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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

Please note that Planners Network **Canadian membership fees** have changed slightly to better reflect the current exchange rate. The new fees (in CAN\$) are:

\$30 for students, unemployed, and those with incomes less than \$30,000

\$40 for those with incomes between \$30,000 and \$60,000

\$60 for those with incomes over \$60,000

\$120 for sustaining members

Cheques can be sent to:

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The **University of Michigan chapter** recently sponsored a lecture series on Equity Planning, with four events culminating in a visit from Professor **Norman Krumholz**. The first event gathered a panel of leaders from community-based organizations in the Detroit metropolitan region, discussing the practice of equity planning on issues of regionalism and civil rights. The second event was a symposium of five University of Michigan faculty members discussing the theory of equity planning and the role of universities in advancing progressive planning. A third event gathered students to discuss how they can carry forward the tradition of equity planning in their studies and future careers. Finally, Professor Krumholz delivered a lecture about his experiences with equity planning in Cleveland, and how young planners can apply his lessons to the work they do today.

The **Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC)** of Boston, MA and a design team comprised of graduate students from MIT and Harvard proudly accepted first prize and an award of \$10,000 from the 2005 Affordable Housing Development Competition on Friday, April 22. The winning proposal outlined an ambitious \$65.9 million mixed-use development for Parcel A in Chinatown. The program skillfully integrated substantial community benefits with an attractive and environmentally-friendly design. Of 200 proposed rental and for-sale housing units, over 50% would be affordable to medium or low income residents. Also included in the design were 1,600 square feet of business incubator space; an extension for the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, and 29,000 square feet of versatile community space suitable for use for teen programs, classrooms, offices, a library, and/or general meeting space.

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Nicole Blunner will be working for the **Berlin City Planning Department** through a fellowship offered by the **Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program**, which enables young American professionals to participate in an intensive work and study program in Germany. The goal of the program is to familiarize American Professionals with the political, economic, and cultural environment of Europe and of the Federal Republic of Germany and to strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between the United States and Germany. The program provides young American professionals with executive level internships in the federal government and private sectors in Germany

Brodie Hefner, AICP, is teaching a graduate seminar on “Housing and Urban Development” as an Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning at **Hunter College**, City University of New York during the spring 2005 semester. Meanwhile, he is keeping his day-job as a Senior Project Manager for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development where for the last six years he has been managing HOPE VI public housing revitalization grants and other development projects from HUD offices in New York and Washington, DC. Mr. Hefner is also currently serving a two-year term as Co-Vice President for Programs of the Metro NY Chapter of the American Planning Association. (Brodie_Hefner@HUD.gov)

Ute Lehrer, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, **Brock University** (St. Catharines, ON), has received a three-year SSHRC research grant in the amount of \$63,000 from the Canadian government for studying "Urban images, public space and the growth of private interests in Toronto."

From PN'er **Josh Lerner**:

After several months traveling through Central and South America (<http://www.linesofflight.net/isittravel>), I'm currently in Rosario, Argentina for 6 months. In Rosario I'm conducting research on the educative and youth dimensions of the city's participatory budgeting programs, and working with the Latin American coordinating office of Education Cities (<http://www.edcities.bcn.es>), an international network of cities working to transform their urban environments into educating spaces. I've also been establishing connections with some Latin American cousins of Planners Network, such as the Foro Urbano Ecuador and Redes de Planificacion Participativa y Gestion Asociada in Argentina, in case other PN'ers are looking for like-minded Latin American contacts. In September I'll be starting the PhD program in political science at New School University in New York.
E-mail: josh.lerner@utoronto.ca

Alex Schafran recently had an article published in The Next American City entitled "Growth & Change On New York's Urban/Rural Edge" about Sullivan County, New York. The article is available at: www.americancity.org

From **Joel Outtes**, Head of the GEST-Group for the Study of Society and Territory UFRGS-Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul:

Call for Collaboration: GEST-Group for the Study of Society and Territory: GEST is interested in establishing agreements and collaborating with colleagues in other institutions, cities and countries. We can either be a South American and/or American "leg" of comparative research projects and/or have colleagues as partners in any of our projects. We are also willing to collaborate with other colleagues applying for NEH, and/or NSF grants as well as other funding agencies worldwide such as the European Science Foundation. For instance, I heard from the NSF representative for international collaboration with Brazil that they are prepared to fund research here as long as there is/are USA-based colleagues willing to put research bids together with us at GEST.

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. We are also interested in **receiving foreign scholars** to give lectures here. Please get in touch if you want to lecture or do research here. For more information, contact Joel at: Outtes@uol.com.br

PUBLICATIONS

Taking the High Road: A Metropolitan Agenda for Transportation Reform, edited by Bruce Katz and Robert Puentes, published by Brookings Institution Press (2005 c. 235pp.), Paper Text, 0-8157-4827-2, \$22.95.

“Bringing Globalization Home: Portraits of Popular Education at the Global-Local Junction,” (24 pages, January 2005) 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.

“Analysing Urban Poverty: A Summary of Methods & Approaches,” by Judy Baker and Nina Schuler, September 2004, is a World Bank Research Working Paper #3399, available at http://econ.worldbank.org/files/38383_wps3399.pdf.

“The Next Los Angeles: The Struggle for a Livable City,” by Robert Gottlieb, Mark Vallianatos, Regina M. Freer and Peter Dreier (276 pages, 2005), has been published by University of California Press, www.ucpress.edu/books/pages/9799.html.

“Rethinking Rental Housing: Expanding the Ability of Rental Housing to Serve as a Pathway to Economic & Social Opportunity,” by William Apgar, a January 2005 Working Paper from the Harvard Joint Centre for Housing Studies, is available at www.jchs.harvard.edu/publications/markets/w04-11.pdf.

Shelterforce Magazine

The latest issue of Shelterforce Magazine is available online at: <http://www.nhi.org/online/issues/sf140.html> Topics in this issue include: strategies for building community engagement, rebuilding housing markets, desegregation of public housing, and advocates for healthy housing.

EVENTS

July 21-24, 2005, “The Real Mandate: Educate & Fight for Social Justice,” the 2005 National Coalition of Education Activists Conference, will be held in Philadelphia. Information from NCEA, 1420 Walnut Street, #720, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Tel.: 215-735-2418, info@edactivists.org, www.edactivists.org

October 5-7, 2005, National Conference on Inclusionary Housing will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. National experts will participate in panel sessions on subjects including passing effective inclusionary housing ordinances (coalition building, policy issues, overcoming objections); program administration (best practices nationwide, working with the development community, asking the experts). More information can be found on the IHI website: www.inhousing.org/conf

October 27-30, 2005, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO. Hosted by Kansas State University; University of Kansas; and the University of Missouri, Kansas City. For more information visit: <http://www.acsp.org/events/conferences.html>

June 14-17, 2006, Canadian Association of Planning Students 2006 Conference will be hosted at the School of Community & Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. The forum will build on and contribute to the momentum of the concurrent World Planners Congress and the following World Urban Forum, both being held in Vancouver. http://www.plannersfortomorrow.ca/Conference_details.htm

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Planners Network members receive 40% discount on the following online continuing education courses:

Rutgers University's Bloustein Online Continuing Education for Planners program offers professional development courses in planning law, urban design and placemaking, redevelopment and leadership and management.

In June, BOCEP will offer: Current Trends in Land Use Law, Managing Risk in Partnerships, and Urban Design. In July, BOCEP will offer: Redevelopment Law and Legal Issues, Strategic Planning and Implementation, and Transportation Planning for Placemaking.

The courses are five weeks long, and there are no scheduled meetings. Participants should expect to spend at least two hours online to take advantage of the knowledge and learning in the classes. The courses are taught by planners and other land use professionals with significant expertise in their topics.

Each course costs \$250, but Planners Network members receive a discount of \$100 per course. To get more information or register for a course, please visit the BOCEP website at <http://www.policy.rutgers.edu/bocep>

Bloustein Online Continuing Education is an initiative by Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. The program is designed to improve the practice of professional planners.

JOBS

ALBERTA

The **City of Calgary** is seeking candidates for the following positions in the **Downtown/Inner City Planning Division**:

Senior Urban Designer

This position, reporting directly to the Manager of Downtown/Inner City Planning will coordinate the City's "Do-It" program of public improvements and will oversee the

design and implementation of multiple projects, large and small, relating to the public realm. The position will also contribute to policy and visioning exercises and the review of planning applications. Minimum qualifications: Applicants require a university degree in planning, architecture or landscape architecture with an emphasis on urban design with at least seven to ten years of progressively more responsible and varied experience. A combination of disciplines at the undergraduate and masters levels would be a definite asset. Alternatively, applicants must have a closely related university degree, combined with a greater period of relevant experience. Preference will be given to candidates who have obtained a degree at the post-graduate level.

Planner 2 – Applications Team

The successful applicant will analyze, evaluate, negotiate and creatively resolve issues relating to planning, architecture and public realm design for a variety of planning applications in the centre city area. As well, the successful applicant will be involved in policy planning studies in the centre city area. Minimum qualifications: Applicants require a university degree in planning or a design discipline recognized by the Canadian Institute of Planners with a minimum of three years planning experience, or, a related degree with a minimum of four years planning experience. A background, through education and experience, with architecture or urban design would be a definite asset.

Closing date: 13 May 2005. For more details and online application form visit:
www.calgary.ca

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The **City of Surrey** seeks candidates for the following 3 positions:

Current Planning Managers (2 Positions)

These positions have been created as a direct result of internal promotion. Reporting to the Division Manager, Area Planning and Development, you will lead staff, supervise the review and processing of development applications, prepare/present reports, assist with area plans and policies, represent the Division at committee/public meetings, and participate in the Division's work program and budget.

You are creative, results oriented and visionary with the ability to encourage innovation and creativity through leadership and influence rather than authority. You are experienced in area planning, development approval processes, staff leadership, budget control and change management. You have excellent oral and written communication skills, demonstrate political sensitivity and enjoy working in a fast-paced environment. A graduate degree in planning or a related field with at least 10 years of progressively responsible experience is required as is membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Senior Planner, Long Range/Policy

This is an advanced professional level position, requiring considerable experience and expertise to undertake complex planning projects and to lead and supervise other Planners and Planning Assistants. Taking a leadership role in developing a vision for

neighbourhoods and communities, you will guide the growth and development of our community by contributing to policy initiatives that shape the future of Surrey. Responsibilities will include developing neighbourhood concept plans, liaising with a range of stakeholders, responding to enquiries from Council, and researching and reporting on complex and comprehensive policy development projects. You have a degree in Planning or a related discipline with supplementary courses recognized by the Canadian Institute of Planners as fulfilling the requirements for membership. A Master's degree and at least five years experience or Bachelor's degree and seven years' experience are required. An excellent communicator, you have a strong policy development background, experience in managing development applications, well-developed public relations skills, and are able to perform a wide range of research and analysis on varying planning related issues. Your membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners is ideally enhanced by experience managing neighbourhood planning processes. If you flourish in an innovative atmosphere where change is rapid and resources are limited, and can make a positive contribution to the City, apply on-line at www.surreycareers.ca

CALIFORNIA

Solano County currently seeks an **Assistant Planner** (entry-level) to provide staff support in policy and land use planning. Requires a BA, preferably in City or Regional Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, Public Administration, Economics, Geography, or related field, and 1 year of professional planning experience at the local, regional or state level. Final filing date: June 6, 2005. To apply, please submit a resume to: www.solanocounty.com Applicants must submit a copy of your degree or college transcripts, within five days of the final filing date, to the Human Resources Department, 675 Texas St., Suite 1800 Fairfield, CA 94533. FAX (707) 784-6014. For more information, please call 707-784-6170. EOE

Director of Planning-The City of Los Angeles is actively seeking an administrative head responsible for organizing and directing the policies and planning activities of the City's Planning Department; develop, maintain and implement all elements of the City's general plan, with district, functional, special and other related zoning plans; establishes plan implementation measures, subdivisions and other controls; develops and recommends proactive policy methods and procedures related to city planning activities. Minimum Qualifications: 1. A Bachelors degree, preferably with a concentration in a relevant field such as urban and regional planning, public policy, public administration, public affairs or a related discipline. Master's or advanced degree is highly desirable. 2. Ten years of progressively responsible professional experience in municipal, regional, state or federal urban planning, housing, economic development, urban design and development, transportation, environmental, land-use and/or physical infrastructure planning. This position also requires comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices, purposes, scope and techniques of various phases of city planning, land use and/or policy planning, zoning and federal, state and local laws, as they relate to city planning. Visit website for full recruitment profile www.lacity.org/

COLORADO

The **Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments** (PPACG), the designated MPO for **Colorado Springs**, is seeking an undergraduate or graduate student to work as an **intern in its Transportation Planning Program**. The intern will assist the Transportation team in completing the following projects: Analysis and reporting of crash data to aid in needs analysis and transportation project selection; Micro-scale socio-economic forecasting through 2030 to support implementation of the new travel demand model; Researching land-use / demographic forecasting and spatial disaggregation tools and techniques; Data collection and analysis of intra-regional freight movements; Development of a Regional Non-motorized (Pedalcycle and pedestrian) Plan. **Desired Experience:** Transportation-related coursework; GIS proficiency; data analysis; strong writing ability; self-directed; adept with Microsoft Office software(Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) Internet search /research skills. Contact: Craig Casper Phone: 719-471-7080 Fax: 719-471-1226 E-mail ccasper@ppacg.org Website www.ppacg.org

FLORIDA

Planner II- The **City of Fort Lauderdale** seeks creative and talented planners for fast paced Planning Department. BS degree in urban or regional planning, geography, architecture, or closely related field to urban/regional planning plus 2 years paid work experience for a state, county or local government planning agency or private organization directly involved in land development or land use design functions. Master's Degree in appropriate field may be substituted for one year of the experience requirement. AICP certification is preferred. Three positions available. Access required application and information at www.fortlauderdale.gov Apply by June 28, 2005

MASSACHUSETTS

The **Asian Community Development Corporation** (ACDC)(www.asiancdc.org), a dynamic community development corporation in Boston that has developed over \$100 million of housing seeking in candidates for the following positions:

Executive Director:

The candidate will have strong skills in organizational planning; demonstrated accomplishments in administering and managing programs, contracts, and staff; a highly developed capacity for community relations; experience in board development and management; ability to oversee financial operations of entire organization; and track-record of successful fundraising for not-for-profit organizations. ACDC is looking for an experienced leader with the management skills and vision to help ACDC reach the next level as an organization. **Desired qualifications** include: substantial management experience including staff supervision, financial management, community relations, planning and board development. Knowledge of and experience in real estate development, economic development, community organizing and fundraising desirable. A BA or MA in urban planning or related field. ACDC seeks a candidate comfortable working in a culturally diverse environment. Work experience in an Asian community

and proficiency in an Asian language would be positive factors. Compensation is competitive.

Community Organizer (Full Time):

The Community Organizer will have hands-on experience with ACDC's innovative programs as part of a smart and dynamic team. The Organizer will help ACDC build a cohesive constituency and political power to implement its agenda. ACDC is looking for candidates with the right attitude and energy; and are willing to provide training.

Desired qualifications include: a minimum of 2 years organizing experience (including organizing clubs, events, activities, classes, etc.) in low-income, multiracial communities, particularly the Chinatown community; ability to outreach and build relationship with people from diverse backgrounds a genuine enthusiasm for meeting people and for motivating and involving them in community development activities and campaigns; excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; excellent verbal communication skills in Cantonese, Mandarin also acceptable.

Submit inquiries and/or detailed resume and cover letter including compensation requirements to: personnel@asiancdc.org. For more information or questions concerning the position, please contact at Jeremy Liu (t) 617-482-2380 ext. 204 or (f) 617-482-3056

OREGON

The **Portland Development Commission (PDC)** (www.pdc.us) seeks an **Executive Director** for its nationally recognized, premier public policy implementation agency. PDC's mission is to bring together community resources to achieve Portland's vision of a vital economy with healthy neighborhoods and quality jobs for all citizens. Primarily funded by tax-increment financing tools, PDC is an enormously complex, successful organization that benefits from Portland's rich history of public/private collaboration. This agency brings together public and private community resources to provide sustained livability. It is uniquely structured to achieve/implement the city priorities pertaining to: **Economic Development, Revitalization Projects, and Housing**. The Executive Director leads the organization in the implementation of critical strategies and programs designed to drive economic development, neighborhood livability, and housing diversity in the Portland region. Governed by an appointed Commission, it manages a \$240 million annual budget, an operational staff of 185, and project implementation in 11 urban renewal areas. The ED must ensure that PDC simultaneously plans and implements multiple projects, maintains appropriate infrastructure and communicates effectively and consistently with elected officials, community & business members. S/he will also lead a strategic initiative to address the agency's mission as it nears its 50th anniversary. The Executive Director must have demonstrated leadership abilities, strong management skills and political relationship management experience. A successful candidate will have worked with a Board at the senior level, with a sizable staff, with elected officials, and with diverse community constituencies. Establishing and maintaining collaborative partnerships in all of these arenas requires superior communication skills, excellent judgment and high integrity. A background that demonstrates community focus, a commitment to diversity and an aesthetic appreciation for the city is valued. Experience/education in urban planning, public administration or an equivalent discipline

is necessary. Experience in development, redevelopment, housing and/or urban renewal management is desirable. **POSITION CLOSES: 5/27/05**

Submit resume to:

Murphy, Symonds & Stowell Search, 1001 SW 5th Ave., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204; LindaK@MSSsearch.com

SOUTH CAROLINA

Planner I/Planner II -The **City of Columbia** is seeking an energetic individual for a professional position with primary responsibility for assisting in administering and enforcing the City of Columbia's requirements for **historic preservation** and **urban design districts**. Strong candidates will possess 1) General knowledge of the principles and policies of historic preservation, as well as knowledge of architecture, buildings, land development patterns, planning and land use regulations; 2) Excellent writing, editing, and verbal communication skills, including the ability to generate reports, articles, and strong grant applications; (3) Strong customer service skills for assisting citizens, developers, and builders with all aspects of the review process and for enforcing guidelines/ordinances with consistency, firmness, and politeness. Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Historic Preservation, Architecture, Urban Planning, Planning or closely related field and two (2) years experience in land use regulation (Master's degree can substitute for one (1) year of experience); or, and equivalent combination of related education, training and experience. Must possess a valid SC driver's license. City of Columbia is an equal opportunity employer. You must fill out a full application online at the city's website: www.columbiasc.net The application deadline is May 17, 2005.

WASHINGTON

The **City of Wenatchee** seeks an **Associate Planner** for its **Community Development Department**. The Community Development Department includes planning, affordable housing and building divisions. The city has won several statewide planning awards from the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association, including an award for physical plans for a waterfront revitalization plan. The department is working on construction of a Community Center serving the community, and has just adopted a HUD Consolidated Plan for future Community Development Block Grants. The Associate Planner will work in both current and long range planning. Current planning work will include mid to advanced work on development projects, including subdivisions, rezones and conditional use permits. Long range planning work will include a strong role in the city's required 2006 update to the comprehensive plan as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act. The ideal candidate will have at least two years of experience, with preference given to those candidates with urban planning skills. Job applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2005. Job announcements and applications can be obtained at www.cityofwenatchee.com No phone calls, please.

AWARDS

Paul Davidoff Award

The Paul Davidoff Award, first presented in 1981 by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), honors the memory of a revered and respected activist academic in the field of modern city planning. Paul Davidoff's work constitutes a watershed in the theory and practice of community planning. The Award is given bi-annually to an outstanding book publication which is consistent with his ideals, work and life. The Paul Davidoff Award honors a publication which promotes values of participatory democracy and positive social change, opposes poverty and racism as factors in society and reduces disparities between rich and poor, white and black, men and women. For more details: http://www.acsp.org/awards/paul_davidoff_award.htm

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