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## PN CHAPTER UPDATES

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### University of Southern California PN Chapter Update

#### Progressive Planners Panel, Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 “Transportation in LA”

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*Moderator:*

Lisa Schweitzer, Assistant Professor, USC School of Policy, Planning and Development

*Panelists:*

Joe Linton -- Policy Associate, Livable Places

Angelo Logan – Director, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

Deike Peters – Fellow, Center for Metropolitan Studies and Adjunct Lecturer, Urban & Regional Planning & International Urban Management, Technical University Berlin

James Rojas – Project Manager, Metro and co-Founder, Latino Urban Forum

The 2008 Progressive Planners Panel, organized by Tim Bretz and Amanda Bromberg of the USC Planners Network chapter, was a huge success! The theme of this year’s discussion was “Transportation in LA” and the panelists presented the audience with stimulating thoughts and observations about this crucial and timely topic. The discussion touched upon issues of transportation equitability, regionalism versus localism, questions of health conditions related to transportation systems, and of course, Los Angeles as a sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> Century city.

The informal panel was held in an intimate art gallery in downtown Los Angeles. This flexible space allowed the dynamic audience to mingle with old and new acquaintances on a Saturday night, while engaging in an important subject with local and international experts. Planners Network offered Angelenos the opportunity for critical conversation through a welcoming format, and once again, pushed the progressive planning ideals in Los Angeles to a new level.

## PN MEMBER UPDATES

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### Update from **Clara Irazábal**:

**Clara Irazábal** is now Assistant Professor of Planning in the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University, New York. This year she has published an edited book, *Ordinary Places, Extraordinary Events: Citizenship, Democracy, and Public Space in Latin America* (New York/ London: Routledge/ Taylor and Francis, 2008) and two articles: “Latino Communities in the United States: Place-Making in the Pre-World War II, Post-World War II, and Contemporary City” (with Ramzi Farhat, *Journal of Planning Literature* 22.3, February 2008, 207-228) and “Cultivating Just Planning and Legal Institutions: A Critical Assessment of the South Central Farm in Los Angeles” (with Anita Punja. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, forthcoming).

## NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

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Edgar Arroyo  
Darrell Cozen  
Joseph Delia  
Maya Haptas  
Clement Lau  
Kent MacDougall

David Marangio  
Jason Neville  
Gabriel Perez  
Neal Smith

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development**, (Nov. 2007, 384 pp.), ed. Miriam Jorgensen, a joint project of the Native Nations Institution and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, has been published by University of Arizona Press, 800/426-3797, [www.uapress.arizona.edu](http://www.uapress.arizona.edu)

**Fighting poverty revisited: What did researchers know 40 years ago? What do we know today?** (2007), is the focus of a report by Sheldon Danziger, available from the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty, 1180 Observatory Dr., Madison, WI 53706, [www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc251a.pdf](http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus/pdfs/foc251a.pdf)

**“Research to Develop a Community Needs Index,”** (June 2007, 90 pp.), is available from HUD USER, PO BOX 23268, Wash., DC20026-3268, 800/245-2691, [www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org)

**“Better Workers for Better Jobs: Improving Worker Advancement in the Low-Wage Labor Market,”** (2007, 8 pp.), by Harry Holzer is available from the Brookings Institution, 1775 Mass. Ave. NW, Wash., DC 20036, 202/797-6279, [info@hamiltonproject.org](mailto:info@hamiltonproject.org), [www.hamiltonproject.org](http://www.hamiltonproject.org)

**HUD Snapshot of Country’s Homeless Population**, (Feb. 2007), this report is HUD’s first such assessment since 1984. Downloadable at: [www.huduser.org/publications/povsoc/annual\\_assess.html](http://www.huduser.org/publications/povsoc/annual_assess.html)

**“Rethinking the Effects of Immigration on Wages,”** (Sept. 2006), from the Immigration Policy Center, finds, based on 1990-2004 data, that immigration has had a positive effect on the wages of most native-born workers. Available at [www.immigrationpolicy.org](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org)

## EVENTS

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**October 3-5, 2008. “Innovations and Collaborations in Affordable Housing.” Phoenix, AZ.** A symposium sponsored by the AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community and AIA Arizona in conjunction with the Association for Community Design.

October 26-29, 2008. "The Rail~Volution 2008" annual conference. San Francisco, CA. [www.railvolution.com/program.asp](http://www.railvolution.com/program.asp)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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### **88th Annual Meetings of the Transportation Research Board**

January 11 - 15, 2009 in Washington, DC

The **Committee on Women's Travel Issues of the Transportation Research Board** invites papers on a variety of women's, children's, and family travel issues for presentation at the **88th Annual Meetings of the Transportation Research Board, January 11 - 15, 2009 in Washington, DC**. All papers will be peer-reviewed for presentation and/or publication in the scholarly journal *Transportation Research Record*.

You must submit a complete paper on-line by **August 1**; this is a firm deadline. Please see the attached file for complete details. Feel free to email Sandi Rosenbloom, [rosenblo@u.arizona.edu](mailto:rosenblo@u.arizona.edu) or Susan Handy, [slhandy@ucdavis.edu](mailto:slhandy@ucdavis.edu) if you have any questions.

### **"The Fixity and Flow of Urban Waterfronts"**

October 10-11, 2008. Hamburg, Germany

The International Network of Urban Waterfront Research presents a Conference: **"The Fixity and Flow of Urban Waterfronts". October 10-11, 2008. Hamburg, Germany**

*Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: June 10, 2008*

*Contacts:* Dirk Schubert: [dirk.schubert@hcu-hamburg.de](mailto:dirk.schubert@hcu-hamburg.de), Gene Desfor: [desfor@yorku.ca](mailto:desfor@yorku.ca), and Jennefer Laidley: [jlaidley@yorku.ca](mailto:jlaidley@yorku.ca)

This two-day academic conference devoted to exploring critical dimensions of both recent and historic cases of urban waterfront change. We invite you to submit a paper for the conference.

The program of the conference is organized around the following dimensions:

1. Historic and Contemporary Studies of the Dynamics of Urban Waterfront Change
2. Governance of Ports and Urban Waterfronts
3. Urban Waterfront Property Development
4. Continuity and Change on Urban Waterfronts
5. Sustainable Urban Waterfronts

Paper titles and abstracts of no more than 250 words must be submitted by June 10, 2008. Abstracts should be emailed as a Word attachment to Gene Desfor

[desfor@yorku.ca](mailto:desfor@yorku.ca) or Dirk Schubert [dirk.schubert@hcu-hamburg.de](mailto:dirk.schubert@hcu-hamburg.de). For more detailed information, visit: [econgeo.net/node/59](http://econgeo.net/node/59)

### **Third Triennial Aboriginal Policy Research Conference**

March 9-12, 2009. London, Ontario, Canada

Sponsored by: The University of Western Ontario, The Department Indian Affairs and Northern Development and The National Association of Friendship Centres

In this complex and changing world, public policy must more than ever be based on research that exposes the realities that face Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. At the same time, the outcomes of policy must also be explored and evaluated to ensure that there has been a positive and/or desired impact. The Aboriginal Policy Research Conference will engage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers and policy makers in the pursuit of better, more appropriate research, evidence-based policy, and policy outcome assessment. The last conference had an unprecedented 1200 delegates.

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal scholars and researchers are invited to submit a short abstract by **August 1, 2008**. For those selected, the complete papers will be due by December 19, 2008. Subjects for papers are open.

Send submissions to: [jpeters5@uwo.ca](mailto:jpeters5@uwo.ca) , ATTENTION: APRC

Jerry P. White, Professor and Senior Advisor to the Provost, C/O Julie Peters, Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 5C2, \* E-mail submissions preferred

Further information available at: [www.aprc-crmpa.ca](http://www.aprc-crmpa.ca)

## **ON-LINE RESOURCES**

### **Municipal Green Building Policies:**

Strategies for Transforming Building Practices in the Private Sector

The **Environmental Law Institute** has issued a report providing a detailed review of selected municipal green building policies that address private-sector development. Covering all regions of the United States, **Municipal Green Building Policies: Strategies for Transforming Building Practices in the Private Sector** looks at more than 25 different municipal policies that (1) establish mandatory green building criteria; (2) provide expedited review as an incentive for green building, or (3) offer other direct financial incentives. The report provides an up-to-date reference and benchmark for municipalities interested in adapting or updating their green building laws and policies.

The report is available free of charge from:  
[www.elistore.org/reports\\_detail.asp?ID=11295](http://www.elistore.org/reports_detail.asp?ID=11295).

## JOBS

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### CALIFORNIA

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#### **The I. Donald Turner Residency BRIDGE Housing Corporation San Francisco, CA**

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**BRIDGE Housing Corporation**, a nonprofit affordable housing developer, is currently recruiting for its next two-year **Turner Resident** which will work on housing policy research and development in our San Francisco headquarters.

The I. Donald Turner Residency Program honors the spirit of Don Turner, founder of BRIDGE Housing, and inspires a new generation of social leaders. The Turner Resident will serve in a two-year fellowship in the San Francisco office of BRIDGE Housing, working to move the organization forward in the field of housing policy. This is an excellent opportunity for experience and training with California's largest nonprofit developer of affordable homes for working families and seniors.

The Turner Resident will report directly to and work closely with the CEO, senior management staff and board members of BRIDGE Housing. He or she will lead the creation of BRIDGE's efforts on all relevant housing policy so that the organization increases its influence on state and national housing policy. For a more complete announcement please visit: [www.bridgehousing.com/Turner\\_Resident](http://www.bridgehousing.com/Turner_Resident)

Full program and application information is available on our website at [www.bridgehousing.com/Turner\\_Residency](http://www.bridgehousing.com/Turner_Residency). For additional information contact Rebecca Selleck at 415-321-3514, or [rselleck@bridgehousing.com](mailto:rselleck@bridgehousing.com). Applications are due August 1, 2008.

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#### **Assistant Planner City Planner Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Los Angeles, CA**

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Since 1948, the **Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA)** has been Los Angeles' public partner in housing, commercial, neighborhood and economic development. CRA/LA is dedicated to revitalizing, refurbishing, and renewing economically underserved areas of Los Angeles.

CRA/LA seeks to hire a **City Planner for the Downtown Region**. This position serves as Project Planner in one or more redevelopment project areas; assumes responsibility as lead person for all planning and development aspects of projects and their implementation from a planning perspective; and conducts high level research and analysis on issues involving project planning, real estate opportunity sites, urban planning, design, housing, architecture, master planning, and transportation.

Qualified candidates will have a Bachelor's Degree in urban planning or closely related field. A Master's Degree in an area of planning-specialization is desirable. Must

possess knowledge of urban planning and development practices, including urban design, community development and revitalization; redevelopment planning and processes; mapping and graphic illustration; advanced planning research techniques; methods of statistical analysis; municipal building and zoning codes and the uses of United States Census and other data. For more information please visit:  
[www.crala.net/internet-site/Jobs\\_Contracting/jobs\\_available/upload/CityPlannerDT\\_5-22-08.pdf](http://www.crala.net/internet-site/Jobs_Contracting/jobs_available/upload/CityPlannerDT_5-22-08.pdf)

*To Apply:* forward a completed application and resume to: CRA/LA, attn: HR, 354 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Position is open until filled. First review of applications/resumes on June 12, 2008. This recruitment will consist of both oral and written exams. Posting/application found on-line: [www.crala.org](http://www.crala.org) ADA/EOE

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**Assistant Professor in Urban Planning**  
**Department of Planning, Policy, and Design**  
University of California, Irvine

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The **Department of Planning, Policy, and Design** at **UC Irvine** invites applications from exceptional scholars with demonstrated ability for intellectual leadership in urban planning. We seek candidates whose research links core planning topics to questions of regulation or institutions in spatial or physical contexts. The topical area of focus is open, but candidates who bolster existing department strengths are preferred.

Department faculty members have topical research strengths that include design-behavior research, environmental sustainability, housing, inequality and economic opportunity, international development, land use, human security, public health, public management, regional governance, transportation, water policy, and urban design. We seek scholars with a Ph.D. in planning. Candidates with doctoral degrees in related fields and whose background and research show clear evidence of strong ties to planning scholarship and practice may also be considered. For more information please visit: [socialecology.uci.edu/node/1872](http://socialecology.uci.edu/node/1872)

For full consideration, candidates should apply by September 15, 2008. The position will remain open until filled. The start date may be negotiated, but we anticipate that the successful candidate will start by July 1, 2009. Candidates should apply online at [socialecology.uci.edu/employment](http://socialecology.uci.edu/employment) by submitting a cover letter, c.v., three letters of reference, publications or writing samples, and a brief statement of teaching interests and capabilities. For more information, please contact the search committee chair, Marlon Boarne, at [mgboarne@uci.edu](mailto:mgboarne@uci.edu) . E/O/E

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## ILLINOIS

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**Community Development Intern**  
**Village of Richton Park, IL**

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Under the direct supervision of the Community Development Director, the position will assist in all aspects of Planning and Zoning. This individual shall be customer service

oriented and able to assist staff with performing various planning related tasks as listed below.

*Duties, Responsibilities:* Perform technical reviews for zoning compliance; Respond to public inquiries on planning and zoning related matters; Process sign permit, variance and special use/rezoning permit applications; Prepare written reports with recommendations for site plans, fence reviews, rezoning, variances and special use petitions for presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Conduct a field inventory of Village's business district; Assist with the deployment of a business district customer survey; Assist with general administrative duties as needed.

*Knowledge, Abilities, Skills:* Knowledge of planning and zoning principles, municipal government and software programs, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and internet planning research tools; Ability to communicate both orally and in writing; Experience working in an office environment, preferably with planning related tasks.

Qualified applicants must possess a High School or GED diploma, a bachelor's degree (or in pursuit of) in urban planning, public administration, architecture or closely-related field.

*To apply:* Please send your resume, a cover letter and a completed employment application to: Regan Stockstell, Community Development Director, Village of Richton Park, 4455 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, IL 60471, (708) 481-8950, [rstockstell@richtonpark.org](mailto:rstockstell@richtonpark.org)

Download employment application form from:  
[richtonpark.org/clientuploads/PDFFILES/APPLICATIONFOREMPLOYMENT.pdf](http://richtonpark.org/clientuploads/PDFFILES/APPLICATIONFOREMPLOYMENT.pdf)

## LOUISIANA

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**Planner**  
**GCR & Associates, Inc.**  
New Orleans, LA

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**GCR & Associates, Inc.** is a diversified professional consulting firm with expertise in urban and land use planning, civil engineering, public safety, aviation, real estate acquisitions and management information systems. GCR is seeking a creative and talented **Planner** to support the Planning sector in our New Orleans office.

*Duties, Responsibilities:* Flexibility to work on a number of diverse planning project, including post-Katrina rebuilding, housing, and demographic assessments; Working on transit planning, community development, and comprehensive/strategic planning projects; Proficient in obtaining, understanding, and analyzing relevant data, such as Census data, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, and housing, demographic, and economic data obtained from local jurisdictions; Community visioning; economic, demographic, or policy research; data analysis and synthesis; mapping; and public meeting facilitation.

*Skills, Abilites:* Proficient with MS Word, excel, and have some experience with GIS applications and Access; Excellent oral and written communication skills; Ability to take initiative and work independently as well as part of a team; Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced and hands-on environment; Self starter and quick learner; Must possess strong initiative, attention to detail and organizational skills.

*Education, Experience:* Minimum 2 years of planning experience (or a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and 1 year of experience); Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning or related field.

GCR & Associates, Inc. offers our employees a competitive compensation package. Among the benefits are flexible work time shceudules, paid PTO, a 401(k) with a company match, health/vision plan, dental plan, cafeteria compensation plan, and life insurance.

*To Apply:* Letters of interest & resumes may be sent to GCR & Associates, Inc., 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 500, New Orleans, LA 70122; email to [resumes@gcr1.com](mailto:resumes@gcr1.com) ; No phone or in-person inquires.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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**Entry Level Planner,  
Sasaki Associates, Inc.**  
Watertown, MA

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**Sasaki Associates, Inc.** an international award-winning planning and design firm and winner of the 2007 ASLA Firm of the Year and Zweigwhite 2007 "Best Firm To Work For" awards is seeking an **Entry Level Planner** with 1-3 years of experience.

Candidate must have strong project design skills and interest in projects such as urban districts, mixed use environments, new communities and town centers, corporate employment and technology campuses, college and university campuses, and recreational and leisure environments. An undergraduate degree in architecture, landscape architecture or city planning is preferred. LEED AP preferred.

Responsibilities will include contributions to, and initiation of, project planning and design ideas, concepts and strategies and ongoing project design production and documentation as part of an interdisciplinary project planning and design team within Sasaki.

Candidates must include 2-3 work samples in PDF format when submitting their resumes to [humanresources@sasaki.com](mailto:humanresources@sasaki.com). Website [www.sasaki.com](http://www.sasaki.com). Postal Address: Sasaki Associates, Inc. 64 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472

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