## PN NEWS

### Call for articles for Progressive Planning

The Fall 2006 issue of Progressive Planning will focus on water politics and policies, internationally and in the United States. Marie Kennedy is editing this issue. If you would like to contribute an article to this issue, please let her know soon what the focus of your article would be. She can be reached by email at: marie.kennedy@umb.edu

Draft articles for review are due to her by July 1, 2006.

Some issues that might be addressed are noted in the following:

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Please send in your updates to newsletter@plannersnetwork.org. 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 works; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.
Without water, civilization is impossible—and we’re running out of it. As water becomes more scarce, competing needs for water—as a fundamental life support, an economic resource and a source of inspiration and spirituality—increasingly erupt into violence. The World Bank predicts that wars of the future will be about water. More than a billion people already lack access to fresh water and millions die every year from contaminated water or the lack of water—mostly in Africa and Asia. Meanwhile, water consumption is doubling every 20 years. Global corporations, the World Bank and some governments are pushing for the privatization of water systems, while grassroots organizations are fighting to prevent commodification of this vital natural resource. Where there is no convenient source, it is women who bear the burden of fetching heavy loads of water from great distances. Here at home, we take for granted the supply and purity of the water that flows from our taps—but for how long? Already, local communities face water bans in the summer, water rates are skyrocketing, and wells and aquifers throughout the country are being poisoned. Within the U.S., as elsewhere, struggles between agricultural, industrial and residential uses of water shape development for large regions of the country. In short, water is a “prism” through which we can understand a broad range of issues of inequality and power.

New PN E-newsletter Co-editor!

Special thanks to Guillaume Neault (graduate student in Planning at Queens University, Ontario, Canada) who has agreed to replace Norma Rantisi as a co-editor of the PN E-newsletter. Guillaume has been actively involved in Planners Network for the last couple years and was a co-founder of the PN chapter in Montréal. M. Jason Blackman will continue on as co-editor of the E-newsletter with Guillaume and both can be reached at: newsletter@plannersnetwork.org

PN MEMBER UPDATE

Dr. Alejandro Rofman, our Argentinean PN member, was awarded last October with a special decoration from the University of Buenos Aires. He was appointed as Honorary Professor of the University, specifically at its School of Economics. This nomination will allow him to be the head of a team charged with carrying out a new graduate studies area of activity in the next year. The new graduate area will be related to the current and future development of Social Economy experiences. In addition to the two-year graduate degree curriculum the new Specialist in Social Economy area will include research on the structure of cooperative and self-organized organizations working on the basis of solidarity, non-profit objectives and full democratic managing of the different kind of institutions belonging to the Social Economy philosophy.

Assistant Professor Clara Irazábal, University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development, wrote the book: City Making and Urban Governance in the Americas: Curitiba and Portland (London: Ashgate, 2005). Curitiba in Brazil and Portland in the US are cities that have achieved recognition for exemplary urban planning programmes over the past three decades. As such, they provide particularly useful illustrations of the intense development pressures that many
urban areas currently face. This book explores the dynamics of their urban governance, arguing that, in general, there has been a unique synergy derived from the combination of visionary leadership, innovative urban plans and effective citizen involvement. The book argues that, while urban design and architecture are key to the success in making cities livable and in augmenting the global reputations, such sensitive, innovative urban planning and design projects first need to be governed effectively and grounded within the specifics of their local cultures and existing built environments.

From David Driskell:

UNESCO Chair for "Growing Up in Cities" launches at Cornell. The Growing Up in Cities project--with its roots in Kevin Lynch's work of the early 1970s--has entered a new phase with establishment of a UNESCO Chair in the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell. The global action research initiative engages young people in low income areas to conduct participatory evaluations of their communities, identify priorities for change from young people's perspective, and work with adult allies to make change happen. The project has been active in 16 countries and 50 sites over the past ten years. Current projects are underway in New York City, four Canadian cities, Guadalajara, Tokyo, Nairobi and Sao Paolo. The GUIC international network will be gathering at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, June 2006. Plans are in development for a "Chair launch" this spring in NYC, as well as for an NYC youth forum led by young people from the Growing Up in NYC project. For more information, contact David Driskell, UNESCO Chair for Growing Up in Cities, dd96@cornell.edu

From Kara Heffernan:

The Center for Neighborhood Technology's (CNT) recently renovated office has been certified by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the entity that certifies sustainable buildings, as “Platinum.” Platinum is the highest certification USGBC grants under its LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating system, and CNT's building is only the thirteenth in the country to have received it. With this certification we hope to illustrate two important points about green building. First, creating a high performance green building does not require bottomless pockets and it does not require a new building. Retrofitting old buildings--as we did--offers great potential and is one important strategy for improving the sustainability of our cities. Second, green is not just good for the environment, it also pays economic rewards. Our building is about 52 percent more energy-efficient than a typical building designed to Chicago energy code (ASHRAE) standards, which should yield CNT ongoing economic benefits. For more information about the building, visit http://building.cnt.org/ or email kara@cnt.org.

Katie Peterson, contact for the Los Angeles chapter of PN, can now be reached at: peterson.katherine@gmail.com
NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

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PUBLICATIONS


“The Impact of Community Development Corporations on Urban Neighborhoods,” by George Galster, Diane Levy, Noah Sawyer, Kenneth Temkin and Christopher Walker is available likely free from The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037, 202-261-5709, www.urban.org


“Housing Thousands of Women,” a collection of the works of the Women's Housing Action Team edited by Marge Reitsma-Street, Arlene Wells, Carolyn Fast and Dianne Champlain, December 1, 2005 available in PDF format http://web.uvic.ca/spp/


“A Right to Housing: Foundation for a New Social Agenda” has just been published by Temple University Press. 18 chapters, all written or updated specially for this 448-page book, co-edited by Rachel Bratt, Michael Stone & Chester Hartman. Contributors
include Chris Tilly, Nancy Denton, Peter Dreier, Peter Marcuse, Dennis Keating, Emily Achtenberg, Robert Wiener, David Bryson, Larry Yates, Michael Swack, Jon Pynoos, Christy Nishita, Susan Saegert, Helene Clark, Rob Rosenthal, Maria Foscarinis & John Davis. $40 from 800/621-2736. Link to Temple listing:
http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/1301_reg.html
Examination copies from examcopy@temple.edu, 215/204-0996.

EVENTS

March 15-18, 2006. “Leaf, Tree, Forest: Rooting Development in Community”. The 2006 National Conference on Community Economic Development and the Social Economy will be held in Vancouver, BC. For more information visit:


April 7-8, 2006. “Strengthening Communities Through Education” is a regional conference hosted by Cambridge College in collaboration with the National Community Education Association being held in Albany, NY. This conference combines the principles of community education and community building and is about sharing knowledge and practice, and creating connections in this region of the country. For more information, visit: www.cambridgecollege.edu/community/conference.cfm

April 28-30, 2006. “Interdisciplinary Conference on Contemporary Definitions of ‘The Commons’.” Hosted at the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC. For more information, visit: http://www.forumonpublicdomain.ca/

June 14-16, 2006. “Planners for Tomorrow (P4T) Forum.” Annual conference of the Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS). Registration and call for presentations for is now open. The P4T Forum will be held in Vancouver, BC at the University of British Columbia immediately preceding the World Planners Congress and the U.N. World Urban Forum. Call for Presentations is now open. Diverse and creative formats and content are encouraged. For more information please visit: www.plannersfortomorrow.ca

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Assistant professors in Environmental Planning/ Community Planning and Design/ Regional Policy and Governance
The University of California, Davis seeks applicants for a cluster hire of three new assistant professors in the tenure track, whose research and teaching will contribute to an emerging area of emphasis on community and regional planning. Candidates will have the unique opportunity to help shape the research agenda of the new Center for the Study of Regional Change, which will facilitate collaborative research addressing the social, economic, policy, environmental and planning opportunities and challenges associated with regional change, including changing land uses and development patterns, alternate approaches to community design, agricultural-urban interface conflicts, emerging trends in governance, shifting demographics, population pressures, natural resource sustainability, and auto-dependent urban sprawl.

. Environmental Planning: Candidate's research should focus on the relationship between the built and the natural environment. Possible areas of emphasis might include sustainable environmental systems as they relate to community planning and design (water, wastewater, solid waste, transportation, etc.), bioregional analysis and planning, environmental impact assessment, landscape, open-space and habitat conservation, urban ecology and/or the rural-urban interface. Position is in the Landscape Architecture Program.

. Community Planning and Design: Candidate's research should focus on the relationship between people and the design of the built environment. Possible areas of emphasis might include the relationship between demographics and development patterns, parks and open space, sense of community, “smart growth” alternatives and/or public health issues related to community planning and design. Position is in the Landscape Architecture Program.

. Regional Policy and Governance: Candidates should have expertise in analyzing the social and political dynamics associated with regional change. Research should focus on public policy and governance, possibly including both traditional entities and new forms of governance featuring collaboration between public, nonprofit, and private organizations. The specific policy focus might include: transportation, land use, housing, rural-urban interface, social services, workforce development, or policy evaluation. Position is in the Community Studies and Development Program.

A Ph.D in an appropriate discipline is required. Appointees will be required to teach graduate and undergraduate courses. These are nine-month positions, with eleven-month term appointments in the Agricultural Experiment Station to be offered and continued based on academic personnel review. Positions will remain open until filled, but to ensure consideration, applications should be received by 2/15/06. Positions are available on or about July 1, 2006.

Begin the application process by registering online at: http://recruitment.regionalchange.ucdavis.edu. Submit the following online: curriculum vitae; statement of research and teaching interests and background; official undergraduate and graduate transcripts; copies of relevant publications, portfolio (if applicable), names, addresses, and telephone numbers of four references. Inquiries should be directed to the chair of the recruitment committee for the position of interest: Environmental Planning: Heath Schenker, Landscape Architecture Program, hmschenker@ucdavis.edu, Community Planning and Design: Patsy Eubanks Owens, Landscape Architecture Program, peowens@ucdavis.edu, Regional Policy and
Environmental Planner/Assistant Planner
Terry A. Hayes Associates LLC (TAHA), Culver City

Terry A. Hayes Associates LLC (TAHA), located in Culver City, has been providing consulting services to public and private entities for more than 20 years. TAHA works on a wide range of projects and specializes in CEQA/NEPA analysis (specifically Air Quality, Noise, Land Use and Socioeconomic Analysis). Two positions are currently available:

. **Environmental Planner:** The ideal candidate for the position of Environmental Planner will have a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning or related field and minimum 3 to 4 years of direct professional experience in the preparation of CEQA/NEPA documentation. A Master's Degree may be substituted in lieu of one year of experience. This position requires excellent report writing, computer and quantitative skills. Responsibilities will include preparation of various environmental documents in accordance with CEQA/NEPA mandates; assisting in the management of projects; research; and data analysis. Client interaction and coordination experience required. Knowledge and/or experience with air quality and noise modelling is highly desired. Must have a valid driver’s license and reliable transportation.

. **Assistant Planner:** This is an entry level position. The preferred candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning or related field. Must be familiar with MS Office programs (Word, Excel, etc.), be well organized and have the ability to communicate effectively (both oral and written). GIS experience is a plus. Job responsibilities shall include research, site reconnaissance, noise and air quality modelling, data analysis, and assistance in the preparation of CEQA and NEPA compliance documentation. Must have a valid driver’s license and reliable transportation.

For more information please contact Terry A. Hayes Associates, phone number 310-839-4200 or visit [www.webtaha.com](http://www.webtaha.com)

GEORGIA

**Executive Director**
Atlanta Housing Association of Neighborhood-based Developers (AHAND)
Atlanta, GA

AHAND, a membership organization-serving community based housing developers in Metro Atlanta, GA, seeks an Executive Director with broad leadership, financial management, and community development experience.

To apply, a cover letter and resume should be submitted to the AHAND Executive Committee before February 17th, 2006, attention Kate Grace via:
- Email at resumes@chrcatlanta.org
- Facsimile (404) 658-1325, or
- Postal Mail at 659 Auburn Avenue, Studio 153, Atlanta, GA 30312

No telephone inquiries, please.

MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan (UM) seeks a full-time Director for its newly created Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute. The Graham Institute is a University-wide unit with the mission of promoting interdisciplinary research and education in environmental sustainability related fields, providing financial support to encourage outstanding students to incorporate environmental sustainability issues into their studies, and developing outreach programs that demonstrate the University’s environmental sustainability commitment. UM is seeking an outstanding individual at the full professor level to provide leadership in environmental sustainability. The Graham Institute Director will have a faculty appointment(s) in his/her field(s) of scholarly expertise, and as the Institute Director, report to the Office of the Provost. The qualifications of the successful candidate should include a combination of:

- National/international recognition as a researcher and educator in a discipline(s) related to environmental and environmental sustainability studies,
- A demonstrated ability to promote research and educational collaboration across diverse disciplines
- Administrative experience, including the ability to develop new funding opportunities
- A demonstrated ability to forge effective relationships among the Institute’s constituencies, including academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, and governmental agencies

Nominations and applications will be confidentially reviewed and accepted until the position is filled. Individuals from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. Application materials should include a letter addressing how the candidate’s experience matches the position requirements, curriculum vitae, and a vision statement. Materials and inquiries should be submitted, preferably electronically, to: Deborah Goldberg, Professor and Chair, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Chair, Graham Institute Director, Search Advisory Committee, University of Michigan, 5086 Fleming Administration Building, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1340, gesi.search.chair@umich.edu

NEW JERSEY

Faith based regional equity organizations in northern, southern and central New Jersey have openings for experienced organizers to fill senior and lead organizer
positions. Primary responsibility is to continue building regional power base as part of a state-wide network of congregation/institution based power organizations. Responsibilities include raising money, recruiting members, identifying and developing leaders, assisting leaders in developing and advancing campaigns around state, regional and local issues that impact neighborhoods, communities and families throughout the region and state. Current issues include regional fair housing policies, property tax reform, education funding, immigrant rights and health care. Organizers should have a desire to address local issues at a regional and state level. Background and understanding of regional politics and social dynamics may be a plus. Background in regional land use, housing and fiscal policy may be a plus. Must be self-motivated and a systemic thinker. This position is not a social service, research or public relations job. Please send cover letter and resume to njrc@njregionalequity.org or phone 856-663-5380 for more information.

WASHINGTON

Architectural Designer/ Job Captain/ Project Architect
PYATOK ARCHITECTS, Inc.

PYATOK ARCHITECTS, Inc. is currently seeking candidates to fill three positions. Located in the San Francisco Bay Area and Seattle, PA is an award-winning architectural and urban design firm with a staff of 30 that specializes in serving non-profit corporations and public agencies in producing sustainable and affordable communities. For further information, visit: www.pyatok.com.

. Architectural Designer: Minimum Requirement: Professional Degree in Architecture (1-5 years experience). This person will work with Project Architects and Job Captains in executing projects from design through construction administration. Must have excellent architectural design talents, good hand drafting/rendering skills, and CAD simulation skills. Must have a working knowledge of building codes, typical construction systems, and materials and construction methods. Must utilize AutoCAD, Adobe in Design, Photoshop, Illustrator, and Page Maker programs. Will be expected to participate in community design processes and collaborative teamwork. Is expected to evolve into a Job Captain and eventually to Project Architect. Please submit samples of design and graphic work (maximum of three (3) 8.5x11” pages). Materials will not be returned.

. Job Captain: Minimum Requirement: Professional Degree in Architecture (5-10 years experience). In addition to the design and graphics qualifications for an Architectural Designer outlined above, Job Captains also assemble contract documents, manage consultants, and do advanced code research. This person is expected to gradually assume larger responsibilities and, once licensed, become a Project Architect.

. Project Architect: Minimum Requirement: Professional Degree in Architecture, Licensed, (10-15+ years of experience). In addition to the qualifications outlined above for Architectural Designer, and Job Captain, Project Architects are responsible for client contact, managing projects from inception – programming, design, community involvement and planning approvals through design development, construction
documents and construction administration. Project Architects are considered to be on a ‘tenure track’ within the firm, with long term profit sharing and management responsibilities. Project Architects should also have experience in urban design and be experienced with community participation and the political process for getting projects approved.

Please send an electronic copy of your resume (in MS Word format) to office@pyatok.com. You must state which position you are applying for clearly in your email or cover letter. Feel free to call Mike Pyatok for further information: 510-410-0260.

MANITOBA

The Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Manitoba invites applications for two full-time tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor to commence as early as July 1st 2006 or as soon thereafter. Teaching responsibilities will include design studio, seminar, and lecture format courses at the undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. level in the Faculty of Architecture. Candidates shall demonstrate the ability to teach and to inspire students at all levels, and the ability to facilitate the integration of design within core areas of the curriculum. Candidates with demonstrated excellence in landscape architectural design and a research interest in ecological design, landscape ecology, landscape urbanism or ecological regionalism are invited to apply to Position #BC464. Candidates with demonstrated excellence in landscape architectural design and a research interest in landscape architecture history and theory, design communication (including digital), or construction technology are invited to apply for Position #CS652. Candidates may be considered for either position. Other responsibilities include creative/scholarly work, advising graduate students and the performance of service and/or outreach duties.

Qualifications: the candidates require a Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture or related discipline from an accredited institution and be eligible for membership in a component organization of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA). Candidates holding, or completing their PhD are preferred, but consideration will be given to those interested in pursuing research at the Ph.D. level. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointment will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current Collective Agreement between the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association.

Further details can be obtained from our web site: http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/la/news/news.html. Applicants should submit Curriculum Vitae and a portfolio of their professional work, research and creative activities together with the names of three (3) referees by Monday 27th February 2006. The positions will remain open until filled. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). Applications and inquiries should carry the position reference # BC464 or #CS652 and be addressed to Professor Ted McLachlan, Chair of Department of Landscape Architecture Search Committee, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2. Fax: 204-474-7532 or electronic mail tmclach@cc.umanitoba.ca
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

The Open Society Institute (OSI) is pleased to announce a one-time fellowship competition in response to critical issues of poverty, racism, and government neglect that were laid bare by Hurricane Katrina. The Katrina Media Fellowships will support media makers working in photography, print and radio journalism, and documentary film and video to generate and improve media coverage of issues exposed by Katrina and to stimulate and sustain a national conversation on these issues. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 31, 2006. For more information and a link to the fellowship guidelines, please visit the Katrina Media Fellowship website at: www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/katrina.

The Nation Student Writing Contest is looking for original, thoughtful, provocative student voices to tell us what issue is of most concern to their generation. Essays should not exceed 800 words and should be original, unpublished work that demonstrates fresh, clear thinking and superior quality of expression and craftsmanship. They'll select five finalists and one winner, who will be awarded a $500 cash prize and a Nation subscription. The winning essay will be published in The Nation magazine and featured on their website. The five finalists will be awarded $100 each and subscriptions, and their entries will be published online. The contest is open to students at American high schools and to undergraduates at American colleges and universities. Entries (only one per student) will be accepted through March 31. A winner will be announced by May 31. Please send entries to studentprize@thenation.com.

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.cultureshapescommunity.org
Website of the initiative "Shifting Sands - Art, Culture, and Neighborhood Change", managed by Partners for Livable Communities. This initiative is part of a movement that recognizes neighborhood based arts & cultural organizations as unique stakeholders in poor neighborhoods experiencing economic and demographic shifts.

www.claimingpublicspace.net
A new site on the World Wide Web enables students, educators, researchers, and practitioners to search and find videos, images, and articles about participative architecture and community design from an international perspective. Claiming public Space (CpS) provides a digital archive and database of resources that can help individuals find the latest information about this growing and exciting field of design practice. CpS provides a comprehensive public database of news, announcements, events, essays, articles, project images, tools, templates, and videos.

http://www.buildinggreen.tv/tv_show.html
Website on information green building techniques that will be covered by a new PBS television show: Building Green, which will air starting on Earth Day in April.
COURSES:

August 27- September 16, 2006. Summer Course on "Housing and Community Development in Spain" in Barcelona, Spain, sponsored by the Summer Abroad Program at the University of California, Davis. This field course is open to any university student and professional who wishes to participate. It will focus on Spanish approaches to housing low and moderate income residents, including internal and external immigrants, as well as neighborhood planning and regeneration. The Spanish experience will be compared to the U.S. experience. Maximum Enrolment: 20. The instructor for the course is Robert Wiener, Ph.D., rob@calruralhousing.org. More information is available at:
http://summer-abroad.ucdavis.edu/programs/crd_153c_spain.php

March 27-31, 2006 and September 25-29, 2006. The University of Missouri Community Development Extension Program offers a series of three courses called the Community Development Academy. Each of the three courses is an intensive, experiential, five-day course that explores ideas and develops practical skills for effectively involving and empowering local citizens and leaders in community-based efforts. Courses 1 and 2 are being offered March 27-31, 2006 at The Mercy Center, St. Louis, Missouri. Courses 1 and 3 are being offered September 25-29, 2006 at The Elms, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. For additional course information and to register, please visit: http://muconf.missouri.edu/CommDevelopmentAcademy
Hurry! Enrollment is limited. Registration deadline for Courses 1 & 2 is March 10, 2006. If you have questions or would like to request a brochure, please phone (573) 882-6059 or e-mail: BousquetL@missouri.edu