underserved Californians. Successful grantees will be those who effectively utilize ICT in a manner that enables their target communities to become more active and engaged participants in civic action. CTFC is soliciting proposals in the range of \$10,000 to \$50,000. To be eligible, applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or organizations that have a commitment in writing from a 501(c)(3) sponsoring fiscal agent. CTFC accepts proposal applications on a rolling basis for its General Grants program. The first 2005 grant application deadline is February 14, 2005. See the www.zerodivide.org/grants for funding guidelines, grant restrictions, and application procedures, as well as examples of funded projects and grant program updates.

The Washington Area Women's Foundation supports nonprofit organizations working to increase resources and opportunities for women and girls in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. The foundation's philanthropy over the next three years will be focused on building the financial and economic independence of low-income, women headed families. To accelerate the process of equipping more women with the tools they need to move from poverty to economic stability to long-term prosperity, grantmaking will be made through three new funds Financial Literacy and Wealth Creation; Jobs, Education and Training; and Child Care and Early Education as well as the Open Door Capacity Fund (existing grantee partners only). Each of the three funds will release a Request for Proposals for two types of grant opportunities: planning grants, targeting organizations that are developing or improving an idea, approach, and/or collaborative model; and impact grants, targeting organizations that can demonstrate a track record in delivering results. The foundation has issued RFPs and is accepting proposals from community organizations for the Financial Literacy and Wealth Creation Fund. Complete information on the Financial Literacy and Wealth Creation Fund and the planning and impact grant Request for Proposals are available at www.thewomensfoundation.org/getfunded/grant/.