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 NEWS**

**Update from the PN Steering Committee:**

In September two new people joined the Steering Committee, as special representatives of the new Young Planners Network (YPN): Cornell Carney (a high school student in New Orleans) and Meredith Phillips (an adult ally in New York). A full list of Steering Committee members and email addresses, along with information about YPN, is available at plannersnetwork.org.

The Steering Committee also decided to contribute $7500 for the 2008 Winnipeg PN conference (July 17-20). The Winnipeg conference organizers will attempt to pay back as much of the contribution as possible.
Update from the Progressive Planning Magazine editors:

The Progressive Planning Magazine editors would like to welcome two new members to the Editorial Board:

Clara Irazabal (Assistant Professor of Planning, University of Southern California)
Amy Siciliano (Ph.D. candidate, University of Toronto)

Both Amy and Clara have already made valuable contributions to the Magazine, and we are looking forward to their involvement on the Board.

Young Planners Network (YPN) News

The Young Planners Network (YPN) has made great progress this October, with national conference calls each month, and local chapter meetings.

National News: Our steering committee representatives, Meredith and Cornell, have been collaborating with the Planners Network reps to form a YPN committee. In addition, our 2008 conference in New York City, hosted by the Academy of Urban Planning, will take place in early April - official date TBA very soon!

Local News: Every month, students come together in New York, the Bay Area, Chicago and New Orleans to share their planning experiences, and to think about their positions as Young Planners in the field. Each chapter has created their statement of purpose, and we are now working on our national goals for this year.

The Bay Area chapter has recently received local sponsorship from the Center for Cities & Schools, based at U.C. Berkeley, to assist with food, transportation and event costs for students. Thanks CC&S!

In New York, Young Planner and Academy of Urban Planning student Jenelle Ribot says: "When I first heard that the other teenagers I met in New Orleans, as well as the girls from California, were coming to New York, I was very excited. Knowing that we would host the entire conference made me realize that it would be more than fun times - I knew that a lot of planning would be put into motion. It would be a learning experience for everyone that is a part of the Young Planner's Network. I'm really looking forward to planning this conference. April sounds like it’s gonna be a very busy month."

Thanks, Jenelle, for the update!

If you would like to get involved with the Young Planners Network, help out with conference planning in New York, or get on our listserve, please email Alissa Kronovet at akronovet@berkeley.edu. Thanks!
PN CHAPTER UPDATES

PN Toronto chapter update:

On the evening of October 11, 2007, Planners Network Toronto hosted a Disorientation and Social at Bedford Academy Restaurant & Pub in downtown Toronto. This chapter event was the first one for 2007, and provided an opportunity for current PN members and interested newcomers to learn more about Planners Network, its history and the activities of local chapters. The goal was to encourage and organize a revival of the Toronto chapter, and to brainstorm or create new initiatives and activities that could be done in the next twelve months. These initiatives involve reaching out and networking with people in diverse fields and professions, and preparing for the upcoming 2008 PN Conference in Winnipeg.

Among the twenty-two people in attendance was Barbara Rahder - Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University and one of the pioneers of PN in Canada. She gave a brief presentation on the history of PN from the late 1970s to the present and its connection to progressive planning in Canada. Chloe Richer, Julian Rodriguez, and Barbara also talked about some of their experiences at the PN Conference in New Orleans.

Several PN Readers and some back issues of Progressive Planning Magazine were sold at the event, and helped to defray some of the cost of providing food for the evening. All in all, it was a successful event.

The Toronto chapter is looking forward to having an active 2007-2008 (in contrast to recent years). Special thanks to Julian, Chloe, Victoria Kramkowski-Epner, Sandra Kerr, and Amy Siciliano for taking the time to co-ordinate this great chapter event. We hope that PN Toronto will do this again in the near future.

PN Montreal chapter update:

On October 26th, 2007, Kanishka Goonewardena of the Program in Planning at University of Toronto gave a talk at Concordia titled "National Ideology in Sri Lanka: Aesthetics and Politics". Twenty students and faculty from various disciplines attended the presentation, which was followed by questions and discussion. Norma Rantisi, PN Montreal chapter contact, discussed the aims and makeup of Planners Network, offered membership forms to interested attendees and displayed several issues of Progressive Planning for audience perusal. The event was co-sponsored by PN Montreal, Concordia's Department in Geography, Planning, and Environment, and the student Urban Planning Association.
From PNER **Tom Sanchez:**

Starting this Fall, Tom Sanchez became the director of the Urban Planning Program in the College of Architecture + Planning and the University of Utah located in Salt Lake City, Utah. His book, The Right to Transportation: Moving to Equity, (co-authored with Marc Brenman) will be published by the American Planning Association in December 2007.

From PNER **Clara Irazábal:**


From PNER **Dick Platkin and Ben Rosenbloom:**

Los Angeles PN members, Dick Platkin and Ben Rosenbloom, who edited an issue of Progressive Planning on the Urban Growth Machine, are planning a new special issue on Los Angeles and Southern California.

Some themes to be explored are:

- The failures of neo-liberalism governance.
- Immigration, demographic change, and deindustrialization.
- Local impacts of changing global energy economics and politics.
- Private interests versus public health.
- End of the line for the car culture.
- Mega-project architecture versus neighborhood decay.
- Insurrections and natural disaster.

If you have questions, suggestions, or are interested in writing an article, please drop a line to Dick (dickplatkin@yahoo.com) and Ben (benrose@pacbell.net).

From PNER **Joseph Feinberg:**

Joe Feinberg is presently on assignment for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisting a number of counties in Minnesota in developing comprehensive hazard mitigation plans, a pre-requisite for the receipt of funds to undertake hazard mitigation projects.
NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Paul Aylesworth
Nupur Chaudhury
Maggie Chien
Sarah Cooper
Abbe Edelson
Jesse Fox
Carla Klassen
Karin Kliewer
Daniel Lerch
Richard Mahe

Josie Maskarinetz
Tim Metzger
Kate Parizeau
Peter Phibbs
Rachelle Ricotta
Jane Rongerude
Jodie Solorio
Christie Walkuski
Kaeley Wiseman
Tim Youngquist

PUBLICATIONS


“Income is No Shield Against Racial Disparities in Lending” (2007) is the conclusion of a July 2007 National Community Reinvestment Coalition report and is available at www.ncrp.org.

EVENTS


**Shrinking Cities: Interventions.** Site Art Gallery. Albert Dock, Britannia Pavilion, Liverpool. [www.ljmu.ac.uk/site/](http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/site/)


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**JOBS**

**ARIZONA**

**Two Assistant or Associate Professors in Sustainability Science**

Arizona State University, School of Sustainability

The School of Sustainability at Arizona State University invites applications for two tenure track faculty positions in Sustainability Science. The appointment is in support of a new innovative interdisciplinary academic program in sustainability (see [schoolofsustainability.asu.edu](http://schoolofsustainability.asu.edu)).

Applicants must be committed to building a program in sustainability and will teach an introductory undergraduate course in sustainability science as well as graduate classes, conduct interdisciplinary research, seek external funding on their own or as part of a team, and publish in their area of specialization, as well as perform appropriate university, professional, and community service.

Successful candidate must have an earned doctorate at the time of appointment in a physical, life or social science with specialization relevant to the investigation of sustainability; demonstrated strong record of scholarly achievement and publications in appropriate journals; demonstrated strong communication skills; demonstrated experience working effectively in an interdisciplinary setting; demonstrated record of excellence in education, and demonstrated evidence of or potential to secure research funding appropriate to rank.
Desired qualifications are demonstrated experience in one of the following areas: urban environmental issues, dynamics of earth systems, issues surrounding water resources, sustainable use of natural resources, environmental policy, technology and the built environment, and applied research interests at the international level, including in developing countries.

Application deadline is December 1, 2007, or until position is filled. Applicants must send a letter of interest, current curriculum vita, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of three references, to Katherine Spielmann, PhD, SOS Faculty Search, Arizona State University, PO Box 872511, Tempe, AZ 85287-2511 or to GIOSjobs@asu.edu, Email: gronberg@asu.edu. A background check is required for employment. AA/EOE

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**CALIFORNIA**

**Landscape Designer**
MIG Project Associate
Davis, Sacramento Metropolitan Area

The **Landscape Designer** will participate in a full range of services from conceptual design to construction document production. Additional responsibilities will include writing, meeting support, and small group facilitation. The position will offer flexibility and an opportunity for further professional growth and development. This is a full-time position based in MIG’s Davis, California office. MIG is an equal opportunity employer and offers full benefits. Salary commensurate with experience; start date flexible, position open until filled.

The MIG Davis Office specializes in landscape architecture, park design, park and recreation master planning, land use and regional planning, transportation planning, organizational development and training, and community outreach and participation. MIG is a multidisciplinary firm specializing in participatory planning, community design, communications, management and technology. Our clients include cities, counties, nonprofit organizations, public and private sector entities throughout the country and internationally. For more information: [www.migcom.com](http://www.migcom.com).

*Education:* A minimum of B.A./B.S. in landscape architecture, planning, urban studies, or a related field with a strong interest in landscape architecture, design and planning.

Please email or fax your resume with a descriptive cover letter, samples of your work, and salary history to: Mr. Jose Leal, MIG Davis Office, email: josel@migcom.com, fax: 530-753-9608.
**Education and Training Coordinator**  
Urban Habitat, Oakland, CA.

*Urban Habitat* is seeking a high-energy individual with strong research, facilitation, training, and curriculum development skills to coordinate all aspects of the Leadership Institute. Candidate must be able to work with a diverse group of organizations (community groups, intermediaries, policy groups, government, labor, youth groups, etc) to create and implement customized curricula and leadership trainings. Candidate will interface with a variety of audiences that Urban Habitat trains, including elected officials and city staff as well as community groups and neighborhood leaders and, as such, should have a good understanding of how these groups think and operate. An understanding of a variety of environmental and social justice issues including workforce development, housing, transportation, equity, and land use, and their impacts on historically disenfranchised communities, is helpful. Candidate must be able to work collaboratively with UH staff in a team environment to ensure that the Leadership Institute supports UH’s programs and priority campaigns. Furthermore, candidate must be able to work closely with external partners to strengthen coalitions and move identified campaigns involving multiple and diverse stakeholders.

**Essential Duties:**

* Program Support: Work with UH staff and play a lead role in researching, identifying, and implementing leadership-development and capacity-building strategies to support UH’s priority programs and campaigns, including our Transportation Program, Social Equity Caucus, and Richmond Equitable Development Initiative (REDI). Participate in annual program planning to achieve organization’s long-range strategic goals.

* Curriculum Design: Play a lead role in the design of curricula and other popular education materials on a wide range of topics related to regionalism, environmental justice, equitable development, green economic development, community engagement strategies, and policy and decision-making processes.

* Facilitation and Coordination of Leadership Institutes: Coordinate and implement all stages of Leadership Institute trainings including contracts with partner organizations, recruitment of participants, selection and management of external advisors and trainers, and implementation of the trainings.

* Documentation and Evaluation: Play a lead role in the documentation and evaluation of curricula, trainings, and methodology. Disseminate best practices and methodology to key allies throughout the country, as needed.

* Alumni Network: Create and sustain a network of Leadership Institute alumni to ensure that they remain engaged in UH’s ongoing programs and campaigns. This includes developing an alumni newsletter and hosting an annual reception for graduate.

* Development and Communications: Provide regular updates and other written materials to the Director of Development and Planning, Board of Directors, and Media and Communications Associate in order to support UH’s fundraising efforts, media strategy, and web-site outreach. Participate in fundraising cultivation meetings and/or provide talking points on Leadership Institute program for development purposes.
Qualifications:
* Master's or bachelor's degree in Urban Planning, Education, Community Development, or related field.
* At least three (3) years of facilitation and training experience required (preferably to an array of audiences).
* Curriculum development experience required (preferably in popular education).
* Strong research and organizational skills.
* Excellent written and public speaking skills.
* Event planning experience a plus
* Demonstrated ability to effectively engage with grassroots and base-building organizations, elected officials, and decision-makers as well as an ability to build partnerships and relationships with key campaign players.
* Demonstrated sensitivity and understanding of issues facing low-income communities of color.
* Capacity to establish goals and priorities along with the ability to manage multiple projects to achieve deadlines.
* A team player who works well with others as well as independently.
* Proficient in Microsoft Office with some graphics applications.

Status: Full-time position with full benefits. Position reports directly to the Associate Director. Start Date: ASAP. We are an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. People from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Please email your cover letter and resume, AS ATTACHMENTS, to: EDLI@urbanhabitat.org.

MARYLAND

Director of Community Planning and Development Services
City of Rockville, Maryland

The Director of Community Planning and Development Services performs complex leadership, management and professional work in directing the City's initiatives in this area. This position is responsible for the overall administration and implementation of all functions of the Department including long-range community planning, development review, zoning administration and enforcement, historic preservation, redevelopment coordination, housing programs and building construction codes. As a member of the senior management team, the incumbent reports to the City Manager and assists all team members in strategic planning for the City. Work requires seasoned judgment in allocating resources and involves extensive public contact. The Department of Community Planning and Development Services has a $7.2 million annual budget. Of the Department’s 46 full time employees, 15 are planners.

Specific responsibilities include:
* Plan, organize, direct, execute, and provide day-to-day effective leadership and management of all aspects of the City's community planning and development services programs within the limits defined by applicable City policy, City ordinances, and State and Federal laws/regulations.
* Aid the department and City organization in periodically updating the Comprehensive Master Plan.
* Promote excellent community relations by engaging the public, interested groups, various public officials and other individuals, on the full range of land use issues and responsibilities.
* Explain the department’s programs to the public, interested groups and individuals on the full range of land use issues and responsibilities.
* Direct staff activities to implement various special and continuing projects and plans relating to growth, development, and redevelopment of the City.
* Encourage effective problem participation in land use.
* Develop and administer the department’s budget and performance measurement system.
* Develop policy procedures on planning, development, and code enforcement.
* Supervise a staff of 46.
* Act as a liaison between the Mayor and Council and Federal, State and other local government entities and agencies.
* Develop new supervisory procedures and initiate innovative programs and activities to expedite the completion of community development projects and the reduction of administrative costs.
* Supervise the development and implementation of City housing programs to achieve and maintain a diversified housing base, and administer the Community Development Block Grant Program.
* Direct the Inspection Services Division in the administration and enforcement of the City's zoning, health and life safety, building property maintenance, housing and fire codes.

Qualifications: Bachelors required; Master's degree in urban planning, public administration or a closely related field preferred. A minimum of six years of increasingly responsible experience in community planning and development, including a strong background in local government planning with a strong community and neighborhood orientation.

Compensation: $120,000 - $140,000 plus excellent benefits; Interview and relocation expenses provided.

For preferred knowledge, skills and abilities contact: Darren DeGioia, JDG Associates, Ltd., 1700 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850, 301-340-2210, Email: darren.degioia@jdgsearch.com.

MINNESOTA

Manager, Research
Metropolitan Council, Community Development

Plans and directs the operations of the research business unit; acts as business unit advisor in the interpretation and application of research findings. Directs, coordinates and evaluates research and GIS programs and projects, assigned to and carried out by research and GIS staff. Manages the analyses of economic, fiscal, socio-demographic,
and land use data to policymakers and the public by supervising the research and GIS operations and staff in the Planning and Growth Management Department.

**Education/Training & Experience Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Planning, Geography, Economics, Demography or related field. Six (6) years of progressively responsible related work experience of which four (4) years must include a combination of supervisory and project management roles.

A combination of education and years of relevant experience may be considered. License/Certification: AICP preferred. Candidates will be selected for interview based on the results of Education and Experience Rating (review of application materials).

For consideration, applicants must complete the Employment Application: [http://metrocouncil.org/jobs/apply.htm](http://metrocouncil.org/jobs/apply.htm) and submit a resume by email (preferred), fax or mail by the deadline date to: Metropolitan Council, Human Resources, 390 Robert St. N., St. Paul, MN 55101, Email: HR.Team3@metc.state.mn.us, Fax: 651-602-1071, Please visit our website at [http://metrocouncil.org/jobs/apply.htm](http://metrocouncil.org/jobs/apply.htm) for more information about this position and for employment application forms.

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**NEW YORK**

**Two Positions: Assistant Professor of Urban Planning**

Graduate School of Architecture Planning, and Preservation
Columbia University

**Columbia University’s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation** has a full-time, tenure-track, **Assistant Professor** position available in its Urban Planning Program. We seek a colleague to teach and conduct research in land use and/or transportation planning with a primary focus on the United States. Candidates with experience in professional practice, advanced quantitative skills, and AICP designation are preferred. It is expected that candidates will be actively involved in the Ph.D. program and teach one or more courses in our core curriculum and an emergent specialization, as well as interact with related programs in the School: urban design, architecture, historic preservation, and real estate development. The position requires a Ph.D. in urban planning or a related field and will begin in the fall of 2008.

Please send a cover letter indicating your qualifications, a copy of your curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to: Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, 400 Avery Hall, 1172 Amsterdam Avenue, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027

Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2007 and will continue until a candidate is chosen.

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OREGON

Planner 3: Planning & Economic Development Outreach Specialist
Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) is recruiting for a Planning & Economic Development Outreach Specialist (Planner 3). This position offers an exciting opportunity to develop and provide training and assistance to local governments and the general public to facilitate planning for commercial and industrial development in a manner that provides jobs in support of livable, sustainable communities. Salary is $3,963 - $5,800/month. For minimum qualifications and application materials for Announcement #LE070647, please visit www.oregonjobs.org. Close date is November 26, 2007.

UTAH

Urban Planning/Urban Design – Fall 2008
University of Utah, Salk Lake City

The University of Utah College of Architecture + Planning (cA+P) is seeking candidates at the Assistant Professor level for a tenure-track position in urban planning with a focus on urban design. The Urban Planning program at the University provides a significant opportunity for the qualified candidate to influence the development and direction of the program and college. Recent restructuring of the program was undertaken by substantial university, community and philanthropic support. Considerable potential for research, community involvement, and input to regional issues exists in Utah’s unique and rapidly growing urban environment.

We are seeking candidates with broad-based understanding and interest in the interdisciplinary challenges of the planning field. We are particularly interested in candidates with teaching and research experience in at least one of the following areas: community based planning and design, urban form/morality, visualization technologies, design policy and regulation, theory of urban design, and social aspects of urban design. We expect that applicants will be knowledgeable about innovative areas of practice and the application of technology in the area of urban design. The successful candidate will teach core courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and specialization courses at the graduate level. Examples of potential teaching assignments include physical analysis, urban design seminar, traditional and digital communication and analysis technologies, site planning, open space design, and community design/planning studios/workshops.

Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in planning or a terminal degree in a related discipline (e.g., M.Arch, MUD, MLA) by June 2008, and a strong potential for research and publication or exemplary professional practice in one of the areas of expertise outlined above. Professional experience as a planner/designer is desirable.
Qualified applicants must submit a curriculum vitae, a portfolio of professional work, a letter of application including statements of pedagogical and research/creative objectives, and a list of three references (with phone/fax numbers, mailing and e-mail addresses). Review of applications begins December 1, 2007. Appointment is to start in Fall semester 2008. Please address questions and full applications for this position to Professor Tom Sanchez, Chair, Urban Planning Search Committee, University of Utah, College of Architecture + Planning, 375 South 1530 East Room 235, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112-0370 (phone: 801-585-9354 or email tom.sanchez@utah.edu).

WASHINGTON

Faculty Position: Land Use Planning and Community Development
The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington

The Evergreen State College is seeking applicants with academic training and professional experience in land use planning principals and methods, community development, urban design, growth management, critical areas protection, and related, emerging fields/issues. This position will join with other faculty members from a variety of disciplines to develop curriculum that integrates principles of land use planning to broader issues. These include political, economic, social, aesthetic, moral, environmental, and ecological factors connected to stewardship of biomes, water, and energy resources. The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability and commitment to teaching in a liberal arts college at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The successful candidate will demonstrate expertise in current and advanced land use planning principles and methods, and a strong curiosity about the relationship of human communities to the physical world. Enthusiasm for working with undergraduate and graduate students in an interdisciplinary environment is required. In addition to expertise in land use planning principles and methods, the successful candidate will demonstrate interest and experience in design as well as experience working with governmental, NGOs and community groups involved in land use decisions. The successful candidate should be able to contribute disciplinary coverage to some of the following areas: principles of urban and regional planning, the legal and Constitutional foundation of land use planning in the United States, economic development, habitat and critical areas protection, growth management, watershed management, riparian management, agricultural and forest resources, soil science, GIS and other related fields and issues.

This full-time position involves planning and teaching team-taught interdisciplinary programs with other faculty from natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. It is expected the position will teach at the undergraduate level and at the graduate level in Evergreen’s master’s programs in Environmental Studies and Public Administration.

Minimum Qualifications: Master’s degree in Land Use Planning or closely related field; Professional land use planning experience at the state or local level;
Demonstrated ability to teach principles and methods of land use planning; Demonstrated potential for excellence in teaching in an interdisciplinary context

Preferred Qualifications: Ph.D. in Land Use Planning or closely related field; Expertise and/or professional experience in some of the following areas: principles of urban and regional planning, the legal and Constitutional foundation of land use planning in the United States, economic development, habitat and critical areas protection, environmental design, environmental protection, climate change, energy studies, growth management, watershed management, riparian management, agricultural and forest resources, soil sciences, GIS, quantitative methods, or other related issues; College level teaching experience; Experience working with underrepresented populations.

This is a Regular Faculty position, eligible for continuing appointment after two, three-year renewable contracts. All requirements for this position must be completed by the end of academic year 2007-08. Review of complete applications begins January 2, 2008 and will continue until finalists are selected. For more information: http://www.evergreen.edu/facultyhiring/jobs/landuseplanningr.htm