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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

Memphis in May!

The National Steering Committee of Planners Network is pleased to announce that Memphis, Tennessee will be the site of the 2011 Planners Network National Conference. The conference which is being hosted by the Graduate Division of City and Regional Planning at the University of Memphis will take place in the UM's newly -constructed University Center.

The conference will examine alternative strategies for building competitive regions that promote living wage employment and new business development. The first day of the conference, participants will have the opportunity to contribute to one of eighteen community-based planning and design charettes in communities in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to see the recently-completed, internationally-acclaimed, "I Am a Man!" documentary which tells the story of the 1968 sanitation workers strike that brought Dr. King to Memphis. On the cultural side, participants will have a chance to spend an evening listening and dancing to the best of American Soul music at the STAX Museum where such greats as Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes, Sam and Dave, Booker T. and the M.G.s helped create the Memphis Sound. Mobile Tours will also provide participants with the opportunity to canoe on the Wolf River, bike on the new 6-mile Greenline, visit SUN Studios, and checkout Graceland! So, pack the kids into the Winnebago and set your GPS unit for Beale Street, Memphis, Tennessee! Visit the PN website and the [UM website](#) for more information. The Call for Papers will be issued January 1!

Update from Lynne Elizabeth at [New Village Press](#):

New Village Press title [What We See: Advancing the Observations of Jane Jacobs](#) was given 1) the 2010 Jane Jacobs Urban Communication Book Award from the [Urban Communication Foundation](#) (see release attached), and 2) recognition as one of the top ten books in urban planning, design and development from *Planetizen*. *What We See* editors, Stephen Goldsmith and Lynne Elizabeth, and many of the contributing authors, including PN founder Chester Hartman, are Planners Network members.

Planetizen published its ninth annual list of the [ten best books in urban planning, design and development](#). This year's selection includes the book *What We See*.

The *Planetizen* editorial staff reports that they based their 2011 list on "a number of criteria, including editorial reviews, popularity, *Planetizen* reader nominations, number of references, sales figures, recommendations from experts and the book's potential impact on the urban planning, development and design professions."

Their list includes short reviews of each title, including these closing sentences about *What We See*: "Perhaps the most compelling aspect of *What We See* is the way many of the contributors use the first person to explain what Jacobs has meant to them on a personal level in their relationships with particular urban environments and the other people they encounter within them. The tone is often reverential to the great urbanist, but also questioning. The essays brim with ideas and reflections about cities, their inhabitants and the vibrant neighborhoods that Jacobs loved so much."

[Here](#) is the website for more information.

PN MEMBER UPDATES

PNer Patti Petrie was elected to the Champaign, IL County Board as a member from District 6 in the election held on November 2nd.

PNer Laurel Paget-Seekins completed her Ph.D. in civil engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology with a dissertation titled **Sustainable Public Transit Investments: Increasing non-motorized access and multiple trip type usage**.

PNer Clara Irazábal is a member of the Advisory Board of the American Planning Association's (APA) new initiative entitled **Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA)**, a collaborative effort with Latin American countries. She was a guest speaker in its international launching event in Rio de Janeiro in November 2010. Irazábal also delivered another two keynote speeches in Mexico this fall: at *Encuentro de Ciudades* in Mexico City (October 13) and at *VII Semana Internacional del Urbanismo y Medio Ambiente (SIUMA) 2010: El Derecho a la Ciudad* in Guadalajara, Jalisco, and (September 20). As Director of the Latin Lab, she organized and moderated the panel "After Catastrophe/Before Design: Rebuilding Haiti after the Earthquake" at Columbia University (October 18).

New Publications

Clara Irazábal and Grace R. Dyrness. "Promised Land? Immigration, Religiosity, and Space in Southern California." *Space and Culture* 13(4), 2010, 356-375. Click [here](#) for more info.

Macarena Gómez-Barris and Clara Irazábal. "Transnational Meanings of *La Virgen de Guadalupe*: Religiosity, Space and Culture at Plaza Mexico." *Culture and Religion* 10(3), 2010, 339-357. Click [here](#) for more info.

Clara Irazábal and John Foley. "Reflections on the Venezuelan Transition from a Capitalist Representative Democracy to a Socialist Participatory Democracy: What are Planners to do?" *Latin American Perspectives* 37(1), 2010, 97-122. Click [here](#) for more info.

A. Reem Bani-Hashim, Clara Irazábal, and Greta Byrum. "The Scheherazade Syndrome: Fiction and Fact in Dubai's Quest to Become a Global City." *Architecture Theory Review* 15(2), 2010, 210-231. Click [here](#) for more info.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Rebecca Baran-Rees
Metha Brown
Marijoan Bull
Dan Compitello
Jim Converse
Joan Fitzgerald
Ann Forsyth

Aaron Golub
Juliet Huang
Clara Irazabal
Michelle Kondo
Jeffrey Lowe
Ryan Malloy
Beth Nagy

Jason Neudorf
Deike Peters
Libby Porter
Emilie Ruffin
Andree Tremoulet

PUBLICATIONS

"Food, Clothing, Health, or A Home? The Terrible Choices and Deprivations - and Great Courage - of New Jerseyans who Live in Poverty" is a new report released by the Poverty Research Institute of Legal Services of New Jersey. The report details the immense challenges faced by people living below the real cost of living, and contrasts their situation with those having slightly higher incomes. To read the report or to download it, visit [LSNJ's website](#).

"Building the Road as We Travel It: The Role of Theory and Practice in Developing University Assisted Community-Schools and Distressed Neighborhoods" (2010) by Henry Louis Taylor, Jr. Keynote Address. The Second Annual Southwest Regional Network Conference, October 25-26, Tulsa, OK. To download the full article, visit [here](#).

"Public Opinion and Affordable Housing: A Review of the Literature" (2010) by J. Rosie Tighe. *Journal of Planning Literature* 25(1):3-17. To download the full article, visit [here](#).

"Bloomberg's New York: Class and Governance in the Luxury City" (2011, 344 pp.), by Julian Brash, is recently published by the University of Georgia Press. The book is currently available from the big online booksellers; for those who want to support independent bookstores, it should be widely available in the next couple of weeks. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Metropolitan Contexts for Community Initiatives: Contrasts in a Turbulent Decade," (August 2010, 43 pp.) by G. Thomas Kingley, Ashley Williams & Kaitlin Franks, is published by The Urban Institute. For the full article, visit [here](#).

"The Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation: What Does the

Research Show So Far?" (June 2010, 113 pp.), by Lawrence J. Vale and Erin Graves, is available from [here](#).

"Private Money, Public Housing: Will PETRA Work?" (2010) is a series of articles - by Rachel G. Bratt, a group of urban affairs academics, Sheila Crowley, Michael Kane, Damaris Reyes/DeAngelo Bester/Liz Ryan Murray, Radhika Fox/Kalima Rose, Maxine Waters, HUD Asst. Sec. Sandra Henriquez (interviewed), and Peter Dreier - in Summer 2010 issue of *Shelterforce*, the quarterly National Housing Institute magazine. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Beyond the Poverty Line" (2010, 35 pp.), by Rourke L. O'Brian and David S. Pedulla, appeared in the Fall 2010 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, For more information, visit [here](#).

"Supporting Saving by Low- and Moderate-Income Families" (2010), by Peter Tufano and Daniel Schneider, a publication of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research on Poverty, is available from [here](#).

"The Gentrification Debates: A Reader" (382 pp., March 2010), edited by Japonica Brown-Saracino, has been published by Routledge. Among the many contributors: Ruth Glass, Neil Smith, John Logan, Harvey Molotch, Sharon Zukin, Mary Patillo, and Richard Florida. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Fifteen Steps Towards Territorial Cohesion" (2010, 69 pp.) is a new book by Jan Vogelij. It aims at enhancing the effectiveness of spatial planning for European regions. The book is available from print-on-demand [website](#) Unibook; the page includes an opportunity to download the introduction and a substantial excerpt from the book.

EVENTS

March 16-19, 2011. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. ([Website](#)).

April 13-16, 2011. White Privilege Conference. Minneapolis, MN. ([Website](#)).

May 2011. Planners Network Conference. Memphis, TN. Call for papers to be released on January 1, 2011.

July 4-8, 2011. World Planning Schools Congress. Perth, Western Australia. ([Website](#)).

October 10-18, 2011. Community Leadership Programme, International Association for Community Development. Maharashtra and Rajasthan, India. ([Website](#)).

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

New Village Press is seeking interns for Winter and Spring 2011

Interns will gain hands-on experience in book publishing through intensive work at a non-profit, public-benefit publisher. New Village produces practical, inspirational non-fiction (and occasional fiction) that contributes to the building of culturally vibrant, socially just, and ecologically sustainable communities.

Interns will have opportunity to work in editorial, production, marketing and publicity, and administration and are expected to provide general assistance throughout their stay. Depending on interests and skills, interns may be assigned specialized projects. Interns will have opportunity to participate in local conferences and author/book events where New Village publications are presented.

Skills: Strong written and verbal communication abilities are essential, as well as a good understanding of task organization. Facility with word-processing, Internet, database and spreadsheet applications requested. A passion for community building and publishing are ideal.

Compensation: New Village Press internships are a volunteer position, however, we do reimburse local public transportation costs. We can sometimes assist in finding temporary free or low-cost rooms for non-local interns. Academic credit can be arranged. We also offer the option to apply for a paid Apprenticeship after 3 months.

Internships require a minimum 3-month commitment and can be full or part-time. Full-time applicants receive priority. Applications are accepted year-round. Applications for Summer 2011 internships will also be considered.

Application instructions: Please send a cover letter, resume, and at least two references with phone numbers to: Jane Chinn, New Village Press, PO Box 3049, Oakland, CA 94609, jane@newvillage.net.

A cover letter should briefly describe your skills and interests, what you hope to gain from the internship, and the dates you are applying for. Appropriate candidates will be called for an interview. Applications must include a cover letter.

For more information about New Village Press, please visit our [website](#). New Village Press is the publishing arm of Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR). Candidates of color are encouraged to apply.

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Assistant Professor- Urban and Regional Planning

California State University, Fresno

Fresno, CA

The California State University at Fresno invites applications for a tenure track appointment at the Assistant Professor level in Urban and Regional Planning beginning in August 2011. The preferred candidate will be professionally trained in urban and regional planning with a specialization in one or more of the following areas – physical, land use, transportation, environmental, community, and economic.

The preferred candidate shall have extensive expertise in working with or for local governments on urban and regional planning projects. Candidates are expected to demonstrate a commitment to and potential for teaching excellence and scholarly activity at the university level. The successful candidate is expected to develop courses for the urban planning curriculum of the department, and will teach other lower and upper division courses in the departments of Geography and Political Science including People and Places, American West, and American Government.

The successful candidate will be part of a cohort of faculty who will work as a team to develop research, strategies, and practices that support the urban and regional transformation of the San Joaquin Valley. The team will work on projects that address the social, economic, infrastructure, industrial and agricultural needs of the region. The successful candidate must have the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. The standard teaching load of the university is 12 WTUs per semester. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Urban Planning, Geography, Political Science, or a related field is required for appointment to a tenure track position.

To Apply: (1) Submit applications [online](#) with cover letter, vitae, teaching philosophy, and unofficial transcript as attachments; and (2) Have three referees to directly MAIL their original letters of reference to: Dr. C. K. Leung, Search Committee Chair; Department of Geography, California State University–Fresno; 2555 E. San Ramon Ave., M/S SB69; Fresno, CA 93740-8034; Phone: (559) 278-2797; Fax: (559) 278-7268. Email: cleung@csufresno.edu.

Completed applications received by **January 15, 2011** will receive full consideration. Position will remain open until filled. EOE/AA

IDAHO

Planning Manager

City of Ketchum

Ketchum, Idaho

The City of Ketchum, Idaho is recruiting for a Planning Manager to lead the Planning Division of a dynamic, team oriented Community and Economic Development Department. The City of Ketchum is adjacent to the City of Sun Valley, Bald Mountain, and the gateway to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area; premier winter and summer recreation areas within North America.

The ideal candidate will have progressively responsible experience in a local government planning department. A candidate should have a thorough understanding of complex urban planning principles and processes. Strong written and oral communication skills, decision-making ability, problem solving aptitude, and organizational skills are essential. Candidates should have the ability to provide expertise and work well with the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council, members of the public, citizen committees, the development community, and other interest groups. Experience with long and short range planning, comprehensive plan updates, economic development, and a resort community is a benefit.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelors or Masters Degree in planning or related field plus four (4) years progressively responsible experience in local land use planning. Supervisory experience required.

Starting salary range is \$5,529 to \$6,310 per month depending on qualifications. The City offers an excellent benefit package. More information about the City of Ketchum can be found [here](#). Please send cover letter and resume to Lisa Horowitz, Community and Economic Development Director, P.O. Box 2315, Ketchum, Idaho, 83340, or via email to HR@ketchumidaho.org. Electronic submissions preferred. The deadline for submitting a cover letter and resume is Friday, **January 14, 2011**.

MARYLAND

Associate - Economic Consulting

BBP & Associates, LLC

Annapolis, MD

Company: BBP & Associates, LLC (BBP) is a national economics, planning and real estate development advisory firm which counsels an array of public, private and institutional clients, as well as private investors, interested in bringing development projects to fruition. Our growing firm has an immediate opening for Associate(s) that can play on the team and who seek opportunities for professional growth. For more information about the company, visit our [website](#).

Responsibilities: An Associate will typically work on several projects at one time and must be able to multitask. Projects are diversified and include: market and demographic analysis, financial / pro forma assessments, economic development planning, transit oriented development (TOD), land use, developer solicitations, public/private partnership strategy planning and economic and fiscal impacts. Developing and maintaining productive working relationships with clients and undertaking business development activities, including proposal writing and marketing and setting teaming arrangements are also key responsibilities.

Requirements: Candidates should be proficient in real estate development economics, market analysis, quantitative analysis, financial analysis, data collection and research. Planning / finance experience with transit oriented development, economic development and urban revitalization/redevelopment desirable. Candidate must have solid analytic organization, writing and presentation skills as well as a commitment to producing quality products. 1-4 years of comparable experience desired.

Success at BBP requires that you be a self-starter, exhibit strong report writing, presentations and time management skills and demonstrate positive attitude and ability to work well individually and in a group. Proficiency with MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint) required. Advanced degree in planning, finance, economics/real estate, public policy or related field is desired. One to three years of related full-time experience is preferred. Salaries and benefits are competitive, based on experience, and are augmented by performance-based bonus compensation. The successful candidate must also be willing and able to travel, when necessary.

Send resume and cover letter to (email preferred): BBP & Associates, LLC; 111 Annapolis Street; Annapolis, MD 21401; E-mail: info@bbpallc.com. For further information, visit [here](#).

MISSOURI

Program Coordinator

Kansas City, Missouri School District

Kansas City, MO

The Program Coordinator will provide program administration, management and research support to the Program Director in the community engagement and planning process.

planning process.

Responsibilities: Assist in the development and administration of an outreach and communications strategy to include a variety of media, e.g., website, press releases, public notices, meetings, newsletters, progress reports, virtual town-hall, social media, etc; Conduct and coordinate research necessary to prepare school building profiles; Assist in the development and execution of a community engagement strategy, including meeting logistics, content development, presentation materials, meeting minutes, meeting facilitation, etc. This will require regular evening and weekend meeting attendance; Develop and maintain contact management system for communications efforts, mailings and community engagement meetings; Provide general administrative support, including handling public inquiries, clerical, etc; Assist in the oversight of student interns and project consultants.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in planning, public policy, urban affairs, communications, public relations, public/business administration or a related field; 1-2 years relevant experience desired; Demonstrated capacity to engage with a diverse constituency including communities of color and limited English proficiency; Self-directed, independent contributor with critical problem solving skills. Ability to prioritize work and multitask; Proficiency in Microsoft Office required. Experience in one or more of the following: website content development, ArcGIS mapping, Sketch-up, graphic design and desktop publishing software, social media/networking; Excellent interpersonal skills to facilitate work with a diverse range of individuals and organizations; Excellent oral and written communication skills. Bilingual skills preferred.

Terms of Employment: Length of work year is 12 months to begin January 1, 2011 and end on December 31, 2011, with a possible extension for an implementation phase. Compensation is 30-50k annually. *Benefits:* Retirement Programs, Health, Dental and Life Insurance are provided.

For more information or to apply, visit [here](#).

NEW YORK

Program Officer, Promoting Next Generation Workforce Strategies

Ford Foundation

New York, NY

The Ford Foundation is seeking applications and nominations for the position of Program Officer for Promoting Next Generation Workforce Strategies in the Quality Employment unit. We would be grateful for your assistance in this recruitment and ask that you give us your suggestions of qualified candidates or that you pass this information on to those who might be interested in the position or know of such individuals.

The Program Officer will develop, monitor and coordinate grant making activities in the field of workforce development. Building on prior Foundation work, the portfolio will focus on consolidating the progress achieved in assisting people with marginal attachment to the U.S. labor market, including immigrants and first generation residents, in obtaining sustainable wage employment and livelihoods. The Program Officer will be a key member of the Quality Employment Unit, whose

mission is to help low-wage workers reach economic self-sufficiency.

The work would include: working with stakeholders in the workforce development system - including government entities, community colleges, training providers, community-based organizations, funders, and organized labor - to make it more effective and responsive to the needs of disadvantaged populations; helping to increase the capacity of worker centers to develop training initiatives and connect their members to established training providers like community colleges; supporting innovations that increase the effectiveness and ability of training programs to better deliver workforce development services to low-wage workers; and supporting research and policy analysis on workers, employers, low-wage jobs, labor markets, best practices, replication and scaling up of activities that improve the lives and working conditions of low-wage workers.

For a more complete job announcement and a list of requirements and responsibilities, please visit [here](#).

To Apply: Applicants should visit [here](#) and submit their application materials (consisting of substantive cover letter and C.V.) by **January 10, 2011**. EOE

OREGON

Assistant Professor, Open Specialization

School of Urban Studies and Planning; Portland State University
Portland, OR

The Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning at Portland State University seeks an energetic, creative scholar to fill a tenure-track assistant professor position beginning Fall 2011. The successful candidate will contribute substantively to our mission to be an international leader in education and research on livable and sustainable cities and regions. We are open to a range of specializations and are looking for scholars who can articulate how their expertise and intellectual commitments complement and enhance our existing strengths. This includes, but is not limited to, the following areas: community engagement, civic innovation, design and visualization of urban places and activities, sense of place and place distinctiveness, the culture of cities, cities as living systems, and the changing dynamics of cities.

Candidates must have an earned doctorate (or be in the final stages of their degree) in geography, sociology, political science, economics, public policy, public health, urban and regional planning, urban studies, or a related discipline.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning (www.pdx.edu/usp), participate in ongoing and emerging interdisciplinary research opportunities on campus and develop a strong record of scholarship and civic engagement, pursue externally-funded research, and participate in university, departmental and community service.

Applicants should submit a letter of application containing a brief background statement outlining research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, and 3 letters of reference to: Dr. Jennifer Dill, Search Committee Chair, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Review of applications will begin **January 3, 2011**, and continue until finalists are identified. This is a nine-month

appointment; the anticipated start date is September 16, 2011. For further information, please email Dr. Dill at jdill@pdx.edu. In all of your correspondence please clearly indicate that you are applying for the “open specialization” position. For further information, visit [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

Associate or Full Professor in Urban Design

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

The Department of City and Regional Planning in the School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania is seeking an academic leader in urban design to continue our School's long tradition of multi-disciplinary urban design scholarship and teaching. Individuals with a commitment to thought-leadership, scholarly research, and multidisciplinary practice are encouraged to apply for this position.

The appointment will be at the Associate or Full Professor level, commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications. We are especially interested in experienced mid-career teachers who also bring strong interest in research and/or experience in practice. The successful candidate will: Be a leader or emerging leader in one or more areas of urban design including urban form and development , urban ecologies, infrastructure planning and design, urban place-making, the public realm, neighborhood and district planning, urban development policy and practice, and interdisciplinary practice; Possess international as well as domestic knowledge and experience, as well as the ability to address varying scales and forms of urbanism; Have a strong record of teaching, publication, and funded research or practice; and be interested in working collaboratively with faculty and advanced graduate students from disciplines across the School and University; Be expected to teach in the areas of urban design theory and methods in addition to studios at a variety of scales.

A PhD or other terminal degree in planning, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, or other closely allied field is required. EOE

The Search Committee will begin initial screening on **December 15, 2010**, and continue until the position is filled, with an expected start date of July 1, 2011. To be considered, please submit the following: 1. A letter of intent; 2. A curriculum vitae that includes a list of recent publications and externally funded research; and 3. The names and contact information of three references.

Please send materials to: Chair, Urban Design Search Committee; c/o Kate Daniel; Department of City and Regional Planning; 127 Meyerson Hall; University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA 19104

OR send electronically to: katf@design.upenn.edu. For electronic submissions, please follow the directions below: Save your material in one Adobe file labeled "2010 Urban Design Position_[YOUR NAME]." No consideration will be given to incorrectly labeled submissions. Put "2010 Urban Design Position_[YOUR NAME]" in the subject line of all e-mail correspondence.

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