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PN CHAPTER UPDATES

PN University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

“Urban Planning’s Dirty Laundry” Event

Students in the **Department of Urban and Regional Planning** at the **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** recently reactivated their chapter of the Planners Network. The chapter had been inactive for several years, but a burst of recent activity shows promise for much more to come.

The main kickoff event “Dirty Laundry” brought planning students and faculty together to create a striking visual display that addressed the troubled history of planning. The goal was to create a display of the good, the bad and the ugly done by planners and policy-makers to affect people’s lives and communities through history. Participants decorated T-shirts with allusions to such things as urban renewal, redlining, and Sundown Towns. Students hung the shirts on clotheslines in the atrium of Temple Buell Hall on the UIUC campus. The display was up for a week and generated many discussions on the persistent iniquities in planning practice.

According to organizers, the event was designed to dispel the myth of the benevolent planner and demystify the results of harmful policy-making. Community decline is not a natural process but is the result of often racist and gender blind planning and policy making such as redlining, restrictive covenants, boarding schools for Native Americans, and anti-immigrant ordinances. Planning has a lot of dirty laundry and it is time we air it out and clean it up!

The chapter is currently planning more activities for the coming academic year. Those interested in participating can do so by joining the listserv through the chapter’s webpage http://www.urban.uiuc.edu/Student_Orgs/PNC/

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Update from **Chester Hartman**:

Very progressive planner and wonderful human being **Justin Gray** passed away on April 9 at age 90. Following World War II service in North Africa and post-war work for left labor unions (UE and Furriers), he got a planning degree at MIT. With friends, he set up a planning firm in Cambridge – The Planning Services Group – and spent 2 years on NYC’s Lower East Side with the Low Income Housing Demonstration Project, following which he went to work as Community Development Director for the City of Cambridge, where he set up the Model Cities Program – and helped stop the Robert Moses-like Inner Belt highway project that would have cut the city in half. Then he founded an advocacy planning firm. Next stop was Washington, DC as HUD’s Deputy Asst. Sec. of Neighborhoods, Volunteers & Community Associations under Gino Baroni in the Carter Administration, while his wife, Ellen Feingold, was Director of Civil Rights for the US Dept. of Transportation. (She now directs Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly in Newton, Mass. and serves on the ACLU

Board.) Back in the Boston area, he continued working as a consultant to Boston community groups. A jam-packed memorial service, filled with planners, family and friends, said goodbye to him and told gobs of Justin stories – including his standard closing line, “Carry on, with dignity plus purpose.”

NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

Patricia Carter
Steve Cosson
Leo Esclamado
Erin Jerabek
Arthur Ladd
Charles Melchin
Lisa Morris
Benjamin Okwudili

Holly Pearson
Danny Pollock
Brenda Ryan
Beth Sanders
Gareth Simons
Jane Pugliese Thomas
Nicholas Tulach
Sarah Wentzel-Fisher

PUBLICATIONS

Critical Planning: UCLA Urban Planning Journal, Volume 15, Summer 2008, 15TH ANNIVERSARY VOLUME. Includes a special section where renowned scholars and practitioners explore "critical planning" in theory, practice, and educational environments. Order online at www.spa.ucla.edu/critplan

“Race & Ethnicity in America: Turning a Blind Eye to Injustice,” (Dec. 2007), is an ACLU response to the U.S. report to the United Nations’ Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). Information from 212/549-2582: downloadable at www.aclu.org/cerd

Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire’s Slaves, (2005, 466 pp.), by Adam Hochschild, is a marvelously written account of the successful organizing campaign to end the slave trade and emancipate slaves throughout the British Empire. Published by Houghton Mifflin.

Hispanics at the crossroads: Opportunities and Risks, (2007), is the focus on a report by Marta Tienda, available from the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty. 1180 Observatory Dr., Madison, WI 53706, www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc251d.pdf

“Report on Jewish Poverty,” (2004, 68pp.), by Jacob B. Ukeles & David A. Grossman is available from the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, 80 Maiden Ln. 21st floor, NYC, NY 10038, 212/453-9500, www.metcouncil.org

New issue of **ACME Journal**, free online: <http://www.acme-journal.org>. ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies. Volume 7, Issue 2, 2008 Special Issue: **Geographies of Everyday Citizenship.**

EVENTS

October 3-10, 2008. “Non/De/Re- regulation: limits, exclusions and claims,” annual conference of the International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA). Athens, Greece. www.inura.or

October 11-15, 2008. “The Right to the City: new challenges, new issues.” Vadstena Klosterhotell, Vadstena, Sweden.
www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/details/confdetail264.html?conf=264

CALL FOR PAPERS

Introducing the 'Journal of Geography and Regional Planning (JGRP)'

The **Journal of Geography and Regional Planning (JGRP)** publishes high-quality solicited and unsolicited articles, in English, in all areas of Journal of Geography and Regional Planning. All articles published in JGRP will be peer-reviewed. The following types of papers are considered for publication: Original articles in basic and applied research; critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays.

Instruction for authors and other details are available at:

<http://www.academicjournals.org/JGRP/index.htm>

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GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

The Laura Jane Musser Fund

www.musserfund.org/rural.php

The Laura Jane Musser Fund (www.musserfund.org/rural.php) wants to encourage collaborative and participatory efforts among citizens in rural communities that will help to strengthen their towns and regions in a number of civic areas including, but not limited to, economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education.

Priority is placed on projects that:

- Bring together a broad range of community members and institutions
- Provide the opportunity for diverse community members to work together
- Contain measurable short term outcomes within the first 12 to 18 months
- Include community members actively in all phases of the process
- Work toward an outcome of positive change within their community

ON-LINE RESOURCES

www.practitionerresources.org/cache/documents/663/66381.pdf

Bringing Home the **Benefits of Energy Efficiency** to **Low-Income Households**:

A new study by Enterprise Community Partners, **Bringing Home the Benefits of Energy Efficiency to Low-Income Households: A Case for a National Commitment**, calls for a national commitment to rehabilitate and retrofit low-income housing with energy-efficient features that will offer substantial financial savings for the residents and ensure long-term gains in environmental and energy sustainability.

www.newvillagepress.net/commons/new-village-online/current-issue/

New Village Online. Issue #3. **The Local Arts Planning System: Current and Alternative Directions** features an insightful article on city and regional arts planning by Carl Grodach from the University of Texas School of Urban and Public Affairs. In it, Grodach proposes useful solutions to the "bifurcated arts planning" that marginalizes community-based arts in favor of prominent cultural institutions. His integrated framework for arts planning recommends creating a "comprehensive inventory and map of arts-based activity" as a first step.

www.greenroofs.wordpress.com

News stories will be available from **Green Roof Conference** at the **Hilton Hotel, Brisbane**, on June 19 and 20. On both days news stories will be on the home page at with email addresses or phone numbers of the speakers in case you wish to contact them.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Assistant Professor of Politics

Occidental College
Los Angeles, CA

The **Department of Politics** invites applications for a **Tenure-Track** position at the **Assistant Professor** level, beginning Fall 2009. Applicants should be prepared to teach a combination of courses in various fields of Public Law such as Constitutional Law, Human Rights, Criminal Justice, Discrimination, Minorities & the Law, Women & the Law, Law & Social Change, Law & Society, Law & the Environment, Land Use & Housing Law, Critical Legal Studies, Critical Race Theory, Immigration, and the Prison-Industrial Complex. We prefer candidates who will have completed the Ph.D. and/or a law degree by Fall 2009, although we will consider candidates who are very

close to completing the Ph.D. Experience in teaching undergraduates is preferred. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. A background in the practice of law, particularly public interest law, would be beneficial.

Occidental is a small (1800 student), very selective national undergraduate liberal arts college with a strong emphasis on academic excellence and diversity among its students and faculty. The Department of Politics is affiliated with interdisciplinary programs in Urban and Environmental Policy and in Diplomacy and World Affairs. Research and applied community based learning opportunities exist through the College's Urban and Environmental Policy Institute and the Center for Community-Based Learning. The College's beautiful campus is located in the residential neighborhood of Eagle Rock, 15 minutes from downtown Los Angeles.

To Apply: Send cover letter, current curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, and three letters of recommendation to: Nancy Grubb, Politics Department, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA 90041. Application Deadline: October 31, 2008

**Junior Land Use/Environmental Planner - Land Use/Environmental Planner I
County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use
San Diego, CA**

The **County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use** is seeking well-qualified, motivated, and enthusiastic candidates for Junior Land Use/Environmental Planner and Land Use/Environmental Planner I.

Junior Land Use/Environmental Planner: is the entry-level professional class in the Land Use/Environmental Planner series. Under immediate supervision, incumbents assist higher level Land Use/Environmental Planners in preparing routine planning studies/projects characterized by having little or no public controversy, few environmental/technical planning issues and lower level decision-making body. Incumbents perform assignments of expanded scope and responsibility as more experience is gained. *Salary:* \$42,536 – \$51,688 Annually

Land Use/Environmental Planner I: is the second entry-level class in this series. Under general supervision, incumbents independently process projects/tasks characterized by having moderate public controversy, and of low complexity such as minor use permits, variances, administrative permits, boundary adjustments, tentative parcel maps; or policy and ordinance changes. Incumbents assist higher-level environmental planners with community plans, and amendments to the General Plan or Airports Master Plan. Several options are available for this level, including Archaeology, Geology, Noise/Acoustics, Watershed, as well as Biology with work assignments in our Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). *Salary:* \$51,002 – \$62,005 Annually

For more information on minimum requirements, detailed job announcements, and to apply online, please visit our website at: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hr>

Contact info: County of San Diego, Department of Human Resources, 1600 Pacific Highway, Rm. 207, San Diego, CA 92101, Phone: (619) 236-2191, Fax: (858) 467-9020, Website <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/hr>

ILLINOIS

Visiting Coordinator of Research Programs, Part-Time University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) City Design Center

The **UIC City Design Center** is seeking a **part-time (50%) Visiting Coordinator of Research Programs** with the responsibilities of: 1) program management, 2) administration, and 3) communications management.

The Coordinator's management activities include providing assistance in proposal writing and in obtaining funds for the Center's programs. Other management activities include monitoring the development and operations of Center projects, managing the Center's resources, and participating in specific projects as necessary.

The Coordinator's administration responsibilities include advising the Co-Directors on the staffing of projects; assisting the Co-Directors in establishing project and Center budgets, managing expenditures, reporting to the Co-Directors on current and potential projects, funding potential and budgetary matters; and attending meetings on behalf of the Co-Directors. In addition, the Coordinator completes organizational tasks relative to the Center program, negotiates for contractual services (with potential consultants), and acts as a faculty resource person for project development.

The Coordinator's communication responsibilities are to write, edit, and manage the production of the Center's reports to advisory committee members, prepare project progress reports as required by funders, the CDC annual report, and develop and produce various internal and external correspondence.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in environmental design, architecture, urban planning and policy or other appropriate field plus two years experience in a research and development setting required. Master's degree in environmental design, architecture, or urban planning and policy plus two years experience preferred. *Salary range:* \$20,000-\$22,500 per year at 50%. AA/EOE

To apply: Send resume, cover letter and the names and contact information for three references by June 30, 2008 to the attention of Annabelle Clarke at acclarke@uic.edu, or by mail to: 303 Jefferson Hall M/C 033, 929 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60607

NEW YORK

Planning Internship

New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

The **Planning Intern** will provide technical support and research skills to the Planning Division team responsible for developing the First Vision Document for the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC Parks).

Duties will include: Coordinating with other involved divisions at NYC Parks to collect and compile materials necessary for the developing the mapping components of the Vision Document, and Perform research related to parks planning and analysis, Preparing GIS maps, General file-keeping and other administrative tasks.

Qualifications / Skills: The ideal candidate will be enrolled in a masters program, preferably in the area of urban planning, urban studies, environmental studies, environmental science, geography, or another related field.

Preferred skills include: Excellent command of GIS, Excellent written and verbal communication skills, Keen attention to detail, Ability to work in a team environment, Ability to multitask and meet deadlines, Creative thinking

This position would start immediately and run through the Fall 2008 semester, with the possibility of continuing into the Spring 2009 semester. This position is unpaid, but there is the possibility of school credit.

To apply: Send resume, cover letter and 3 work samples (pdf format) by 7/15/08 to: Nora Libertun de Duren, PhD, Director of Planning, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065, 212 360 3485 Nora.libertundeduren@parks.nyc.gov

PENNSYLVANIA

Community Planner

Lancaster County Planning Commission
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Entry-Level Community Planners assist the **Lancaster County Planning Commission** in the review of current planning issues affecting the development of Lancaster County. Under the direct supervision of the Director for Community Planning, entry-level community planners are responsible for assisting in the implementation of Envision Lancaster County, the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, and assisting senior-level Planning Commission staff in the administration of the Lancaster County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the implementation of the community planning work program. At the discretion of the Director, the community planner may also be assigned to a set of municipalities and serve as the lead representative of the planning commission to those entities.

The work of the entry-level community planner is directly related to the successful implementation of the several elements of the Comprehensive Plan for Lancaster County. The results of the planner's work include achievement of the public goals of the plan, improvement of the quality of land development and conservation, enhancement of the municipal capacity to deal with complex issues, and protection of the public interest in the future of the county. The work of the community planner directly supports the policies of elected public officials.

Experience and Training Qualifications: A bachelor's degree or above in urban or regional planning, or related field, from an accredited college or university. Relevant experience in planning is desirable, but not required.

A completed Lancaster County job application must be provided at the time of application in order to be considered for this position. For a copy of the full vacancy announcement, please visit www.co.lancaster.pa.us. E/O/E

Contact Person: Christie Stephens, Office Manager, Lancaster County Planning Commission, 50 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602, Phone: 717-299-8333, Fax: 717-295-3659, Email: stephenc@co.lancaster.pa.us, Website: www.co.lancaster.pa.us.
