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PN News

The 2014 PN Conference was held in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico from June 5th to the 7th. The Planners Network Steering Committee would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (UACJ) (<http://www.uacj.mx/IADA/Paginas/default.aspx>) for hosting the conference, held in conjunction with Congreso Internacional de Planificación y Estudios Urbanos (CIPEU), and to conference co-sponsor, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) (<http://www.colef.mx>).

We would like to extend a special thank you to Teresa Vázquez for overseeing the organization of the PN conference presentations and local and binational tours, and to thank all the professors, students, and staff who contributed to the logistics of the event, including the room reservations and set-up, the airport pick-ups, the translation, and the provision of tasty meals and entertainment. The opportunity to visit Juárez and to learn about the ongoing research projects and planning initiatives underway there was an incredibly valuable and informative experience. And now a new PN chapter has been established in Juárez, and there are already nine members. If you are interested in learning more about the chapter, please contact Teresa at ma.tere.vazquez@gmail.com

Also, look for articles from the conference in the Summer issue of Progressive Planning Magazine – including some articles in Spanish!

Update regarding Online Access to Progressive Planning Magazine & Enewsletter

Please note that the password to access the online editions of the Magazine and the Enewsletter will be altered within the next month. Members who are in good standing will receive an email with the new password once the change has taken effect. Also, the email address list for receipt of the PN Enewsletter will be updated for the next edition, and an updated version of the PN Member Directory will soon be posted on the website. To continue to receive the Enewsletter and Magazine and to be included in the PN Directory, please renew your membership at <http://www.plannersnetwork.org/join-pn/>

Thanks to PNER Jason Blackman!

Jason Blackman will be stepping down from his position as co-editor of the PN Enewsletter. This is a job that Jason has been doing on a voluntary basis for over ten years! We greatly appreciate all the work Jason has done and we look forward to his continued involvement in PN. Thanks Jason!

Mandana Nouri-Nekoei will continue on as Enewsletter co-editor, with support from Lorraine Donald. If you are interested in helping out with the Enewsletter, please email: newsletter@plannersnetwork.org.

PN Steering Committee Elections

A vote to elect the members of the Steering Committee will take place in August. If you are interested in running, please send an email to steeringcommittee@plannersnetwork.org by August 4th with a statement indicating who you are and how you would like to contribute. In the past, it has generally been the case that people have volunteered for a responsibility within PN before running for a position (e.g. membership recruitment, assistance with the Chapters committee, etc.). Only members in good standing can run for a position and/or vote in the elections.

University of Michigan Chapter Update

The University of Michigan chapter recently held two events in what we plan as an ongoing series called "Tough Talk!" to discuss challenging urban issues that don't get covered sufficiently in coursework. Our first event was on the contradictions between environmental sustainability and social justice, and the second was on how to practically deal with privilege in planning. The chapter also took political action locally. We signed on and turned out in protest to support efforts to address declining enrollment on campus of African American students. And we helped in organizing around public transportation issues, including supporting a key campaign to strengthen transit in Ann Arbor, a march on the Detroit regional planning agency in support of increased taxes for transit, and

working with university officials to offer more options to outlying health centers for low-income travelers.

Toronto Chapter Update

The PN Toronto chapter has a listserv. If you would like to be added, so that you can receive updates on any activities or other local items, please send an email to Barbara Rahder at rahder@yorku.ca.

Montreal Chapter Update

The PN Montreal chapter co-sponsored a screening of *My Brooklyn* with Cinema Politica-Concordia on March 17, 2014. Director Kelly Anderson was in attendance to discuss the film and local community organizer Martin Blanchard discussed gentrification pressures in the Montreal. The event drew more than 200 people and there was a lively question and answer period after the screening. A future event will include a discussion on Ethics and Planning.

PN Member Updates

Update from Stephen Barton:

The second article in my two-part history of progressive housing policy in Berkeley, California has been published in the *Journal of Planning History*. The two articles are: “From Community Control to Professionalism: Social Housing in Berkeley, California, 1976 – 2011”, *Journal of Planning History*, 2014, 13(2) 160 – 182.

“The City’s Wealth and the City’s Limits: Progressive Housing Policy in Berkeley, California, 1976 – 2011”, *Journal of Planning History*, 2012, 11(2) 160 – 178.

I also have a forthcoming article on an earlier period in Berkeley’s history. “This Social Mother in Whose Household We All Live: Berkeley Mayor J. Stitt Wilson’s Early Twentieth Century Socialist Feminism”, will appear in the October 2014 issue of the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. The “social mother” referred to here is the city, an extension of the early feminist justification for women’s involvement in politics through the idea that city government was “municipal housekeeping”. I will be happy to e-mail copies on request. Contact me at stephenbarton@live.com.

I am now involved in an interesting campaign to gather signatures to put an initiative measure on Berkeley’s November 2014 ballot. “The Windfall Profits Tax on High Rents” would increase the business license tax on residential rental property, while the accompanying “Affordable Housing” measure would allocate most of the revenue from the first measure to the Berkeley Housing Trust Fund for use in developing permanently affordable housing. More details on the measures can be found at our web site, FundAffordableHousing.org.

Update from PNER Billie Bramhall (city planner since 1960 in Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Denver)

I have long retired from the Denver Planning Office and from some national consulting in low cost housing for the Center for Community Change. For several years I volunteered with a group created by ex-Mayors Federico Pena and Wellington Webb called A+ for Denver Schools, a group of 100 people working with the Denver School Board to increase use of Denver public schools by Denver children, narrow the gap between Asian/Anglo children and Hispanic/African American children, lower the dropout rate and improve learning for all children. Interestingly, given the national situation this has been a cooperative effort between traditional public schools and charter schools.

Recently (past two years) I have been working with a group called Denver Homeless Out Loud to give a voice to Denver's homeless people and help ameliorate the difficulties in their lives in a city with a camping ban. No sleeping on the streets in a city with inadequate shelter and services for the more than 12,000 people without roofs over their heads who walk the streets of Denver day and night. Interesting, a Denver camping ban in a state that markets our beautiful campgrounds throughout the country.

Never a dull moment -- and it "keeps me off the streets" or on them in a useful way.

PNER John Emmeus Davis and Greg Rosenberg have launched a new website: *Roots & Branches: A Gardener's Guide to the Origins and Evolution of the Community Land Trust*. Found at www.cltroots.org, this website is a digital archive of photographs, videos, interviews, and documents that trace the CLT's lineage from the Garden Cities of England, the Gramdan Movement in India, and the Civil Rights Movement in the American South.

Chester Hartman (founder of PN) has a new edited book just out: *America's Growing Inequality: The Impact of Poverty and Race* (Lexington Books).

This past semester, the Latin Lab Director at Columbia University, **PNER Clara Irazábal**, has been invited to deliver talks at the College of Design at Iowa State University (ISU); Laventille Community Complex, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; New York University's Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) and the Latino Studies Program; the Department of Geography and Planning at University of Toronto, Canada; Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy; and Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain. She is currently teaching a Planning Studio on Sustainable Development and Mobility of East Port of Spain, Trinidad. The studio is conducted in collaboration with the Inter American Development Bank's Urban Sustainability and Mobility Program. Based on primary and secondary data site analysis as well as international precedents, the studio is developing proposals in the areas of cultural preservation, mobility, and river revitalization for East Port of Spain, the area of the country's capital with the lowest socio-economic and infrastructural indicators

PNER Adam Ogusky is moving from the mountains of Northern New Mexico to Austin, TX to begin a PhD program in Community and Regional Planning at the University of Texas this fall. Feel free to give him a shout if you're a PNER in the area!
adam.ogusky@gmail.com

PNER Patti Petrie was elected to the 2014 American Institute of Certified Planners College of Fellows. The investiture took place during the recent American Planning Association national conference held in Atlanta, 25-30 April 2014. Since retiring from teaching urban planning at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Patti has been elected as a county board member in Champaign, IL.

New & Renewing Members:

Maya Amichai
Jorge Avita
Gabrielle Bendinier-Viani
Alan Black
Andre Boel
Mallika Bose
Rachel Bratt
Marcia Caton Campbell
Kenton Card
Valerie Coleman
Brady Collins
John E Davis
Juan Diaz Aguilar
Jeffrey Doshna
Jason Enos
Celeste Fiore
Bradley Flamm
Jesus Flores
Gabriel Garcia Moreno
Sarah Gillett
Nathanael Hoelzel
Kirk Hunter
James Jennings
Victoria Kaplan
Francisco Lara Valencia
Kathryn Keller
Aurash Khawarзад
Margaret Killmer

Holly Clingan
Barbara Knecht
Annette Koh
Frida Landa Rivera
Maryellen Lewis
Linda Ly
Peter Marcuse
Richard Milgrom
Regula Modlich
Sara Morales
Mark Olson
Camila Perrone
Kenneth Pin
Cheryl-Ann Pizza-Zeoli
Fran Price
Prescott Reavis
Laura Rempel
Ken Salo
Marisol Rodriguez Sosa
Tony Schuman
Gregory Scruggs
Scott Smith
Nicole Tarpey
Victor Vargas
Joan Wesley

Publications:

“Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All: Reducing Barriers for Trans* & Gender Variant Community Members” is a 2014 report by the Vancouver Park Board. This report includes key recommendations made by the Transgender and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group. Such recommendations include: the broadening options in change rooms and options by increasing square footage in Universal change rooms, offering more private change spaces in all change rooms, and increasing non-gendered single stall washrooms; including language that affirms the trans inclusivity policy on signage; creating optional, diversified gender options on registration forms; trans-inclusivity and gender-policing de-escalation training for all front-line staff; public awareness campaigns; and trans-inclusive and specific recreational, arts and cultural programming. The report can be found on the Vancouver Park Board website: <http://former.vancouver.ca/parks/board/2014/140428/documents/REPORT-TGVIWorkingGroupReport-2014-04-28.pdf>

“Happy City: Transforming Our Lives Through Urban Design” (2013) is a book by journalist Charles Montgomery, which is published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

“America’s Growing Inequality: The Impact of Poverty and Race” (2014) is a new edited volume by Chester Hartman published by Lexington Books. For more information and to order, visit [here](#).

“Urban, Suburban and Rural Contexts of School Districts and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies: Rediscovering Equity in Education Policy and Urban Planning.” (2014) by Robert Mark Silverman is published in *Leadership and Policy in Schools*, 13(1), pp. 3-27.

“William Worthy’s Concept of ‘Institutional Rape’ Revisited: Anchor Institutions and Residential Displacement in Buffalo, NY.” (2014) by Robert Mark Silverman, Jade Lewis, and Kelly L. Patterson is published in *Humanity & Society*, Online First.

“The Informal American City: Beyond Taco Trucks and Day Labor”, an edited volume by Vinit Mukhija and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, offers an intriguing examination of informal urban activities—such as street vending, garage sales, and unpermitted housing—that explores their complexity and addresses related planning and regulatory issues. Cities considered in this volume include Los Angeles, Sacramento, Seattle, Portland, Phoenix, Kansas City, Atlantic City, and New York City. The book is now available for order on the MIT website. Members of Planners Network can receive a 20% discount by entering the following discount code: **MPN20**. It can be typed in during checkout when the book is ordered directly from our website, at <http://mitpress.mit.edu/books/informal-american-city>

“Place Matters: Metropolitics for the 21st Century” (3rd Edition) by Peter Dreier, John Mollenkopf, and Todd Swanstrom will be out in August and available for Fall 2014 course adoption. You can learn more about the book by visiting the University Press of

Kansas [website](#).

Events:

64th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

“Fifty Years Later: From a War on Poverty to a War on the Poor”, San Francisco, California. August 15-17, 2014. For more information, visit http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/562/2014_Annual_Meeting/

People’s Social Forum in Canada: “Build together, win together. The Future is Ours!” Ottawa, Canada, August 21-24, 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.peoplesocialforum.org>. If you are planning to attend, email norma.rantisi@gmail.com. It would be great if it were possible to have a PN contingent there!

45th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association “Transnationalism from Above and Below: The Dynamics of Place-making in the Global City” Miami, Florida, April 8-11, 2015. Abstract/Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2014
For more information, visit <http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2015/>

New Ph.D. program in Planning

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University at Buffalo. A New PhD program has been launched in Urban and Regional Planning at the University at Buffalo. The first and only such program in the State University of New York system, this new doctoral program offers diverse research and learning opportunities, with special capability, international distinction, and emphasis in the following areas:

1. Declining cities and distressed urban communities
2. Health, food systems, human abilities, and environment
3. Built environments and environmental change
4. Disasters and extreme events
5. Advanced technology, information systems, and methods in planning

Additional information about the program is available at:

<http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/planning/degrees/phd.asp>

Online Resource:

A new collaborative website www.housingmobility.org has been launched, which includes video, audio and photos of families participating in regional housing mobility programs from across the country and a resource library with the latest social science research, legal advocacy, best practices, and policy analysis in this growing field. Initial

co-sponsors of the website include Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC), Housing Choice Partners (Chicago), ACLU of Maryland (Baltimore), the Inclusive Communities Project (Dallas), and the Aspen Institute Roundtable on Community Change.

Jobs:

British Columbia

Planner 2 (Community Planner position)

City of Burnaby, Burnaby, British Columbia

The Planner 2 performs planning work at the professional level applying specialized architectural, planning and urban design knowledge, as well as the use of social, economical and physical data in the management of major Comprehensive Development rezoning proposals for the City. Additionally, the Planner 2 manages the formulation, modification, improvement and implementation of area plans for the City's physical development in conjunction with other professionals; conducts investigations and studies with reference to plans for the redevelopment of existing areas and determines the type of land uses and general locations for residential, commercial and industrial development; develops and prepares comprehensive planning proposals and reports for submission to supervisors, boards and commissions, and City Council; is responsible for the management and implementation of special current planning projects including providing input and advice from an architectural and land use planning perspective on both public (civic) and private development proposals; represents the department before City bodies and at public meetings as required

Applications are invited for the following position as of July 10th, 2014 and must be received by 4:45 p.m. on **Monday, July 21st, 2014**

For more information, visit

<http://bc.tbe.taleo.net/BC1/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=CITYBURNABY&cws=1&rid=2382>

California

Community Health Planner

RAIMI +ASSOCIATES, Berkeley, California

RAIMI +ASSOCIATES is a mission-driven urban planning and public health firm with offices in Berkeley, Los Angeles and Riverside, California.

The Community Health Planner will work on a variety of projects related to Health in All Policies, including health elements of general plans, developing educational materials, collecting and presenting health data, and working with community groups to build coalitions around health equity.

For information about required skills and qualifications, salary/benefits and the application process, please visit <http://www.raimiassociates.com/news.php>
Start date: September 3, 2014 (or sooner)

Project Urban Designer

Community Design + Architecture (CD+A) ,Oakland, California

CD+A is a national leader in smart growth, green sustainable design, and New Urbanism. They have an opening for a Project Urban Designer with a focus on streetscape and public open space design, bicycle and pedestrian facility design, and an understanding of the linkages between transportation and land use. Candidates should have good Adobe Suite, CAD, and writing skills and 5 to 10 years of professional experience.

For information about required skills and qualifications, salary/benefits and the application process, please visit
<http://www.community-design.com/project-ud.php>

Massachusetts

Professor in Practice in Urban Planning

The Harvard University Graduate School of Design is seeking one or more individuals at the non-tenured senior faculty level whose work focuses on urban planning and who have a strong research interest in the built environment. Areas of special expertise could include, among others, infrastructure planning, neighborhood planning, regional planning, international planning, environmental planning, real estate development, housing, or transportation.

Placed in the department of urban planning and design, the successful candidate will teach courses and, to the extent practical, participate in crafting the intellectual directions for the urban planning program. Candidates will have the interest and ability to address issues of their field and across the departments at the GSD. The appointment will be made at the level of part-time Professor in Practice with responsibilities for teaching studio and/or courses, research, and administration. Part-time positions are normally half-time and require the maintenance of an active outside practice or research activities. Candidates should have an internationally respected record of accomplishments and should be able to interact with related disciplines at Harvard. Prior teaching experience in the context of a graduate school is preferable.

Applications will be reviewed on a continuing basis. To apply, candidates should submit a one page letter of intent and a current c.v. to: Melinda Starmer, Director of Faculty Planning, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, Tel: 617-495-3020, Fax: 617-495-9026, E-mail: mstarmer@gsd.harvard.edu or sbuckley@gsd.harvard.edu.

Website:

<http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/#/information-for/faculty/open-faculty-positions.html>

New York

Program Assistant

The Participatory Budgeting Project, New York City & Oakland, California

The Participatory Budgeting Project, Inc. (PBP), a non-profit organization based in New York City and Oakland, is seeking a highly motivated professional to support our innovative programs for transforming democracy. The Program Assistant will support the implementation of PBP's programs, including technical assistance for local PB processes, and will provide operational and administrative assistance. This will be a full-time, salaried position based out of Oakland or New York City office, with a start date in September or October 2014. (Deadline: August 3, 2014) For more information, visit <http://www.participatorybudgeting.org/participate/jobs-internships/#program>

Program, Communications and Design Internships

The Participatory Budgeting Project, New York City & Oakland, California

The Participatory Budgeting Project, Inc. (PBP), a non-profit organization based in New York City and Oakland, is seeking part-time interns for Fall 2014. The paid program, design, and communications interns would work in New York City or Oakland for at least 15 hours per week, starting in September and ending in December (exact dates are flexible). The internships are ideal for talented individuals eager to further their technical skills and gain experience with a growing non-profit while exploring the potential of participatory democracy. (Deadline: August 3, 2014)

For more information, visit <http://www.idealists.org/view/internship/8SkHm4bmN8Np/>

Ontario

Urban Geography, Planning and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Assistant Professor

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

The Department of Geography and Program in Planning at the University of Toronto (St. George Campus) invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment in the area of Urban Geography, Planning and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor starting July 1, 2015. The Department seeks a candidate with expertise in the use of spatial data and informatics to analyse urban problems such as those related to urban health, built form, social services provision, urban ecology, energy use or economic development. In addition to developing an excellent research program and engaging in undergraduate and graduate teaching at the University of Toronto, the successful candidate will be involved with the research and teaching activities of the Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP), a collaborative network involving New York University, the University of Toronto and other international universities and partners (<http://cusp.nyu.edu>). CUSP is a unique public-private research centre that focuses on research and developing technologies for the critical challenges facing the world's cities, including infrastructure, transportation, public safety, and public health. The successful candidate will be one of a number of targeted CUSP faculty hires across the University of Toronto as part of this exciting initiative. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Geography, Planning or a closely related field by the date of appointment or shortly thereafter. Applicants must also have a record of excellence in research and teaching. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointment is at the University of Toronto, which is a tri-campus, research-intensive institution. The St George campus is located in the heart of Toronto and offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach and live in one of the most diverse cities in the world. The University also offers opportunities to work in a wide range of collaborative programs and centres of research. All qualified candidates are invited to apply by visiting <https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=1401321>. Applications should include curriculum vitae, a statement outlining current and future research interests, examples of publications, and a teaching dossier. All materials must be received by **October 3, 2014**. Any inquiries about the application should be sent to the Department Chair, Professor Virginia Maclaren at jobs@geog.utoronto.ca. For more information about the Department, please visit the home page: <http://geography.utoronto.ca/>. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.