

Planners Network



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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 words; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.

PN NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

PN 2007 Conference in New Orleans
May 30 - June 2, 2007
University of New Orleans, New Orleans

CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

Be a part of this year's PN conference in New Orleans, May 30 to June 2. The call for proposals is available online at www.plannersnetwork.org. Online registration will begin soon. Information is also available about hosting a local fundraiser to send people to the conference!

This year's conference is being held in conjunction with the Association for Community Design (ACD) and Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility Conference at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. June 3-5, 2007.

The Great Gumbo: Stirring the Pot of Community Design

We wish to celebrate the rich regional cultures of Southern Louisiana-the food, music, art and conviviality. And, in this place where conversation itself is an art, we are designing a conference environment that will give us time and space to explore multiple issues in community design, appreciate what is working, and discuss ways of building community that are meaningful. This unique conference promises to fill your senses and sensibilities as we harvest best developments from the field. It is a rare opportunity to "stir the pot" of community design by addressing our evolving practice and its response to issues of social, environmental and economic justice. Bring your unique experiences and a big appetite for connecting as you never have before. Watch for conference information from ACD at:

http://www.communitydesign.org/Annual_Conference.htm

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Update from Amy Siciliano & Josh Lerner:

PN Chapter Fundraising Opportunity for 2007 Conference in New Orleans

As you may have heard, PN is hosting its 2007 conference in New Orleans this year (May 30th-June 2nd) and we would like to invite your chapter to host a fundraising event to help subsidize the cost of attending. Planners Network has funds available to help local chapters (and folks who want to start chapters) hold panel discussions, forums, walking tours, networking socials and other events designed to build and grow the network.

In the months leading up to the conference, this is the perfect opportunity to both grow the network, and help send chapter members to New Orleans, by turning a chapter event into a fundraiser. Here's how it works:

1. Develop a simple proposal for an event. Proposal guidelines and a form are available online at www.plannersnetwork.org/chapters. Please identify the fundraising mechanism (i.e. admission fee, raffle, donations for food/drink, etc.) in your proposal. Fundraising events must take place before May 15, 2007. More information is also available at <http://www.plannersnetwork.org/chapters/funding.html>.

2. Send a proposal for the event to chapters@plannersnetwork.org. PN can consider proposals for up to US\$500, but proposals in the US\$100-300 range are more likely to be funded.

3. Hold the event.

4. Take the proceeds from the event, and apply them to registrations at the conference. Your local group can apply the proceeds in a variety of ways:

- Fund full or partial registrations for your local chapter -you decide who gets the money
- Fund partial registrations for everyone who worked on the event
- Contribute to the general fund, which will be used to subsidize registration for students, gulf residents and other low income attendees

5. Attend the Planners Network Conference in New Orleans with other members of your local chapter!

If you have any questions, please send us an email and let us know how we can help. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Update from Nicole Blummer:

Nicole Blummer recently accepted a finance manager position with McCormack Baron Salazar, a for-profit developer that builds economically integrated housing and mixed-use projects in cities across the U.S. She will be based in the St. Louis office and will focus on structuring the financing of Low Income Housing Tax Credit, HOPE VI and New Markets Tax Credit projects.

Update from Cassidy Johnson:

Cassidy Johnson has taken a Lecturer post at Development Planning Unit at University College London, where she is course director for the M.Sc. in Building and Urban Design for Development. She is also heading a CIB Task Group on Disasters and Built Environment. You can reach her at cassidy.johnson@ucl.ac.uk.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Ariel Bierbaum Colin Dental-Post Orly Gilat Angela Gobar Rebecca Kale Ethan Kent Peter Miller Shandi Miller Faranak Miraftab	Megan Moriarty Meredith Phillips Blair Rasmussen Louise Richard Charles Roesner Victor Waldron Stephen Wheeler Charlottesville Community Design Center
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PUBLICATIONS

“A People’s Plan for Overcoming the Hurricane Katrina Blues: A Comprehensive Strategy for building a more Vibrant, Sustainable and Equitable 9th Ward” (2007) was prepared by the Acorn Housing/University Partnership. For more information or for a copy of the plan please visit: www.rebuildingtheninth.org.

“Manhattan’s Disappearing Middle Class, The Case for a Right to Housing, Too Close for Comfort: What happens when the latté crowd tries to push out the soup kitchen?” feature in the latest issue of Shelterforce, which is now online at: www.nhi.org.

“July ‘64” (54mins, 2006) looks at the underlying causes of the riots/urban insurrections that swept through Black communities that summer and in the years since. Focus is on Rochester. Available from California Newsreel, 500 Third St., #505, SF, CA 94107, 877-811-7495. For more information visit: www.newsreel.org.

“What If All the Kids Are White? Anti-Bias Multicultural Education with Young Children & Families,” by Louise Derman-Sparks (208 pp., 2006, \$24.95), is available from Teachers College Press, 800-575-6566.

“How Does Family Well-Being Vary Across Different Types of Neighborhoods?” (2006) is available from The Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202-261-5709.

EVENTS

February 3-April 7, 2007. “Shrinking Cities”. Exhibitions focused on four cities: Detroit, Halle/Leipzig (Germany), Manchester/Liverpool (Britain), and Ivanovo (Russia). Hosted by: the Cranbrook Art Museum (www.cranbrook.edu) and the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (www.mocadetroit.org).

April 1-3, 2007. International Conference on Sustainable Urbanism. Hosted by Texas A&M University. For more information, visit: <http://capso.tamu.edu/sustainable-urbanism/> .

April 14, 2007. National Day of Climate Action. Organized by Step It Up 2007 Please For more information, visit: <http://stepitup2007.org> and join one or create an event in your community. It can be as humble as a sign, as entertaining as theatre, or as bold as a mass demonstration.

June 10-14, 2007. International Making Cities Livable Conference: “True Urbanism: Designing for Social and Physical Health”. The conference will be held in Portland, Oregon. For more information, visit: <http://www.livablecities.org/45ConfPortland.htm>

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Transportation and Housing Program Associate

Urban Habitat, Oakland, CA

Urban Habitat is looking to hire a **Transportation and Housing Program Associate**. The Associate will play a vital role in policy, research, advocacy, and community outreach for Urban Habitat's Transportation and Housing Program. The Associate will work with community stakeholders and policymakers to promote policies that advance environmental justice in transportation planning and funding decisions. An understanding of a variety of transportation and housing issues including land use and zoning, urban planning, affordable and transit-oriented housing strategies, redevelopment, and policies that overcome transit barriers to jobs, education, social services, and health care, is required. Familiarity with the Regional Transportation Plan process and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is a plus.

Candidate should have an understanding of grassroots organizing strategies and be able to work with a diverse group of organizations: community-based organizations, intermediaries, policy groups, labor, youth groups, etc. in order to promote the development and implementation of a regional transportation and housing agenda that is grounded in the priorities of low-income communities and communities of color. This includes organizing and facilitating bi-monthly meetings to advance the goals of the Transportation Justice Working Group campaigns. The Associate reports directly to the Associate Director and supervises personnel as assigned. Duties include but are not limited to: policy and advocacy, research and analysis, campaign development and management, coalition-building, provide technical assistance, and help fundraising.

The applicant should hold a Master's degree or equivalent experience (preferably in planning or public policy), strong research, analytical and written skills, strategic and creative problem-solving skills that can contribute to the development of a regional equity vision and agenda, a thorough understanding of a variety of environmental, social, and economic justice issues and a demonstrated ability to work with low-income communities and communities of color. The annual salary ranges between \$42,000-\$45,000. This is a full-time position with generous benefits package of health, dental, and vision insurance, holidays, vacation, 401 K, and sick leave. Please send resume and cover letter to Marc Caswell at jobs@urbanhabitat.org or by fax to 510-839-9610 or by mail to 436 14th Street Suite 1205 Oakland, CA 94612.

CPI Postdoctoral Position

Stanford University, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality

The **Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University** is seeking a **Postdoctoral Fellow for 2007-08** with the possibility of extending the term of appointment. The fellow will teach two courses in the new poverty and inequality undergraduate program, will be expected to contribute occasional articles to the Center's new Poverty, Inequality, and Policy Magazine, and will also be expected to

complete her or his own scholarship on issues of inequality or poverty. The appointment will be for one year with an effective start date of October 1, 2007. Candidates must have received their doctorate and completed no more than one year of post-degree research by the start of the appointment. Please send a letter of application with curriculum vitae, samples of original work, and three letters of recommendation to Search Committee, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, McClatchy Hall, Bldg. 120, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. To ensure full consideration, all materials should be received by 2/28/07. Stanford is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Postdoctoral Position

Stanford University, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality

The **Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality at Stanford University** is seeking a **Postdoctoral Fellow** to participate in the 2007-08 Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar on 'The Dynamics of Inequality'. The fellow will attend monthly lectures by leading national and international scholars of poverty and participate in faculty seminars exploring the sources of long-term and recent trends in economic and other forms of inequality. The fellow is also expected to complete her or his own scholarship on issues of inequality or poverty. The appointment will be for one year with an effective start date of October 1, 2007. Candidates must have received their doctorate and completed no more than one year of post-degree research by the start of the appointment. Please send a letter of application with curriculum vitae, samples of original work, and three letters of recommendation to Search Committee, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, McClatchy Hall, Bldg. 120, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. To ensure full consideration, all materials should be received by 2/28/07. Stanford is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

COLORADO

Senior Development Project Coordinator

Denver's Community Planning and Development Department

Denver's Community Planning and Development Department is looking to fill a **Senior Development Project Coordinator** position. The position is responsible for performing specialized work coordinating the review of complex, multifaceted development projects including complicated permitting issues and reviewing plans and specifications for conformance to applicable codes, rules and regulations.

The applicant should hold a Baccalaureate Degree in City or Regional Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, Public Administration, Business, or a related field and three years of professional experience reviewing development projects and/or rezoning/amendment requests including explaining the overall requirements and assisting customers. A combination of appropriate education and experience may be substituted for the minimum education and experience requirements. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license at the

time of application.

Experience in analyzing information requirements, coordinating the integration of project tracking/management systems, organizing data into usable databases, storing data for efficient access by systems and keeping databases up-to-date is highly desirable. Applicants must apply on-line at www.denvergov.org/jobs by 2/23/07. The annual salary ranges between \$49,284 - \$78,624.

SEATTLE

Doctoral Assistantship Position

University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs / West Coast Poverty Center

The University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, in collaboration with the West Coast Poverty Center, has available a **Doctoral Assistantship** associated with its new Community Vitality Report Card. The Report Card presents indices of community vitality and fragility (in the areas of community, economic, cultural, and asset-based development) in counties within the 8 states upon which the Northwest Area Foundation (NWAf) focuses its philanthropy: Washington, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minneapolis, and Iowa. This Report Card supports the Northwest Area Foundation's (NWAf) goal of building counties' and cities' capacity to develop strong, sustainable communities that reduce poverty and create sustainable economic opportunities.

To create a Report Card the effectively communicates such information to public officials, nonprofit leaders, advocates, and the business community, the project is undertaking a 5-year research program to test ways of presenting data, to understand the language used to discuss poverty and economic development within these 8 states, and examine how a sample of communities use such information over time. To that end, the research assistant will be involved in at least some of the collection, management and analysis of quantitative and qualitative datasets, in-person interviewing of key informants during site visits, running and analyzing focus groups, and writing case studies of communities. Please see the Evans PhD web site for program application details. <http://evans.washington.edu/degree/phd.php>

VIRGINIA

Urban Planner II

City of Alexandria, VA

The **City of Alexandria, VA** is looking for an **Urban Planner II**. This position is responsible for review and recommendation of a wide range of development projects, including large scale and complex mixed-use developments. Duties include managing these projects, coordinating review of these projects, working with staff teams, interacting with citizen and business groups, preparing written reports, making

presentations and assuring compliance with all conditions of approval.

Minimum Requirements: One year experience at the level of Urban Planner I; completion of college level courses in urban planning theory and practice, computer analysis, statistical analysis, land use planning, historic architecture and preservation, economic/community development, transportation planning, or in architecture, landscape architecture, engineering or a related field. The applicant should hold a Master's degree in planning or a related field. Knowledge of the principles and practices of urban design and zoning, strong analytical and communication skills, and some understanding of the development process. Completion of college level courses in any/all of the following: land use planning, historic architecture and preservation, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering or a related field. Experience in urban development planning and large scale project management.

To complete a required City of Alexandria application, access our online application at: www.alexandriava.gov or request an application through the City's 24-Hour JOBLINE (703) 838-4422. Completed applications may be mailed to: Personnel Services Department, City Hall, Room 2500, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, or faxed to: 703-519-3488. The annual salary ranges between \$48,324-\$79,961.

UNITED KINGDOM

Researchers

British Urban Regeneration Association

The **British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA)** <http://www.bura.org.uk> is currently looking to recruit **Researchers** on short-term temporary contract - this may be anything from a few weeks to several months (we hope to offer considerable flexibility around the number of days worked). The pay will be A3100 a day. Over the next few months the researcher(s) would be working on one or more of the following: the economic impacts of good urban design suburban regeneration in London regeneration hubs (community-owned buildings that house community enterprises), the race impacts of physical regeneration. The work will include, principally, literature review, some interviewing and some documentary analysis. We would expect the individuals to have good degrees and, ideally, have undertaken postgraduate study/research. The researchers would be based at BURA (near Chancery Lane and Farringdon tube stations) and would be involved in the overall work and social life of BURA. There will hopefully be possibilities for longer term contracts and work on other projects currently awaiting funding decisions. Those interested in applying and/or discussing this further should contact Dr. Gareth Potts at 0207 5394046 / 07792 817156 Or visit <http://www.bura.org.uk>

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Virginia Tech offers podcasts of New Metropolis lecture series

Podcasts of presentations from Virginia Tech's New Metropolis Lecture Series are now available, free of charge, from I Tunes. Sponsored by the university's Urban Affairs and Planning program in Alexandria, Va., the lectures focus on cutting-edge topics and ideas about metropolitan development in the United States and abroad. Featured speakers have a broad regional, national and international reputation in scholarship, research, and policy.

Lectures are now available and can be accessed at the following website:

<http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=202103646>

For more information about the lecture series, please see:

http://www.nvc.vt.edu/uap/curriculum_main.asp?sectionid=47&pageid=311&pagename=Podcasting