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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 NEWS

Toward A Just Metropolis

June 16-20, 2010 Conference • San Francisco Bay Area

Sponsored by PN, ADPSR, ACD, CFTLC

www.justmetropolis.org

Only a few months until our 2010 conference in the Bay Area!
Registration is ongoing!

As cities and towns around the world grapple with the impacts of multiple and concurrent crises, progressive planners, urbanists, activists, and citizens face the challenge of transforming crises into opportunities to advance profound changes in the way we plan, build, design, live in, and govern our cities.

PN MEMBER UPDATES

PNers Elizabeth L. Sweet and **Sara Ortiz Escalante** have an article out in *Urban Studies* entitled "Planning Responds to Gender Violence: Evidence from Spain, Mexico and the United States" Online first, March 19, 2010. For more info visit [here](#).

Abstract

Urban planning has been largely ineffective in addressing urban violence and particularly slow in responding to gender violence. This paper explores the public and private divide, structural inequalities, and issues of ethnicity and citizenship, in terms of their planning implications for gender violence. Drawing on evidence from Spain, Mexico and the United States, it examines how economic and social planning and gender violence intertwine. The three case studies demonstrate that the challenge is not only to break constructed structural inequalities and divisions between public and private spheres, but also to promote changes in the working models of institutions and organisations.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Susan Aitcheson	Jill Lance	Heather Roberts
Alba Alexander	Peter Meyer	Laxmi Ramasubramanian
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PUBLICATIONS

"Blueprint for Disaster: The Unravling of Chicago Public Housing" (2009, 380 pp., \$35), by D. Bradford Hunt has been published by University of Chicago Press. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Fair Credit and Fair Housing in the Wake of the Subprime Lending and Foreclosure Crisis" (February 2010) is a report from the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity is available from [here](#).

"Finding Place in Making Connections Communities: Applying GIS to Residents' Perceptions of Their Neighborhoods" (January 2010, 44 pp.), a report by C. J. Coulton, Tsui Chan, K. Mikelbank, is published by the Urban Land Institute. The full report is available from [here](#).

Infrastructure 2010: Time to “Level With the American People” (April 2010, 107 pp.) by J. D. Miller, is a new publication by the Urban Land Institute and Ernst & Young that compares urban markets in U.S. and overseas and urges changes in land development patterns. The full report is available from [here](#).

“Living on the Edge in Suburbia: From Welfare to Workfare” (2010, 214 pp., \$27.95) by Terese Lawinski, published by Vanderbilt University Press, an ethnography of how welfare reform and the low-wage labor market converge to intensify the insecurity of poor families in Westchester County, NY, continuous to NYC. For more information, visit [here](#).

“Managing Neighborhood Change: A Framework for Sustainable and Equitable Revitalization” (2008, 25 pp.) by Alan Mallach & Alan Mallach, is available from the National Housing Institute, 973/509-1600, nhi@nhi.org, [Website](#).

“What Makes a Great City Great: An American Perspective” (2010, 7 pp.) by H.V. Savitch, is published in the journal of *Cities* 27: 42-49, and is downloadable from [here](#).

EVENTS

April 22, 2010. “Green Giants: Retrofits for the 21st Century”. The Empire State Building and Sears/Willis Tower. Program held at The Museum of Jewish Heritage 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280. FREE, but RSVP required, RSVP to programs@skyscraper.org. For more info visit [here](#).

April 26-28, 2010. “12th Annual Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing” Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan. For more info visit the conference website [here](#).

April 28-30, 2010. “Leadership & Social Innovation Summit,” sponsored by the Center for Leadership Innovation (formerly the Development Training Institute), will take place in Chicago. More info can be obtained from the Ctr., 3300 No. Ridge Rd., #100, Ellicott City, MD 21043, or by visiting [here](#).

April 29, 2010. “The 11th Annual New York State Affordable Housing Conference,” will be held in NYC. More information can be obtained from 718/432-2100, info@nysafah.org, www.nysafah.org.

May 5-8, 2010. “Transforming Communities through Collective Action.” Community Built Association’s 20th Anniversary Conference, New Orleans, LA. More info is available [here](#).

June 15, 2010. URBANEXUS Chicago. More info is available [here](#).

July 25-28, 2010. “The 2010 Annual Global IACD Conference” with the theme of “The Role of Community in Economic and Disaster Recovery” will take place in New Orleans, LA. To view the full conference programme and registration details, please visit the [registration website](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Public Libraries and Resilient Cities: Creating Sustainable and Equitable Places

Edited by Michael Dudley

Public libraries are at the forefront of a number of significant and pressing urban and environmental sustainability issues, and are evolving a leadership role in addressing these through sustainable urban design practices, contributions to economic regeneration and a commitment to social equity. From the economic renewal potential of library development projects, to the provision of public space in a privatizing world, to services for the homeless and crisis management during urban disasters, public libraries are a keystone public institution for any sustainable community. While there is a long tradition in the library literature arguing for the public library's role in addressing urban social problems, the gravity of our contemporary social, environmental and economic crises constitutes a renewed and urgent imperative for such an engagement.

The book *Public Libraries and Resilient Cities* will explore the vital role that public libraries can play in the promotion of ecologically, economically and socially sustainable communities in challenging times. It will introduce librarians and library administrators to key urban planning concepts as well as current thinking on sustainability issues, and share success stories in urban resilience from library practitioners.

Ultimately, the book will outline how public libraries can contribute to "placemaking," or the creation and nurturing of vital and unique communities that can provide intergenerational equity for their residents. For more details visit [here](#).

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Livable Streets

[\(Website\)](#)

The Livable Streets Initiative is an online community for people working to create sustainable cities through sensible urban planning, design, and transportation policy. We provide free, open source, web-based, resources to citizens working to create a greener economy, address climate change, reduce oil dependence, alleviate traffic congestion, and provide better access to good jobs in healthy communities. This website includes blogs, films, wiki, and resources for educators.

Community Cinema

[\(Website\)](#)

A free monthly screening series, Community Cinema features films from the Emmy Award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*. In over 50 cities nationwide, screenings are

followed by lively panel discussions that bring together citizens, organizations and public television stations to encourage dialogue and action around important and timely social issues. Last season, over 40,000 people attended 500 events nationwide.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Government Relations Program Manager

Build It Green

Berkeley, CA

About Build It Green: Build It Green is a professional non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote healthy, energy- and resource-efficient buildings in California and beyond.

About the Position: The Government Relations Program Manager oversees a department responsible for developing and managing relationships with local and state governments in support of their efforts to pass green building ordinances and initiatives.

Key to this department is involvement in policy discussions and developments in green building ordinances that are occurring in California and eventually in the western region and national arena. Some of the work required of this position is: developing model policies and programs that support local government green building policy adoption; researching and publishing white papers and articles related to green building policies; and coordinating quarterly meetings of the Public Agency Councils and Green Affordable Housing Coalition to encourage adoption of Build It Green's programs.

The successful candidate will have a proven track record of working in the policy arena on a local and/or state level, with an aspiration to working on a national level. S/he will be an articulate spokesperson for Build It Green and for the benefits of participation in the green building movement. Comfort, enthusiasm and experience in working with policy-makers, legislators, and key staff in government and regulatory agencies are essential.

For more information about the position, qualifications and application instructions, visit the full job announcement on our [website](#).

Executive Director

Community Housing Partnership

San Francisco, CA

Community Housing Partnership in San Francisco seeks a dynamic, principled and highly skilled executive to provide leadership, vision, and top quality management. Community Housing Partnership is a very successful and nationally recognized nonprofit organization that helps adults, families and communities move beyond homelessness. The Executive Director will be skilled in partnering with a motivated, community-based Board of Directors that provides support, leadership, and guidance. The director will also be well-equipped to work hand-in-hand with a seasoned management team, dedicated staff,

activist tenants, and community partners.

Please see the full position announcement by clicking [here](#). To apply, send resume, cover letter, and salary history to CHP.EDsearch@compasspoint.org.

Assistant Planner City of Montclair Montclair, California

Under general supervision, performs technical and professional land use and urban planning work, including current and advance planning and implementation of the City's General Plan, zoning code, and the administration of land use and design regulations and policies.

Essential Job Duties (include but are not limited to the following): Works closely with the public and provides assistance and information regarding the General Plan, Specific Plans, and zoning ordinance at the public counter, over the phone, or electronically; interprets and analyzes issues related to land use, architectural design, housing, transportation, and neighborhood preservation in order to process land use and design review applications; calculates and collects fees; conducts environmental reviews; prepares public notices; compiles, analyzes, and incorporates data for updating the Montclair General Plan and revising the zoning ordinance; makes field inspections of development projects; prepares detailed staff reports to the Planning Commission and City Council; maintains records of planning activities, zoning maps, log books, monthly reports, quarterly summaries, and various housing reports required by state agencies; researches property ownership through County Assessor's rolls and maps; and reviews building plans and subdivision proposals for compliance with codes.

To apply: City application forms are available at the reception desk, City Hall, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, California, 91763, or at www.cityofmontclair.org. Completed and signed applications must be returned to the City Hall by the filing deadline of 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010. No postmarks will be accepted.

E/O/E

Planning Associate City of Lynwood Lynwood, CA

This position will perform professional planning work on projects of above average difficulty; assist in the preparation of long range plans, policies, reports and agenda items and do related work as required.

Requires: Two years of professional planning experience. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in urban planning, architecture or a closely related field highly desirable.

For more information contact Yolanda Delgadillo, Phone: 310-603-0220, x 219, Email: ydelgadillo@lynwood.ca.us, 11330 Bullis Road Lynwood, CA 90262, www.lynwood.ca.us.

NEW YORK

Internship Opportunity

NYCEDC Maritime Division

New York, New York

Job Summary: The intern will be responsible for supporting the department's efforts to enhance freight rail infrastructure and operations within New York City through policy initiatives, capital projects and asset management strategies. Specifically, the department seeks to increase railroad competition in the region, support both existing and new freight rail customers in New York City, bring existing freight rail infrastructure to a state of good repair and promote safe and environmentally-responsible rail operations in the region.

Summary of essential job functions: Work with project managers to craft new policies and protocols as they relate to the regional freight rail industry, specifically, and larger City-wide freight strategies; Identify opportunities to develop new public finance mechanisms for infrastructure and equipment programs designed to support freight rail operations in New York City; Provide general support for the management of active freight rail properties owned and controlled by the City, including contract administration, regular site visits and asset cataloging, etc.

Minimum requirements: Graduate student seeking a degree in Transportation, Urban Planning, Public Policy or Economics; Demonstrated interest in urban transportation planning, land use planning, economic development and/or sustainability issues; Project management experience; ability to organize a problem and manage projects against tight timelines; Ability to work independently during site visits to local transportation facilities (e.g. rail yards, industrial spurs, ports, etc.); Working knowledge of the North American freight rail industry desired; Basic familiarity with spatial modeling and mapping through ArcGIS a plus.

Time Commitment: Minimum of 20 hours week. For more info and to apply online visit [here](#) and search for 'Intern, Freight Rail Planning'.

Planner

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

New York, NY

The New York City Economic Development Corporation is seeking a Planner to manage the planning and environmental aspects of real estate development projects, and to provide technical assistance in these areas to staff of other divisions of the corporation.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: The planner will define projects, manage consultants and act as liaison to public agencies and community groups; Projects involve a range of local, state and federal actions, including land use and environmental reviews and other permit requirements; Work as a team member with staff of other divisions of the corporation in the preparation of RFPs, and the development and implementation of site specific and area wide planning initiatives.

Qualifications: Master's degree in Planning, Urban Design, Architecture or a related field and a year or more of experience is required; Familiarity with New York City Zoning, environmental regulations and environmental review procedures is required; Familiarity with Autocad/GIS is desirable; Strong interpersonal, written, verbal and analytical skills required; New York City residence is required within 180 days.

About the Planning Department: The Planning Group provides in-house consultation on zoning, environmental review, contaminated site clean up, landmark issues, and urban renewal. The division also prepares or reviews ULURP documents related to EDC-sponsored or supported real estate transactions, reviews CEQR documents related to real estate transactions and handles CEQR reviews of the NYC Industrial Development Agency.

To Apply: You can apply online by visiting [here](#).

PHILADELPHIA

Two Visiting Assistant Professor Positions

Temple University, Department of Geography and Urban Studies

Philadelphia, PA

Application deadline: May 3, 2010

Temple University's Department of Geography and Urban Studies (GUS) invites applications for two full-time non-tenure track Assistant Professors (Teaching/Instructional) for the academic year 2010-11. The initial appointment will be for one year. One or both of the positions may be renewable based on funding and performance. A PhD in Geography, City and Regional Planning, Natural Resources, Urban Studies, or a related field should be completed by the start of employment.

The successful candidate will have an active role in GUS (www.temple.edu/gus), which offers two interdisciplinary undergraduate majors (Geography and Urban Studies and Environmental Studies), an MA in Geography and Urban Studies, and a Ph.D. in Urban Studies. We have about 225 undergraduate students and 30 graduate students. For both positions we are looking for individuals who are comfortable with interdisciplinary approaches and can teach large and small classes in the undergraduate curriculum.

Position one: The successful candidate will be a specialist in international development and urban geography (able to teach courses like "Global Cities," "Urban Geography" and "Comparative International Development").

Position two: The successful candidate will be able to teach a range of courses with a GIS focus ("Introduction to GIS" and/or "Digital Mapping") and courses in Environmental Studies.

Please send a letter that addresses teaching and research interests, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to Ben Kohl, Department of Geography and Urban Studies, 309 Gladfelter Hall, Temple University (025-27), Philadelphia, PA 19122. In your application indicate which position you are applying for. Review of applications will begin May 3 and continue until the position is filled. Electronic applications are required and should be sent to bkohl@temple.edu. AA/EOE.

TEXAS

Planning Director

City of Bastrop

Bastrop, TX

The City of Bastrop is accepting applications for the position of Planning Director. This position will provide leadership in establishing policy for municipal planning, zoning, and development activities for the City. Successful candidate will possess the ability to supervise and coordinate the activities and work of the Planning and Building Departments. Maintains and promotes contact with all City Departments, community organizations and civic groups, business leaders, engineers, architects, City Council, commissions/boards, various Regional, State and Federal agencies, and the general public.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Urban Planning, Business Administration, Engineering, or a related field, plus at least seven (7) or more years of experience, preferably in an upper level management job for a City, at least three (3) years of which involved supervision. Salary: DOQ + Full Benefits.

Contact Tanya Cantrell, Human Resources Director, P. O. Box 427, Bastrop, Texas 78602, tcantrell@cityofbastrop.org or call (512) 303-0082 for more information. An application for employment will be forwarded on request/upon receipt of a resume, on-line application at www.cityofbastrop.org. Position will remain open until filled.

Any applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to an alcohol/drug/criminal background screening. EOE.

Comprehensive Planning Manager

Travis County

Austin, TX

Travis County is seeking a Comprehensive Planning Manager to direct the development and administer the Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the County. Makes long-term plans and policies, and recommendations related to capital improvement programs, County ordinances, and development regulations in the unincorporated areas of the County including the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of municipalities. Directs the development of comprehensive plan elements including transportation, land use, parks and open spaces, storm water management and water quality, and natural resources.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Engineering, Public Policy/Administration, Business Administration or a directly related field AND seven (7) years increasingly responsible experience with transportation planning, strategic planning, policy analysis, and program development, including two (2) years senior level supervisory or management experience; OR, Any combination of education and experience that has been achieved and is equivalent to the stated education and experience and required knowledge, skills, and abilities sufficient to successfully perform the duties and responsibilities of this job.

*AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) certified in urban and regional planning or obtainable within one (1) year from hire date.

Prefer Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Engineering, Public Policy/Administration, Business Administration and six years of relevant experience, including two years senior level management experience.

To Apply: Download the Travis County Employment Application from [here](#) and submit with resume to resumes.hr@co.travis.tx.us or direct mail to: Travis County-HRMD, 1010 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX 78701. (512) 854-9165. JOB#: 6638-2-25592-49-0327

VIRGINIA
Director of Sustainability
AECOM
Alexandria, VA

The selected candidate will join AECOM's Washington, DC practice to build and lead the region's Design + Planning sustainability business line. The primary focus will be to promote environmental and socioeconomic sustainability and climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in urban design, city planning, environmental performance, and policy projects. Main project areas of focus in the first instance will include city and county level climate action /sustainability plans, federal facilities climate and sustainability plans, sustainability strategies for master plans, campus sustainability plans and federal work addressing recent federal energy related executive orders. The candidate will be expected to develop the practice according to market demands and AECOM capabilities.

The successful candidate will have consulting experience and a strong background building relationships with the development community, design teams, local governments, and other organizations in advocating for policies and practices that have led to success in meeting client sustainability objectives. Able to lead teams that combine innovative planning and sustainable design concepts with state-of-the-art tools for the quantitative analysis of the performance of built environments, including an understanding of the cost and benefits of more sustainable solutions. This position requires proven management capabilities, business development experience, and strong technical aptitude.

Among the job requirements are: Master's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in urban planning, sustainable design, or a field related to sustainability planning. Candidate must be LEED accredited with LEED project experience; A minimum of 10-15 years of experience in a field related to sustainable construction, planning and design.

For the full list of job requirements and to apply please visit [here](#) or email: jason.webber@aecom.com.