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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

SAVE THE DATES

PN 2007 Conference in New Orleans
May 30 - June 2, 2007

Online Registration is Now Open! Early registration ends April 15th.
Register now at www.pn2007.org.

Call for Proposals ends March 15th! Be a part of this year's PN Conference - submit a proposal for a paper, panel, workshop or caucus. Details and the proposal form are online.

Planners Network University of Illinois at Chicago (PNUIC) Event

May 5, 2007, 9a.m.-12p.m. Urban Agriculture + Planning Forum
Pulaski Park Auditorium, 1419 W. Blackhawk Street, Chicago

This event will consist of speaker panels, a light brunch and networking/roundtable discussions among students, planners, community organizers, and anyone else who is concerned about sustainable urban agriculture and inner-city food access.

For more information about sitting on a panel, leading a roundtable discussion, or attending, please contact Jeremy Thompson at thompson.jeremyb@gmail.com or visit <http://pnuic.blogspot.com>. Hosted by Planners Network University of Illinois at Chicago (PNUIC). Free.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Thomas Bartnik
Lisa Hardess
Jennifer Keeley
Ruth Lampi
Mikaela Renz
Daniel Serrano

PUBLICATIONS

“Free At Last? Black America in the 21st Century”, eds. Juan Battle, Michael Bennett and Anthony Lemelle is available from Transaction Publishers.

“Adding the Critical Voice: A Dialogue With Practicing Teachers on Teacher Recruitment and Retention in Hard-to-Staff Schools” is available (no price listed) from Learning Point Associates, 1120 E. Diehl Rd., #200, Naperville, IL 60563-1486, 800-356-2735, www.learningpt.org

“Thirsty for Justice: A People’s Blueprint for California Water” is available (no price listed) from Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, 654 13th St., Preservation Park, Oakland, CA 94610, 510-286-8400. A 20-page companion piece, Community Perspectives, containing case studies and community water demands, is available as well — in Spanish and English, www.ejcw.org/blueprint.html

“Missing Inaction: Evidence of Undercounting of Non-Workers in the Current Population Survey”, by John Schmitt and Dean Baker, is available (likely free) from the Center for Economic and Policy Research, 1611 Connecticut Ave. NW, #400, Wash., DC 20009, 202-293-5380, www.cepr.org/

“The War on Marijuana: The Transformation of the War on Drugs in the 1990s”, by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer, appeared in Harm Reduction Journal, available at www.harmreductionjournal.com/content/pdf1477-7517-3-6.pdf

EVENTS

March 30-31, 2007. “Unspoken Borders: Perspectives on Race in Design”. Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania. For more information, visit: <http://www.upenn.edu/penniur/unspokenborders>

April 13-15, 2007. “Structures for Inclusion 7” Seventh annual Design Corps Conference will take place in Charlotte, NC. For more information, visit: www.designcorps.org/sfi7

May 9-12, 2007. “Canadian Housing and Renewal Association Annual Congress” will take place in Calgary, AB. For more information, visit: <http://www.chra-achru.ca/english/View.asp?x=840&mp=839>

July 20 – 22, 2007. “4th Biennial Eastern Conference for Workplace Democracy: Building Cooperation East and South”. Hosted at the University of North Carolina Asheville. For more information, visit: www.east.usworker.coop

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Urban Designer - Entry Level Plus

Freedman Tung and Bottomley, Urban Design Firm
San Francisco, CA

Freedman Tung and Bottomley is a 12-person firm of urban designers and planners who love cities and who are skilled in their revitalization and enrichment. We are pleased to announce one opening for **“entry-level-plus” professionals** well educated in the fundamentals of **Urban Design**. Participate in project teams focused on downtown revitalization, corridor and district restructuring, infill development master planning, and on the planning and design of streets, squares, transit and civic centers.

Applicants Must Have: 1) Master’ Degree in landscape architecture, architecture, city planning, urban design or related field, 2) Professional experience in urban design (internship experience may satisfy this requirement), 3) Ability to produce hand-drawn perspectives, plans, sections, and support graphic products, 4) Strong proficiency with AutoCAD, Photoshop, SketchUp, Form-Z, Lightwave, Illustrator, InDesign, and ArcView, 5) Firm grasp of fundamental concepts of New Urbanism, and 6) Professional work habits.

We are located in downtown San Francisco, one block away from BART and Muni transit and a seven-minute walk from the Transbay Terminal. Salary will be commensurate with training, experience and ability. A comprehensive benefits program including health insurance, retirement plan match and professional education is provided. Submit by e-mail a cover letter and resume with work samples with “Applicant – Entry-Level-Plus Urban Designer” in the subject line to: Hiroyuki Sasaki, hiro@ftburbandesign.com. No phone calls please.

Planning/Zoning Administrator

Berkeley County Government, Department of Planning and Zoning

The **Berkeley County Government** is looking for a **Planner** to perform a variety of professional and technical duties related to current land use development and/or zoning compliance and enforcement. The Planner will review the issuance of building and zoning permits, proposed plats, rezoning and variance requests among other land use related issues to ensure compliance with all applicable county, regulations and/or state and/or federal regulations; will enforce and update the County’s comprehensive plan and the zoning and subdivision ordinances; will coordinate the scheduling of and ensure that preparations are made for the County’s Board of Zoning Appeals and/or Planning Commission meetings/hearings; will make recommendations to the County Planning Commission and County Council Committees as necessary; will work closely with the County’s Geographic Information Systems and Engineering Offices/Departments in the development of maps, other documents, and processes.

Requirements: A Bachelor’s Degree in Planning, Urban Studies or closely related field is required; or a Master’s in Public Administration, Land Use Planning or other related field. Six (6) years related experience. Supervisory experience preferred.

Please contact the Human Resources Department at: 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, SC (719-4163); Charleston (723-3800 ext. 4163), St. Stephen (567-3136 ext. 4163) for an application or visit our website at www.co.berkeley.sc.us. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The annual salary ranges between \$54,105.90-\$62,221.78.

FLORIDA

Transit Manager

City of Tampa

The **City of Tampa, Florida** is seeking a **Mass Transit Advisor** to the City administration with regard to transit issues, planning, and programs. Work will include collecting, evaluating, analyzing, and working with statistics, a large volume of information, technical and financial data and processes. The incumbent will develop plans and provide suggestions for improving transit services for the City of Tampa and the associated region including the existing bus/trolley system and proposed light rail.

The incumbent's guidance, advice, and suggestions will be based upon past experience, the specific needs for the City of Tampa and the region; the political will of the surrounding and supporting governmental agencies; and sound planning in preparation for a system that provides the services required to improve transit opportunities based on a successful financial model. The incumbent will make presentations with representatives of federal, state, and local agencies. This is an appointed position with the successful candidate reporting to the Director of Public Works.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree, prefer a Master's, in engineering, economic development, community planning or closely related field, and a minimum of 3 years of experience in transit related planning and/or operations. The annual salary ranges between \$62,920 - \$98,592.

For additional information and to apply online, go to www.tampagov.net. Applications may also be mailed to: City of Tampa Human Resources - Employment Services, 306 E. Jackson St., 7N, Tampa, FL 33602.

INDIANA

Multi-Year Contract Faculty Position

Ball State University, Department of Urban Planning

The **Department of Urban Planning at Ball State University** seeks to fill a multi-year, contract **faculty position** for a term beginning in August 2007. Responsibilities will include teaching design studios and other courses within the faculty member's area of expertise. Minimum educational requirements: Masters degree in planning or a closely related field. Preferred educational requirements: Masters, ABD or Ph.D. in planning. Minimum experience: University teaching experience with undergraduate students, part-time or full-time. Preferred experience: Studio teaching experience; professional practice. Salary: Salary negotiable based on experience; available salary competitive with senior assistant professor or early associate professor at Ball State. Benefits: Contract positions at Ball State for one year or more carry full benefits.

Procedure: Send letter of application, resume, transcripts and the names of three references to Eric Damian Kelly, Acting Chair, Department of Urban Planning, Ball State University, Muncie IN 47306. Review of applications will begin 15 February and continue until the position is filled.

The Department of Urban Planning is one of three departments in the College of Architecture and Planning. It has accredited graduate and undergraduate degrees in planning. There are nine faculty members in the department, with about 55 undergraduate students and 35 graduate students; we also contribute to teaching in the common first-year program in the College. The person in this position will primarily teach undergraduate students, but there may be graduate students in some sections and there will be opportunities for other interaction with graduate students.

Send letter of application, resume, transcripts, and the names and contact information for three references to: Eric Damien Kelly, Acting Chairperson, Department of Urban Planning, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306.

MASSACHUSETTS

Urban Design Positions

City of Alexandria, VA

Crosby | Schlessinger | Smallridge (CSS), a growing Boston urban design, planning, and landscape architecture firm, is looking for **Urban Designers** with 2-20 years of urban design experience to work on transportation and urban revitalization projects. CSS focuses on urban projects including urban highway/bridge context sensitive design; transit-oriented development; transit station siting, planning and conceptual design; urban revitalization and district master plans; and parks, streetscapes and open space. Responsibilities include client contact, planning, design, and production work for reports and presentations.

Requirements: Candidates must have strong design and graphic capabilities; written communication skills are also a plus. AutoCad experience required. Experience with graphics packages such as Illustrator, InDesign/PageMaker, PhotoShop, Sketchup desired. GIS experience using ArcView 9.x and ability to draw by hand are also helpful.

Interested parties should send resume and cover letter to: Kate Hunchar, Crosby | Schlessinger | Smallridge, 153 Milk Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02109
khunchar@cssboston.com.

FELLOWSHIPS

Genesee Institute Resident Research Fellowship

The **Genesee Institute** is the technical assistance and research arm of the Genesee County Land Bank located in Flint, Michigan (www.thelandbank.org). Currently applications are being accepted for a **year-long resident research fellowship** to begin during the summer of 2007. The Institute is interested in research that supports the development and application of knowledge concerning issues of land use, sprawl and urban revitalization that have a direct association with the creation and implementation of Land Banks. Research is divided into seven topical areas: property tax foreclosure reform, planning, finance, marketing and development, land management, preservation and affordable housing. These topic areas are only provided to suggest the broad array of subjects of interest to the Institute. Resident Fellows are provided living accommodations, a twelve-month research stipend as well as an allocation for related research expenses. Non-resident Fellows are given complementary invitations to participate in the interdisciplinary seminars offered by the institute, conferences, access to the information resources of the Genesee County Land Bank and its staff, consulting,

and the opportunity to publish professional papers through the Genesee Institute. A resident research fellow receives an annual stipend of \$30,000 and an apartment in the Land Bank Center located in downtown Flint.

For Application details see: <http://www.thelandbank.org/landbank7286546.asp>

Rose Architectural Fellowships

Enterprise Community Partners is pleased to announce that applications are available for FOUR ROSE ARCHITECTURAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES beginning September 2007. Enterprise Community Partners, a national affordable housing and community development nonprofit established the Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellowship in 1999. The Fellowship creates partnerships between emerging architects and community-based organizations to direct the skills and passions of the architects in the service of low- and moderate-income communities.

The Rose Fellowship honors the late Frederick P. Rose, a prominent developer and philanthropist who believed in the value of good design and the spirit of public service. The Fellowship encourages architects to become lifelong leaders committed to sustainable community development. Applications are available online at www.rosefellowship.org. Please note that the New Orleans Fellowship, sponsored by Capital One, begins as early as May 1 with the application due April 1. All other Fellowships start on Sept. 1 with applications due April 15.

Fellowships are available with:

- The Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation in Bronx, New York
- Providence Community Housing in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Farmworker Housing and Development Corporation in Woodburn, Oregon
- Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership in Slayton, Minnesota

The Rose Fellowship network is a vital part of the fellowship experience, providing a national support system of colleagues who share a passion for public interest architecture and community development. Applicants with diverse educational, professional and personal backgrounds, including minorities and individuals from disadvantaged communities, are encouraged to apply. For more information, please visit the website at www.rosefellowship.org or contact Rose Fellowship Director Katie Swenson at kswenson@enterprisecommunity.org.

Rebuilding after Katrina: Summer Design-Build of the Doering Home Waveland, MS. May 21-June 29, 2007

The focus of the design-build effort will be the incorporation of reclaimed building materials to create a model of sustainable rebuilding. Participants will design elements of the home on-site, fabricate these elements, and complete major portions of the home's construction. Waveland, Mississippi is approximately one hour east of New Orleans and was one of the hardest hit areas of the Gulf Coast when Hurricane Katrina

made landfall on August 29, 2005. There are still many thousands of homes to be repaired and rebuilt throughout the region.

- Applications: Competitive for 20-person capacity.
- Deadline: Application must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 30.
- Deposit: \$200
- Fees: The cost of the six-week program is \$1,000 per person. This includes cost of lodging, food, transportation to and from the housing to the work-site and a personal tool stipend.
- Certificate: Students who complete the program will receive a certificate for their participation.

Participants will work with: Brad Guy, Hamer Center for Community Design, Penn State University; Bryan Bell, Director, Design Corps, Inc; Sergio Palleroni, Co-Director BaSiC Initiative, University of Texas. For more information about transportation, housing, contact Brad Guy, Hamer Center for Community Design, Penn State University, Tel: (814) 865-5733, Email: gbg2@psu.edu

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Redefining Progress

Redefining Progress works with a broad array of partners to shift the economy toward sustainable growth. Our partners include grassroots communities, labor unions, policymakers, academics, and businesses. Our efforts are largely focused on the United States because redefining progress here will have enormous global reverberations.

For more information please visit: www.rprogress.org

EDUCATION

Planning for Bikes and Pedestrians and Smart Growth

Leading experts on shaping communities will be offering Planning Academy professional development courses this spring in the National Capital region.

Smart Growth: A Practical Approach, March 29-30, 2007

The course Instructor, Elizabeth Humphrey Schilling, will bring you the latest information on emerging trends in Smart Growth field. Ms. Schilling is a member of the committee that developed the just-released LEED for Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) rating system, which integrates the principles of smart growth, urbanism, and green building into the first national standard for neighborhood design. LEED-ND is a result of the collaboration of the U.S. Green Building Council, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Congress for the New Urbanism. Ms. Schilling is also the former Executive Director of the Growth Management Leadership Alliance, a national network of three dozen smart growth advocacy organizations in thirty states

and British Columbia, Canada. In that role, she focused on translating the diversity and strength of local smart growth efforts for a rapidly growing national movement.

Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Planning, April 26-27, 2007

This course offers an in-depth look at alternatives to the automobile. Topics covered will include: design guidelines that work for bike and pedestrian planning; the latest information on cutting edge topics like car-sharing, bike-sharing and traffic calming; and case studies of innovative projects, from the Washington, D.C. region and across the United States. In addition to substantial experience in the public sector, Instructor Paul DeMaio has created MetroBike, an innovative new bike-sharing program in the DC area.

For detailed information on all spring courses, including Principles of Public-Private Partnerships for Economic Development; National Charrette Institute; Introduction to GIS for Planners; and Military Encroachment: Collaborative Land Use Strategies, please visit: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/planningacademy/index.html>.

All courses are conveniently located at Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church, approximately 10 miles west of downtown Washington, DC (next to the West Falls Church metro stop).

Green Affordable Housing in Indian Country Wisconsin (Summer 2007)

A Hands-on “Green” Construction Training Program

Students and faculty will work with experienced builders from Tribal Housing Offices to construct “green affordable housing”. The construction methods are based on code-compliant Light Straw-Clay Walls and Energy Efficient Thermal Mass approach adapted to Northern climates by the non-profit Architects, Design Coalition, Madison Wisconsin (designcoalition.org). This program will include both “hands-on” and classroom instruction in principles of green housing and conservation masterplan/site design.

Instructors: Lou Host-Jablonski, AIA Principal, Design Coalition, WI; Shawn Kelly, ASLA, Principal, Kelly Design Group, WI; Robert LaPorte, Director, EcoNest Building Center, NM; Douglas Piltingsrud, Ph.D. Building Materials Science, MN; Susan Thering, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, UW-Madison. Limited enrollment by permission of instructor.

Preference will be given to experienced builders working with affordable housing organizations, and students from professional design and planning programs. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Participants from Tribal Colleges and/or Tribal Housing Offices are eligible for scholarships and/or internships from the Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Foundation.

If accepted, students may enroll for 3 week or 8 week summer sessions, and earn up to 4 college credits from the University of Wisconsin.

Send inquiries to: Sue Thering sathering@wisc.edu . Please include your name and contact information, and a name and contact information for your school and/or employer. If you are accepted, you will be contacted with enrollment instructions. In addition to tuition, costs to students will include transportation, meals, and lodging, and Lab/Field Trip Fees of \$500.

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