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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 Chapter in Buffalo

A new Planners Network chapter has formed at the University of Buffalo, State University of New York. The chapter is open to both students and non-students. For more information or to join, contact apblair@buffalo.edu.

Calling all PNers from the San Francisco Bay Area!

The Bay Area Planners Network chapter has been reactivated. For further information, contact the new chapter coordinator, Holly Pearson: ph: (415) 690-0409, email:

Update from the New Guelph PN Chapter

PNg, the new local chapter of Planners Network in Guelph, now has an online home at www.pnguelph.ning.com. Still very much in its infancy, the network page, which is hosted on the Ning platform, allows members to post notes and events or share photos and videos. Members can also blog or start their own project or research groups. As the site grows, PNg is hoping it will help Planners Network reach the wider university and Guelph community. We are also encouraging PN members across North America to join the discussion. Check us out and sign up at pnguelph.ning.com or contact Morgan at pnguelph@gmail.com for more information.

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From PNER Chester Hartman

I have begun work with the National Council of Urban Indian Health. One of their immediate needs is to get better information on the Indian populations in the cities where they run health programs. Are there any PNERs in those cities who either know something about this or could assist in generating the needed information?

The cities are: Omaha, NE; Denver, CO; Pierre, SD; Albuquerque, NM; Minneapolis, MN; Detroit, MI; Milwaukee, WI; Chicago, IL; Billings, MT; Butte, MT; Missoula, MT; Helena, MT; Bakersfield, CA; Great Falls, MT; Los Angeles, CA; Oakland, CA; Sacramento, CA; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; San Jose, CA; Santa Barbara, CA; Manteca, CA; Jamaica Plain NYC; Boston, MA; Baltimore, MD; Flagstaff, AZ; Dallas, TX; Wichita, KS; Oklahoma City, OK; Tulsa, OK; Reno, NV; Phoenix, AZ; Salt Lake City, UT; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; Spokane, WA; Tucson, AZ; Fresno, CA.

If you are interested or have information, please contact me at: chartman@prrac.org .

From PNER Russel Feldman

PNER Russel Feldman has just been elected as chair of the board of trustees of the Boston Architectural College. The school has a unique 125 year history and mission - it is taught by practitioners and requires that all students work in the field as they study. With graduate and undergraduate programs in architecture landscape architecture, interior design and design studies and a broad number of certificate programs, the BAC is the largest independent design school in the country. Russel continues to serve on the board of the Massachusetts chapter of the AIA and is president of TBA Architects, Inc., a full practice planning and architecture firm with offices in the Boston and San Francisco areas.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Ryan Ames	Charles Jennings	Megan Quirk
Jacqueline Bejma	Maeve Johnston	Jessica Rinks
Daniel Casey	Penny Kaill-Vinish	Matthew Rogers
Ernesto Castaneda	Brooke Kapur	Amy Talbot
Brandon Christensen	Carrie Makarewicz	Katie Temple
Erin Dorn	Steve Medlin	Michael Tutthill
Julie Gonzalez	Jeremy Mudd	James Walden
Heidi Guenin	J. Wayne Oldroyd	
Elizabeth Jenne	Daniel Pearstein	

PUBLICATIONS

"A Longitudinal Perspective on Income Inequality in the United States and Europe," (2008) by Marcus Gangl, is published by the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty. It is downloadable from [here](#).

"Thinking Big: Progressive Ideas for a New Era," (2009) edited by James Lardner and Nathaniel Lowentheil, is a book published by Berrett-Koehler Publishers. For more info, visit [here](#).

"The Anti-Immigrant Movement that Failed: Positive Integration Policies by State Governments Still Far Outweigh Punitive Policies Aimed at New Immigrants" (2008) is a report published by the Progressive State Network. It is available from [here](#).

"Decade of Neglect Has Weakened Federal Low-Income Housing Programs" (2009) is a report from the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities and is available from [here](#).

"FORECLOSED: High-Risk Lending, Deregulation, and the Undermining of America's Mortgage Market," (2009) by Dan Immergluck, is a book published by Cornell University Press. For more info, visit [here](#).

EVENTS

June 5-7, 2009. "5th Montreal Citizen Summit: The City We Want." Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montreal, QC. For more information, visit [here](#).

June 14-18, 2009. ICLEI World Congress: Connecting Leaders - Advancing Local Action for Sustainability. Edmonton, AB. For more information, visit [here](#).

June 14-16, 2009. Cities for Mobility World Congress 2009: Socially inclusive mobility - Access for all. Stuttgart, Germany. For more information, visit [here](#).

September 1-4, 2009. International Housing Conference, organized by the International Sociological Association's Research Committee. University of Glasgow, Scotland. For more information, visit [here](#).

October 7-9, 2009. Work & Inequality in the Global Economy: China, Mexico, US. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. For more information, visit [here](#).

January 5-7, 2010. Sixth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability. University of Cuenca, Ecuador. For more information, visit [here](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

/thirdspace: a journal of feminist theory and culture/

The editors of */thirdspace: a journal of feminist theory and culture/* invite submissions for our forthcoming issue on *gender, sport, and the Olympics*.

Prompted by the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, we are interested in exploring the central role which gender and sexuality play in shaping ideas about athleticism, sport culture, and the body, and the significant ways in which athletic events such as the Olympics work to transform conceptions of public space, national boundaries and identities, and gendered self-presentations and performances.

This issue invites contributions on:

- the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver
- sport, athleticism, and ability
- the Para Olympics
- LGBT participation in athletics and the Olympics
- legal impacts on gender and sport (i.e. Title IX legislation in the United States)
- sport and masculinities/femininities
- the role of gender in sporting competition
- gendered perspectives on Olympic events
- the use of prosthetics and technologies in athletic competition
- the impact of the Olympics on the environment
- sports/the Olympics and the use of public space, including displacement of individuals/communities, the environment, and urban renewal
- and other topics relevant to the theme of gender, sport, and the Olympics.

We welcome submissions from a wide range of disciplinary and geographical perspectives. Submissions from researchers working within, or among, the disciplines of geography, sociology, literature, area studies, cultural studies, film/ media studies, art, history, education, law, and women's/gender studies are particularly encouraged.

We accept the submission of work from scholars of any rank or affiliation, and encourage submissions from emerging feminist scholars, including graduate students.

All submissions to the journal must be submitted electronically through our online submission process. All submissions are peer-reviewed by established, senior feminist scholars. For more information on our publishing policies see [here](#).

To submit: Please follow our online submission process [here](#). **Deadline: May 15, 2009**. For more information, please contact us at info@thirdspace.ca.

"Work & Inequality in the Global Economy: China, Mexico, US" UCLA, Oct. 2009

We invite you to submit proposals for this conference, to take place October 7-9, 2009 at UCLA in Los Angeles, California. We will focus on comparisons and connections between China, Mexico, and the United States. Speakers at the conference will include scholars and activists from all three countries.

Major themes of the conference include:

- The impact of economic and environmental crisis on workers
- The role of TNCs
- Migration trends and impacts
- Prospects for labor law reform and labor rights
- Strategies for overcoming inequality

For more information, please visit [here](#).

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Planners Energy and Climate Database

[Link to Website](#)

The American Planning Association (APA) and the Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) are pleased to announce the launch of the Planners Energy and Climate Database, an online tool to help planners, policymakers, and allied professionals find information relevant to addressing energy and climate issues at the local, regional, and state level. The database features more than 150 resources to help communities improve energy efficiency, expand renewable energy sources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prepare for the impacts of climate change. More entries are being added regularly.

Opportunities for Advancing Environmental Justice

[Link to Website](#)

Opportunities for Advancing Environmental Justice: An Analysis of U.S. EPA Statutory Authorities from Environmental Law Institute (ELI) looks at environmental justice

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activities of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While there are numerous public institutions whose activities bear directly on issues of environmental justice, EPA has jurisdiction over many of the core issues, especially the prevention and control of industrial pollution, that have given rise to the environmental justice movement.

Environmental justice embodies a goal of achieving healthy, sustainable communities for all people. As part of this goal, environmental justice calls for equal protection for all people under the nation's environmental laws.

Read more or download a free copy of this 252-page report at the resource link [here](#).

Cyberhood.net

[Link to Website](#)

The Cyberhood has been updated for April 2009

1. **new books** have been added to the book list
2. a **new featured site** has been added (<http://americancity.org/>)
3. **two urban-community projects** by the Annie E. Casey Foundation have been added: Community Benefit Agreements - the power practice and promise of a responsible redevelopment tool, and Eminent Domain - implications for community redevelopment efforts
4. a **new webcast** has been added: the Living Proof Podcast Series of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work
5. a **new book review** has been added: Democratic Policing in Transitional and Developing Countries
6. a **new featured paper** has been added: Teaching Community Development to Social Work Students, A Critical Reflection
7. a **new featured program** has been added, the Department of Social Change and Development, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Summer/Winter School on Comparative Urban Studies

Comparative Urban Studies

São Paulo (Brazil), 17-22 August 2009

Dear Colleagues,

It's a pleasure to inform you that the program of the School on "Comparative Urban

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Studies” jointly organized and funded by IJURR, RC21, CEM and FURS is now online.

The school will take place in Sao Paulo (BR) from the 17th to the 22nd of August 2009 in connection with the subsequent RC21 Conference on “Inequality, Inclusion and the Sense of Belonging” (August 23-25, 2009; for info on conference visit [here](#)).

Topics to be studied in the School include the similarities and differences between cities in the global North and South; Sao Paulo itself (to include guided tours of the city); segregation, inequality and poverty; belonging and exclusion in the city.

About fifteen relatively generous scholarships are available for participants from countries classified in category “B” and “C” by ISA.

You’ll find all relevant information by visiting [here](#). We look forward to welcome your participation/application.

Yuri Kazepov, Jeremy Seekings, Eduardo Marques

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Transportation Planner / Project Manager Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy San Francisco, CA

The **Transportation Planner / Project Manager** will work with the **Parks Conservancy and Golden Gate National Recreation Area** to manage, oversee or support an array of exciting transportation initiatives underway in the park, including:

- Development of a Long Range Transportation Plan;
- Implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS);
- Development of shuttle service to Fort Baker;
- Development of long-term shuttle service, including a transit facility to serve Muir Woods;
- Development and coordination of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs and parking management strategies;
- Planning for water shuttle service to key park destinations, including Fort Mason and Fort Baker;
- Coordination with the transportation elements of the Trails Forever Initiative to renovate and expand park trails to protect park resources surrounding the Golden Gate, including bicycling community outreach;
- Implementation of the Marin Headlands- Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan;
- Parking Management and Transportation Demand Management Strategies; and
- Performance monitoring of all initiatives.

Experience is required. For a complete job description, please visit [here](#).

Planner - East San Gabriel Valley
The Planning Center
East San Gabriel Valley, CA

This **part-time position** is expected to average 20 to 28 hours per week. The Planner has the following responsibilities: analyze and compile complex technical and statistical information; interpret and implement planning and environmental related laws and procedures; interpret and explain planning policies and procedures; analyze site design, terrain constraints, circulation, land use compatibility, utilities and other urban services; participate in a variety of planning commission and city council meetings; make public presentations and recommendations on various advanced and/or current planning issues and concerns; develop creative approaches to, and concepts for, addressing planning problems.

Also to research, analyze and evaluate new zoning regulations and procedures; interpret, apply and ensure compliance with federal, state and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations; prepare thorough and accurate technical reports; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work including a variety of City officials and the general public.

This position is with a local government in the East San Gabriel Valley. Benefits are not offered for this position. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in planning or related field and increasingly responsible experience in public sector. Successful candidates will have strong written and verbal communication skills, work effectively in a highly collaborative team setting and be a self-starter that can complete quality products within deadlines. Desirable qualifications include demonstrated knowledge of planning concepts, principles, techniques and practices.

Send resume and cover sheet to hr@planningcenter.com. Title email Part Time Planner - East San Gabriel Valley. Additional information on our [website](#).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Trainer/Technical Assistance Provider
International Budget Partnership (IBP)
Washington, D.C.

In over 100 countries around the world, think-tanks, NGOs, community-based organizations and citizens have launched a movement to demand greater transparency and accountability in government revenues and expenditures. The **International Budget Partnership** was established in 1997, within the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington DC, to support this growing movement in order to improve governance and reduce poverty in developing countries.

Over the past ten years, the IBP has pioneered global efforts to support independent budget monitoring by providing a combination of training and technical assistance, financial grants, comparative research, peer networking, and a global repository of information on this growing field. The IBP works closely with a growing network of partner civil society organizations in over 80 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and, operates from offices in Washington DC, Mexico City, Mumbai and Cape Town.

IBP is seeking a **trainer / technical assistance** to work with its international team.

Knowledge, education and experience: Post-graduate qualification or equivalent experience in applied public finance, public policy or related subject; In-depth knowledge and experience in training methods, training provision, facilitation and curriculum development; At least three years experience in providing training in applied budget analysis and advocacy work, applied public finance, or public policy-related training; Several years of experience working in an international development environment; Ability to work in English and one other language is required, e.g. French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

For the list of responsibilities and a full job description please visit [here](#). *To apply:* Send applications to ibp-training@cbpp.org.

Associate, Neighborhood Development **U.S. Green Building Council** Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington, DC-based national nonprofit organization of over 18,000 corporate and organizational members from every sector of the building industry united to transform the building marketplace to sustainability, is currently seeking an organized and detail-oriented professional with excellent research and writing skills to serve as Associate, Neighborhood Development, in the Market Development Department.

The **Associate, Neighborhood Development**, is an entry-level position that provides administrative and programmatic support for the team creating the LEED for Neighborhood Development rating system. The tasks will center on both the pilot and preparations for launching the post-pilot rating system in late Summer 2009. This position reports directly to the Director, Neighborhood Development, but will work closely with the entire Neighborhood Development team.

Qualifications/Skills: Minimum of 1 year relevant professional experience with association or company; Bachelor's Degree required, preferably in urban studies; Excellent written and spoken communication skills; Creative and analytic approach to tasks; Deadline-oriented and efficient when multi-tasking; Strong Computer skills including demonstrated proficiency with MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, database management, internet, and e-mail; Experience with ArcGIS preferable. Ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic work environment; Commitment to USGBC mission.

For specific responsibilities and application instructions please visit [here](#).

MEXICO

Executive Director **Fundar, Center for Analysis and Research** Mexico City , Mexico

Fundar, Center for Analysis and Research is currently accepting applications for its next Executive Director. The director is responsible for directing, planning and supervising the

strategies and operations of the organization in order to obtain results that bolster its sustainability and public profile, in accordance with the organization's mission.

Fundar, is an independent, interdisciplinary and pluralistic institution committed to making sense of and addressing contemporary problems, both in Mexico and in the world, through applied research. Fundar was created in January 1999 by a diverse group of high profile leaders, with the goal of developing strategies to strengthen citizen participation and deepen democracy, identifying models of action that have been successful in other countries, and experimenting with new methodologies that can contribute to the resolution of specific social problems. For more information on the institution, visit [here](#).

Academic and Work Requirements include: Academic training and/or comparable practical experience in subjects related to Fundar's work. (Human Rights, Democracy and Citizenship, Political Party System, etc.); Fluent written and spoken English and Spanish; Familiarity with the Mexican political system and civil society sector as well as with Fundar's main activities: budget analysis, transparency and access to information, congressional relations, public policy advocacy, strategic litigation, media coverage, etc.

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach Board President Blanca Rico at bricog3@gmail.com. Application deadline is May 15th, 2009. For a complete job description, please visit [here](#).

NEW YORK

Program Officer, Land Use Planning & Community Development Ford Foundation, New York, NY

The **Program Officer** will be responsible for implementing, monitoring, and coordinating grant making activities in the Land Use Planning and Community Development portfolio, which seeks to combine housing and community development finance tools with planning and land management strategies to develop a more powerful approach to urban revitalization, neighborhood stabilization, and affordable housing production.

The program strategy within this portfolio is designed to help improve the rules governing affordable housing and community development activities to produce better outcomes for low-income communities and residents. In distressed areas with weak market conditions, the strategy would include reforming governmental and non-profit property management systems to prevent vacant properties from becoming persistent blight. In economically strong communities, efforts would focus more on tools for assembling land and property for affordable housing production in high-opportunity areas.

Working closely with the Director and other Program Officers in the Urban Regeneration and Opportunity Unit, the Program Officer will develop grant making and other program activities to implement three strategies to achieve program goals: 1) supporting research and communications efforts to build the case for reforms, 2) fostering a civic network of advocates and stakeholders who will promote improved policies and practices, and 3) deploying finance tools with planning strategies to leverage scarce resources for improved outcome.

To Apply: Please send inquiries, nominations, and applications (consisting of resume and cover letter) by May 29, 2009 to Lauren Gumbs at lgumbs@gumbspartners.com.

For the full job announcement, please visit [here](#). E/O/E

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