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PN NEWS



Planners Network Conference 2006

“Tending The Garden: From Grassroots to Green Roofs”

June 8th-June 11th

Chicago, Illinois

Hosted by: University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Urban Planning and Policy

<http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/upp/pn/index.html>

Only two more months until this year’s conference!

A couple of important dates to keep in mind:

April 15: deadline to submit presentation proposals

April 30: deadline for early registration

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From **David Kovacs**:

I have been a member of PN since the mid-1970s. I have paper copies of 90% of the PN News from then until a year or so ago - they are free for the asking if anyone would want to do a research project on how the content and issues (subjects/focus) has changed over time. djksocial@comcast.net (804) 273-0126

PNer **Ute Lehrer**'s latest publication:

Ute Lehrer (2006) "Willing the Global City: Berlin's Cultural Strategies of Interurban Competition After 1989", In: N. Brenner and R. Keil (eds.), *The Global City Reader*, Routledge, 332-338.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Ayolla Emmanuel Akinniyi	Arlene Hopkins
Gregory Bowles	Gautam Kapur
Brent Brown	Sarit Levy
Mark Cameron	Jennifer Petersen
Bell Clement	Darnell Sutton
Janine Cuneo	Elizabeth Sweet
Kristyn Ebert	Sara Sylvan
Gilda Haas	Tom Young

PUBLICATIONS

"The Portrayal of Latinos and Latino Issues on Network Television News, 2004, With a Retrospect to 1995," by Federico Subervi, the Network Brownout Report 2005 is available (possibly free) from the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, 1000 National Press Building, Wash., DC 20045-2100, 202-662-7145, nahj@nahj.org, <http://www.nahj.org/>

"State of Awareness: The Effects of State Characteristics on Awareness and Uptake of the Earned Income Tax Credit," by Rebecca Epstein, Robert Espinoza, Jodie Harris and Kasey Wiedrich (May 2005), is a 2-page summary of a report. Both items are available from co-author Espinoza, at rje220@nyu.edu

"Reading at Risk: The State Response to the Crisis in Adolescent Literacy," from the National Association of State Boards of Education (2005), is available at www.nasbe.org/recent_pubs/reading_at_risk.htm

“Thirsty for Justice: A People’s Blueprint for California Water” (132 pp., June 2005) is available from the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, 654 13th St., Oakland, CA 94610, 510-286-8400, downloadable at www.ejcw.org/blueprint.html

“Making a Better World: Public Housing, the Red Scare and the Direction of Modern Los Angeles,” by Don Parson (289 pp., 2005), has been published by University of Minnesota Press.

“Immigrants, Unions and the New U.S. Labor Market,” by Immanuel Ness (230 pp., 2005), has been published by Temple University Press.

EVENTS/SEMINARS

May 24-28, 2006. “Building Sustainable Local Economies”, a tool for change training seminar at the E. F. Schumacher Library and Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The seminar will address the following topic: How can regional communities regain the power to revitalize the means of production for basic necessities (food, energy, shelter, clothing) in the face of a deepening economic, social, and ecological crisis? For registration more information, visit: <http://www.smallisbeautiful.org/seminars.html> Phone: (413)528-1737, Email efssociety@smallisbeautiful.org

May 31 - June 1, 2006. “Natural City Conference”. Toronto, ON. A conference to rethink how urban and natural environments must be integrated to promote sustainability. Keynote speakers include: Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/Aids in Africa Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace For more information, visit: <http://www.naturalcity.ca>

June 5-7, 2006. "Telling Stories: Reflections on Community Design, "Association for Community Design (ACD) Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA. The conference will reflect upon the personal stories that have enriched the practice of community design, and have contributed to a growing community design movement--over 30 years in the making. ACD seeks to convene community designers to share their experiences in community-based participatory practice, and collectively explore the legacy of work done under the mantra of "community design." For more information, visit : http://www.communitydesign.org/Annual_Conference.htm

June-July, 2006. “Southwest Summer Institute for Preservation and Regionalism.” School of Architecture & Planning, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 2006 Southwest Summer Institute is held in conjunction with the UNM School of Architecture & Planning's “Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation & Regionalism,” a six-course, 18-hour program integrating proven historic preservation techniques with related planning and design approaches for engaging history and cultural place. The program prepares participants from a wide variety of related disciplines to contribute to the conservation of regional architectural

and cultural heritage, while at the same time fostering design, planning, and economic development for increasing the quality of life from urban neighborhoods to rural communities. For More Information: E-mail: hprinst@unm.edu Website: www.unm.edu/~hprinst. Phone: (505) 277-0071

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Established in 1952, **Wilbur Smith Associates** is an international engineering firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. We currently have opportunities in our **San Francisco, California** office for the following positions:

Senior Project Engineer/Planner (2 positions)
Wilbur Smith Associates

Senior Project Engineer/Planner – (TC10209) & (TC10210) – will provide direct management and/or significant participation in a variety of studies including multi-modal corridor studies, transportation modeling, bicycle/pedestrian studies, parking, rail and transit projects, and traffic studies in California and elsewhere. Project responsibilities will include directing transportation planning, parking analysis, transit planning, travel demand modeling, traffic analysis, and corridor studies. Under the direction of associate in charge or practice area leader, will have responsibility for project management, marketing, proposal writing, and recruiting activities. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or Planning and seven years relevant experience. Master's degree is highly desirable. Familiarity with computer models and tools such as HCS, NCAP, TRANSIT 7F, SYNCHRO, CORSIM, TP-Plus, TRANSCAD, EMME-2, and/or TRAFFIX is desirable. Excellent oral and written communication skills are required as well as excellent organizational skills. Must be able to take initiative and work independently. Must have PE; Traffic Engineer; or AICP certification, or be able to obtain within six months.

Senior Transportation Analyst (2 positions)
Wilbur Smith Associates

Senior Transportation Analyst – (TC10211) & (TC10212) – will provide technical support for a variety of studies including multi-modal corridor studies, transportation modeling, bicycle/pedestrian studies, parking, rail and transit projects, and traffic studies in California and elsewhere. Project responsibilities will include transportation planning, parking analysis, transit planning, travel demand modeling, traffic analysis, and corridor studies. Under the supervision of a project manager, they will participate in all facets of project work from data collection and spreadsheet development to modeling, analysis, and report writing. Minimum requirements include a Bachelors Degree in civil engineering or planning and four years of relevant work experience. Must have excellent oral and written communication, as well as good organization skills;

- **Senior Transportation Analyst** (TC10211): Two years' relevant experience. Familiarity with computer models and tools such as HCS, NCAP, TRANSIT 7F, SYNCHRO, CORSIM, TP-Plus, TRANSCAD, EMME-2, and/or TRAFFIX is desirable. H1-B visa sponsorship is not available at this time.
- **Senior Transportation Analyst** (TC10212): Four years of relevant work experience. Masters degree is highly desirable. Familiarity with computer models and tools such as HCS, NCAP, TRANSIT 7F, SYNCHRO, CORSIM, TP-Plus, TRANSCAD, EMME-2, and/or TRAFFIX is desirable. EIT registration is highly desirable.

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Urban Design Associate
Berkeley, CA.

Multi-disciplinary planning, design and communications firm seeks **Urban Design Associate** to work on public and private sector projects including downtown infill and revitalization, new community planning, transit oriented developments, and streetscape & plaza design. Ideal candidate will possess an architecture degree and accreditation, coupled with an urban planning or urban design degree. This position is for either an entry level or a junior to mid-level candidate with 2-3 years experience. Design knowledge and expertise in Photoshop, Illustrator, AutoCAD, GIS, 3D modeling, and freehand sketching are strongly desired. A strong candidate will have the skills and desire to address the linkage between the built environment and open space, creating great places for social interaction and human experience.

Please send resume and portfolio materials to: Chris Beynon, Director of Planning and Design Services, c/o Maria Mayer, at padsresumes@migcom.com or at Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG), 800 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA, 94710.

Project Director
Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc.
Berkeley, CA

Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. is a 100-person multidisciplinary firm offering services in planning, community design, communications, and management. We are currently seeking a **Project Director** that will be part of our dynamic team. This position is available in our Berkeley office. The Project Director will be responsible for managing comprehensive and strategic planning projects for agencies of all sizes. Candidates for this senior position must demonstrate independent judgment, personal organization, the ability to manage multiple priorities, and excellent communication skills as well as expertise in process facilitation, oral presentation, research, writing, supervision, management, and marketing. Specific requirements include:

- Master's degree in urban planning, landscape architecture, or closely related field is required.
- At least ten years of planning experience; minimum five years experience in park and recreation comprehensive and strategic planning is required.
- Experience working with public sector organizations; consulting experience required.
- Excellent writing skills and demonstrated experience in producing high quality long-range planning documents for public park and recreation agencies required.
- Ability to work with diverse groups, to facilitate client meetings, and to plan and implement workshops and non-traditional activities to involve the public in planning.
- Demonstrated success in marketing and business development, including proposal development, presentations, and networking required.
- MS Word, Powerpoint, Excel required.
- Hand graphic skills, Illustrator, Photoshop, Quark Express, AutoCAD 2000 or better, and GIS skills are desirable.
- Expertise in park maintenance, park and recreation financing, cultural services, natural resources, trails, or another area of special expertise in parks and recreation is highly desirable.
- Ability to think critically, communicate effectively, produce high quality work, facilitate solutions, use work as a catalyst for innovation and positive change, work as part of a team, manage others, embrace technology, and have passion and humor!

We offer a full benefit package and flexible work schedule. Please send resume, descriptive letter of interest, salary history, and writing sample to: Carolyn Verheyen, MIG, Inc., 800 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, or Email to Maria Mayer at mapsresumes@migcom.com, Fax: 510-845-8750

Executive Director
Figueroa Corridor Community Land Trust

The **Figueroa Corridor Community Land Trust** is a broad, innovative, community-based effort to combat rapid gentrification and displacement in the core central neighborhoods of Los Angeles. The approach is to take a substantial amount of land off the speculative market, hold it in trust for the long-term, and develop affordable housing and other related and needed services. The effort is led by a collaborative of grassroots tenant leaders, a broad-based coalition, and non-profit housing developers with long histories working and living in the Figueroa Corridor neighborhoods. Two key partners – the Los Angeles Community Design Center, a non-profit development organization and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy – will provide support and staffing to the Land Trust in the areas of real estate development and community planning.

The Land Trust is seeking a creative, organized, and entrepreneurial individual to be its first **Executive Director**.

Key responsibilities of the Executive Director include:

- Coordination and development of a diverse and bilingual (Spanish/English) Board of Directors
- Coordination and dissemination of information between project partners and Board
- Building a membership structure, membership materials, and membership base

- Working with community organizers to build political and other support for the Land Trust plans
- Conducting outreach and education about the Land Trust in the community
- Negotiating leases, development agreements and other components of land use planning and land acquisition
- Ongoing development and monitoring of land leases and relationships with consultants, developers, property managers and tenants
- Participating in broad-based planning efforts and development plans by project partners

Key qualifications include:

- Demonstrated Experience developing and/or managing a community organization
- Experience with large-scale fundraising
- Strong organizational skills that combine big picture thinking with attention to details
- Basic understanding of land use and development issues – real estate development experience a plus
- Ability to read and produce financial statements and reports
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Social justice commitment that is consistent with the goals of the Land Trust
- Ability to work with grassroots leaders and public officials equally well
- Bilingual (Spanish/English)

Interested parties should submit: cover letter, salary history, resume and three references to Andrea Gibbons Lead Organizer, by email opportunities@saje.net or post SAJE, 152 W. 32nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

CONNECTICUT

Established in 1952, **Wilbur Smith Associates** is an international engineering firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. We currently have opportunities in our **New Haven, Connecticut** office for the following positions:

Senior Planner (WV10202)
Wilbur Smith Associates

This position will be responsible for project management of large multi-modal transportation studies, marketing the firm's transportation planning and traffic engineering services, organizing and leading public meetings and project meetings with clients, preparing project scope, schedule, and budget, and providing assistance with client negotiations. Minimum Requirements include a Bachelors Degree in transportation planning or engineering and 9 years of relevant work experience, or Masters Degree and 8 years of relevant work experience. P.E. or AICP registration is required.

Senior Transportation Planner/Modeler (TC10159)**Wilbur Smith Associates**

This position will perform travel demand modeling and forecasting activities for transportation planning studies incorporating the motorist's willingness to pay a user fee or toll. The position will also develop, install, or modify transportation planning models. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Transportation or Urban Planning, Civil Engineering with a focus on Transportation Planning, or related field and two years' relevant transportation modeling experience. Must be detail oriented. Requires strong computer skills using TransCAD, TRANPLAN CORSIM, and VISIM. Experience with Citilabs (CUBE/TP+) a plus.

Senior Transportation Planning Analyst (TC10158)**Wilbur Smith Associates**

This position will perform a range of transportation planning activities and studies for transit and transportation projects such as corridor studies, travel demand modeling, highway capacity analysis, transport policy analysis, economic impact studies, etc. The position will also research and collect project related data, conduct interviews with government agencies and clients, assemble and manage data, complete and document analytical studies, write reports, prepare for and participate in client and public information meetings and hearings. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Transportation or Urban Planning or Civil Engineering with a focus on Transportation Planning and two years' relevant transportation planning experience. Must be detail oriented with strong analytical skills and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Ability to use CORSIM and VISIM is required. AICP or PE registration is a plus. H1-B visa sponsorship is not offered at this time.

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FLORIDA

Established in 1952, **Wilbur Smith Associates** is an international engineering firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. We currently have an opportunity for a **Transportation Planner** to work out of our **Tallahassee, Florida** office.

Transportation Planner**Wilbur Smith Associates**

This position will be responsible for project management and business development for small to medium sized projects. Responsibilities include completing projects to a high standard of quality, within deadlines and budgetary requirements. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or Planning and four

years' relevant experience; including all aspects of transportation planning including corridors, major thoroughfare plans, freight studies, etc. Knowledge of traffic operations and experience with Synchro, HCS, or other intersection operations software, simulation software (CORSIM, VISSIM) and travel demand modeling software desired. Requires excellent verbal and written communication skills as well as client relationship skills are required. H1-B sponsorship is not available at this time. PE and/or AICP registration required.

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MICHIGAN

Assistant Professor Michigan State University

Michigan State University is seeking an **Assistant Professor**, in the Urban and Regional Planning Program, with a specialization in "Globalization and Contemporary Planning." The expected start date is August 16, 2006. The appointment is full-time, tenure-track, a 9-month position; salary commensurate with qualifications and experience Ph.D. required with at least one graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Candidates with qualifications in closely related fields will also be considered. Applicants must demonstrate research and teaching potential. Professional planning experience is desirable.

Applications are invited from individuals with training in international urban and regional planning. Interests and specializations may include: contemporary economic restructuring, land use and environmental planning, housing, historic/cultural heritage, technology, and smart growth. Knowledge and active research interest in globalization and contemporary planning approaches in developing cities and regions of Asia is an advantage.

The successful candidate is expected to maintain a robust externally funded research program, teach, and contribute to the overall outreach effort of the School and University. Primary teaching responsibilities will be in the Urban and Regional Planning Program and may include teaching two general education (Integrative Studies in Social Science) courses per year.

Application is due May 15, 2006. Late submissions will be considered if a suitable candidate pool is not identified by the deadline. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodations. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents must provide documentation evidencing employment authorization in the United States. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and the names of three references to: Search Committee

(Globalization/Contemporary Planning) Dr. June Thomas, FAICP, School of Planning, Design and Construction, Urban and Regional Planning Program, 101 UPLA Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1221, e-mail: thomasj@msu.edu, phone: 517-355-1696, fax: 517-355-7697. MSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

TENNESSEE

Established in 1952, **Wilbur Smith Associates** is an international engineering firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. We currently have an opportunity for the following positions:

Senior Transit Planner
Wilbur Smith Associates
South-Eastern US.

The **Senior Transit Planner** position (TC10102) will be responsible for marketing, client relations, and technical product development and delivery. Will write technical reports and proposals, make presentations to technical groups and the general public, and provide some project management. They will participate in a variety of projects throughout the country and will work closely with the firm's transit practice, as well as other areas of its transportation practice. Office location is somewhat flexible; however, there is a focus in the southeastern US. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in planning, transportation planning, or engineering and a minimum of five years' related experience, preferably in the consulting industry, is required. A Master's Degree, AICP certification, and/or P.E. and experience in transit service planning with a transit operator or governmental agency highly desirable. Rural transit experience is a plus. Excellent oral and written communication skills are required. Proficiency with MS Project, MS Office, including Access, as well as GIS software also required; graphic software is a plus. H1-B sponsorship is not offered at this time.

Planner
Wilbur Smith Associates
Nashville, Tennessee

The **Planner** position (WV10235) will be responsible for working within the Planning, Environment, and CSS practice area. Duties will include project and client management, project planning and report preparation, project research, public involvement/ participation coordination, working with other disciplines, WSA offices, divisions, and STS niche group, client relationships, and other similar responsibilities. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Planning, Geography, Urban Studies, or a related field and 4 years of relevant experience in Planning, Environment, and CSS. Master's degree and AICP certification are preferred.

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WASHINGTON

Transportation Engineer/Planner Wilbur Smith Associates Seattle, Washington

Established in 1952, **Wilbur Smith Associates** is an international engineering firm providing professional services in the fields of engineering, planning, and economics. We currently have an opportunity for a **Transportation Engineer/Planner** to work out of our Seattle, Washington office.

This position will provide senior modeling expertise and technical support to transportation projects. Additional responsibilities could include traffic and revenue projection; multi-modal corridor studies; transportation modeling; economic analysis; and finance studies in Seattle and potentially other locations on the West Coast. It is vital that this position be able to communicate effectively in technical memos and reports. Minimum requirements include a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineer or Planning, with a minimum of 8 years experience with traffic analysis and operations, and with transportation planning and traffic engineering projects. Masters degree and relevant registrations are a plus.

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ON-LINE RESOURCES

From Planetizen Website:

Legendary urbanist, thinker, writer, and activist Jane Jacobs died today, Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Jacobs, never formally educated or professionally trained in urban planning, came to be the field's most famous critic and commentator, through her writings and grassroots activism. She inspired countless individuals, re-establishing the importance of citizen participation in community design.

This special section presents the top news articles about Jane Jacobs from our archives, as well as capsule reviews of two of Jacobs' books included on Planetizen Top Book lists: *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* (1961, Planetizen Top 20 All-Time Urban Planning Book) and *Dark Age Ahead* (2004, Planetizen Top 10 Book for 2004).

You can read Planetizen's special feature, "Remembering Jane Jacobs", here: <http://www.planetizen.com/node/19491>