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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

Dear PN'ers,

On behalf of the PN Steering Committee, I'd like to share some exciting news and invite your participation. Planners Network has recently joined the Right to the City Alliance (RTTC), as a resource ally member. RTTC is a national alliance in the US that emerged in 2007 as a unified response to gentrification and a call to halt the displacement of low-income people, LGBTQ, and youths of color from their historic urban neighborhoods. It seeks to create regional and national impacts in the fields of housing, human rights, urban land, community development, civic engagement, criminal justice, environmental justice, and more.

Core RTTC members are organizations that are building a base of grassroots leaders in low-income, working class communities of color, to strategically challenge neoliberal economic policies. RTTC also includes several resource allies - such as Planners Network. A list of members and cities with RTTC chapters is available [here](#).

How does this affect you? RTTC and its members are building a broad movement around many of the issues dear to progressive planners, but they could use support with the following:

- research capacity, especially participatory action research
- rapid response style fact sheets and information materials
- publicity (through websites, newsletters, magazines, speakers series, etc.)
- member training, on urban issues in particular
- feedback and technical assistance on local projects and campaigns (at this moment, especially in regards to the economic recovery spending)

If you live in a city where RTTC is active and are interested in getting involved, please contact me and Carl Lipscombe (clipscombe@righttothecity.org). If you live in a US city where it's not yet active, but you know of groups that might be interested in joining, please talk with them about RTTC. Some of you may already be involved with RTTC - if that is the case, please let me know. RTTC and its members might also be supportive allies for work that you are already engaged in.

If you have any questions or ideas about RTTC or PN's involvement in it, feel free to contact me (joshalerner@gmail.com).

Best,

Josh Lerner
On behalf of the Planners Network Steering Committee

PN Steering Committee Member for 2009-2011

Dear PNers,

The current Steering Committee (SC) has decided not to hold elections because we have exactly 14 candidates for the 14 available seats on the SC.

We would like to thank our outgoing member, Carlos Balsas, and the outgoing YPN representatives, Meredith Phillips and Cornell Charney. We would like to welcome all of our new and continuing members: Tom Angotti, Nancy Campbell, Lee Deuben, Ann Forsyth, Stacy Anne Harwood, Marie Kennedy, Josh Lerner, Marilena Liguori, Richard Milgrom, Marla Nelson, Libby Porter, Norma Rantisi, Alex Schafran and Amy Siciliano. In addition to our 14 voting members, DRU Williams-Clark will serve as the Young Planners Network representative to the SC and Chester Hartman (founder of PN) will serve an ex-officio member in his capacity as head of the PN Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Marie Kennedy and Norma Rantisi
PN SC Co-chairs

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Santiago Abasolo
Sanne Berrig
Jason Berry
Marcia Binkowitz
Morgan Boyco
Jason Coffey
Clare Fox
Rachel Gary

Michael Howard
Ruth Kroeger
Marilena Liguori
Matthew Neville
Sara O'Neill-Kohl
Maria Patino
Julie Schor
Theresa Solury

Clara Stewart-Robertson
Hieu Truong
St. Clair D. Williams

PUBLICATIONS

"Listen to What They Say: Planning and Community Development in Puerto Rico," by PN member Lucilla Fuller Marvel, is recently published by The University of Puerto Rico Press. The book is a fundamental text for understanding the development of social planning and serves as a beacon of bottom up planning to come.

"Urban Locations of Eminent Black Entrepreneurs in the United States" (2009, 19 pp.) is an article by Robert Boyd, published in *Urban Studies*, 46(10): 2061-2078. It is downloadable at [here](#).

"Peaceful, Positive Revolution: Economic Security for Every American," by Steven Shafarman (2008, 254 pp., \$16.95), has been published by Tendril Press, 303/696-9227, [Website](#).

"Social Determinants of Health" is the final report of the World Health Organization Commission on the Social Determinants of Health is downloadable at [here](#).

"Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in the City of Naperville, Illinois," by Daniel Lauber (Nov. 2007, 82 pp.) is downloadable at [here](#).

"The Measure of America: American Human Development Report 2008-2009" (July 2008) addressed long-term Katrina recovery and includes a Gulf Coast Recovery Plan. A joint publication of the Social Science Research Council and Columbia Univ. Press, it can be ordered at [here](#).

"The Labor Day List; Partnerships that Work" (2008 edition, 16 pp.), "celebrating successful labor relations strategies in the new economy," is available from the American Rights at Work Education Fund, 1100 17th St. NW, #950, Wash., DC 20036, 202/822-2127, srbprogram@americanrightsatwork.org, [Website](#).

EVENTS

September 24 - 26, 2009. The Heritage Imperative: Old Buildings in an Age of Environmental Crisis. Toronto, ON. [Website](#).

October 29, 2009. Planning for Winter Communities. Terrace, BC. Presented by BC Recreation and Parks Association in partnership with the Winter Cities Institute. [Website](#).

January 7, 2010. Sustainable City Finance. 7 World Trade Center, NYC
Organized by the Urban Age Institute and hosted by the NY Academy of Sciences. [Website](#).

February 10-12, 2010. Planning, Law, and Property Rights Fourth International Conference. School of Spatial Planning, Technische Universitat, Dortmund, Germany. [Website](#).

December 2-5, 2009. The Strength of Community in a Sea of Change: The CLT Story. Taking place in Boston is the 2008 National Community Land Trust Network Annual Meeting and National CLT Academy. 888/845-8759, ncltn@resource-plus.com, [Website](#).

SCHOLARSHIP

SFU Master of Urban Studies Entrance Scholarships for January 2010 (October 2, 2009 deadline)

The Urban Studies Program at Simon Fraser University will be awarding two 'Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships' to qualified Master of Urban Studies degree candidates. These entrance scholarships are valued at \$9,000 and will be tenable in January 2010. We seek qualified applicants with a 3.7 or higher undergraduate g.p.a. and a passion for understanding urban processes, functions and futures through applied research. This award is open to both Canadian and international applicants.

Located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, SFU Urban Studies delivers evening graduate seminars by urban researchers and practitioners who offer insight into urban society, culture, economic development, policy and sustainability . We offer a rich educational experience, engaged with local and international issues both within and beyond the classroom and via our Visiting Fellows in Sustainable Urban Development who have included James Howard Kunstler (author of 'The Geography of Nowhere' and 'The Long Emergency'), Hank Dittmar (Chief Executive of the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment), and Professor Andy Thornley (Professor of Planning, London School of Economics). Our graduates work for local, provincial and federal governments, private

sector consultancies and developers and non-government organizations focusing on urban issues.

Join us in experiencing the urban impacts of the 2010 Winter Olympics, as you learn about how Vancouver and other cities can better attain their urban aspirations. More information about our Master's program and application procedures can be found [here](#). Please direct queries to urban@sfu.ca.

FELLOWSHIP

German Chancellor Fellowship for Young Professionals

The German Chancellor Fellowship provides for a stay of one year in Germany for professional development, study, or research. Applicants design individual projects and decide at which institutions or organizations to pursue them. Prior knowledge of German is not a prerequisite.

Successful candidates have come from such fields as government, social and policy sciences, law, journalism, communications, management, finance, economics, architecture, public service, the humanities, the arts, and environmental affairs. Candidates from the life sciences and engineering will be considered if their topics have a compelling social or humanistic dimension.

The program begins September 1 and lasts twelve months. It is preceded by language classes in Germany. Monthly stipends range from 2,000 to 3,000 EUR, and allowances are available for accompanying family members, travel expenses, and introductory German language instruction in the United States. A bachelor's degree is required. Candidates must have received their degree after September 1, 1998. Application deadline for 2010-2011 awards: October 31, 2009.

Applications and information for U.S. citizens can be found [here](#).

For information on alumni of the German Chancellor Fellowship Program, go to [here](#).

Please contact Deirdre Kelly at info@americanfriends-of-avh.org or 202-783-1907 with additional questions.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Symposium on Challenges to Affordable and Sustainable Housing

October 16, 2009 University of British Columbia

The deadline for paper abstract submissions is: September 9, 2009.

This symposium will address some of the challenging questions facing the provision of affordable and sustainable housing in BC:

- Why does affordable housing remain such a significant challenge for our society, both in urban and rural areas?
- Which groups in our society face the biggest affordable housing challenges?
- What are the best practices in creating affordable housing?
- How can the provision of affordable housing be addressed within a framework and standards of sustainable development?
- How can market housing address climate change imperatives?
- What are the emerging housing needs and new challenges?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for social and public housing projects that have been built?
- What should be the respective roles of local, provincial and federal governments in the provision of affordable and sustainable housing?

UBC School of Community and Regional Planning invites Graduate students, scholars and housing policy practitioners to submit their papers for panel presentations and for roundtable discussions. Participation is open to any discipline which has relevance, theoretical or empirical, to the topic.

Presentations and discussions will be organized around three main themes:

- 1) The Provision of Housing
- 2) Housing Policies and Sustainability
- 3) Emerging Housing Needs: Housing and Health.

Abstract (maximum 300 words) must include: Title of Paper; Author(s) Name and E-mail Address; Abstract of Paper; 3 to 5 Key References

(Presenters are free of symposium registration fees).

Please send your paper abstract to: Elena Feditchkina, Symposium Coordinator: lenish@interchange.ubc.ca; Symposium [Website](#).

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Associate Planner
City of West Hollywood

West Hollywood, CA

Reviews complex current development projects, historic preservation and advanced planning projects and manages and prepares CEQA documents. Coordinates project review, holds neighborhood meetings and makes public presentations. Must thrive in a team environment. Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in Planning or a related field and two to three years of progressively responsible experience; or, any combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the essential functions of the job.

Resumes only not accepted! Complete an on-line application by clicking [here](#). or call the job hotline at (323) 848-6309. Closing Date: October 8, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Salary Range: \$6,313 - \$8,067/ month.

Land Use Planner (Assistant/Associate/Senior Planner)

City of Ventura

Ventura, CA

Beautiful seaside community has two rewarding opportunities for a planning professional to perform professional level work on the City's Land Use Planning team. Land Use Planning incumbents will play a key role in researching, analyzing and interpreting social, economic, demographic and land use trends in the preparation of long range planning zoning and other research studies. Requires B.S. in related area and 1 to 4 years of increasingly responsible professional planning experience. In addition, Senior Planner requires supervisory or lead experience. AICP certification is desirable. (\$ 51,847-\$84,650 per year + excellent benefits).

To learn more about our Community Development Department and Ventura's Smart Growth Principles, visit [here](#).

To learn more about these rewarding opportunities and to apply on-line by 9/27/2009, visit [here](#). E/O/E.

FLORIDA

Transportation Planner/Manager

Downtown Fort Lauderdale TMA

Fort Lauderdale, FL

This position is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency to include outreach, marketing, route planning, charter services, budget, contract and agreement compliance, as well as administrative functions. The successful candidate will have a strong will to succeed in a challenging environment. This position demands initiative and problem solving. Go to www.suntrolley.com for more information. DO NOT CALL THE TMA OFFICE. Email resumes to elizabeth@ddaftl.org. If you're one of the highest ranking candidates, you will be notified by October 1st.

Job duties/responsibilities include: Meet with area stakeholders and build and maintain relationships; Establish route based stakeholder groups and focus on marketing, outreach,

funding, and route planning; Work closely with the advisory board and the Director; Oversee/supervise intern(s); Find solutions to improve ridership; Find revenue sources to sustain the organization; Manage charter service efforts for the organization; Ensure contract/agreement compliance; Make presentations to the TMA boards and community and business groups; Maintain updated information on the agency's website.

Typical Administrative duties: Prepare memos, letters, agendas public notices and other agency correspondence; Fax, copy, and scan documents; Prepare, package and deliver executive and advisory board packages; Set up meetings; Record meeting minutes and generate associated follow ups; Answer phones.

Qualifications: Degree in urban planning, transportation, or public administration preferred, but not required; Experience in project management, preferably in a transportation setting; Experience in public and private sector; Fundraising or sales background; Budget planning; Experience with grant writing and federal and state grant agreements; Experience with excel and PowerPoint.

Compensation: Starting annual salary is \$45,000 + commission; Health and Dental Care; Paid vacation, sick and holiday time. Full-Time Position (up to 3 years or longer based on generating new revenues).

MASSACHUSETTS

Executive Director City Life-Vida Urbana Boston

City Life/Vida Urbana (CL/VU) seeks a dynamic leader to become the next Executive Director for this nationally recognized grassroots organization. CL/VU was founded in 1973 and is committed to fighting for racial, social, and economic justice by building working class power through direct action, coalition building, education and advocacy. The organization has been on the forefront of fighting unfair foreclosures through eviction blockades and has received national recognition for this innovative and effective strategy. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors and has overall responsibility for the success of City Life/Vida Urbana's programs, fundraising and administration.

Primary Responsibilities: Governance, Planning and Program Development - Ensure that strategic plans and programs align with organizational mission and vision; develop program goals, workplans and evaluations in coordination with staff team; identify new program initiatives that reflect the needs of the membership; develop and work closely with Board of Directors; and serve as chief spokesperson of the organization.

Fiscal Management and Development - Develop and manage annual and program budgets; ensure accuracy of financial reports and documents; develop and implement a comprehensive fundraising strategy; build and cultivate relationships with foundations and individual donors; and supervise bookkeeper and grant writer.

Administration and Supervision - Oversee the coordination and integration of programs to ensure effective communication, meaningful collaboration and successful outcomes; supervise program leaders and administrative staff; build and support a diverse and skilled staff team; and conduct staff evaluations and ensure compliance with personnel policies.

Job Requirements: Minimum 3 years experience in leadership development and base building; Minimum 3 years experience in staff supervision and program management; Minimum 3 years experience in fiscal administration and fundraising; Agreement with City Life/Vida Urbana's mission; Excellent communication skills--verbal and written; Excellent organizational skills-- good attention to detail and well organized; Strong conflict resolution and consensus building skills; Self-motivated--proven ability to work independently; Proven Ability to work under definite timelines and deadlines; Ability to work well with diverse groups and populations; Dedication and ability to work flexible hours; Basic knowledge of computer operations and programs;

People of Color and GLBQT strongly urged to apply. Applications will only be accepted electronically. Please email resume and cover letter to directorsearch@clvu.org. Please include a daytime phone number where we can contact you.

NEW YORK

Assistant Professor Faculty Position in Sustainable Development University at Buffalo, State University of New York Department of Urban and Regional Planning

The faculty of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning invites applicants for the tenure track assistant professor position in the field of sustainable development. Our faculty is part of the School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo, State University of New York. The appointment will begin in August 2010.

Review of application begins November 2, 2009 and will remain open until the position is filled. The department is searching for applicants whose research and teaching interests focus on sustainable development, in any combination of the following emphasis areas: Urban design, land use, and urban form; Climate change; Natural environment systems, ecosystem restoration; Energy economy, including comprehensive energy planning, power plant development, and alternative energy; Public health and wellness; Sustainable transportation; Environmental issues in central-city regeneration.

Though the selected candidate may be given responsibilities in both graduate and undergraduate instruction, we are especially interested in candidates interested in undergraduate instruction and in contributing to our BA degree program in environmental design. Interest in studio or workshop instruction is an asset.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in urban planning or a related field. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The duties of a faculty member involve a combination of research, teaching (two classes per semester at the graduate or undergraduate level in the general curriculum as well as in an area of specialization), service to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and the University. The hired faculty member will be subject to expectations for outstanding and active scholarly productivity, teaching excellence, and public and university service.

Application: Inquiries and/or nominations should be made as soon as possible. Applications should include curriculum vitae, names and contact information for three academic references, and a cover letter discussing the candidate's research and teaching. Applications should be submitted on-line by clicking [here](#). Applications are not accepted by mail. Questions can be directed to Dr. Daniel B. Hess, Search Committee Chair [dbhess@buffalo.edu]. E/O/E

For additional information about the University at Buffalo and the community, see www.buffalo.edu and www.buffaloniagara.org.

OREGON

Assistant Professor in Sustainable Community Development Planning, Public Policy and Management, University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

The Department of Planning, Public Policy & Management (PPPM) at the University of Oregon is seeking a tenure track Assistant Professor to begin in fall 2010, with teaching responsibilities in our master's program in Community & Regional Planning (CRP) and our undergraduate program. We are seeking an interdisciplinary individual with primary research and teaching interests in sustainable community development with a sub-focus in one or more of the following areas: Housing and Community Development, Downtown Redevelopment, Urban ecology, working landscapes and/or ecosystem services.

Candidates who can teach in the planning core and in the following areas are also highly desirable: planning law, nonprofit management, natural resources and open space, planning methods, research methods and transportation. We are especially interested in candidates who address equity and diversity issues in their teaching and research.

The successful applicant is expected to have a demonstrated record or show clear promise of research excellence and teaching excellence. Preference will be given to applicants who are comfortable with a wide array of analytical methods, and who have some professional experience. Minimum qualifications are a Ph.D. in planning or a Ph.D. in a related field with a Masters degree in planning. ABDs will be considered, but completion of the Ph.D. prior to Fall 2010 is expected. We seek candidates with demonstrated effectiveness in working with students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds.

PPPM offers accredited master's degrees in Community & Regional Planning and Public Administration, as well as a Graduate Certificate in Not-for-Profit Management. We also offer a demanding pre-professional undergraduate degree with about seventy majors. The University of Oregon is located in the beautiful Willamette Valley, with easy access to snow-capped mountains and scenic coastlines. CRP is policy-oriented and prepares professionals for leadership positions in planning and planning related organizations. For more information please visit our [website](#).

Applicants must submit electronic copies of the following materials: 1) a letter describing research and teaching interests, including a clear articulation of how their work relates to one or more of the three sub-themes listed above; 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) contact information (including email) for three references. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. Applications should be emailed to Ms. Linda Dent at ldent@uoregon.edu and addressed to: Chair, CRP Search Committee, Department of Planning, Public Policy & Management, University of Oregon. The University of Oregon is an AA/EO/ADA institution and is strongly committed to cultural diversity.

TEXAS

School of Urban and Public Affairs - Two Positions
University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas

Position 1: Assistant Professor

The School of Urban and Public Affairs (SUPA) at the University of Texas at Arlington invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level beginning Fall 2010. Candidates should show promise of establishing a solid research publication record in their area of specialization and also be qualified to teach courses in the planning master's and doctoral programs, such as Urban Design, Real Estate Planning, Environmental Planning, Sustainable or Equitable Development, Urban Growth Policies, Land Use Planning, and/or Policy and Planning Implementation. Experience in professional planning and community outreach is desirable. Applicants must have completed their doctorate in Planning or a directly related field by May 2010. The School is especially interested in candidates who have a growing or promising research record and interest in working in a multidisciplinary environment as well as a commitment to community service.

The School offers excellent teaching and research support, and its location in the heart of the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the U.S. – the Dallas-Fort Worth area – provides an ideal setting for building the MCRP program, as well as for research and community service. The School houses the state-funded Institute of Urban Studies, which conducts studies and projects throughout the metropolitan region. With a broadly-trained multidisciplinary faculty, SUPA offers five graduate degrees: Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy, Master's in City and Regional Planning, Ph.D. in Public and Urban Administration, MA in Urban Affairs, and Master's in Public Administration ([Website](#)).

Applicants should submit a letter of application summarizing research and teaching interests, vitae, and names and contact information of three references by mail to Dr. Jianling Li, Chair of Faculty Search Committee, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Box 19588, The University of Texas, Arlington, TX 76019, or by email to cirp.search@uta.edu. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2009 but will continue until the position is filled. This is a security sensitive position and a criminal background check will be conducted on finalists. The University of Texas at Arlington is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Position 2: MCRP Program Director

The School of Urban and Public Affairs (SUPA) at the University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) invites applications for the position of Program Director of the PAB-accredited Master's in City and Regional Planning (MCRP) program. Job duties comprise research, teaching, and program administration including accreditation management, curriculum review, student recruitment, and working with the MCRP Advisory Board. The candidate will be hired at the Associate or Full professor level and preferably hold a Ph.D. in Planning. The successful candidate will have a solid research and publication record, preferably in a specialized area related to the Program's broad base of metropolitan sustainability, such as urban design and development planning, transportation, environmental planning, equity and social justice, or economic and/or community development. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in administration. For more information about the School, see description above or visit [here](#).

Applicants should submit a letter of application summarizing relevant background and experience, CV, and names and contact information of three references by mail to Dr. Jianling Li, Chair of Faculty Search Committee, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Box 19588, The University of Texas, Arlington, TX 76019, or by email to cirp.search@uta.edu. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2009 but will continue until the position is filled. This is a security sensitive position, and a criminal background check will be conducted on finalists. The University of Texas at Arlington is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

WASHINGTON, DC

Development Director Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) Washington, DC

EESI seeks a Development Director. Reporting to the Executive Director, this position serves as the organization's primary fundraising professional.

Responsibilities include: Conducting prospect research; Cultivating foundation and private donors; Writing grant proposals and reports; Soliciting online and individual donations; Recruiting major donors; Functioning as a liaison with our workplace giving federation; Producing marketing materials, e.g. annual reports; and other duties as needed.

Qualifications: College degree; At least 5 years of relevant experience in diverse types of fundraising, including grant proposal writing; Excellent writing and communication skills; Proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets and donor database software; Highly organized and detail-oriented; Able to conceptualize, plan and implement fundraising campaigns; Able to multitask and operate in a fast-paced environment; Successful fundraising track record; Knowledge of renewable energy/efficiency, climate change and environmental policy; and a commitment to the mission of the organization. Experience working with Salesforce and budget preparation a plus.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, your salary requirement and a 3-5 page writing sample to jobs@eesi.org with Development and your name in the subject line. No calls please.

EESI is a small national nonprofit based in Washington, DC with a highly dedicated staff that educates policymakers; builds coalitions and diverse networks; and develops innovative policy solutions on the issues of energy efficiency and renewable energy, transportation, agriculture, sustainable communities and global climate change.