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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

Less than two months until our 2010 conference in the Bay Area!

Toward A Just Metropolis

June 16–20, 2010 Conference • San Francisco Bay Area

Sponsored by PN, ADPSR, ACD, CFTLC

www.justmetropolis.org

As cities and towns around the world grapple with the impacts of multiple and concurrent crises, progressive planners, urbanists, activists, and citizens face the challenge of transforming crises into opportunities to advance profound changes in the way we plan, build, design, live in, and govern our cities.

Planners Network calls on planners to resist the odious Arizona Immigration Law

As progressive planners who are committed to opposing social injustice and discrimination, we strongly condemn the Arizona immigration law (SB 1070). The law, which requires police officers to establish the resident status or citizenship of individuals deemed "reasonably suspicious" opens the door to racial profiling and threatens the basic civil liberties of all ethnic minorities in Arizona. As already noted by President Obama and other public officials, the law will breed mistrust between local law enforcement officials and local communities and it will instill fear and insecurity among the hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants who reside and work in the state.

Furthermore, by making it illegal to provide sanctuary to immigrants or to hire and transport day workers, this law is an affront to the extraordinary contributions and sacrifices that immigrants have made - and continue to make - to the social, cultural and economic fabric of the country.

We call on all urban and regional planners to protest this law as an attack on the human rights and dignity of immigrants and people of color and to argue instead for passing comprehensive immigration reform measures that extend basic civil liberties and services to all individuals who reside and/or work in the state, irrespective of status. Planners should also be at the forefront in supporting local efforts to plan inclusive communities and public spaces that enable people of diverse backgrounds to live and work together.

Since other states may follow Arizona's lead, it is critical that we actively oppose the law. We call on citizens at large to join in economic boycotts of the state in order to send a clear message that an attack on immigrants is an attack on all of us.

[Planners Network](#) Steering Committee

The Planning in the Black Community Division, American Planning Association

Planners of Colour Interest Group, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

PN MEMBER UPDATES

PNers Jeffrey S. Lowe and **William M. Harris** have a chapter entitled "Community Development Challenges in Inner-City Neighborhoods" in the new book: *Introduction to Community Development: Theory, Practice, and Service-Learning* (Sage Publications). Edited by Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., and Gary Paul Green, *Introduction to Community Development* is a comprehensive survey text designed for upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses. Also, accompanying the text are Instructor/Teaching and Student Study sites accessible from [here](#).

PN'er Josh Lerner recently helped Alderman Joe Moore and residents in Chicago's

49th Ward complete the first participatory budgeting process in the US. A co-authored article on the initiative appears in YES Magazine: [Chicago's \\$1.3 Million Experiment in Democracy](#).

PNer Tom Angotti's book *New York For Sale: Community Planning Confronts Global Real Estate* (MIT Press: 2008) won the 2010 International Planning History Society book prize.

PNer Libby Porter, University of Glasgow, UK (PNUK & Steering Committee member) has a new book out:

"Unlearning the Colonial Cultures of Planning" 2010, Aldershot: Ashgate

'A path-breaking analysis of planning's complicity in colonialism, and the resulting social injustice for Indigenous peoples. Porter's genealogical analysis does for planning what Latour did for modernity. Her brilliant deconstruction of the colonial cultures of planning opens a space for a more transformative (post) colonial planning.' - Leonie Sandercock, University of British Columbia, Canada

Colonialization has never failed to provoke discussion and debate over its territorial, economic and political projects, and their ongoing consequences. This work argues that the state-based activity of planning was integral to these projects in conceptualizing, shaping and managing place in settler societies. Planning was used to appropriate and then produce territory for management by the state and in doing so, became central to the colonial invasion of settler states. Moreover, the book demonstrates how the colonial roots of planning endure in complex (post)colonial societies and how such roots, manifest in everyday planning practice, continue to shape land use contests between indigenous people and planning systems in contemporary (post)colonial states.

To order, please visit: www.ashgate.com. All online orders receive a discount.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Chris Baker	Gregory Gilbert	Janice Miller
Sheri Blake	Claudia Gimenez	Peter Meyer
Sam Boskey	Frances Goldin	Adam Ogusky
Karen Chapple	Jason Hackworth	Lucenia Ortiz
Damian Cheng	William Harris	Kenneth Pin
Sarah Cooper	Kara Heffernan	Laurel Paget-Seekins
Marisa Cravens	Myra Jemison	Juan Rodriguez
Jacob Curtz	Kunitomo Kamizaki	Darchen Sebastien
Jeff Derwort	Yuseph Katiya	Reka Sivarajah
Peter Dreier	Kathryn Keller	Christopher Illum
Alexa Fabrega	Carla Klassen	Konstantina Soureli
Celeste Fiore	Daniel Lauber	Stephanie Striefel
Gen Fujioka	Fernando Marti	Harriet White

PUBLICATIONS

“Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society” is celebrating its 40th year of publishing timely information to support purposive community change. With contributions from research and practice, the Journal offers a wealth of information on theory, application and evaluation of community development practices. Learn more at the journal's [webpage](#). Free sample copies can be obtained from the “Free Sample Copy” link on the webpage. Article downloads are available too. To submit a manuscript, see the link via [here](#).

“Reducing Poverty and Economic Distress after ARRA: Potential Roles for Place-Conscious Strategies” (April 2010, 34 pp.), by M. Pastor, M. A. Turner, is a report published by the Urban Land Institute. Download the full paper [here](#).

“Covert Racism and the Formation of Social Capital among a Voluntary Youth Corps” (2010, 20 pp.), by L. A. Hampton, is published in *Critical Sociology* 36(2): 285-305. Download the full article from [here](#).

“Publicly Funded Jobs: An Essential Strategy for Reducing Poverty and Economic Distress Throughout the Business Cycle” (April 2010, 21 pp.), by C. M. Johnson, A Rynell, M. Young, is an article published by the Urban Land Institute. The article is available from [here](#).

“Immigration for Shared Prosperity: A Framework for Comprehensive Reform” (April 2009, 64 pp., \$9.95) by Ray Marshall is available from the Economic Policy Institute, 800/EPI-4844.

“The People Shall Rule: ACORN, Community Organizing, and the Struggle for Economic Justice” (2009, 300 pp.) ed. by Robert Fisher, has been published by Vanderbilt Press, 800/627-7377. Among the authors of the 12 chapters: Peter Dreier, Wade Rathke, Gregory Squires, John Atlas, Norm Fruchter, and Gary Delgado.

“Organizing Prosperity: Union Effects on Job Quality, Community Betterment, and Industry Standards” (February 2009, 76 pp., \$11.50), by Mark Vidal & David Kusnet, is available from the Economic Policy Institute, 800/EPI-4844.

EVENTS

July 29-August 1, 2010. National Storytelling Conference. Los Angeles (Woodland Hills), CA. For more information, visit [here](#).

October 5-7, 2010. 2010 Community Matters Conference. Denver, CO. For more information, visit [here](#).

November 3-5 2010. International Conference on Mega-events and the City. Rio de

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Opportunity

The City Institute at York University

Towers in the Suburbs: Fixing the Modernist Suburban Legacy in Toronto

The City Institute has developed a profile for suburban research and has been a centre for work on Toronto suburbs in particular since its inception in 2006. We have just completed an Infrastructure Canada sponsored project on infrastructure in the area around suburban York University, and we have been awarded a Major Collaborative Research Initiative on Global Suburbanism. For more information on the City Institute, please visit [here](#).

We are seeking a researcher at the post-doc level to work with our MCRI researchers and students on the Toronto part of our "Suburban Redevelopment and Tower Renewal" research project. The post-doc will include work on the renewal of building stock in the older suburbs of Toronto. Concentrating on Toronto's Tower Renewal program, the post-doc will demonstrate the significance of improvements to the built environment of suburban areas that have been characterized by physical and social problems. The decline of the so-called "old suburbs" has perhaps been nowhere as apparent as in the apartment towers built in the 1960s to 1980s which make up large parts of the built residential environment in Toronto. As older housing stock becomes subject to regeneration, often led by the state, gentrification may be a consequence and income disparities rise. The post-doc position will be guided by the overall objectives of the MCRI ([More info](#)) but also by a specific conceptual lens that is provided by a combination of urban political economy and ecology as well as social and cultural geography in order to understand multiple processes that enter into the renewal of aging suburban housing stock.

This postdoctoral fellowship is funded jointly by the Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation and York University. Salary per annum will be \$48,000 plus benefits, \$2,000 in travel funds, and duration will be two years. Applicant must spend 1% of her/his time mentoring undergraduates at York.

CITY will be able to provide the post-doc fellow with an appropriate institutional setting including a shared office, access to a fax, photocopier and other office infrastructure; an email address, library access at York University and a profile on our website. The post-doc will be asked to give a City Seminar in the 2010/11 academic year.

Requirements: The candidate should possess or be close to completing a PhD degree in Urban Studies, Geography, Environmental Studies, Planning or other relevant field. The successful applicant is expected to complete his/her Ph.D. no later than six months after beginning the fellowship.

Applicants should submit a letter describing their relevant research, experiences and interests, a curriculum vitae, pertinent reprints of publications, and arrange to have two letters of reference sent to Dr. Roger Keil, The City Institute at York University, 701 York Research Tower, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3; fax: 416-650-8069, E-mail: rkeil@yorku.ca.

York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York's [website](#) or a copy can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at 416-736-5713. Priority is given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents in Canada.

It is expected that the successful applicant will begin postdoctoral research at York by July

For a more information and a list of tasks please visit [here](#).

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Institute for Comprehensive Community Development

[\(Website\)](#)

The Institute is a place where the community development field can take what it learns from practice and use it as a base from which to provide training, to promote research in comprehensive community development, and to investigate the public policies that would best advance this work locally and nationally. The Institute is the locus where practice and theory meet, and where experimentation and innovation - grounded in real-world experience - flourish.

Cityscape

[\(Website\)](#)

Journal of peer-reviewed research and analysis related to affordable housing and community development. Published by the Office of Policy Development and Research of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

JOBS

MARYLAND

Planning Intern

Government Services IPT

Lanham, Maryland

Government Services IPT provides innovative multidisciplinary services to support the full life cycle of Government facilities and missions, helping our clients to fulfill their missions with proactive, creative, cost-effective solutions. We are seeking professionals who understand our clients' mission and programs, are responsive to client and associate needs, proactively embrace challenges, desire continued learning, and thrive in a team

environment. Government Services IPT is offering a part-time to full-time intern opportunity to participate in the development of a practical sustainability handbook for federal facilities.

Specific responsibilities include: Research a variety of sustainability and green building topics; Compile facility design and operations best management practices; Technical writing and editing; Facilitate distribution and compilation of client questionnaires; Marketing and business development support; Exhibit and graphic support; Other project and departmental support as needed.

We are looking for candidates with the following *skills and characteristics*: Self-motivation, attention to detail, organization skills, and aptitude to multi-task; Provide and clearly articulate innovative solutions as issues arise; Being a team player who is able to work effectively with little supervision; Ability to work under pressure and with flexibility when handling and coordinating tasks with multiple stakeholders.

Minimum Requirements: Current first-year or second-year graduate school student in Planning, Community/Urban Design, Architecture, Engineering, or related field; Interest in and knowledge of sustainable/green facility design and operating techniques; Knowledge of MS Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook); Excellent communication skills; Knowledge of basic planning principles; Excellent editing and writing skills.

To apply for this position, please visit [here](#). EEO/MF/DV/AA.

MASSACHUSETTS

Principal Planner (Zoning)

City of Newton, Planning and Development Department
Newton, MA

There are two major components to this position:

1. Support for the Board of Aldermen, the Planning committee, Inspectional Services Department, and the City's Chief Planner:

Provides staff support to the Zoning and Planning Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the City's Planning and Development Board on all zoning related items; Initiates planning and zoning related actions that have been identified in the *Newton Comprehensive Plan *and collaborates with the Inspectional Service Department to track building trends consistent with the plan; Coordinates documentation of amendments to the zoning map; Prepares zoning background studies, develops zoning policy; initiatives and working drafts of possible Zoning Ordinance amendments; Serves as technical advisor to on interpretations of the Zoning Ordinance; Participates in city and neighborhood planning and zoning studies.

2. Zoning Administration:

Conducts timely technical zoning analysis and review of all applications for special permits, site plan reviews, comprehensive permits, and other plans that may be filed for development projects; Provides customer service for residents/customers relative to interpretations of the Zoning Ordinance; Provides technical assistance to the Planning Director, the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and others on the City's Zoning Ordinance; Working with the City's Law Department, Chief Planner and Commissioner of Inspectional Services, has responsibility for developing consistent interpretations of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Qualifications: Master's degree in planning or related field and 5-7 years of planning and

zoning experience, with at least 3 years in a senior level planning capacity or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have substantial experience working with elected and appointed officials and the development of zoning studies and policy initiatives including the drafting of Zoning Ordinance amendments. The successful candidate must have excellent interpersonal and customer service skills as well as excellent oral and written communication skills. Proficiency with personal computers is essential. Experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and AICP membership preferred.

Applications should be sent electronically to resumes@newtonma.gov or mailed to Employment Manager, Human Resources Department, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459. General questions can be directed to Norine Silton at 617-796-1138 or nsilton@newtonma.gov.

This position is 19 hours per week. Salary range is between \$34,960 - \$44,584. For more information, please visit [here](#).

Senior Planner (Land Use)

City of Newton, Planning and Development Department
Newton, MA

Responsibilities include: Management of assigned development review requests for site plan approval and special permits, comprehensive permits, administrative site plan reviews, accessory apartment and home business reviews, Section 5-58 reviews of public building projects; coordination and implementation of long- and short-range planning studies; preparation of zoning analyses memoranda; conducting studies and preparation of reports necessary for updating the *Newton Comprehensive Plan* and implementing its goals and actions, particularly related to land use, as well as neighbourhood planning studies and corridor plans; providing staff and technical support to the Land Use Committee, the Zoning and Planning Committee, the Planning and Development Board, Urban Design and Beautification Commission, and providing back up staff and technical support to the Zoning Board of Appeals; other project planning, management and oversight; proposal development, needs assessment, and eligibility reviews; report generation, and liaison to advisory/constituent groups; provision of technical assistance to policy, advisory and recipient groups.

Essential Elements include: Responsible for the management of assigned land use projects including coordinating development review meetings with petitioners, visiting sites and preparing technical reports and recommendations, coordinating City departmental reviews, attending and participating in meetings, public hearings, and working sessions, preparing Board Orders, assuring that approved permit conditions are met or adhered to including building and occupancy permit reviews; and providing information on special permitting process to public and applicants; Collaborate with City development review staff regarding land use and zoning policy and regulations, etc.

Secondary Elements: Attends and participates in staff, department or other meetings, some of which may be before or after normal business hours. Serve on assigned committees, task forces. Coordinates and participates in special events. Maintains required contacts to keep abreast of developments within field or areas of interest. Liaison with community or other groups. Assists in responding to customer service inquiries. Performs other related duties as required or directed.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Regional Planner

Lakes Region Planning Commission
Meredith, New Hampshire

Become a key member of a team focused on providing outstanding planning services. The Lakes Region Planning Commission seeks an energetic, organized, and effective problem solver, with a sound foundation in land use and environmental planning, to work on several exciting projects that will shape the region's future. This position will team with staff, external partners, and communities on watershed management plans, groundwater protection, hazard mitigation plans, and energy planning. Knowledge and experience with environmental ordinances, regulations, and plans are highly desirable, as are effective writing and presentation skills. Awareness and interest of the protocols needed to work effectively with volunteer boards to achieve broad public interest goals are also desired.

Minimum requirements include: a B.A./B.S. in planning or closely related field, and 3 years of directly related experience; an M.A. in planning or closely related field and 1+ years of direct experience, preferably in a regional planning agency. Strong Microsoft, research, and writing skills a must.

The LRPC coordinates planning for 30 communities situated within a growing four-season, scenic mountain and lake region. Starting salary from \$2975 per month plus excellent benefits, d.o.e. For consideration, please submit resume, cover letter, and five references by email to: lrpc@lakesrpc.org, Fax 603-279-0200 or mail to LRPC, 103 Main Street, #3, Meredith, NH 03253. Review of resumes will begin on May 14, and will continue until position is filled.

NEW YORK

Office Manager

Center for Working Families (CWF)
New York City, NY

The Center for Working Families (CWF) is a think-and-do tank that develops and advocates for progressive policies to help working families in New York and beyond. The Center brings innovative ideas into the public debate, provides elected leaders with the research support to make bold policy proposals, and works with organizations and activists to enact them.

The Center for Working Families (CWF) is looking for a smart self-starter to serve as the Office Manager. This is a part-time position (minimum 20 hours a week, with excellent, comprehensive benefits package provided) with the potential to become a full-time job. The Office Manager's primary responsibility is to ensure the office is running effectively.

Specific tasks include: Creating and maintaining administrative systems (including those relating to phones, organizational calendars, and office supplies); Managing relationships with vendors and key consultants (including IT and bookkeeping); Keeping track of and posting content to the website, listserv, and other methods of outreach; Providing logistical support for meetings and conferences; Supporting policy

work with materials preparation and specific research and organizing tasks as needed.

Minimum of 20 hours a week. Salary commensurate with experience. Health, dental, and vision benefits included. E/O/E.

Please email resume and cover letter to jobs@cwfnny.org. Center for Working Families, 1133 Broadway, Suite 332, New York, NY 10010. (212) 206-9168. [Website](#). For more information and a list of qualifications, please visit [here](#).

Policy Director

Center for Working Families (CWF)
New York City, NY

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The Center is looking for a smart self-starter to serve as the Policy Director. This is a full-time position. The Policy Director is primarily responsible for ensuring that CWF builds game-changing, viable, and technically sound policy proposals for New York State. Thinking big, digging into the details, and crafting solutions that bring unlikely stakeholders together are the central challenges through which the Policy Director guides CWF policy. The Policy Director manages issue and policy work from start to finish: developing new areas of work, building coalitions and tapping existing coalitions to support the issue work, constructing technical proposals for policy based on research and work with coalition partners, supporting lobbying efforts, and in some cases, pursuing implementation. Policy work includes both short-term and long-term projects. The Center's policy work products include policy briefs and memos, white papers, educational materials for policymakers, and data analyses.

The Policy Director will manage a small team of policy staffers. Tasks include working closely with policy organizers and researchers to support their work investigating issues and generating policy work products; supporting staff members' work with coalition partners; supporting policy problem-solving efforts; devising and editing messaging frameworks; and facilitating communication among staff and between policy staff and CWF leadership.

Minimum of 40 hours a week. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent, comprehensive benefits package included. E/O/E.

Please email resume and cover letter to jobs@cwfnny.org. Center for Working Families, 1133 Broadway, Suite 332, New York, NY 10010. (212) 206-9168. [Website](#). For more information and a list of qualifications, please visit [here](#).

Dean of Architecture and Planning

University at Buffalo (UB), State University of New York (SUNY)
New York, NY

The University at Buffalo (UB), State University of New York (SUNY), invites applications for the Dean of the school of Architecture and Planning. UB, a member of the Association of American Universities, is the most comprehensive, research-intensive university within

the 64 campus SUNY system, and is its primary center for professional education and training. UB currently enrolls over 28,000 students and offers over 300 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional levels. For more information, please visit [here](#).

The Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning is a senior member of the university's leadership team, reporting directly to the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Dean works collaboratively and in partnership with UB President John Simpson, Provost and Executive Vice President Satish Tripathi, and other academic deans to implement UB 2020, UB's ambitious strategic plan to advance academic excellence in order to lead it into the ranks of the most renowned public research universities in the world.

The Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning's primary responsibility is to provide strategic vision to enhance the School's growth in faculty size, accomplishments, and research activities; to continuously improve the national ranking of the School; and to continue increasing the selectivity of its undergraduate and graduate students. One of the new Dean's primary challenges will be to increase the School's individual, corporate, and philanthropic support.

Interested qualified individuals should provide an electronic version of their curriculum vitae under cover of a brief letter describing their interest in and qualifications for the position. All nominations and applications should be sent electronically via e-mail (Microsoft Word or PDF attachments strongly preferred) to: Dr. Arjang Assad, Chair, School of Architecture and Planning Dean Search Committee, aassad@buffalo.edu.

A highly detailed Position Profile, which includes information about the School, University, and local community may be found [here](#).

Assistant, Associate or Full Professor - Urban Affairs & Planning Hunter College - City University of New York (CUNY) New York, NY

General Duties: Performs teaching, research, and guidance duties in area(s) of expertise as noted below. Shares responsibility for committee and department assignments, performing administrative, supervisory, and other functions as may be assigned.

Campus Specific Information: The Urban Affairs and Planning department seeks to fill a tenure track line with an individual who has expertise in the areas of housing and land use. Hiring rank is open at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor level, based upon qualifications. The position requires teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Minimum Qualifications: Ph.D. degree in area(s) of expertise, or equivalent as noted below. Also required are the ability to teach successfully, interest in productive scholarship or creative achievement, and ability to cooperate with others for the good of the institution. *Preferred Qualification:* Ph.D. in Urban Planning or a related field; a record of research and publication commensurate with rank.

To Apply: Send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and list of references only to: Prof. Joseph P. Viteritti, Chair; Department of Urban Affairs and Planning; Hunter College; 695 Park Avenue; New York, NY 10065. Job ID: 2734

Closing Date: Open until filled with review of applications to begin May 1, 2010. E/ O/E.

WASHINGTON DC

Executive Director National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations Washington DC

The National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) is seeking an entrepreneurial executive director to grow the organization into a national resource and voice for state and city community economic development associations.

NACEDA's Executive Director serves as the leader and manager of the organization, working with the board to develop our strategy and agenda and then working with the staff and members to execute that strategy. As the leader of a new and relatively small organization, the Executive Director must be skilled in all aspects of running a nonprofit organization and membership association. The Executive Director will serve as primary spokesperson for the organization and will develop partnerships with other players in Washington, DC in the advocacy community and the government. The E.D. will also serve as liaison between CED Associations and various national actors and help facilitate connections among associations.

Please read the [position profile](#) to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Contact information: Marta B. Howell, Interim Executive Director, National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA), 1020 16th Street, NW, Suite 305, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 659-7701 office, (717) 201-2038 mobile, Email: mhowell@naceda.org, www.naceda.org.