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Please send in your updates to newsletter@plannersnetwork.org. 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 CHAPTER UPDATES

New PN chapters are being organized in Boston (contact Zakcq Lockrem at zlockrem@gsd.harvard.edu) and Buffalo (contact Adam Blair at apblair@buffalo.edu). David Mann (manndi@email.uc.edu) also signed up as a PN student representative at the University of Cincinnati (College of DAAP). If you are interested in being a PN representative at your university or starting up a local PN chapter, please contact chapters@plannersnetwork.org.

Seattle Chapter Started it Work

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On October 21st and 23rd, graduate students from the University of Washington Urban Design & Planning Department held two informational and recruitment sessions in Gould Hall.

After a few months of development and conversations with local planning professionals, advocates, social and environmental justice groups, and local youth, a call to establish a chapter of the Planners Network for Seattle was deemed actionable.

The Seattle Chapter is currently engaged with a community capacity building exercise providing orientation to the planning process, citizen engagement expectations, and mitigation of redevelopment displacement and gentrification through more equitable mixed-income/mixed-use models.

The Seattle Chapter hopes to provide tools, information, and examples being developed in this region that may help improve planning and activate more in the related professions to consider broader public benefit and empowerment.

For more information, contact Edward Hill, eddiebh@u.washington.edu

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From PNER Michael Stone

Michael Stone's chapter "Pernicious Problems of Housing Finance," from A Right to Housing: Foundation for a New Social Agenda (which he co-edited with Rachel Bratt and Chester Hartman) is now available online at: http://www.cpcs.umb.edu/~mstone/Pernicious_Problems_Housing_Finance_2006.pdf

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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| Dema Ali | Alina Gross | Cathryn Swan |
| Eva Alligood | Vinita Goyal Gupta | Jennifer Walty |
| Kelly Bray | Ian Hall | Anna Wells |
| Laura Buhl | Hiroshi Kawamura | |
| Dawn Burgardt | Kathryn Keller | |
| Ed Carson | Zakcq Lockrem | |
| Miriam Chion | David Mann | |
| Christina Coger | Alexandra Miller | |
| Jacob Edenloff | Nisha Mistry | |
| Kate Ervin | Erin Montgomery | |
| Sarah Farwell | James Moore | |
| Neil Freeman | Philip Nyden | |
| Gen Fujioka | Joni Palmer | |

PUBLICATIONS

"Ending American Apartheid: How Cities Achieve and Maintain Racial Diversity" (updated 2008, 63 pp.), by Daniel Lauber, is downloadable at <http://www.planningcommunications.com/>

"A Plan to Revive the American Economy" (August 2008, 85 pp.) is available from the Economic Policy Institute, as part of their Agenda for Shared Prosperity project. 1333 H St. NW, #300 E. Tower, Wash., DC 20005-4707, 202/775-8810, <http://www.epi.org/>

"Career Academies: Long-Term Impacts on Labor Market Outcomes, Educational Attainment, and Transitions to Adulthood" (June 2008, 47 pp.), by James J. Kemple, is available from MDRC, 16 E. 34 St., NYC, NY 10016-4326, 212/532-3200. <http://www.mdrc.org/>

"Preserving Safe, High Quality Public Housing Should Be a Priority of Federal Housing Policy" (September 2008, 36 pp.), by Barbara Sard & Will Fisher, is a report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 820 First St. NE, #510, Wash., DC 20002, 202/408-1080, center@cbpp.org, <http://www.cbpp.org/>

The Concept of Community: Lessons from the Bronx (2008, 239 pp.), by Harold DeRienzo, has been published by IPOC, ipoc@ipocpress.com

Nightshift NYC (2008, 270 pp.), by Russell Leigh Sharman and Cheryl Harris Sharman, has been published by The University of California Press. <http://go.ucpress.edu/Nightshift>

"New York for Sale: Community Planning Confronts Global Real Estate" (2008, 323 pp.), by PNER Tom Angotti, foreword by Peter Marcuse.

"New York for Sale is the book that progressive planners have been waiting for. It dynamites the myths of consensus planning and participatory planning while simultaneously offering hope for social and environmental justice via struggle, conflict, and genuine participatory democracy." — Leonie Sandercock, Professor in Urban Planning & Social Policy, University of British Columbia

"In New York for Sale Tom Angotti places his deep knowledge of New York's development policy, his years of active personal involvement, and his strategies for achieving greater equity within a sustained narrative... essential reading for everyone concerned with using planning as a means to obtaining a more just and democratic city." — Susan S. Fainstein, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Planners Network members can use discount code ANGNEW for 30% off when ordering through MIT PRESS website. To order call 800-405-1619 or visit <http://mitpress.mit.edu>

EVENTS

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December 4-7, 2008. "Brooklyn at Eye Level: The Brooklyn Lyceum," is a project of the acclaimed theater company The Civilians in collaboration with Urban Bush Women, Michael Hill's Blues Mob, neo-soul singer Grace Kalambay, and local youth from Atlantic Terminals, Brooklyn Tech and more. Each performance followed by discussions with special guests. See www.brooklynateyelevel.org

December 9, 2008. "Examining Determinants of Health Among Immigrant Populations in the Dixie-Bloor Neighbourhood" by Kathi Wilson. Centre for Urban Health Initiatives (2008-2009) Seminar Series. University of Toronto, Toronto.

April 22-25, 2009. "REAL CORP 2009" 14th International Conference on Urban Planning, Regional Development and Information Society. Topic: "CITIES 3.0: Smart, Sustainable, Integrative Strategies, Concepts and Technologies for Planning the Urban Future." Stiges (Spain/Catalonia). Call for papers is open, see www.corp.at

EDUCATION

"Organizing for Social Change," training sessions by The Midwest Academy. Nov. 17-21 in Baltimore/Wash., DC; Dec. 3-5 in Chicago. For more information, call (312) 427-2304, email mwacademy1@aol.com, or visit www.midwestacademy.com/

AWARDS

Rudy Bruner Award

The Rudy Bruner Award is given to urban places that demonstrate the successful integration of effective process, meaningful values and good design. RBA winners are distinguished by their social, economic and environmental contributions to the urban built environment, and often provide innovative solutions to our cities most challenging problems. The RBA awards one Gold Medal of \$50,000 and four Silver Medals of \$10,000 each. Case studies of winners are published on line at www.brunerfoundation.org/rba/ and in a book distributed by the Bruner Foundation.

New Political Economy: Graduate Student Paper Prize Competition

The journal New Political Economy, published by Taylor and Francis, welcomes submissions for the 2008/9 Graduate Student Paper Prize competition. We would welcome submissions from graduate students working across the field of political economy, from all relevant disciplinary backgrounds and on any topic consistent with the overall aims and remit of the journal.

The prize is £500 (GB sterling) and publication of the paper in *New Political Economy*. The closing date for submissions is Friday 5 December 2008.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Director Executive Director Urban Ecology, San Francisco

Urban Ecology is seeking a passionate, creative and talented leader to serve as Executive Director for our entrepreneurial nonprofit. You can download the entire job description [here](#).

Urban Ecology is a progressive community based nonprofit organization in San Francisco focused on creating vibrant healthy neighborhoods. They have been doing some really good work in the Bay area and are looking for strong leadership. If you believe that urban environments function like ecological systems, this may be the place for you.

Responsibilities: The ideal candidate will continue implementation of current projects and work with the Board of Directors and staff to create new partnerships, program opportunities and revenue sources. The Executive Director's responsibilities include: Fundraising and Business Development, Strategic Planning, Financial Management, Staff and Program Management, Public Relations and Communications, etc.

Skills, Knowledge & Experience: Minimum five years work experience in either City Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Public Policy, Community Development or related fields; alternately, a Masters degree plus three years work experience in the fields listed above will be considered. For Skills and Knowledge please visit [here](#).

Compensation: Competitive salary, plus health, vacation, transportation, and retirement plan benefits.

How to apply: Materials should be sent by email to jobs@urbanecology.org. To apply send, cover letter, resume and three references. E/O/E

MICHIGAN

Assistant/Associate Professor (Tenure-Track)

The Global Urban Studies Program, Urban and Regional Planning Michigan State University

Qualifications: 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: urban policy, social planning, planning theory, GIS and other technology. Knowledge and active research interest in globalization and contemporary planning approaches in developing cities and regions is desired. Expected start date is August 16, 2009, and it is full-time, tenure-track and 9-month position.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate is expected to maintain a robust externally

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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.

Application: Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, and the names of three references to: Dr. Richard Hula, Chair of the Search Committee, 304 S. Kedzie, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48823. Email: rhula@msu.edu, Phone 517.355.6592

NEW YORK

Livable Senior Project Manager, Development The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) seeks a qualified individual to join the Development Department at the level of Senior Project Manager. NYCEDC's mission is to encourage economic growth in each of the five boroughs of New York City by strengthening the city's competitive position and facilitating investments that build capacity, generate prosperity and catalyze the economic vibrancy of city life as a whole.

Key Responsibilities: Within Development, the Senior Project Manager (SPM) will direct and work with interdisciplinary teams to develop and implement plans for complex projects involving multiple stakeholders.

About Development: Development coordinates NYCEDC's interdepartmental efforts and those of its public and private partners on master planning and related interdisciplinary initiatives that strengthen the city's central business districts and increase public access to the waterfront. Specifically, Development works to identify strategic locations for public involvement and/or investment; develop and facilitate appropriate planning and community outreach processes; shape use and development goals; and lay the groundwork for short and long-term implementation.

About NYCEDC: New York City Economic Development Corporation is the City's primary vehicle for promoting economic growth in each of the five boroughs. NYCEDC's mission is to stimulate job growth through expansion and redevelopment programs that encourage investment, generate prosperity and strengthen the City's competitive position. NYCEDC serves as an advocate to the business community by building relationships with companies that allow them to take advantage of New York City's many opportunities. Additional information on NYCEDC can be found by visiting <http://www.nycedc.com/>. E/O/E

To Apply: For further information and to apply go to [Here](#).

Urban Planner Sam Schwartz Engineering, Manhattan

Are you looking for a firm where you will be exposed to the most progressive, exciting, and cutting-edge transportation planning projects in the world, a firm where you can express your creativity in determining transportation solutions? Our transportation planning and engineering firm is headquartered in Downtown Manhattan, with offices in Newark, NJ, Chicago, IL, and Washington, DC. We specialize in developing creative,

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multi-modal solutions to complex transportation problems, grounded in technically rigorous analysis and industry-accepted design standards.

We are interested in a motivated individual for our **Manhattan office**. The ideal candidate will have a master's degree in urban planning or a related field plus a minimum of two-years' post-graduate planning experience; or a bachelor's degree in planning or a related field plus a minimum of four-years' post-degree planning experience. The ideal candidate will possess a comprehensive knowledge of planning concepts, an understanding of transportation/pedestrian planning and engineering concepts and methodology, a familiarity with the NYC Environmental Quality Review Act (CEQR) and the ULURP process, and strong writing and presentation skills. The ideal candidate will be proficient in PowerPoint and Adobe Illustrator. ArcGIS, AutoCAD, and Adobe Photoshop experience is helpful. Position may include field work/data collection if needed.

The position's responsibilities will include the preparation of memoranda, letters, quantitative analyses, and report sections and quality control of the same; development of simple to moderately complicated graphics, maps and presentations; preparation of environmental assessment and impact statement sections; attending client and agency meetings; development of proposals for potential new projects, and field/data gathering if necessary.

Please forward resume (2 page max) and cover letter to the email address indicated. A writing sample will be expected of those interviewed (do not send unless requested to do so). A sample hardcopy presentation may also be expected (do not send unless requested to do so).

All resumes should be emailed to planningjob611@gmail.com

OREGON

Community Development Director City of Woodburn, OR

This is an excellent career opportunity for an enthusiastic professional with a strong customer service orientation and superior knowledge of Oregon Land Use Law. The Director must ensure that the Department's functions are managed and services provided in accordance with the City's vision and mission and also be a good communicator and able to establish effective working relationships with business and community leaders and residents as well as the City Council and staff members.

A bachelor's degree in urban planning or a closely related field is required; a master's degree is preferred. The ideal candidate will have seven to ten years of related experience in a planning or community development department, three years of it in a senior management position, such as planning manager, with commensurate responsibilities in a similar size, or larger, organization.

For detailed brochure and application packet requirements visit www.woodburn-or.gov. All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply immediately (First review will occur when sufficient application packets have been received, open until filled). Annual salary: \$75,000-\$96,500 DOQ, plus excellent benefit package. E/O/E.

TENNESSEE

Planning Executive Director/Chief Design Officer Memphis Regional Design Center (MRDC)

An energetic and visionary leader is sought to direct the recently established **Memphis Regional Design Center (MRDC)** which is committed to promoting a more vibrant, just, and sustainable Memphis region through excellence in urban planning and design.

Responsibilities: The **Executive Director/Chief Design Officer** will be responsible for recruiting and working with a wide range of urban affairs professionals to participate in MRDC's policy research, planning and design assistance, public education and issue advocacy initiatives.

As MRDC's senior executive, this individual will oversee board development, staff recruitment, program planning, budgeting and development, and media relations.

Qualifications: Candidates with professional degrees in architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning or related fields and at least five years of executive experience are preferred. Individuals with bachelor degrees in these and/or related fields and eight years of professional experience will also be considered.

Successful applicants must be able to effectively communicate the importance of urban planning and design excellence to civic leaders representing a diverse set of interest groups. This individual must be a self-directed and entrepreneurial professional who possesses exceptional organizational, managerial, fundraising, and communications skills.

To Apply: Applicants are asked to send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Executive Director's Search, MRDC, c/o Graduate Program in City and Regional Planning, The University of Memphis, 210 McCord Hall, Memphis, TN, 38152. Interested parties are asked to submit their materials before December 1, 2008 for full consideration.