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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

Update from PN Montreal

PN Montreal and Cinema Politica co-sponsored a film screening of "The Garden" (by Scott Kennedy Hamilton) at Concordia University on Monday, February 9th. The screening was held in a large auditorium and there were over 400 people in attendance. One of our local members introduced PN to the audience immediately before the screening and we had a table at the entrance with display copies of Progressive Planning Magazine as well as the new PN brochures, all of which were well-received. The film, which deals with issues of property development, political corruption and the displacement of farmers (primarily

immigrants from Latin America) in Los Angeles, was a perfect way to introduce PN and its mission to new members. For more information about PN Montreal, please contact Ryan Craven (ryanjcraven@gmail.com) or Yuseph Katiya (yusephkatiya@gmail.com).

New PN Chapter in Guelph, Ontario, Canada

A new PN Chapter is being formed at The University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, Canada! For more information or to join the chapter, please contact pnguelph@gmail.com

PN MEMBER UPDATES

PNer Todd Fabozzi, urbanist and poet, from Amsterdam, NY, has published a book of radical poetry entitled: "Umbrageous Embers." For more information see, www.toddfabozzi.com

PNer Clara Irazábal was recognized as an Exemplary Diversity Scholar by the National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID), Ann Arbor, MI. She was also a keynote speaker at two international planning conferences in San Jose, Costa Rica and Bogota, Colombia. Irazábal conducted a number of television interviews with CNN International in Spanish on the US election, the role of Latinos, and the implications for Latin America.

PNer Barbara Rahder is currently a visiting professor in the Department of Town and Country Planning at the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka, giving a two-week graduate course on planning theory and participating in reviews of undergraduate planning student projects.

PNer Jeremy Thomson has left the Boston Redevelopment Authority for a position as a Senior Researcher at 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East.

PNer Ute Lehrer has two new publications:

Lehrer, Ute (2008) "Urban Renaissance and Resistance in Toronto" In: L. Porter and K. Shaw. *Whose Urban Renaissance? An international comparison of policy drivers and responses to urban regeneration strategies*. London: Routledge, 147-156.

Lehrer, Ute and Jennefer Laidley (2008) "Old Mega-projects Newly Packaged? Waterfront Redevelopment in Toronto" special issue on Megaprojects, edited by S. Fainstein and F. Orueta. *International Journal for Urban and Regional Research* 32(4) 786-803.

From PNer Terry Schwarz

Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative recently published "Cities Growing Smaller", the first in its "Urban Infill" series of books looking at contemporary urban issues. *Cities Growing Smaller* includes contributions from the US and Germany, providing a range of perspectives on the phenomenon of urban shrinkage and proposing

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numerous responses to this planning challenge:

- *Karina Pallagst, "Shrinking Cities: Planning Challenges from an International Perspective"*
- *Thorsten Wiechmann, "Strategic Flexibility beyond Growth and Shrinkage: Lessons from Dresden, Germany"*
- *Joseph Schilling, "Buffalo as a Living Laboratory for Reclaiming Vacant Properties"*
- *Tobias Armbrorst, Daniel D'Oca and Georgeen Theodore, "IMPROVE YOUR LOT!"*
- *Terry Schwarz, "The Cleveland Land Lab: Experiments for a City in Transition"*
- *Brad Masi, "Defining the Urban-Agrarian Space"*

The book is available free of charge thanks to a grant from the George Gund Foundation. Mail orders require a \$5.50 shipping charge. The articles are also available for download. For more information visit [HERE](#).

From PNER Michael Cote

Last September, graduate student and PN member **Michael Cote** spoke at the 2008 Southern New England Planning Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. The conference theme was "Planners in Action," with a focus on the work of advocate urban planners in New England. Michael was honored to be the first graduate student to ever to present a session at this 30-year annual event. He presented his research and proposed approach on a **climate change adaptation model** that could be readily adopted by regional and municipal planners. The model is a 10-step plan that identifies a city's vulnerabilities to climate change and lays out an action plan. The session was packed with planners and decision makers from across New England concerned with the coastal impacts from climate change.

Thanks to the success from the September 2008 regional planning conference in Rhode Island, Michael is now taking the adaptation model national. On April 27th, he will present the latest version of his 10-step adaptation model for urban planners at the 2009 National American Planning Association conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Michael will be the only graduate student presenter on this year's schedule. For this session, he put together a strong team of prominent climate change adaptation practitioners including Dr. Paul Kirshen of Tufts University; Amy Malick, Regional Director, ICLEI Midwest Regional Capacity Center in Chicago; and Angela Licata, Deputy Commissioner of New York City's Department of Environmental Protection.

Michael's overall objective is to present the proof-positive manifestation of climate change adaptation planning. For more information, visit [HERE](#).

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Lee Deuben	Pedro Pereira
Alicia Crain	Danielle Rovillo
Ellen Kozyra Currier	AnnaCatherine Rutledge
Emily Giordano	David Strathy
Robert Hickey	Steve Weaver
Catherine Judge	Barbara Wilson
Julie McIntyre	Robert Young
Gena Peditto	

PUBLICATIONS

"New Brookings Inst. Study on Concentrated Poverty" can be downloaded from [HERE](#).

"The Leftmost City: Power and Progressive Politics in Santa Cruz," (December 2008, 256 pp.), by Richard Gendron & G. William Domhoff, has been published by Westview Press, 800/343-4499, www.perseusacademic.com

"Nature-Friendly Land Use Practices at Multiple Scales," (2009, 210 pp.), a new book by scientist Rebecca Kihlslinger and environmental lawyer James McElfish, is published by Island Press.

The book is organized around eight detailed case studies of private land developers, local governments, and public agencies that have worked across jurisdictional and ecological boundaries to effectively address habitat conservation. For more info visit [HERE](#).

"Cities Growing Smaller" is a book recently published by Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative and is available free of charge from [HERE](#).

"Organized Communities, Stronger Schools, A Preview of Research Findings," by Kavitha Mediratta, Seema Ramesh Shah & Sara McAlister, a 2008 Annenberg Institute for School Reform report, is available from [HERE](#).

"The Housing Needs of Extremely Low-Income Delaware Households" (2008?) is available from the Delaware Housing Coalition, PO Box 1633, Dover, DE 19903-1633, 302/678-2286, dhc@housingforall.org, www.housingforall.org

EVENTS

March 6, 2009. "Eighth annual Nature, Ecology & Society Colloquium: The Production of Nature and Everyday Lives." Hosted at CUNY. www.nature.cuny.edu

March 11-14, 2009. "Roadmap to a Financially Inclusive Society," the 2009 National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) Conference. Washington, DC. www.ncrc.org

March 24-25, 2009. "ParkCity Conference," a conference on the emerging role of green infrastructure in creating sustainable towns and cities and successful places. London, UK. <http://livegroup.co.uk/parkcity/>

March 27-29, 2009. "The City From Below," conference organized by local activist groups including Red Emma's, the Independent Reader, The Baltimore Development Cooperative, campbaltimore, and the Campaign for a Better Baltimore. Conference to take place at 2640, a grassroots community center and events venue. Baltimore, MD. <http://cityfrombelow.org/main>

April, 18-21, 2009. "2009 Green Cities Conference and Expo," organized by the National League of Cities. Portland, OR. For more info visit [HERE](#).

May 20-21. "Next American Vanguard," the First Annual Conference of Next American City will be held in Washington D.C. <http://americacity.org/vanguard>

Are you a grassroots activist making a difference in your city? Are you a community leader, providing a voice for your neighbors? Are you heading an organization geared toward making change? We want to meet you! Next American City is announcing its first annual conference geared toward bringing together the next generation of urban leaders. From May 20-21, 2009, Next American City will be inviting 30 inspiring individuals from across the country to discuss our role in shaping the future of cities.

If we have piqued your interest, we want to hear you! Tell us about who you are, the work that you do and why we should select you to participate in this conference. To apply for the Next American City Vanguard, please visit [HERE](#).

May 26, 2009. "Innovation & Sustainability in a Changing World: Exploring Social Economy Alternatives," a student conference on the social economy. Carleton University, Ottawa, ON. <http://socialeconomy.info>

June 5-7 2009. "The Politics, Cultures and Economies of 'Doing Good'," the 9th Annual Critical Race Conference. Concordia and McGill universities, Montreal, QC. See "Call for Papers" for more details.

October 22-24, 2009. "The Diverse Suburb: Historic, Politics, and Prospects," hosted at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. For more info visit [HERE](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 9th Annual Critical Race and Anti-Colonial Studies Conference **Compassion, Complicity and Conciliation** **The Politics, Cultures and Economies of 'Doing Good'** **Concordia and McGill Universities, Montreal, June 5-7 2009**

Global political activism, official apologies, charity, advocacy and solidarity campaigns, 'rescue' missions, truth and reconciliation hearings, private philanthropy, 'humanitarian' interventions.... The politics, cultures and economies of doing good seem to have gained a redemptive, sanctioned and empowering status, which has elevated actions and actors above critical scrutiny. This conference is aimed at interrogating the politics and practice(s) of 'doing good'. It asks: What is defined as 'doing good' and how is it tied to constructions of benevolent others? Who is positioned and empowered to 'do good'? How is 'doing good' historically embedded and what are some of its foreseen and unforeseen consequences?

What does an anti-racist and anti-colonial lens reveal about past and present humanitarian actions and interventions, and how might it inform present and future practice(s)? What are the relations between humanitarianism and imperialism? How can these relations be exposed and meaningfully addressed?

We invite panels and papers from scholars, activists, and researchers whose work engages an antiracist, anti-imperialist framework. We welcome papers in French. For a list of topics please visit [HERE](#).

Deadline for abstracts is **March 9th, 2009**. Please send a 250-500 word abstract with title, keywords and institutional affiliation to RACE. Montreal@gmail.com, or to Yasmin Jiwani, Communication Studies, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC, H4B 1R6, or Charmaine Nelson, Dept. of Art History, McGill University, 853 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC, H3A 2T6.

Investigating Lender Practices in the Subprime Mortgage Market **Valparaiso University School of Law, National Consumer Law Center**

The **Valparaiso University School of Law** and the **National Consumer Law Center (NCLC)** invite proposals for papers based on a unique set of data from the National Mortgage Data Repository (NMDR), a joint project between NCLC and the University of Connecticut. Authors whose projects are selected will be invited to present their work at a Spring 2010 symposium at Valparaiso.

Researchers whose proposals are selected will gain access to extensive mortgage loan origination data from approximately 750 loan sets. These data are drawn from loans made by 50 or more lenders in 10-15 states (though the sample will overrepresent California, Massachusetts, and New York) between the years 1994 and 2007. We encourage submissions from academics, advocates, attorneys, and other practitioners.

Proposals of up to 2 pages (single-spaced), along with the author's *curriculum vitae*, should be submitted by email to consumerlaw@nclc.org with the words "NMDR Call for Papers - Submission" in the subject line. All proposals must be received by midnight on

March 31, 2009. Acknowledgement of each submission will be sent (if you do not receive an acknowledgement, please follow up at 617-542-8010). For further information please visit [HERE](#).

ON LINE RESOURCES

Climate Change Economics: www.ClimateChangeEcon.net

Offers a clearinghouse of links to materials and websites relating to the triple-bottom-line economic logic of analysis of climate change and the weaknesses of pure economic modeling for policy planning on climate change and other environmental matters. Site has sites, document characterized and classified by topics and coverage, and welcomes contributions of other materials from "Members" (5 line sign-in). The site was developed as part of a project to develop more progressive state climate change policies, including land use controls, building codes, emissions restrictions, energy efficiency and renewable energy. A "Directory of Consultants" allows academics and others to offer services to community groups, indicating whether they will work for free, or under what terms, conditions.

TRAVEL STUDY

Ecuador Study Abroad: July 21–August 9, 2009

Consider an Adventure in Learning

Environment, Society, and Culture of Ecuador

Eastern Illinois University invites undergraduate and graduate students, honors students, teachers, friends and adult family to experience the land and people of the Andes Mountains, Amazon rainforest and the Galapagos Islands July 21 through Aug. 9, 2009. Geography, earth science, culture and history are part of this four-credit course titled "Environment, Society and Culture of Ecuador." Program fee includes first rate lodging, international and in-country airfares, meals, boat and ground transportation, estimated cost \$6,600 plus tuition. Out of state students welcome and pay in-state tuition in the summer. For details, visit [HERE](#) or call Betty Smith at (217) 581-6340 (office) or (217) 549-4900 (cell) or e-mail besmith@eiu.edu.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Director of Community Planning

Asian Neighborhood Design (AND), San Francisco, CA

Position Summary: Asian Neighborhood Design (AND) seeks a passionate, talented and community-oriented person to become its program **Director for Community Planning and Community Design**. This person will ideally have at least three to five years of experience working in the fields of racial justice, community planning, housing justice, economic justice, and/or environmental justice; with experience in designing and facilitating community processes, workshops, meetings and trainings; policy development, advocacy and/or technical assistance; particularly with low-income and underserved communities in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

Asian Neighborhood Design (AND) is a San Francisco-based non-profit architecture, community planning, employment training, and support services organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged individuals and communities become self-sufficient in the Bay Area since 1973. From its roots in San Francisco Chinatown, AND has grown to serve diverse low-income communities throughout the Bay Area region.

History and Current Work: AND has been providing planning technical assistance to community organizations and advocates in San Francisco neighborhoods including the Chinatown, South of Market, Visitacion Valley, Mission and Tenderloin, among others, for several years. AND's CP unit has also conducted significant policy work related to planning, housing and land use issues, and some special research projects. Please visit our website at www.andnet.org to find out more about our work.

To Apply: Please send cover letter/résumé and salary requirements to: Asian Neighborhood Design, 1021 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, RE: Director of Community Planning; fax 415-575-0424; or e-mail: larellano@andnet.org . For a full job announcement please visit [HERE](#).

GEORGIA

Tenure-Track Position in Landscape Architecture

The University of Georgia - College of Environment and Design

The **College of Environment and Design (CED)** at the **University of Georgia** is seeking applications for a tenure-track position in landscape architecture. The CED promotes excellence in environmental design, while working across disciplines to further teaching excellence and relevant scholarship in landscape architecture and related fields. Research, teaching and service focused on design and planning within a rapidly changing world, critical regionalism, cultural components of the built and natural environment, and promoting environmental, social and economic stability are College wide initiatives.

The ideal candidate will have expertise in civic participatory engagement in landscape architectural design process, interest and background in the social aspects of landscape

architecture and urban design, and the capability to integrate the use of current digital research processes and communication in design studio teaching and research. The demonstrable use of GIS in community design and as information system to understand and analyze community and environmental data is a plus.

Qualifications: A terminal academic degree in landscape architecture, architecture or related discipline is required. Candidates must demonstrate potential for developing a body of fundable research leading to scholarship and/or creative works. Applicants need to have the ability to teach in a studio setting, as well as in lecture and seminar classes. Also, interest and experience in service-learning and community outreach is ideal.

For any questions about the position or the application procedures, contact: Judith Wasserman, Associate Professor, Chair, Search Committee, 706.542.4325, judithw@uqa.edu. For a complete job announcement please visit [HERE](#).

For full consideration, applications must be received by **March 13, 2009**. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. E/O/E.

ONTARIO

Tenure-track Position in Urban Planning University of Waterloo - School of Planning

The **School of Planning at the University of Waterloo**, invites applications for a tenure-track position in **Urban Planning** that will provide an economic perspective to complement the School's strengths in infrastructure and sustainable community planning. The candidate will have expertise in areas such as: urban economics, public finance, infrastructure development and financing, land development, real estate, and regional competitiveness. Professional planning or related experience is an asset. The successful candidate will teach and advise in both undergraduate and graduate programs including the supervision of doctoral research, and carry out an active research program.

The nature of the appointment and salary will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. Applicants should qualify for membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners. Normally, applicants are expected to be doctoral graduates with degrees earned before September 2009. Candidates should have proven records of research or be able to demonstrate the potential for high quality research to advance towards tenure in the School. A senior level appointment requires an established record of innovative research and publications ability to attract and work with high calibre graduate students and a willingness to play a major role in the intellectual and administrative life of the School.

Applications must be received by **April 30, 2009**. Please send application package to: Dr. Clarence Woudsma, Director, School of Planning, Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G1, cwoudsma@uwaterloo.ca. For more information please visit [HERE](#).

Tenure-track Position in Applied Ecology and Sustainable Community Planning; University of Waterloo - School of Planning

The **School of Planning** at the **University of Waterloo**, invites applications for a tenure-track position for a specialist with a focus on the interface between **Applied Ecology and Sustainable Community Planning**. The ideal candidate will apply knowledge of relevant biophysical/ecological processes in any of the following: planning of green cities, urbanizing regions, healthy communities or related specializations. The position requires an excellent knowledge of both urban and natural ecologies and should possess a strong theoretical and practical understanding of environmental planning.

The successful candidate will teach and advise in both undergraduate and graduate programs including the supervision of doctoral research, and carry out an active research program in environmental planning. The nature of the appointment and salary will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience. Applicants should qualify for membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners. Normally, applicants must be doctoral graduates with degrees earned before September 2009. Candidates should have proven records of research or be able to demonstrate the potential for high quality research to advance towards tenure in the School. A senior level appointment requires an established record of innovative research and publications ability to attract and work with high caliber graduate students and a willingness to play a major role in the intellectual and administrative life of the School.

The appointment is expected to begin July 1, 2009 or as soon thereafter as possible. Applications must be received by **April 30, 2009**. Please send application package to: Dr. Clarence Woudsma, Director, School of Planning, Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G1, cwoudsma@uwaterloo.ca. For more information please visit [HERE](#).

OREGON

Associate Planner

City of Damascus

The **City of Damascus** is seeking a professional, innovative **Associate Planner** to participate in the development of a new community. The ideal candidate will be able to work creatively in the areas of land use, current and long range, comprehensive, development, and transportation planning. Work will include special planning studies, policy development, project management, and establishment of general planning processes. Duties include: project management, research/analysis, interacting with the public and relevant agencies to provide assistance and information, report preparation, basic GIS knowledge, and making recommendations.

Requirements include: minimum three years of progressively responsible experience in the field of municipal, current, or comprehensive planning; and a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning or a related field. The successful candidate will demonstrate outstanding planning and project management skills and a comprehensive understanding of Oregon Land Use Law.

To Apply: Submit an employment application, which is available to download from the City's website at www.ci.damascus.or.us, a resume and a letter of interest. The letter of interest shall not be more than two pages in length outlining professional work/educational experience, qualifications as they relate to the job description, and the reason why you are the most qualified candidate for the position. For questions, contact

WASHINGTON D.C.

Trails and Greenways Program Internship

Spring and summer 2009 - Washington, DC

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is the nation's leading advocate for trails and the only national organization devoted to converting unused railroad lines to multi-use trails. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is dedicated to connecting people and communities by creating a nationwide network of public trails. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., with regional offices in California, Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Massachusetts, RTC is a nonprofit public charity carrying out a program of technical assistance and public education. www.railstotrails.org

RTC is looking for interns interested in working on environmental and public policy issues. Interns will provide assistance to the program, development, communications and the administrative department. Job assignments will consist of professional and administrative support. Interns will participate as full-time staff members including attending staff meetings, retreats and social gatherings. Hours are flexible to accommodate class schedule(s) or other commitments. Generally hours are four days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Qualifications: Qualified interns will be students in undergraduate or graduate programs seeking on-the-job experience, or professionals looking to hone their skill set. In all internships, excellent writing and communication skills are necessary. RTC operates off a Microsoft Office platform, and experience in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Outlook is expected. Applicants should be task-oriented, highly organized and possess a strong interest in environmental issues or related studies including trail development.

To Apply: (Please use one form of transmitting your resume. No phone calls please) Send cover letter and resume to: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Duke Ellington Building, Attn: Elton Clark, 2121 Ward Court, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20037, E-mail: elton@railstotrails.org. For more information please visit [HERE](#).

