

Planners Network



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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

PLANet YOUTH: NYC 2008, “Celebrating Youth Leadership in Planning”
Brooklyn, NY April 3-6, 2008

- Are you a young person involved in a planning, policy or other action in your community?
- Are you an adult ally to young people engaged in planning, policy or community building activities?
- Do you want to meet youth from across the country who are making an impact in their communities?

- Do you want to join national efforts to advocate for youth involvement in planning and policy making? -Do you have ideas, strategies and success stories you would like to share with your peers?
- Do you want to learn how you can get involved in the Young Planners Network?

Visit www.aupnyc.org/ypn for updates and registration information for PLANet.

PN2008: Planning in Challenging Climates

(And we don't just mean the weather)

Call for Participation

PN2008 will bring together an array of planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, designers, students and faculty. They will discuss strategies addressing social and environmental justice in challenging climates - including social, political and economic climates.

Topics of interest to the conference include, but are not limited to: models for community economic development • inner city community development • art and the city • planning and aboriginal communities • neighbourhood revitalization • downtown redevelopment • housing and homelessness • promoting active transportation • urban ecology • green buildings and sustainable communities • social impacts of sprawl • heritage planning • progressive planning and the media • age-friendly communities.

A range of session types is encouraged, from conventional panels to participatory workshops and “how-to” sessions. Please send proposals for individual contributions or full sessions to PN2008Sessions@pnmb.org . The deadline for proposals is **April 30, 2008**. Space is limited. Please include the proposed session content, format and a list of potential speakers, panelists or participants. Additional conference information, including preliminary schedule, accommodations and mobile workshops, is available at www.pnmb.org . The web site will be updated regularly as the conference program develops.

Winnipeg and Manitoba have long histories with struggles for social justice. The city was the site of Canada's best known general strike in 1919. It played significant roles in the development of the co-operative movement in the mid-twentieth century. This led to the formation of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) a political party that supported farmers and workers, and called for public health insurance, public housing, and public ownership of major industries. In the early 1960s, with the Canadian Labour Congress, the CCF became the New Democratic Party – and Manitoba is currently the only province with an NDP government. There is strong history of community economic development in the city, and it is known for its high rate of volunteerism and its vibrant arts culture. The region is also known for its long winters. Unfortunately this is not the only challenging climate faced by progressive planners and advocates for social and environmental justice. The pervasive neo-liberal climate has undermined social programs; sprawl has created a climate intolerant to active transportation, and competes with the downtown core for amenities; and the growing aboriginal population struggles to overcome a history of oppression.

Update from the Membership and Chapters Committee:

Dear Planners Network members,

PN has created several new committees, so that we can get more done and involve more people. We'd like to invite you to join the most fabulously exciting of these new workgroups - the Membership and Chapters Committee. In this committee, we're working on new ways to make PN membership a more valuable experience, so that you get more out of the network, have more opportunities to interact with other members, and feel more connected to your fellow progressive planners. If you would like to get to know and collaborate with other PN'ers, and want to contribute more to progressive planning, we hope that you'll get involved.

We're copying below our initial mission statement along with a list of some specific projects and ideas we're considering. If you would like to participate in the committee, or if you have suggestions for us, please send us an email at: membershipcommittee@plannersnetwork.org

Best,

Lee Deuben & Josh Lerner
Co-Chairs of the Membership & Chapters Committee

Membership & Chapters Committee Mission:

The Planners Network Membership and Chapters Committee aims to increase membership, support local chapters, and make membership a more valuable experience. The committee explores new approaches to member relations, network communication, and chapter development. It works to enhance the benefits of membership and the opportunities for members to become involved in the network. The committee strives to respond to chapter and member needs, and it encourages ideas and contributions from all Planners Network members.

Membership & Chapters Committee Ideas:

- set up PN groups on Facebook, myspace, and LinkedIn social networking sites
- use free online networking site to provide more accessible member directory
- use new technology (e.g. survey monkey) to gather information from members
- prepare a PN brochure that chapters and members can use for outreach
- build more interactivity into the newsletter, e.g. through links that take people to the PN website (a la Planetizen)
- clarify how members can participate in the network: what info to send to the e-newsletter, to the listserv, to the website, to the magazine; how to connect with other members through chapters, university representatives, the member directory; how to get involved with PN through committees, etc.
- write short PN member guide that members get when joining and renewing, explaining how to participate in the network
- insert permanent footer at end of listserv emails and newsletter, with info and links for how to participate (e.g. links for website, listserv, joining PN)
- include sidebar in every magazine explaining how to participate

- send monthly reminders to chapters to send out updates
- include regular updates from the SC and other PN committees in the newsletter, to connect members to and remind them of PN's organizational activities
- publish a Progressive Planning issue on networks, to encourage reflection on PN as a network and on the use of networks in planning
- assemble online library/bibliography of member publications (perhaps link to Progressive Planning archive at Cornell)
- send an email to the listserv each time a PP magazine issue is published, with a table of contents and links to featured articles on the website

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Jason Gilliland recently received tenure at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada, where he teaches in the Department of Geography and the Urban Development Program.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Stephanie Allen
 Connery Cepeda
 Bruce Dale
 Mary Ebeling
 Yasmein El Hussainy
 Joseph Heathcott
 Matthew Hendren
 Hans Hesselein
 William Higgins
 David Holtzman
 Karen Jones
 Jesse Kanson-Benanav
 Alex Lantsberg
 Jeffrey Lowe
 Meghan Mattingly

Ester McNairnay
 Angelique Moser
 Darian Nagle-Gamm
 Gail Nathan
 Anthony Ng
 Teresa Ojeda
 James Palma
 Reka Sivarajah
 Jeremy Sorenson
 Michael Stone
 Lacey Tauber
 Erin Thoresen
 Craig Townsend
 Darcy Varney
 Jerad Weiner

PUBLICATIONS

“Communicating about Poverty and Low Wage Work: A New Agenda,” (2007, 27 pp.) by Matthew C Nisbet is available from Margy Waller, The Mobility Agenda, 202/730-9372, waller@inclusionist.org; a 3-page Executive Summary is available as well. www.inclusionist.org/mobility.

“New Housing, Income Inequality, and Distressed Metropolitan Areas” (2007) is a report from the Brookings Institution’s Metropolitan Housing Program, concluding that increases in metropolitan area income inequality are associated with growth in neighborhood-level income segregation. Available at www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/20070921_housing.htm.

“Improving Work Supports: Closing the Financial Gap for Low-Wage Workers and Their Families,” (2007, 32 pp.) by Nancy K. Cauthen, is a Economic Policy Institute Briefing Paper, available from EPI, 1333 H St. NW, #300 East Tower, Washington, DC 20005, 202/775-8810, www.epi.org.

“Roads to Jobs,” (2007) by Todd Swanstrom is available from www.transportationequity.org.

“Housing and Land Rights Crisis! 2007: Violations Escalating around the World,” from the Housing and Land Rights Network of Habitat International, is available from Joseph Schechla, jschechla@hlrn.org, +20(0)12 347-5203, <http://www.hlrn.org/documents/Housing%20and%20land%20Rights%20Crisis-2007-HIC-HLRN.pdf>.

“Natural Connections: An Illustrated Guide to Green Infrastructure Mapping” (2007, 27 pp.) is available from the Center for Neighborhood Technology, 2125 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60647, 773/269-4058, cindy@cnt.org, www.cnt.org.

EVENTS

March 7, 2008. “Seventh Annual Nature, Ecology & Society Colloquium: Scales of Environmental Justice”. Martin E. Segal Theatre, Center City University of New York, Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York City. <http://www.nature.cuny.edu/events.htm>.

March 7-8, 2008. “Global Suburbs Conference.” A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Conference website: <http://sitemaker.umich.edu/globalsuburbs>.

September 19-23, 2008. “Urban Growth without Sprawl: 44th ISOCARP International Planning Congress”. Dalian, China. For more information, visit the International Society of City and Regional Planners website: www.isocarp.org.

October 8-10, 2008. “Barcelona Walk21: 9th International Conference on Walking”. Conference website: www.barcelonawalk21.com.

October 23-25, 2008. “Building abroad: Procurement of Construction and Reconstruction Projects in the International Context”. Université de Montréal, Canada. Conference website: www.grif.umontreal.ca/pages/conferencegrif08.htm.

December 12-15, 2008. “Interrogating Tradition: Epistemologies, Fundamentalisms, Regeneration, and Practices”. Oxford Brookes University. Oxford, UK. Visit: www.arch.ced.berkeley.edu/research/iaste for more information.

March 30-April 4, 2009. “5th International Conference of the Interdisciplinary Research Network "Private Urban Governance/Gated Communities". University of Chile, Santiago de Chile. For more information, contact Dr. Georg Glasze (glasze@uni-mainz.de ; www.geo.uni-mainz.de/glasze).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theory in Action!

The Journal of the Transformative Studies Institute
www.transformativestudies.org

Call for Papers: Theory & Social Justice

While there have been many theoretical analyses of such aspects of social justice as stratification and inequality, and civil rights, there is a need for more research that connects activism with theory. We believe that theory without action and action without theoretical grounding are inherently flawed. To change the world, activists and scholars need to collaborate in order to inform one other's work. To this end, we especially seek papers in which theoretical analysis fosters societal change or in which practical experience guides theoretical research. Theory in Action invites U.S. and international submissions of well-researched and thought-provoking papers from various disciplines. We welcome works by faculty, graduate students, activists, and independent scholars. We accept both theoretical and empirical papers by scholar-activists.

Theory in Action is an international peer reviewed journal. Submissions are due April 15, 2008. Guidelines for submission are online at: <http://transformativestudies.org.htm> . Submissions should be sent using our on-line form found in the 'submissions' menu of Theory in Action.

FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship Program, *Lincoln Institute:*

The annual Dissertation Fellowship Program invites applications from doctoral students who are writing theses in fields that address the Institute's primary interest areas in valuation and taxation, planning, and development. This fellowship program provides an important link between the Institute's educational mission and its research objectives by supporting scholars early in their careers.

The Institute also supports special fellowship programs for both masters and doctoral students enrolled at universities in Latin America and in the People's Republic of China. Deadline: **March 3, 2008**. For more information on these separate programs, visit our Web site at www.lincolninst.edu/education/fellowships.asp.

Visitorship in Planning At University of Toronto:

The Graduate Planning Program at the University of Toronto invites applications from practitioners and scholars who wish to spend a period of professional leave on campus contributing to the pedagogical and research activities of the Program.

A more in-depth description of how the department conceives the field of "planning" can be found on our website, but broadly speaking, we see the practice as building community for the common good. The goal of this new initiative, thus, is to learn from and support the work of planning practitioners, including community organizers. We have deliberately designed the Visitorship to be flexible to the needs of candidates. For example, in addition to telling us about the project you would work on, candidates should describe to us the specific institutional support they are looking for (e.g. courses, library access, mentorship) as well as their time availability to pursue their ends (e.g. one day a week or full-time for three months). Candidates should also incorporate into their proposal suggestions for how they could share their knowledge with faculty and students in our department at U of T (e.g. hosting workshops, giving lectures, teaching a course, etc). The application deadline is **April 1, 2008**. Details can be found at: www.geog.utoronto.ca/programs/planning/planningmain.htm.

ON-LINE RESOURCES

www.trfund.com/resource/creativity.html

Creativity and Neighborhood Development: Strategies for Community Investment
From the transformation of an old factory into a vibrant arts facility, to the development potential of public art and festivals, this publication offers recommendations for investment in arts- and culture-related activity as a strategy for neighborhood development.

This collaboration has also resulted in four briefs which examine issues related to creativity and neighborhood development. The incubator document for the collaboration, called Culture and Urban Revitalization: A Harvest Document, is SIAP's review of the literature.

www.ussen.org

“The **U.S. Solidarity Economy Network** is excited to announce the launching of our new website. This site will be a hub for news, information and ideas related to the

emerging global solidarity economy movement, with a particular focus on economic and social transformation in the U.S. Over the next few weeks, we'll be further developing the resource sections of the site: adding more to the "Solidarity Economy Library" and to the "Education Resources" section, as well as developing a Speaker's Bureau and an extensive Links section.

www.caldisorientation.org

“We are **UC Berkeley** students, working to shape our common cultural landscape. Through this project, we aim to turn you on to what we see as astounding, important, or just fun pieces of Berkeley's past, present, and future. Find the right group to hook up with to start actively working towards a better future; read about past generations of students from their point of view; discover some great activities to do around Berkeley.”

EDUCATION

Professional Development Courses for Nonprofit Planning Organizations *The Planning Academy at Virginia Tech*

Courses include:

- The Government-Nonprofit Nexus in Planning: Effective Collaboration in Today's Environment
- Achieving Nonprofit Sustainability: Earned Income Strategies for Planning Organizations

For complete details and registration for all of our courses, please call (703) 706-8129 or visit: www.planningacademy.ncr.vt.edu.

JOBS

ALABAMA

Assistant/Associate Professor of Architecture
Auburn University Birmingham Center
Birmingham, Alabama

The **School of Architecture at Auburn University**, a comprehensive land-grant and research institution, seeks applicants a full-time tenure-track **Assistant/Associate Professor** appointment based in the Architecture Program's Center for Architecture and Urban Studies in Birmingham, Alabama, commencing August 2008. More information on the Center can be found at:

<http://www.cadc.auburn.edu/soa/urban%2Dstudio/>

Responsibilities: teaching and outreach; the anticipated teaching responsibilities include one advanced architectural design studios plus one to two lecture/seminar in professional practice, community planning, urban design, and/or civic engagement and leadership per 9- month academic year,. The successful candidate will also be expected to work with the Center’s Director to develop and expand the Center’s existing outreach initiatives as the balance of their appointment responsibilities.

Applicants must send: 1) a letter of interest outlining their pedagogical and outreach interests; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) non-returnable examples of relevant professional/creative work and (where applicable) examples of work illustrating prior teaching experience; 4) the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email address of three references to: Birmingham Center Faculty Search, School of Architecture, 104 Dudley Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849, Attn: Sherry Hunt. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on February 18, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. More information could be found at: <http://www.cadc.auburn.edu/wp-content/upload/Birmingham%20Ad.pdf>. AA/EEO.

CALIFORNIA

Dean: College of Environmental Design
University of California, Berkeley

The **University of California, Berkeley** invites applications, nominations, and self-nominations for the position of **Dean of the College of Environmental Design**, appointment effective as early as July 1, 2008. The Dean, in consultation with the College Executive Committee, is responsible for the leadership and administration of the College and reports to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost of the Berkeley campus. We seek a candidate with a professional degree and/or a Ph.D. who has a record of national and international distinction in one or more of the disciplines of the College, as well as accomplishment in teaching, design practice, and/or research that would warrant appointment at Full Professor. For more information visit: <http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/college/jobs/facultystaff#1>

Nominations are requested by February 15 and applications—consisting of a written expression of interest, a curriculum vitae, and a list of at least three references—by **March 1, 2008**. Please send to: Chair, College of Environmental Design Dean Search Committee, Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare, 200 California Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California 94720-1500. AA/EEO.

Electronic submissions are especially encouraged and should be sent to:
ced_dean_search@berkeley.edu

Executive Director

East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)
Oakland, California

The **East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)** seeks an **Executive Director (ED)** to lead a dynamic and effective labor-based economic justice organization. We are seeking an exceptional candidate with the capacity to take the work of a healthy and growing organization to the next level of effectiveness.

The Executive Director serves as the chief executive of EBASE, working with 5 management-level staff. Reporting directly to the Board of Directors, the ED has principal responsibility for overseeing, interpreting and implementing organizational policy, and ensuring the overall success and effectiveness of the organization. We are seeking an exceptional candidate with the capacity to successfully lead a large, complex organization that is advancing multiple campaigns and programs. For more information on qualifications and responsibilities, please visit:
<http://www.workingeastbay.org/article.php?id=486>.

Applications should be sent via electronic mail to edcandidates@workingeastbay.org no later than **February 29, 2008**. Applications must include a resume and a cover letter addressing your interest in the position and how your experience fits with our needs. Applications should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format (not password protected). AA/EEO.

GEORGIA

Planner I

City of Valdosta Community Development Department

The **City of Valdosta Community Development Department** is accepting applications for the position of **Planner I** in **the Planning and Zoning Division**. The City of Valdosta is a rapidly growing retail hub of just under 50,000. The Planner I position is responsible for reviewing development plans and sign applications, preparing current planning reports, assisting citizens, and completing special planning projects as requested by the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will enjoy working with the public and demonstrate strong team player and communication skills. General knowledge of current planning and zoning theories and practices is required as well as experience with ArcView GIS and regular PC operating systems. Candidates should have the ability to conduct independent research, write professional reports and provide accurate and timely information to the public. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Planning or related field, one year of planning experience in a governmental environment, and a valid Georgia driver's license. For more information, please visit:
<http://www.valdostacity.com/index.aspx?recordid=43&page=194>

Apply to: City of Valdosta Human Resources Department, 216 East Central Avenue, Valdosta, GA 31601 or apply [online](#) and/or email resume to bedmonson@valdostacity.com no later than **March 31, 2008**. E/O/E.

MASSACHUSETTS

Transportation Planner

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission
Worcester, Massachusetts

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is seeking an experienced **Transportation Planner** to work in a fast-paced independent environment. Candidate should possess technical analysis expertise and honed people skills. Position requires close working relationship with the public and agency officials.

Minimum Bachelor degree with two years experience in transportation planning. Salary \$40,000-\$48,000 commensurate with experience. See full job description on agency web site (<http://www.cmrpc.org/Career-Opportunities.aspx>).

Send cover letter and resume by March 14, 2008 to Lawrence B. Adams, Executive Director, CMRPC, 2 Washington Square, Worcester, MA 01604-4016 or email to: ladams@cmrpc.org. AA/EEO.

NEW YORK

Director of Neighborhood Revitalization

City of Albany- Department of Development & Planning
Albany, New York

The **City of Albany** is seeking to fill the position of **Director of Neighborhood Revitalization** within the **Department of Development and Planning**. This position is responsible for developing and administering programs to implement neighborhood and community development for the City of Albany. Responsibilities include coordinating with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and other funding sources, both public and private, as it pertains to the revitalization of neighborhoods, addressing vacant and abandoned properties, and increasing homeownership. This position is responsible for the supervision of others within the Department.

Anyone who is interested in applying for this job should forward a resume AND application to the Department of Administrative Services, City Hall, Room 301, Albany, NY 12207 no later than **Thursday, February 28, 2008**. Minorities and women encouraged to apply. E/O/E.

For additional info, please visit: http://www.albanyny.org/_files/NeighBRev.pdf.

OREGON

Planner III: Portland Metro Area Regional Representative

Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

This position offers an exciting opportunity to work as DLCD's liaison to local governments in the Portland Metro area and will participate as a member of the regional Economic Revitalization Team.

The ideal candidate will have experience in land use planning and economic development, and will understand development practices. Salary is \$3,963-\$5,800/month. This position is located in Portland, Oregon. For minimum qualifications and application materials, please visit www.oregonjobs.org and look for Announcement #LE080047. Position closing date is **February 29, 2008**. AA/EEO.