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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

Get published!

The Spring 2005 Issue of Progressive Planning Magazine seeks articles of 500 to 2,000 words. This issue does not have a specific theme. Articles should be addressed to PNs broad audience of professionals, activists, students and academics, and be straightforward and jargon-free. Following a journalistic style, the first paragraph should summarize the main ideas in the article. A few suggested readings may be mentioned in the text, but do not submit footnotes or a bibliography. The editors may make minor style changes, but any substantial rewriting or changes will be checked with the author. A photograph or illustration may be included. Submissions on disk or by email are greatly appreciated. Instructions for authors are available at www.plannersnetwork.org. Proposals for articles are due February 1, 2005, to Ann Forsyth (forsyth@umn.edu). Completed articles are due March 1. We cannot accept all articles.

PLANNERS NETWORK CONFERENCE

Justice by Design? The Planners Network 2005 Conference

Get ready to book your tickets to the Twin Cities from June 2-5, 2005.

- o Hear Anne Spirn discuss her work in West Philadelphia and Mike Pyatok on affordable housing.
- o Tour sustainable agriculture, community development, and affordable housing projects.
- o Learn skills in hands on sessions and discuss progressive planning issues.
- o Debate Planners Network business and judge for yourself if Minnesota's investment in star architects has been a good one.

Registration for this year's annual conference will **open in late January** on the Planners Network web site at www.plannersnetwork.org and the web site of the Metropolitan Design Center in Minnesota at www.designcenter.umn.edu. Registration will be available for the whole conference, one-day registration, and special free registration for the two evening keynotes (Anne Spirn and Mike Pyatok).

In addition to the conference registration, participants will also be able to book accommodation.

PN Steering Committee Election Results

Thanks to all those who voted. Our new Steering Committee consists of the following members:

Tom Angotti
Josh Lerner
Richard Milgrom
Norma Rantisi
Ken Reardon
Alex Schafran
Amy Siciliano

PN MEMBER UPDATES

In December 2004, **PNer Jung Won Sonn** received his Ph.D degree in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. He was then hired as a Tutorial Fellow in the Department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His areas of specialization include: 1) technology and regional growth and 2) the political economy of regional planning in East Asia. Jung Won can be reached via email at j.sonn@lse.ac.uk

PUBLICATIONS

"Effects of Welfare Reform on the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program," by Lucie Schmidt is a 4-page, Oct. 2004 Policy Brief, available from the National Poverty Center, 1015 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 734-615-5312, npcinfo@umich.edu, www.npc.umich.edu

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

America Beyond Capitalism: Reclaiming Our Wealth, Our Liberty & Our Democracy, by Gar Alperovitz (320 pp., 2005, \$24.95), has been published by Wiley, 800-762-2974.

Voices in Urban Education has a special 2004 issue examining some of the challenges urban education faces 50 years after Brown, www.annenberginstitute.org/VUE/index.html

"A Crisis of Black Male Employment: Unemployment & Joblessness in NYC, 2003," by Mark Levitan (Feb. 2004), a Community Service Society study, is available at www.cssny.org/pubs/special/2004_02labormarket.pdf

"The 2004 Hunger & Homelessness Survey" from the US Conference of Mayors is available at www.usmayors.org/uscm/hungersurvey/2004/onlinereport/HungerAndHomelessnessReport2004.pdf

"Increasing Housing Opportunity in NYC: The Case for Inclusionary Zoning" (52 pp. Fall 2004), a PolicyLink/Pratt Institute for Community & Environmental Development publication, is available from PolicyLink, 101 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607, 510-663-2333, www.policylink.org

"Radicals in the Bronx" is a marvelous exhibit on four 1920s labor union-sponsored housing cooperatives and the politics and programs underlying each. Until March 20, 2005 at the Museum of the City of NY, 103rd & 5th Ave., Manhattan, 212-534-1672, www.mcny.org.

EVENTS

February 5, 2005. Eco-Landscape 2005, to be held in Sacramento, California, introduces landscape professionals to cutting edge trends and techniques to meet the challenges of water conservation, storm water pollution, peak-runoff reduction, resource conservation, and pesticide and fertilizer reduction. For more information visit www.ecolandscape.org

February 2-5, 2005. Canadian Association of Planning Students presents **Cities in Transition,** to be held in Toronto, Ontario. This conference will showcase the challenges

facing Canadian cities in the twenty-first century. For more information visit www.cip-icu.ca/caps-aceau/conference2005/index.htm

February 3-5, 2005. "Towards a Political Economy of Scale". Studies in Political Economy Annual Conference. York University, Toronto, Ontario. You can view a complete preliminary program and other information at: <http://www.carleton.ca/polecon/scale>

April 8-9, 2005. Youth Activism Conference, Toronto, Canada. This conference is organized by the Hungry4Change Organizing Collective. The Collective is currently calling for activist workshop proposals and is particularly interested in proposals that address environmental and/or urban issues, and that inspire young people to take action to address these issues. Individuals or groups working on environmental issues in Toronto, who want to connect with other young activists, may send preliminary ideas or complete interactive workshop proposals to Moe at <el_durandel@hotmail.com>.

April 21-22, 2005. Healthy Cities and Smart Growth: Planning for Healthier Communities is a conference on how strategies of the Healthy Cities and Smart Growth movements are being used to improve community livability in California. For more information contact 916-646-8660 or visit www.civicpartnerships.org

May 31–June 3, 2005. International Cities, Town Centres & Communities (ICTC) Conference, International Cities, Town Centres Society, Yeppoon Queensland, Australia. For more information, contact Renee Henshaw, Phone: 07 3371 0333; e-mail: mail@ictcsociety.org; www.ictcsociety.org

November 16-18, 2005. The International Research Foundation for Development is organizing the second phase of its World Forum on Information Society to be held in Tunis, Tunisia, in view of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society. We would like to invite all stakeholders to examine the relevant issues and considerations pertaining to the information revolution and knowledge society in a comprehensive and scientific manner with the goal of finding solutions, sharing best practices and experiences, and launching new action programs. The deadline for submitting an abstract is **February 15, 2005**. For more information visit www.irfd.org

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Environmental Science Associates (ESA), an employee-owned company and leader in the environmental field for 35 years, is seeking junior to mid-level **Environmental Professionals** with 3-5 years experience in the preparation of NEPA and CEQA documentation, and a background in any of the following disciplines: recreation planning, land use, biology, geology, hydrology and/or water quality. BA/BS Degree with excellent written and oral communication skills required. The position is available in

our San Francisco office. Visit our website at www.esassoc.com for more information. Send resumes/references to ESA, 225 Bush Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, CA 94104 ATTN HR or e-mail hr@esassoc.com.

IDAHO

City of Coeur d'Alene is looking for an **Assistant Planner** to perform planning research, to conduct field inspections, meet with public regarding development plans, and to plan and present findings and recommendations to planning staff and commission, city council, and the public. The requirements include a bachelor's degree in urban planning, public administration, or related field and 1 year experience in planning or related field or any experience and training necessary to perform the work. For more information visit www.cdavid.org. The deadline for application is 5:00p.m. January 21, 2005.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Town of Bluffton is currently seeking a **Planner**. This is a responsible professional position which requires the incumbent to possess a high level skill and technical background in administering, coordinating and conducting technical reviews as part of the Town's land use regulatory program. Duties include development plan review, subdivision review, annexation review, planned unit development review, and preparation of planning and project analysis. The job requires close coordination with the Community Development Director, Town Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Bluffton Historic Preservation Commission, developer representatives, consultants and the general public. For more information contact Marc Orlando at marco@blufftonplanning.org.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Department of Transportation is seeking candidates for two **Assistant District Planners** who will serve as liaison with local jurisdictions, regional planning organizations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, VDOT Residency/Sections, and Central Office. The selected candidate will provide support in carrying out the transportation planning activities for Staunton District, including traffic forecasting, site impact analysis reviews, and GIS implementation and management, and will coordinate land development review activities. To be competitive, candidates need knowledge of transportation planning methods, rules, and regulations, and of engineering principles and the relationship between federal/state/local planning agencies. The successful candidate will have the ability to perform planning/engineering analysis using computer models, and will be able to plan, coordinate, and prioritize multiple assignments at once. The deadline for application is 5:00 pm. January 24, 2005. A state application is required, and available at www.virginiadot.org or state offices. Potential applicants must send their resume and cover letter to VDOT Human Resources, P.O. Box 2249, Staunton, VA 24402. TDD 800-828-1120. Please clearly state the position number(s) for which you wish to be considered.

WISCONSIN

The University of Wisconsin Madison has an opening for an **Assistant Professor/Extension Specialist** in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning beginning July 1, 2005. The appointment will be a full time, tenure track position in the area of planning and geospatial information systems. The selected candidate will develop a research and outreach program focusing on geospatial applications, geospatial tools, and/or geospatial systems. Sub-specialties may include, but are not limited to, community and economic development, land use policy, environmental planning, transportation planning, natural resource management, or public administration. This is a unique opportunity for an individual with the ability to conceptualize, develop, and implement planning-related educational programs, in collaboration with colleagues in Cooperative Extension's Program for Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development. This involves organizing workshops and seminars, disseminating informational documents, and consulting with county-based Extension faculty, State and local government, and organizations and other stakeholders in the private sector. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, one or two publications or work samples, and the names and contact information for three references. The letter should explain the applicant's qualifications for this position, research interests, and outreach experiences. We will begin to review applications by January 21, 2005 and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Please send application materials to the Search Committee Chair Professor Dave Marcouiller, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, 106 Old Music Hall, 925 Bascom Mall, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706.

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Islands Trust is a unique form of local government with a provincial mandate to preserve and protect the communities, culture and environment of this special place. We are currently looking for a self-motivated individual to **coordinate the Development and Implementation** of programs for the Islands Trust Fund Board, our conservation land trust. The manager administers the implementation of the Trust Fund Plan and recommends amendments; develops and implements policies and procedures for land acquisition and management; provides professional advice and support to the Board and other political entities; maintains an inventory of key natural sites to be targeted for protection; advises property owners on available mechanisms to protect significant natural features on their land: and, prepares and monitors the Trust Fund Board's annual budget. Qualifications - a university degree ideally in resource management, planning or related field, and preferably a post-graduate degree in a related field, and at least five years experience in program management including experience in several of the following areas: policy planning: fundraising: land trust operations: land conservation strategies and tools: and, property management and environmental protection. Prior to submitting an application/resume and cover letter, please go to our website www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca for a complete list of duties and qualifications. Please submit a resume, quoting the competition number CA2004: 18460 to: Islands Trust, 200-1627

Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8; fax 250-405-5155. The closing date is January 18, 2005. For more information please contact Kathy Voakes at 250-405-5153.

ONTARIO

The Department of Geography and Program in Planning, **University of Toronto**, invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment in the field of Urban Geography. This is a position with expertise in contemporary cities, with priority given to applicants who specialize in one or more of metropolitan development, social inequalities and social-spatial polarization. An interest in North American cities would be an asset. The appointment will be at the rank of **Assistant Professor** and will begin on July 1, 2005. The appointee would be expected to contribute to graduate teaching and supervision and undergraduate teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded research program. The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in geography or a closely related discipline, an established record of high quality scholarly research and publication, and a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching. Additional information on the Department can be obtained through the World Wide Web at www.geog.utoronto.ca. Please send applications to Professor Joseph R. Desloges, Chair, Department of Geography and Program in Planning, University of Toronto, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 3G3. Applications should include curriculum vitae, a statement outlining current and future research interests, examples of publications, and materials relevant to teaching experience. Applicants should also ask three referees to write letters directly to Professor Desloges. Materials must be received by January 10, 2005 (no e-mail applications will be accepted).

AWARDS

National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) is seeking applicants for a one year **research fellowship** to work on three specific re projects developed in conjunction with Fannie Mae. They are: the implications of how Americans view housing costs and expenses and how this affects their choice of tenure and their ability to invest in other areas of their life such as education or retirement; how housing costs affect domestic immigration patterns to high and low housing cost metropolitan areas; and the implications of federal housing subsidy waiting lists for determining demand for housing assistance. Qualifications for the position is Ph.D. or Ph.D candidacy in economics, political science, sociology or similar social policy related field; substantial quantitative research experience and capacity, particularly in the areas of housing economics or housing policy. The one year fellowship includes a \$30,000 stipend. Send cover letter and resume/vita to Research Director, NLIHC, 1012 14th St. NW., Suite 610, Washington, DC 20005. Applications accepted until position is filled. EE0/AA.

The **Scholars Program of the William T. Grant Foundation** supports promising early career researchers from diverse disciplines. The award is intended to facilitate the professional development of early career scholars who have some demonstrated success in conducting high quality research and are seeking to further develop their skills and

research program. Studies from these Scholars deepen and broaden the knowledge base on how to make a difference in the lives of young people ages 8-25. The Foundation is interested particularly in research that is interdisciplinary, examines young people in social, institutional, community, and cultural contexts, and addresses questions that advance both theory and practice. The William T. Grant Foundation has just released its 2005-2006 William T. Grant Scholars Program brochure. The new brochure, available as a PDF, contains a description of the program, application guidelines, and a list of current William T. Grant Scholars. To view the brochure, visit http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/usr_doc/WTGScholarsbrochure2005.pdf Questions about the program should be sent to wtgs@wtgrantfdn.org.

Green Communities Initiative Grants. Deadline: Rolling. The Green Communities Initiative is a five-year, \$550 million initiative to build more than 8,500 homes across the United States that provide significant health, economic, and environmental benefits to low-income families and communities. The effort is a partnership of the Enterprise Foundation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, in collaboration with the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, and leading corporate, financial, and philanthropic organizations. The initiative will offer financing, grants, and technical assistance to developers to build affordable housing that promotes health, conserves energy and natural resources, and provides easy access to jobs, schools, and services. Grants will help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing projects, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. A minimum of \$1 million in grant funds is available to participants. Individual grants are expected to range between \$15,000 and \$50,000. The grant competition is open to 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities. For-profit entities may participate through joint ventures with qualified organizations. For more information, grant and application guidelines, and an FAQ, see the Enterprise Foundation Web site. RFP Link: <http://enterprisefoundation.org/resources/green/>