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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

News from the PN student chapter of the University of Oregon:

The **Planning and Policy Action Network (PPAN)**, the PN student chapter at the University of Oregon, recently hosted a successful public event on "Biodiesel and Oregon's Future", featuring the president of Sequential Fuels and a representative of the local air pollution authority. The event was co-sponsored with Mainstreet Moms operation Blue, a group of politically active moms interested in having school district bus fleets use biodiesel as their fuel of choice.

PPAN has also organized a session on "Retrofitting Suburbia" for an upcoming conference in Eugene called HOPEs (Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability). The panel will explore the relationship between the built environment, neighborhood design, land use and transportation as we seek ways to retrofit a 60 year old suburban development pattern to accommodate more sustainable and healthy development paths. Speakers will include Michael Ronkin from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Carol Heinkel from the Lane Council of Governments and Marc Schlossberg from the University of Oregon.

APA Event sponsored by the Bay Area Chapter of Planners Network:

EVENT: Leaving the Postcard: A Dis-orientation Public Bus Tour of San Francisco
(Bus Line #19: Outbound 19th Polk, MUNI)

DATE: Sunday, March 20, 2005.

MEETING SPOT: SW Corner of Polk Street and Washington. There are several coffee shops nearby. Accessible by the 19th Polk, 1 California, and 27 MUNI bus lines.

TIME: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

COST: FREE. Attendees will need \$1.25 for bus fare. The Bay Area Chapter of the Planner's Network will provide transportation back to Moscone Conference Center.

DESCRIPTION: The Bay Area Chapter of the Planner's Network will lead a tour on Sunday morning from 9 am - 11am. Join us as we journey through San Francisco's Russian Hill, Nob Hill, Tenderloin, Civic Center, South of Market, Potrero Hill, and Bayview/Hunter's Point neighborhoods. The tour will include demographic, economic, and historical information that reveals how a progressive lens can tell an alternative story of these dynamic neighborhoods. Consider this the "reality tour" of San Francisco! The tour will conclude in Hunter's Point with reflections by Karen Pierce, President of the Bayview/Hunter's Point Community Advocates and coordinator of the San Francisco Health Department's Health and Environmental Assessment Task Force. To RSVP for this event please email Jamie at jamie@urbansolutionsf.org

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From PNER **Tom Angotti:**

I'm sorry to report that **Walter Thabit**, one of the great pioneers of advocacy planning, is approaching his last days with us. I've visited him at home a couple of times in the last week and he's preparing for the transition with calm, strength and humor. PNERs who wish to speak with or visit Walter should contact Frances Goldin at 212-777-0047 (work) or 212-254-7121 (home). See the item in the Summer 2004 issue of Progressive Planning Magazine about Walter.

Remembrance: **Gill-Chin Lim**

We are sad to announce the recent passing of Gill-Chin Lim, Professor at Michigan State University, who died in a car accident last month. Gill was an active member in the Planning field and had recently contributed an article for a special issue of the *Progressive Planning Magazine* entitled "Food Problems: A Structural Model and the North Korean Case" (see Winter 2004 issue). Included below are selections of a remembrance that was sent out on the PLANET listserv by his colleague, June Thomas.

Dear All,

...For the past few years it has been a wonderful pleasure to occupy the office next to Gill's. Anyone who goes into his office must pass my door. This has offered an unusual opportunity to watch the various comings and goings, and to converse with him occasionally about various things large and small. The last few days before his death he came into my office several times, once to ask me to join him for lunch at the faculty club. Because of conflicting schedules I was not able to attend that luncheon with him on February 9, a luncheon that he was leaving when a truck hit his car. (This luncheon hosted a visiting international scholar, of course.) But my last conversations with him let me know that he was in a good place, mentally, reaching out in ways he had not done before that I cannot explain easily. In his last few weeks he shared memories of his first days as an international student here in the U. S. that he had not shared before, and his visits with me and Prof. Zenia Kotval--located in the same part of the hallway--became more frequent.

...Gill transformed our small URP program in ways hard to describe. Because of his extensive connections with South Korea, he arranged for a program that allows us to receive, as master's URP or one-year urban studies students, planning professionals from Korea, sent abroad by their companies. These professionals work for the national housing corporation and for the national land development corporation, which are something like HUD with the powers to build new towns and multi-family housing on a grand scale. And so our classrooms have become bi-cultural. This has given us a wonderful opportunity to open the windows of the world for our domestic students, and to learn about planning somewhere else. Gill not only made the contacts to make this possible, but he set up a steady stream of support mechanisms, complete with staff, frequent visits of our faculty to Korea, and lots and lots of hosting of Koreans coming here. All of this worked because of Gill's steady presence, focused initiative, and extraordinary ability to get people together for dinners, lunches, convocations, visits, etc.

... As Gill opened the windows of the world for our U. S. students and for Korean practitioners, he opened them for our faculty as well. We will miss him greatly, but we will always remember his matchless contributions. I would encourage all of us to follow the principles he espoused as we seek to tap the strengths of diversity among our students.

June

*June Manning Thomas, Ph.D., FAICP
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Co-Director, Urban Collaborator Program, MSU Extension*

From PNER **Joel Outtes:**

Call for Collaboration: GEST-Group for the Study of Society and Territory, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

GEST is an interdisciplinary research group based at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre-RS, Brazil; composed of professors, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students. GEST members work on subjects ranging from the History and Geography of Housing and Cities in South America to the Spatial Dynamics of Crime in the Metropolitan Region of Porto Alegre-RS, Brazil.

Other research interests in the group include economic restructuring, spatial cycles and their spatial impacts; residential and intra-metropolitan mobility; and the grape and the colonization of the Brazilian territory: A Geography of wine. GEST members have done empirical work in places such as Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Recife, Porto Alegre, and Buenos Aires, and in several libraries and universities in Europe (Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, London, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Turin), Latin America, and the USA (Chicago, Washington, Milwaukee, New York, and Boston).

We are also interested in receiving foreign scholars to give lectures here. We recently received Prof. Shaul Krakover who gave a set of lectures on Spatial Cycles. We have no funds to pay travel expenses from abroad at the moment, but we might pay your travel from any point in Brazil and we will provide accommodation here for sure. Please get in touch if you want to lecture or do research here.

If you would like to establish any kind of collaboration with GEST and/or discuss possibilities, please write to me. Please forward this message to interested parties. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Prof. Dr Joel Outtes, DPhil (University of Oxford), Head, GEST-Group for the Study of Society and Territory UFRGS-Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, E-mail: Outtes@uol.com.br

PN member **Marc Schlossberg** recently published a report through the Mineta Transportation Institute called: "Using Spatial Indicators for Pre- and Post-Development Analysis of TOD Areas: A Case Study of Portland and the Silicon Valley". The report is available on-line at: <http://transweb.sjsu.edu/pubs.htm>. A related article, titled "Comparing Transit Oriented Developments Based on Walkability Indicators", was recently published in the Transportation Research Record. Finally, Marc Schlossberg's "GIS and Social Planning" class recently engaged with a local neighborhood in a community asset mapping project utilizing ArcPad GIS and PDAs. Summaries of this project and some other exciting ArcPad-based community development work can be seen at: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~schlossb/arcpad/>

PUBLICATIONS

“Exceptional Returns: Economic, Fiscal & Social Benefits of Investments in Early Childhood Development,” by Robert G. Lynch (54 pages, October 2004), is available from the Economic Policy Institute, 1660 L Street, NW, #1200, Washington, DC, 20036, Tel.: 202-775-8810, www.epinet.org/books/exceptional/exceptional_returns_full.pdf.

“Designing for the Homeless: Architecture That Works,” by Sam Davis (161 pages, 2004), has been published by University of California Press.

“Community Building, Community Bridging: Linking Neighbourhood Improvement Initiatives & the New Regionalism in the San Francisco Bay Area,” by Manuel Pastor, Jr., Chris Benner, Rachel Rosner, Martha Matsuoka & Julie Jacobs (16 pages, January 2004), is

available (possibly free) from the Centre for Justice, Tolerance & Community, University of California, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, Tel.: 831-459-5743, cjtc@ucsc.edu.

“Addressing Community Opposition to Affordable Housing Development: A Fair Housing Toolkit,” by Sara Pratt and Michael Allen, has been published by the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania and is available online at <http://www.knowledgeplex.org/showdoc.html?id=68549>. Pratt and Allen also offer half- and full-day workshops, Tel.: 202-277-5551, sleepratt@aol.com.

“Public Housing Reform and Voucher Success: Progress and Challenges” by Rod Solomon, January 2005, has been published by Brookings Institution. Available at http://www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/20050124_solomon.htm

EVENTS

March 14-15, 2005. The Practice of Environmentally Sustainable Development, Urban Land Institute will be held in Washington, D.C. For more information visit www.uli.org/workshops or contact David Mulvihill at mulvihill@uli.org at 202-624-7122.

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,” co-sponsored by the PolicyLink and the Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, will be held in Philadelphia. Information from PolicyLink, 101 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607, Tel.: 510-663-2333, www.policylink.org.

June 20-24, 2005, “Poverty in America: Empirical Trends & Theoretical Explanations,” sponsored by the University of Michigan National Poverty Centre, will be held in Ann Arbor. Application deadline is March 15. See www.npc.umich.edu/news/events/summer05.

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/.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

The **City of Pomona**, California is looking for a **Planning Aide I** that will perform entry-level technical planning work; assist in planning activities and projects; and perform related work as assigned. Require high school graduate or GED equivalency. Current enrollment as a college/university student, majoring in urban planning, architecture, landscape architecture, public administration, political science or a related field. Experience with a governmental agency in planning is desirable. Possess a valid California Class "C" driver license. Candidates must

apply by 3/24/05. Apply at: Human Resources Department, 505 So. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA 91766. For more information contact 909-620-CITY or visit www.ci.pomona.ca.us

The **City of San Francisco** is currently advertising two director-level position:

1) **Director, San Francisco Planning Department.** Subject to the policy determination of the city planning commission, serves as administrative head of the department of city planning; supervises and coordinates the development of the master plan and implements the master plan through the administration of the comprehensive zoning ordinance, the capital improvement program, legislative referral, subdivision control, urban renewal and other related planning programs; and performs related duties as required. Requires major responsibility for: initiating, developing, presenting and implementing all elements of the land use, transportation, and public facilities sections of the master plan; coordinating, approving and executing policy methods and procedures related to city planning activities, programs and projects; making continuing personal contacts involving public relations, difficult negotiations, presentation and interpretation of city planning policies, rules and regulations and problems of a professional and technical nature with persons of all rank, administrative officials, representative groups, press and the public in general; directing the preparation, approval, review and maintenance of complex and specialized planning records and reports; and drawing conclusions upon which administrative decisions are based. For more information and how to apply, visit http://www.sfgov.org/site/jobs_index.asp?id=29142

2) **Deputy Director of Multimodal Planning, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.** Appointment to this vacancy will be made on a permanent exempt basis. Under broad policy direction, the Deputy Director, Planning is responsible for the overall direction and administration of all planning functions for the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA). Areas of responsibility include Capital Planning, Service Planning, Streets, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Traffic Calming, and Real Estate for the Municipal Railway, Department of Parking and Traffic, and the Parking Authority. Essential Duties: Oversees all functions and activities of the Planning Division; consults with and provides direction to subordinate managers regarding their specific planning projects and programs; directs the development and implementation of Division goals, strategic plans, policies, procedures and work standards; oversees local and regional planning coordination; confers and negotiates with local, regional, state and federal agencies regarding applicable regulations, legislation, policies; confers and negotiates with City administrative officials, City Attorney, public representatives, and others regarding issues related to Planning Division activities; represents the Agency before legislative bodies, administrative officials, public agencies, community groups, labor organizations, technical and transportation industry organizations, and the general public; makes presentations to the MTA Board of Directors, and other boards, commissions and legislative bodies; and directs the development and implementation of the Division budget. For more information and how to apply, go to: www.sfmuni.com/jobs. Click on Current Job Openings, then click on Job # 9187.

IOWA

The **Community and Regional Planning at Iowa State University** is hiring a tenured faculty position as **Associate Professor/Associate Chair** starting August 16, 2005 (050103). Candidates must have a Ph.D. in planning or related field with five years of experience. Excel in teaching, research, and outreach plus AICP membership or eligibility. Teach and perform research in two areas: spatial analysis and GIS, community design, local and state economic development, small town/rural focus and/or experience, urban design, land use, regional planning. Work in a variety of settings and scales, secure sponsored funds and grants, conduct research and outreach, have

practical experience in planning or related field. Salary is competitive. Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three references, one publication and one course outline in the area of specialty, and email address. Letter should address qualifications, courses to teach, research interests and outreach experiences. Applications will be reviewed as received. For more information visit www.public.iastate.edu.

MARYLAND

The **Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore** is seeking a **Senior Planner** to serve as a key member of the community planning team in the development of strategic plans, communal objectives, and help manage an allocations process of more than \$30 million to more than 18 local and overseas agencies. Specific responsibilities will include primary staff to planning lay leadership and agencies focusing on trends and directions for social services and Jewish identity building, direct efforts relating to the sister city relationship with Odessa, and coordinate long range planning for interagency collaborations. The Senior Planner will also develop and implement strategies relating to outcomes based planning as well as assist in research and evaluation methods within the allocations process. Qualified candidates will have a master's degree in social work, public policy, non-profit management or related plus a minimum of three to five years experience in the field. Formal training and prior experience within Jewish communal service, especially Federation, are preferred. Candidates should possess strong written and verbal communication skills and should be self starters. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter along with a current resume to Darlene Wolff, The Associated, 101 West Mt, Royal Ave, MD 21201 or by e-mail to resume@jcfb.org. EOE.

MISSISSIPPI

The **Department of Urban and Regional Planning** at **Jackson State University** is looking to attract new faculty. The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Concentrations are offered in Community Development and Housing, Urban Design, and Environment and Land Use. Ph.D., Master of Urban Design, or related terminal degree is required applicants. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. We are looking for people with outstanding research, teaching, and service records. **Urban Design** (Assistant or Associate Professor, 9 month appointment): We seek an architect or urban designer who holds membership in a professional association. The successful candidate will teach courses in urban design, history of cities, and studio, involve students (undergraduate and graduate) in acquiring architectural design skills, and work directly with public and private projects in Jackson and the State. Commitment to a record of recognized achievement in the built environment or scholarly published research is required. **Environment and Land Use** (Assistant or Associate Professor, 9 month appointment): We seek an experienced scholar to join our productive faculty in the area of land use planning with emphasis upon teaching and conducting research in the areas of planning law, regulatory processes, and comprehensive planning studios. AICP membership is desired. Teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels required along with contributing to the department's active service agenda in Jackson and the State of Mississippi. Applicants should send a letter of application, current vitae, three letters of reference, and official transcripts of all academic work to: Search Committee, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Jackson State University, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211 Consideration of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Mid-year appointments are possible.

NEW YORK

The search is open for the position of **Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning**, School of Architecture and Planning, **University at Buffalo**, The State University of New York. The appointment would be at the rank of Full Professor, to assume duties in AY 2005-06 or as soon as possible after that date. Applicants should possess an advanced degree in planning or a closely related field, and should show substantial evidence of scholarly or professional achievement. Beyond demonstrated abilities in teaching, research and practice, preference in selection will be given to candidates with recognized intellectual leadership and administrative capabilities. The duties of the chair include overseeing academic, fiscal, administrative, and personnel matters of the department; student recruitment; working with students, faculty, and administration to ensure high quality planning education at the undergraduate and graduate levels; advancing excellence in research, teaching and public service consistent with department, school and university missions; establishing and maintaining collaborative relations with other academic units and professional groups; advancing the research program in planning, including collaborations with the Center for Urban Studies, a unit formally affiliated with the department; leading strategic planning and implementation efforts for program development and improvement; and working with development officers and faculty to obtain external financial support for academic initiatives and research. In addition to the responsibility of administering the Department, the Chair will be expected to teach and continue to pursue his/her research activity. Inquiries and/or nominations should be made as soon as possible; applications (with curriculum vitae and the names and contact information for three academic references) should be sent to Dr. G. William Page, Search Committee Chair, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo, 116 Hayes Hall, 3435 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

The **Department of City and Regional Planning** at **Cornell University** is seeking candidates for a full-time contractual position, renewable yearly, beginning July 1, 2005, to teach course(s) central to the Historic Preservation Planning curriculum. The teaching responsibilities include a history, theory and contemporary practice course and an historic preservation planning workshop to be taught in the fall semester, and two courses in the spring semester in the areas of preservation economics, building materials conservation, preservation law, urban history, or similar fields. Applicants must have experience in conducting cultural resource surveys in accordance with the procedures of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, or a similar SHPO, and have a demonstrated interest in community service. A master's degree in historic preservation planning is required, and a doctorate, or ABD status in city and regional planning, historic preservation, or a related discipline is also required. Salary is commensurate with experience. The review of applications will begin March 15, 2005. Applicants should address: Chair, Search Committee; Historic Preservation Position; 210 West Sibley Hall; College of Architecture, Art and Planning; Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

PENNSYLVANIA

The **Philadelphia** City Planning Commission seeks a **Project Manager** to coordinate the pilot phase of a comprehensive open-space plan. We anticipate that this will be a part-time (approx. 20 hours per week) consulting position lasting about 6 months, however, the agency is somewhat flexible with regard to hours and project term. Applicants should have a degree in Landscape Architecture, Horticultural Science, Environmental Design, Urban Planning or related field and at

least 3 years experience. Applicants must also demonstrate self-reliance, ability to organize and manage a complex inter-disciplinary planning project, and strong written and oral communication skills. The project will begin in April 2005. If you are interested in applying for this position, please forward resume, salary history and references to: Maxine Griffith, Executive Director, Philadelphia City Planning Commission, 1515 Arch Street, 13th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or email the information to paul.nice@phila.gov. The deadline for receipt of this material is March 15, 2005.

WISCONSIN

Full-time position for the **University of Wisconsin**-Extension Center for **Land Use Education** based in Stevens Point with statewide travel. Responsible for design and delivery of educational programs and materials focused on planning, economics and natural resources with demonstrated experience working closely with citizens. A graduate degree and five years of experience required. For more information please visit www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/ or contact Lynn Markham at 715-346-3879.

AWARDS

The **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund** has applications available for student activists who are building the progressive movement and will be enrolled in school during the 2005-06 academic year. Since 1961, this Fund has provided need-based grants to student activists who are able to do academic work at the college level and are involved in building the movement for social and economic justice. Davis-Putter grantees are both graduate and undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited school for the time period covered by their grant. Although US citizenship is not a consideration, applicants must live in the United States and plan to enroll an accredited program in the US in order to qualify. There is a strong preference for grantees who plan to stay in the United States and build the progressive movement here. The maximum grant is \$6,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the amount of funding available. Applications and the supporting documents – transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, a photograph, financial aid reports – must be postmarked by April 1. Decisions are not announced until July. Please visit www.davisputter.org to secure an application and instructions on how to apply. Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund, Post Office Box 7307, New York, NY 10116-7307, davisputter@hotmail.com.

ON-LINE RESOURCES

"**Context-Sensitive Solutions**" (CSS) is a relatively new mandate from the Federal Highway Administration to design streets and roads that fit their physical setting, and respond to the desires and needs of the community. The new website was developed by Project for Public Spaces (PPS) and it allows transportation professionals, as well as elected officials and concerned citizens, to initiate and better participate in a better community-oriented transportation planning process. In collaboration with Scenic America, a non-profit dedicated solely to protecting the nations natural beauty and distinctive community character, PPS and the FHWA, developed, designed and built the resource center to engage anyone who might have an interest in CSS. The site was opened to

the public at the January 2005 Transportation Research Board Annual conference. Please visit the web site at <http://www.contextsensitivesolutions.org>. Practitioners and advocates with suggestions and recommendations, or who wish to contribute in any way should contact Steve Davies or Phil Myrick at Project for Public Spaces, Tel.: 212-620-5660 or pmyrick@pps.org. Visit PPS at <http://www.pps.org>.

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