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PN NEWS

Update on PN Montreal by Yuseph Katiya:

On Sunday May 30th, Planners Network-Montreal co-sponsored a talk given by Saskia Sassen with the Institute de Politique Alternative de Montreal (IPAM). A mix crowd of about 70 people filled the School of Community and Public Affairs to hear her talk: "The city, today, and tomorrow and redefining citizenship."

Yuseph Katiya, Concordia University

A new edition of the Disorientation Guide is in the works!

Carla Klassen, Molly Johnson, Yuseph Katiya and Amy Siciliano are co-editing a new edition of the Disorientation Guide. We have an expected publication date of Fall 2011. We would love to know more about what you liked about the previous Disorientation Guide and how you think it can be improved.

We will be placing a formal call out for contributions at a later date, but if you think you would like to get involved as a potential contributor or in an advisory capacity, we would love to hear from you now! Please send an email to the following address: disorientationguide2011@gmail.com.

Thank very much!
Carla, Molly, Yuseph and Amy
The DG2011 Committee

PN MEMBER UPDATES

From Pner Frances Goldin: Deeply into struggle against NYU and their taking over of the west Village and the Lower East Side. Remain active with the Cooper Square Mutual Housing Ass'n, which is based on a Community Land Trust model, which keeps rents permanently affordable.

Pner Jeff Hou has published a new book, Guerrilla Urbanism and the Remaking of Contemporary Cities. With nearly 20 illustrated case studies, this volume shows how instances of insurgent public space occur across the world.

Pner Clara Irazábal is a contributing author for the first issue of the State of Latin America and Caribbean Cities, SOLACC (presented at the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro in March 2010 and published in Spanish: Estado de las Ciudades de America Latina y el Caribe).

Pner Peter Meyer is part of a team under contract to the Department of Energy to provide technical assistance on financial mechanisms to recipients of DOE's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants and State Energy Program grants.

From Pner Libby Porter: Interested in progressive planning? Check out Planners Network UK. For the latest debates and research see Planning Theory and Practice. For further information, contact, Dr. Libby Porter, Lecturer in Spatial Planning, Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, 25 Bute Gardens, Glasgow, G12 8RS, UK.

Pner Kathryn Quick completed her dissertation on Inclusive public leadership practices that have helped to build community capacity to address two city planning problems: urban environmental stewardship and neighborhood gentrification conflicts, building upon ethnographic work in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Pner Amy Siciliano (PN Steering Committee and PPM editorial board member) recently completed her Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Toronto. She has now started a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at the City Institute of York University, working with Roger Kell on modernist-era tower renewal in Toronto, Berlin and Leipzig.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

- Cheryl-Ann Pizzi-Zeoli
Nick Poggioni
Susan Poliwka
Caitlin Salemi
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John Shapiro
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Michael Stone
Sarah Stricker
Louis Thomas
Nicholas Tulach
Margaret Villanueva
Karen Westmont
Barbara Wilson
Mark Winogron
Sasha Wisotsky
David Zisser

PUBLICATIONS

"What We See: Advancing the Observations of Jane Jacobs" (May 2010, 384 pp.), edited by Stephen Goldsmith & Lynne Elizabeth, has been published by New Village Press and The Center for the Living City. For further information, visit here.

"Assessing the Effects of Neighborhood Councils on Urban Policy and Development: The Case of Tacoma, Washington" (2010, 20 pp.), by Yonn Dierwechter & Brian Coffey, is published in The Social Science Journal 47:471-491. Click here to download.

"Reconsidering Culture and Poverty" (2010), by Mario Luis Small, David J. Harding, & Michele Lamont, is an article published in Annals AAPSS. Click here to download.

"Rethinking Federal Housing Policy" (2010, 29 pp.), by John D. Landis & Kirk McClure, is published in the Journal of the American Planning Association 76(3): 319-348. Click here to download.

"Street Value: Shopping, Planning, and Politics at Fulton Mall" (June 2010, 208 pp.) is title of a new book by Rosten Woo, Meredith TenHoor & Damon Rich. The book explores how race, redevelopment, and commercial culture commingle in Downtown Brooklyn. It is published by Princeton Architectural Press as the first title in the Inventory Books series, edited by Adam Michaels from Project Projects.

"Boulevard of Dreams: Heady Times, Heartbreak, and Hope Along the Grand Concourse in the Bronx" (2009, 267 pp.), by Constance Rosenblum, has been published by the New York University Press. It is a marvellous social/architectural history of the 4.5 mile, 182' wide version of the Champs d'Élysee that ran virtually the borough's entire length.

"We Call These Projects Home: Solving the Housing Crisis from the Ground Up" (May 2010, 75 pp.), is a Right to the City Alliance Report on Public Housing. It is available from Anita Sinha, Advancement Project, 1220 L St. NW, #850, Washington, DC 20005, 202/728-9557, x323. For further information and to download the report click here.

"Filling the Gaps: COMMUTE and the Fight for Transit Equity in New York City" (March 2010, 20 pp.), by Seth Wessler, is available from the Applied Research Center.

"A Path to Homeownership: Building a More Sustainable Strategy for Expanding Homeownership" (2010), by Rick Jacobus & David Abramowitz, is available on the National Housing Institute's website.

EVENTS

August 28, 2010. EcoMentors Conference. George Brown College, Toronto, ON. For more information, visit here.

September 22-24, 2010. Architecture for Change Summit. Chicago, IL. For more information, visit here.

October 17-21, 2010. 48th IMCL Conference: Planning Healthy & Child-Friendly Communities. Charleston, SC. For more information, visit here.

October 21-23, 2010: Social Forum of Architecture, Ankara, Turkey. Registration to Social Forum of Architecture is opened on June 8, 2010. As audience, it is possible to register till October 19, 2010. For paper presentations, posters, exhibitions, workshops etc. deadline of registration is September 15, 2010.

November 4-7, 2010. My City's Still Breathing: a symposium exploring the arts, artists and the city. Winnipeg, MB. Website, Blog.

November 10-11, 2010. Public Space and the Challenges of Urban Transformation in Europe: Politics and Culture. Vienna, Austria. For more information visit here.

CALL FOR PAPERS

An International Design Ideas Competition for Urban Renewal for Rifle Range, Penang

The Malaysian Institute of Architects (Northern Chapter) together with the Penang State Government of Malaysia, Penang Municipal Council and the Malaysian Institute of Planners (Northern Branch) have launched an Ideas Competition for the renewal of Rifle Range Penang. Professional architects and town planners from around the globe are most welcome to participate.

closing date of the competition is September 15, 2010.

Perspectives on public space in Rome, from antiquity to the present day - Biennial of Public Space, Italian National Institute for Urban Planners (INU) - Rome, Italy May 13-14, 2011

Organizers: Gregory Smith & Jan Gadeyne, Cornell in Rome

Please send proposals or enquiries to romepublicspace@cornell.edu.

The conference is an integral part of the three-day Biennial of Public Space organized by the Italian National Institute for Urban Planners (INU). It wishes to bring together various perspectives on public space in the city of Rome pertaining to any historical period. The aim of the conference is to open debate on the notion of public space across time, interpreted as a fluid concept having architectural, institutional, political, social, religious, phenomenological, and artistic relevance.

Ideally the conference will result in a collection of essays published in English. Those interested in participating should submit a two-hundred-word proposal to the organizers and a one-page CV. The deadline for submitting a proposal is October 15, 2010. Acceptance will be notified by October 30, 2010.

41st Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference

Reclaiming the City: Building a Just and Sustainable Future

New Orleans, Louisiana - March 16-19, 2011

We invite you to submit a proposal for participation in this exciting event. UAA conferences are noted as a welcoming context for perspectives from multiple disciplines. Come and explore the usual broad array of topics as well as issues raised by the conference theme such as:

- National "Urban Policy"—How Has the Obama Administration Addressed Challenges Confronting Cities and Metropolitan Areas? The Obama Administration expressed an explicit interest in "urban affairs." How has that interest been reflected in policy initiatives?

- Urban Redevelopment—Who decides? Who benefits? Who are the key players involved in rebuilding efforts? What interests and values are reflected in redevelopment decisions?

- Politics of Inequality and Vulnerability: How does the social (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender, class), economic, and political context shape the vulnerability of particular groups in natural/human-made disasters?

- Environmental Impacts and Disaster Management: The recent Gulf Coast oil spill demonstrates the potential for devastating impacts from human-made disasters. What are the environmental impacts of disasters on a city and its economy? What role do local, regional, national, and international institutions play in environmental cleanups and/or mitigation of future disasters?

- International Learning: What lessons can be transferred from across the globe to the rebuilding of places like New Orleans and Port au Prince?

The online proposal submission system can be accessed from here. Proposal Deadline is October 1, 2010. Acceptance or rejection notices will be sent by November 15, 2010.

For a complete call for participation, please visit here.

EDUCATIONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPURTUNITY

International Study Group on Urban Development

Curitiba, Brazil

"Bridges & Dialogues" organizes study groups in Curitiba and other Brazilian or Latin American cities (upon request).

The schedule in Curitiba usually takes from 3-5 days, and is mainly focused on inserting participants into the City's internationally recognized urban evolution and development over the last 50 years. The major purpose is to provide participants with the opportunity of absorbing the urban concepts and principles applied here, so that they are empowered to reproduce similar guidelines in their places of origin.

The program may include the following fields: Strategic Planning, Mass Transport, Environmental & Community Challenges, Street Network & Land Use, The Bio-Citizen Program, Public Administration, The Academia vs. The Public Policies, Cultural Integration, Healthcare Issues, Technical vs. Political Balance in Urban Planning, Metropolization, Job & Income Generation, Economic Development, among others.

The program is made up of three moments: (i) Specific technical lectures by Municipal and/or Regional officers; (ii) Field visits; (iii) Group assignment & discussion. Parts i and ii employ simultaneous or consecutive translation.

Associated fees cover: local transfers; hotel accommodation, breakfast included (for the previously contracted training session days only); lunch & dinner; technical materials (paper and/or digital work); technical city tour & organization fee. Air tickets to/from Curitiba before/after the training sessions are not covered. Passports and Visas are not provided by the organizing committee either.

Groups are composed of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 20 participants. Our "bring 1 along" promotion encourages participants to cut up to half of their total fee by registering one or more colleagues/co-workers in the same study group they are taking part in. Study Groups can be organized any time of the year, depending only upon our free schedule. All participants will receive an International Certification.

For more information, contact Eitel Rosa, Executive Director, Bridges & Dialogues Network Building bridges among peoples Curitiba, Brazil,+55 41 3085 4141, + 55 41 9145 5655; email: bridgesndialogues@gmail.com.

Also, for a more critical perspective on the 'Curitiba model,' Pners should consult Clara Irazabel's book: City Making and Urban Governance in the Americas (Ashgate, 2005).

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Watershed Resources Registry One of Several New Tools for Planners

(Website)

Managers, planners, and regulators are looking for new ways to coordinate and improve their efforts to protect entire watersheds. The May-June issue of the National Wetlands Newsletter features two articles highlighting new watershed tools. The National Wetlands Inventory has new descriptors to help wetland professionals formulate conservation strategies and assess watershed health, while the Watershed Resources Registry is a pilot project that can help federal, state, and local agencies better coordinate their efforts to achieve ecosystem health using a watershed approach.

Healthy Community Design Expert Workshop Report

(Website)

This new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) illustrates the importance of considering public health factors --such as physical activity, respiratory and mental health, water quality, social equity, healthy aging, and social capital -- when creating the built environment. The report is the latest product of CDC's Healthy Community Design Initiative, aimed at combating soaring rates of asthma, diabetes, and obesity by improving the way communities are designed.

Mixed Income Transit-Oriented Development Action Guide

(Website)

The Mixed Income Transit-Oriented Development Action Guide is an online tool designed to help local jurisdictions and planners develop strategies to create mixed-income, transit-oriented development (MITOD) around planned transit stations. This interactive site was developed by the Center for Transit Oriented Development in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

JOBS

ALABAMA

Assistant Professor of Community Planning

Auburn University School of Architecture

Auburn, Alabama

The School of Architecture at Auburn University -- a comprehensive land grant and research institution located in Auburn, Alabama -- is accepting applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor of Community Planning. This position begins August 16, 2011. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. For more information about the School of Architecture, visit here.

Responsibilities of the appointment include teaching, research and/or outreach at the graduate level. Successful applicants will be able to teach a required Introduction to Community Planning course, and to teach courses in two (2) or more of the following areas: Digital Applications in Planning (including GIS), Transportation Planning, Housing and Community Development, Small Town and Rural Planning, Quantitative Methods, and Economic Development Planning.

Candidates must have: 1) a Ph.D. in planning or a terminal degree in a related field at the time of appointment; 2) the ability to maintain an active scholarly work program that is disseminated through disciplinary publications and other peer-reviewed venues; and 3) the capacity to work collaboratively with other faculty members within the School and/or College. Preferred qualifications include: an earned doctorate degree, prior teaching experience, demonstrated evidence of a continuing scholarly program, and AICP certification.

Applicants must submit: 2) a letter of interest outlining their pedagogical and scholarly interests; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) evidence of past scholarly work and (if applicable) prior teaching experience; and 4) the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references. Please send all relevant material to: Planning Faculty Search, School of Architecture, 104 Dudley Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5316. Attn: Sherry Hunt.

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2011, and continue until the position is filled. For more information, contact Cindy Hammonds at (334) 844-5421 or via email at hammoci@auburn.edu. EOE/AA

CALIFORNIA

Planning Services Manager

City of Alameda, California

The City of Alameda is seeking an experienced planner with strong design skills and management experience, and a passion for historic preservation. Under general direction, the position is responsible for the overall management, coordination and administration of all current planning activities and functions including design review, development review, zoning, housing, transportation, public arts programs, environmental and land use planning.

Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with major course work in city or regional planning, urban design, or related field. Four years of progressively responsible professional urban planning experience involving current planning, advance planning, zoning administration work and project management, with substantial experience in a supervisory capacity involving direct supervision of professional planners or in comprehensive and significant project management.

Salary Range: \$102,336 - \$124,410 annually, excellent benefits, and a 36-hr/4-day workweek

Apply by: September 9, 2010 (May close earlier if sufficient applications are received). View the complete job description and apply online or submit an application to HR Department, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501. EOE. Contact info: Emily Hung, City of Alameda Human Resources, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Room 290, Alameda, CA 94501, Tel: 510.747.4910, Fax: 510.747.4902.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner/Designer

Alta Planning + Design

Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, CA

Positions in Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego

Alta Planning + Design, a leading bicycle and pedestrian planning firm, is seeking several entry to mid-level planners for our Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego offices. We are seeking enthusiastic individuals with one to four years professional experience; excellent writing, physical planning and design skills; a background in urban transportation planning and analysis; and experience/interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Duties include professional report writing, transportation research and analysis, fieldwork, creation of maps and graphic diagrams, and community outreach. Desired technical and software skills include: technical writing, document layout and production (MSWord), physical planning, geographic information systems (ArcInfo9), Adobe Creative Suite (CS4), statistical analysis (MSEExcel/SPSS).

Salary is commensurate with experience and ability. A Master's degree in urban planning, transportation planning or directly related fields is preferred. We offer a competitive salary, benefits and a casual work environment.

Please send your resume, your salary requirements and/or history, and a minimum of two work samples as PDF attachments to resumes+pdb@altaplanning.com or to Alta Planning + Design, Attn: Human Resources, 711 SE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. No calls please. To learn more about our firm visit our website.

COLORADO

Planner I

City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Job Description: Entry-level professional and technical planning position assisting with various aspects of the City's planning program such as processing routine land use applications, reviewing building permits for zoning compliance, maintaining and creating maps and other planning related graphical information, informing the public of planning regulations and procedures, and conducting research and analysis for a variety of planning activities.

Essential Duties: Perform as case coordinator on routine land use cases which includes: consultation with applicant, facilitation of neighborhood meetings, posting, publishing notices, coordination with other departments and service providers; analysis of application with respect to the City's regulations, requirements of service providers, and good planning practices. Write reports summarizing analysis and recommendations and presenting to the appropriate board or commission including the Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission and City Council.

Advise all customers on zoning and planning regulations, policies and procedures; prepare and update graphics and maps; provide copies of plans and development documents as requested by the public. Serve as Planner-of-the-Day responding to walk-in customers and approving certain over-the-counter permits.

Management of pre-application process including meeting minutes. Assist in the preparation of special reports; conduct background research and/or analysis for short-term, long-term, and special projects as assigned. Manage mapping and informational resources, maps, and databases for the Long-Range and Current Planning Divisions.

Qualifications: Training - Bachelor's degree in planning or related field required; Master's degree preferred. Experience - Minimum of one (1) year experience in planning is required OR any equivalent combination of training/experience that demonstrates possession of required knowledge, skills, abilities.

Special Requirements: Possess a current and valid Colorado driver's license or ability to obtain within thirty (30) days from date of hire. Must meet city policy standards pertaining to driver's license requirements.

NEW YORK

Director of Sustainability Studies

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

The newly-created position of Director of Sustainability Studies will be part of the Department of Global Studies and Geography and the National Center for Suburban Studies. The position is responsible for creating, developing, promoting, and providing leadership for a new Sustainability Studies program. This position will preferably be at the Associate Professor or Professor Level. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in Urban or Environmental Planning, Geography or a closely related field. A strong record of publication and external funding, and evidence of collaborative skill and effective college teaching is required. Familiarity with GIS and prior professional planning practice will be considered a plus for the position, as will AICP certification.

Principal duties include teaching, research and program development. Program development will include working with the National Center for Suburban Studies to assist in the creation and management of a research institute with a specific focus on suburban sustainability issues. Candidates would be expected to also work closely with other campus organizations, especially the Department of Biology's Urban Ecology program.

Preference will be given to candidates with an active research agenda and significant success raising external funds, experience in interdisciplinary programs, and demonstrated commitment to community engagement. Interested individuals should: (1) submit a curriculum vitae, (2) statement of research interests, (3) statement of teaching experience, interests and philosophy, and (4) have letters from three references sent to: Faculty Search, Department of Global Studies and Geography, 130 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549-1140, or email application documents (in PDF format) to Grant.R.Saff@hofstra.edu.

Review of applications will begin September 15, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. Please visit here for additional information about the Department and here for information about the Center.

Tenure-Track Position in Urban Planning/Urban Policy

New York University, New York, NY

The Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University invites applicants for a tenure-track, open-rank faculty appointment to start in the 2011-2012 academic year in the area of urban planning/urban policy. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in a relevant discipline, such as economics, political science, public policy, sociology, or urban planning. The Wagner School offers both doctoral and masters degrees (including a Masters in Urban Planning). Applicants are encouraged to visit our website for more detailed information about NYU Wagner.

Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae and a sample research paper via email to: wagner.urbansearch@nyu.edu. In addition, please arrange for three references to send letters of recommendation to the above email address or if needed through regular mail to: Urban Faculty Search Committee, The Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, 295 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012, Email: wagner.urbansearch@nyu.edu

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but should be received no later than December 1, 2010. EOE/AA

OREGON

Downtown Revitalization Project Manager

City of Salem, OR

City of Salem is looking for a Downtown Revitalization Project Manager to oversee and implement programs and assigned projects in and adjacent to the City's on-going urban renewal areas.

The incumbent will direct development and implementation of complex and highly visible projects in Downtown Salem, dealing with financial feasibility and alignment with Urban Renewal Agency plans and goals through the direction of City staff and contract consultants; implement projects through effective management of schedules, budgets, coordinating, communication and reporting; develop new programs and modify existing programs; provide primary staff support for City Council or Urban Renewal Agency Advisory Boards including preparing agendas and staff reports and approving draft minutes; develop requests for proposals, policies, and communication materials to City Council, Urban Renewal Agency and other internal and external groups; and prepare and deliver presentations.

Bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning, public policy, business, real estate, economics or a related field; and, 5 years of progressively responsible experience in a related field; or, any combination of education, experience and training that provides the knowledge, skills and abilities. Experience working in a downtown environment dealing with merchants and businesses and downtown property owners to address such items as building occupancy and overall economic vibrancy of downtown, working with Parking District and within the requirements of an Economic Improvement District (EID) preferred.

Salary Range: \$5,309.20 - \$6,721.87/month plus excellent benefits. Posting closes on September 17, 2010. For the full posting and application, please visit here. EOE/AA.

Questions or Comments? Email us at newsletter@plannersnetwork.org