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## PN MEMBER UPDATES

### From PNER Stacy Harwood

PNER Stacy Harwood has been granted tenure and promoted to the position of Associate Professor at the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

## From PNER Peter Meyer

I decided to leave my Center for Environmental Policy and Management at Univ. of Louisville in the good hands of the people I'd been working with and will now devote myself full time to The E.P. Systems Group, Inc., which does pro bono community work when there's no money and tries to make it up when there are paying clients in economic and environmental planning and management. Brownfields work will continue, but I will also be working on a three-year project called: "Changing US Climate Policy: Giving State Legislators Better Economic Arguments for Lowering Emissions." There will be three main outputs of the project:

(1) An electronic clearinghouse that would provide access to objective economic arguments in favor of a low carbon economy, including those measuring impacts of land use controls as well as energy generation and consumption incentives, in order to improve the capacities of the advocates of a low carbon economy to both use and challenge economic arguments in policy debate.

(2) Analyses of past state environmental policy changes to intended to identify the approaches and arguments that are more likely to be adopted in different political and economic settings.

(3) Access for legislators to specialist economic analysts who could provide analytical support to public officials in their efforts to promote a low carbon economy.

## From PNER Barbara Rahder

York University has become the first postsecondary institution in Canada to offer graduate thesis work in a language other than English or French. I spoke about this initiative at the Planners Network conference in Chicago. It is now a reality. I've also been busy doing interviews with Canadian newspapers and radio stations. See the attached story: <http://www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=10901>

## NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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## PUBLICATIONS

"Talking About Race: Toward a Transformative Agenda," (Nov. 2007, 42 pp.), a Resource Notebook (containing, among other elements, an annotated bibliography), is available from the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, 433 Mendenhall Laboratory, 125 So. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210, 614/688-5429, [www.kirwaninstitute.org](http://www.kirwaninstitute.org)

**Ordinary People: In and Out of Poverty in the Gilded Age** (2008, 251 pp., \$24.95) has been published by Paradigm Publishers, 800/887-1591.

"Reach Higher, America: Overcoming Crisis in the U.S. Workforce" (June 2008, 61 pp.), a report of The National Commission on Adult Literacy, is available from the Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy, 1221 Ave. of the Americas, 46th floor, NYC, NY 10020, 212/512-2363, [www.caalusa.org](http://www.caalusa.org)

"Women, Slums and Urbanisation: Examining the Causes and Consequences" (May 2008), produced by COHRE, is available at [www.cohre.org/view\\_page.php?page\\_id=308](http://www.cohre.org/view_page.php?page_id=308)

"Giving Homeless Families a Voice: A Community Awareness Tool" (40 pp.) is a very well done pamphlet created by the NW Coalition for Homeless Families Community Building Project. Contact them at Portland (OR) Impact, 503/988-3771, x22654.

"Regional Approaches to Affordable Housing" (2008) has been prepared by the American Planning Assn. for HUD's Office of Policy Development & Research; available at [www.huduser.org/publications/affhsg\\_aff\\_hsg.html](http://www.huduser.org/publications/affhsg_aff_hsg.html)

**Twenty-First Century Gateways: Immigrant Incorporation in Suburban America** (2008, 331 pp.), eds. Audrey Singer, Susan W. Hardwick & Caroline B. Brettell, has been published by Brookings Institution Press, 1775 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20036; case studies therein of Portland (OR), Minneapolis/St. Paul, Austin, Sacramento, Dallas, Atlanta, Phoenix, Washington and Charlotte. [www.brookings.edu](http://www.brookings.edu)

"Immigrant Integration in Low-Income Urban Neighborhoods" (2007), by Lynette Rawlings, is an Urban Institute report, available at [www.urban.org/Uploaded-PDF/411574\\_immigrant\\_integration.pdf](http://www.urban.org/Uploaded-PDF/411574_immigrant_integration.pdf).

## EVENTS

October 3-5, 2008. "Innovations and Collaborations in Affordable Housing," a symposium presented by the AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community, AIA Phoenix, and Association for Community Design. Phoenix, AZ. [http://www.communitydesign.org/Annual\\_Conference.htm](http://www.communitydesign.org/Annual_Conference.htm)

October 10-11, 2008. "Fixity and Flow of Urban Waterfronts", an international academic conference, Hamburg, Germany. [www.hcu-hamburg.de](http://www.hcu-hamburg.de). Inquiries can be directed to [jlaidley@yorku.ca](mailto:jlaidley@yorku.ca)

November 6-8, 2008. "Re-Imagining Cities: Urban Design After the Age of Oil," University of Pennsylvania. [www.upenn.edu/penniur/afteroil](http://www.upenn.edu/penniur/afteroil)

November 14-16, 2008. "In Our Hands: Building Solidarity & Community: 9th Annual Refugee & Immigrant Women's Leadership Conference," Atlanta, GA. [www.rwn.org](http://www.rwn.org)

May 18-22, 2009. "Antipode's 2nd Summer Institute for the Geographies of Justice (SIGJ) in conjunction with the International Critical Geography Group (ICGG)," Manchester-Leeds, UK. [www.antipode-online.net/summerinstitute.asp](http://www.antipode-online.net/summerinstitute.asp)

October 27-30, 2009. Transportation Research Board's "Fourth International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation," Irvine, CA. Deadline for abstracts: November 15, 2008. [www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=9406](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=9406)

## 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/](http://www.brunerfoundation.org/rba/) and in a book distributed by the Bruner Foundation.

## ON LINE RESOURCES

CyberHood: [www.thecyberhood.net](http://www.thecyberhood.net)

The CyberHood's mission is to build a virtual community where students, scholars, practitioners, and social activists, who want to change urban society and improve the plight of people of color, can find each other, share information, exchange ideas, and build professional relationships. Our goal is to build a community that encourages dialogue, facilitates research, and spawns joint ventures. The CyberHood is a place where people come together to understand and change the world.

### **Katrina Reader:** [www.cswsworkshop.org/katrinareader](http://www.cswsworkshop.org/katrinareader)

A **Katrina Reader** is a free online resource of articles, poems, and stories, by and for anti-racist educators and organizers. It has four main goals:

To highlight the inspiring tradition of resistance to racism by New Orleans grassroots organizations, before and after Katrina; To provide basic information about many New Orleans racial justice organizations working for the right of return of all New Orleanians; To facilitate the efforts of students and educators who want to learn more about grassroots racial justice organizing in New Orleans, with the purpose of strengthening their volunteer solidarity activities, in New Orleans and on their university campuses; To suggest some perspectives and tools for anti-racist solidarity organizers (especially for white activists) wanting to work in solidarity with grassroots racial justice organizations, both in New Orleans and in their home communities.

### **HABITAT Archives: From Elena Cossever**

The **HABITAT Archives** is an on-line resource of innovative, adaptable, practice-oriented documents that aims to put more of the world's best ideas into action in order to create more socially and ecologically sustainable urban communities.

The UBC based HABITAT Archives, in partnership with UN-HABITAT, has begun collecting solution-oriented documents from a diversity of local and international NGO's, academics and governments. It is our hope that you will join us in creating a robust on-line collection of solution oriented urban practices.

You can easily make a valuable addition to the HABITAT Archives simply by forwarding us any practice oriented documents such as reports, manuals and/or tool kits related to sustainable urban development and encouraging your colleagues and other relevant agencies to do the same. All submitted documents will remain in their original format and all credit will be given to the documents original author(s). Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Our website is still under construction, but we expect to be completed and ready to launch by September 15th. Please direct any questions by email to: [cossever@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:cossever@interchange.ubc.ca), or by telephone at 604-827-3536.

## JOBS

### CALIFORNIA

#### Director of Programs, Bay Area Urban Habitat

Urban Habitat (based in Oakland) is seeking a **Director of Programs** to join the UH management team in its mission to build power in Bay Area low-income communities and communities of color. The Director of Programs will play a lead role in staff supervision, program strategy and implementation, and overall organizational development. The ideal candidate has program management and policy expertise in land-use planning and climate justice and will be able to quickly acquire a working knowledge of all aspects of the organization's programmatic, personnel, and financial goals and strategies. The successful candidate will report to the executive director, providing strategic direction, personnel management and program oversight, and work closely with the board of directors.

The director of programs will: Supervise personnel as assigned, oversee their work, and provide staff support needed to sustain the work; Lead staff efforts to develop programs/campaigns aligned with the overall organizational mission; Serve as lead staff on priority projects related to land-use and climate justice; Strengthen the capacity of UH to build and engage in regional, state, and national multi-issue and multi-sector coalitions; Analyze local, regional, state, national, and international policies relevant to UH's mission and campaign goals, and recommend strategies to help UH and its partners navigate and impact the policy-making arena...

Requires a master's degree in urban planning, environmental sciences, economics, or public policy, or equivalent experience; and knowledge of and experience working on policies and programs related to land-use planning and climate change.

**To Apply:** Email your cover letter and resume, AS ATTACHMENTS, to [Director@urbanhabitat.org](mailto:Director@urbanhabitat.org). For further information please [Click Here](#).

### FLORIDA

#### Tenure-Track Faculty Position University of Florida, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

The **Department of Urban and Regional Planning**, in the College of Design, Construction and Planning, at the University of Florida invites applications for a **Tenure-Track Faculty Position** beginning January 2009. The appointment will be primarily at the assistant professor level, or under special circumstance, at the associate professor level. Review of applications will start on October 1 and continue until the position is filled. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and responsibilities.

We are looking for a scholar who can teach courses in economic aspects of planning such

as land economics, urban economics and public finance, and who can contribute to one of our four specializations in growth management and transportation, information technologies for planning, housing and community development, and urban design, or to the college's initiatives in environmental planning, sustainability, and international development. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in Planning or a closely related discipline by the time of appointment. Planning experience and/or AICP preferred. Further information about our department is available at <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/urp/>.

Applications must include a letter of interest that includes a statement of professional, pedagogical and research goals and experience, courses to teach, curriculum vitae and at least 3 references with contact information. This information should be mailed to Ruth L. Steiner, Search Committee Chair, P.O. Box 115706, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611. The selection process will be conducted under provisions of Florida's "Government in the Sunshine" and public records laws. The University is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. We encourage applications from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

## MARYLAND

### Director of Planning City of Baltimore, MD

Reporting to the Mayor, and the Planning Commission, the **Director of Planning** will serve as the Chief Land Use, Design, and Preservation Official for the City of Baltimore. The Director will work with the Planning Commission and the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), and the Sustainability Commission to ensure that Department of Planning is advancing the City's Comprehensive Master Plan: Live, Earn, Play, Learn and accomplishing its mission, goals, and strategic priorities while consistently focusing on outcome measurement, impact, and sustainability.

The ideal candidate will have experience working in or with a public sector organization with respect to community planning, development review, zoning, and land use; a master's degree in urban planning, regional planning, economic development, or related discipline; at least eight years of executive leadership with a municipal agency in a major (500,000+) city; managerial experience in municipal, regional, state or federal planning, design and development, zoning, economic development or land use for a large urban community; experience working with citizen groups, elected officials, government agencies, and business interests in developing projects, strategies and policy. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification preferred. American Planning Association (APA) membership desirable; Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) membership desirable.

For additional information, please contact: Planning Director Search Committee, Attention: Gladys B. Gaskins, City of Baltimore, Department of Human Resources, 201 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Phone: (410) 396-1563/TTY (410) 396-4930 Fax: (410) 545-7858, E-mail: [gladys.gaskins@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:gladys.gaskins@baltimorecity.gov)

To view a detailed job announcement [Click Here](#).

### Land Use Planner

## Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC), Maryland's premiere regional land trust, seeks a talented **Land Use Planner** to launch a small town planning initiative.

This initiative will make widely available the most applicable and effective town planning tools, techniques, services, and models of how healthy, strong communities grow sustainably. As a part of this, this planner will provide immediate support to local governments in creating new town comprehensive plan elements that address planning needs for new development, per [MD House Bill 1141](#). Based in either ESLC's Cambridge or Queenstown offices, this is a full time, two-year term position, with competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and cover letter ASAP to: Laura Sanford, ESLC, 601 Locust St, Suite 302, Cambridge, MD 21613 or [lsanford@eslc.org](mailto:lsanford@eslc.org)

The Land Use Planner will: Provide technical support to develop comprehensive plans elements, with goal of effectively helping the maximum number of communities comply with the HB 1141; Grow the understanding of the land use planning and conservation needs of the Eastern Shore small towns and villages; Develop partnerships with other organizations/groups who can help build the capacity of local government planning; Lead the coordination of ESLC's annual land use planning conference in 2009 to focus on small town planning needs; Create and implement a menu of growth area-related workshop/trainings to be conducted by ESLC, MD Dept. of Planning, and our partners.

To view the complete job description, please visit: <http://www.eslc.org/pages/CircuitRiderJobDescription.php>

## NEW YORK

### Livable Streets Educational Outreach Coordinator The Opening Planning Project—New York City

The **Open Planning Project** is looking for a progressive urban planning activist to start, grow, and manage a publicity and educational campaign for our Livable Streets Education program. This person will creatively use our mascot, a never before seen Henson Company puppet, to make transportation policy and urban planning fun and approachable.

Livable Streets is the The Open Planning Project's urban planning advocacy wing. We produce Streetblogs.org and Streetfilms.org, providing advocacy journalism and a unique brand of edu-tainment for transportation, public space, and urban environmental issues. We're also launching the Livable Streets Education Program to involve children in this growing national movement.

This position calls for someone who is part activist, part educator, part artistic director, and part public relations guru. We also need someone who is confident in their ability to turn ideas into action. If you want to take this project from 0 to 10, we want you.

Your mission is to breathe life into our unloved puppet; Develop Zozo's personality, message, and back story; Coordinate the logistics of Zozo's appearances in Streetfilms and possibly of Zozo's live appearances in schools or around the city; Develop promotional and educational materials for a variety of audiences; Network with city agencies and other non-profits to develop programs; Oversee administrative, accounting, and scheduling needs.

**To Apply** - Please send a resume, cover letter, and two short writing samples (no more



than 5 pages) to [jobs@livablestreets.com](mailto:jobs@livablestreets.com). Feel free to include examples of promotional materials you've created in the past. To view a detailed job announcement [click here](#).

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Senior Planner

#### Leland, NC

Leland is a fast-growing town in Brunswick County NC, just across the Cape Fear River from Wilmington.

Under direction of the Department Director, administers specified planning activities including current planning, zoning and subdivision ordinance, advanced planning, transportation planning, complex professional planning activities, such as serving as project manager for complex development and land use applications; provides professional information and assistance to the Director, the Planning Board, the Town Council, developers, contractors and the general public; performs a variety of studies and prepares and presents staff reports; serves on review committees; and performs related work as required.

**Class Characteristics:** This class is the advanced journey-level in the professional planning classification series with responsibilities spanning the full spectrum of planning functions encountered by a developing town. Incumbents may be in charge of either Current Planning/Zoning Administration or Long Range Planning. Successful performance of the work requires an extensive professional background as well as skills in coordinating assignments with those of other town departments and public agencies. The class is distinguished from Director in that the latter has responsibility for overall planning functions and for developing, implementing and interpreting public policy. It is distinguished from the next lower level of Associate Planner in that the Senior Planner handles more complex applications and has some supervisory authority over lower-level Planners. Attendance of night meetings is mandatory to performing job function.

For more details and employment application, please visit our website [www.townofleland.com](http://www.townofleland.com). Submit application and résumé to 102 Town Hall Drive Leland, NC 28451 Attn: Human Resources or [amintz@townofleland.com](mailto:amintz@townofleland.com) or fax (910)371-1073 no later than September 22, 2008. The Town of Leland is an EEO employer. No phone calls please.

## ONTARIO

### Two Faculty Appointments

#### York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies

York University offers a world-class, modern, interdisciplinary academic experience in Toronto, Canada's most multicultural city. York is at the centre of innovation, with a thriving community of almost 60,000 faculty, staff and students who challenge the ordinary and deliver the unexpected.

The following positions, to commence July 1, 2009, are subject to final budgetary approval. For complete position descriptions and application details, see [www.yorku.ca/fes](http://www.yorku.ca/fes) or [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs).

## Urban Sustainability and Transportation Planning

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the **Assistant Professor** level in **Urban Sustainability and Transportation Planning**. Candidates should have expertise in the planning and design of sustainable transportation systems, including transportation demand management and the integration of land-use and transportation planning, as well as alternative approaches to transportation. Candidates should have a broad interdisciplinary approach that examines the sustainability of urban communities in an integrated manner. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is October 31, 2008.

## Urban and Regional Planning

Applications are invited for a 3-year contractually limited appointment at the **Assistant Professor** level in **Urban and Regional Planning**. Candidates should have expertise in urban and regional planning, and take an interdisciplinary and critical approach to planning and urban problems. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is November 21, 2008.

York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York's web site at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or a copy can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at 416.736.5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. For the contractually limited term position only, temporary entry for citizens of the U.S.A. and Mexico may apply per the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Further information about our department is available at <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/urp/>.

Applications must include a letter of interest that includes a statement of professional, pedagogical and research goals and experience, courses to teach, curriculum vitae and at least 3 references with contact information. This information should be mailed to Ruth L. Steiner, Search Committee Chair, P.O. Box 115706, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611. The selection process will be conducted under provisions of Florida's "Government in the Sunshine" and public records laws. The University is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. We encourage applications from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

## OREGON

### Transportation Planning Specialist Multnomah County (Portland, Oregon)

**Multnomah County** (Portland, Oregon) is currently accepting applications for an experienced **Transportation Planning Specialist** to assist in the development and implementation of County transportation projects. Responsibilities will include a combination of the following roles: review land use applications for needed transportation improvements associated with the proposed development; prepare memoranda and project agreements for development; participate in long-range transportation planning and the update of transportation system standards and manuals; manage transportation plans, projects and programs, including the County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.

The successful candidate will coordinate with other agencies on transportation plans, projects, facilities and services; participate in public meetings and hearings on

transportation plans, projects, programs, and development review; and assist in developing funding applications. Salary is \$26.05 to \$32.04 per hour. This recruitment is open until filled; first application screening is 9/5/08. Apply at [www.multcojobs.org](http://www.multcojobs.org) see job #6076-05 EOE

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Planning Assistant II Crawford County Planning Commission

The **Planning Assistant II** is a PSSU professional planning position within the Crawford County Planning Commission that supports and supplements the work of professional planning staff relative to land use and land use issues at the county level. The position reports to the Planning Director.

Typical duties include: Support professional staff with research and mapping as they relate to municipal zoning, subdivision and land development reviews. The ability to create, edit analyze, and integrate map products utilizing ArcView GIS 9.X is required; Compile, maintain and update data bases for transportation improvement projects including highway and bridge projects, airport and railroad projects; Assist the Grant Administrator with all manner of state and federal Grant Compliance issues including field monitoring, prevailing wage and project closeout...

Applicants must possess or obtain a valid Pennsylvania driver's license as daytime and occasional evening travel is required.

**Qualifications:** Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree with one (1)-year of relevant experience in the public sector. A working knowledge and proficiency of ArcView GIS 9.X required.

**Submit:** A Letter of Interest with a current Resume highlighting educational attainment and relevant planning experience should be submitted to: CCPC Personnel Committee, Kate Preston, Chair, Crawford County Planning Commission, 903 Diamond Park, 3rd Floor, Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

Deadline for all submission is September 26, 2008. To view the detailed job announcement [Click Here](#).