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PN NEWS

PNer Chester Hartman, veteran networker and PN founder, would like to see more PNers promoting our excellent quarterly magazine, Progressive Planning, in their local areas. This is an unusual, high-quality magazine with lots of interesting and provocative articles but because we're not a big organization with staff it usually only reaches members. Chester suggests we all get extra copies of current or back issues from Sarah Smith at the PN office (sbs17@cornell.edu) and bring them with us to hand out at events and meetings. Take along [copies of the membership form](#) (you can print them from the PN website). Talk it up whenever you can. This is how networks operate. Take it from Chester!

PNer Prakash M. Apte has been appointed a Consultant (Architecture) on the staff of the World Bank for its **Emergency Tsunami Rehabilitation Project** for the State of Tamil Nadu in India.

PNer Jeff Hou has a recently published book:

Hou, Jeffrey, Julie Johnson, and Laura Lawson. 2009. *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Learning from Seattle's Urban Community Gardens*. Seattle: University of Washington.

PN member Clara Irazábal published "One Size Does Not Fit All: Land Markets and Property Rights for the Construction of the Just City." (A debate regarding Anne Haila's Article 'The Market as the New Emperor,' *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 33.2, 2009: 558-63). In July, she was a keynote speaker on "Urban Planning and Public Health in Latin America: The Missing Link," at the II Congreso Colombiano de Calidad del Aire y Salud Pública in Cartagena, Colombia.

PN Steering Committee member **Marla Nelson**, a professor in the Urban and Regional Planning Program at the Department of Planning and Urban Studies, University of New Orleans was recently granted tenure.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Ava Bromberg
David Brown
Lauren Haring
Robert Kain
Zoe Levitt
Cynthia Mellon
Maren Murphy
Aaron Savoie
J. Rosie Tighe

PUBLICATIONS

"A Call to End Federal Restrictions on Legal Aid for the Poor" (2009, 33 pp.), by Rebekah Diller & Emily Savner, is available from the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, 161 Ave. of the Americas, 12th floor., NYC, NY 10013, [Website](#).

"The Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools" (April 2009, 24 pp.), a McKinsey & Co. report, is available [here](#).

"Bursting 'Migration Bubble' Favors Coastal, Metros, Urban Core" (March 2009), a Brookings Institute report, is available [here](#).

"Localist Movements in a Global Economy: Sustainability, Justice and Urban Development in the United States" (2009, 312 pp.), a new book by David Hess, is published by Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Does Wal-Mart Reduce Social Capital?" (2009), Art Carden, Charles Courtemanche & Jeremy Meiners. *Public Choice* 138: 109-136. *Public Choice* 138: 109-136. For more information, visit [here](#).

"Race and Recession: How Inequity Rigged the Economy and How to Change the Rules" (May 2009, 55 pp.) is available from the Applied Research Center, 900 Alice St., #400, Oakland, CA 94607, 510/653-3415, arc.org/recession.

"The New Politics of Planning: How States and Local Governments Are Coming to Common Ground on Reshaping America's Built Environment" (2009, 48 pp.), a new book by Arthur C. Nelson & Robert E. Lang, is published by the Urban Land Institute. For more info, visit [here](#).

EVENTS

September 1-4, 2009. **ISA International Conference: Housing Assets, Housing People.** The Mitchell Library. Glasgow, UK. For more info, visit [here](#).

September 3, 2009. **Building a Strong and Healthy Board of Directors.** NYU Law School, New York, NY. For general info on the Leadership Series, please visit [here](#).

October 20-22, 2009. **Gaining Ground - Resilient Cities: Urban Strategies for Transition Times.** Vancouver, BC. www.gaininggroundsummit.com

October 26-28, 2009. **10th Annual Canadian Brownfields Conference: Going for Gold.** Vancouver, BC. www.canadianbrownfields.ca

October 17-21, 2010. **48th International Making Cities Livable Conference on True Urbanism: Planning Healthy, and Child-Friendly Communities.** Charleston, SC. For the Call for Papers please visit [here](#).

EDUCATION

PhD Program in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design (MPPD) University of Utah

In the fall, the new PhD program in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design (MPPD) at the University of Utah will accept its first students. The MPPD will train researchers, scholars,

teachers, and leaders on topics related to making our metropolitan areas sustainable and resilient. The role of the degree in the future of the region and the nation is reflected in its title: The *planning* challenge is to anticipate change and learn how best to manage it; the *policy* challenge is how to craft and implement policies needed to facilitate desired change; and the *design* challenge is how to shape the built environment to achieve desired outcomes. The degree is managed by the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning and is designed to facilitate the interdisciplinary culture of the University of Utah. For more information, visit [here](#).

ON-LINE SEMINAR

International Comparison of Growth Management Legislation

Sponsored by the International Division

September 17, 2009 | 1.5 CM credits (application pending with APA for legal category credit)

This online seminar sponsored by APA-ID will offer an overview of the legal frameworks for New Zealand's RMA and Washington State's GMA. The two pieces of legislation have notable similarities, but their application in both planning practice and judicial processes are quite different. As such, the event may be quite interesting to members in both countries, especially those working in the "growth management states." This webinar will be offered jointly by APA-ID and the New Zealand Planning Institute, so participants from both countries will attend the online webinar, and an application for this event to qualify for the 1.5 hours of CM credit in the legal category is pending.

The presentation will generally include:

- An overview of the two statutes
- Planning processes under the legal frameworks enabled under the statutes
- Involvement of the judiciary in planning decisions
- A summary of planning, growth, economic, and legislative challenges

This webinar includes presentations from the New Zealand RMA and Washington GMA perspectives. Ed McGuire, AICP, an attorney, planner, and former Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board member serving the Seattle area from 1996 to 2009, will present the US perspective. Daniel Clay, a partner with Minter, Ellison, Rudd, and Watts lawyers focusing on resource management law in New Zealand.

This webinar will be conducted at 3:00pm Pacific and 6:00pm Eastern on September 17 in the United States and 10:00am September 18 in New Zealand. Register for the webinar by clicking [here](#). The cost to participate will be \$51.25 to cover the technology costs, and payment details will be sent to those who register their interest. This webinar has a limit of 100 participants.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development Institute (PDI) at Rutgers University provides online courses, webinars, workshops, training and development programs, research, and technical assistance to communities, organizations and professionals around the United States.

Bloustein Online Continuing Education Program (BOCEP) provides professional development to those who work in urban planning, community and economic development, public or social policy, or related fields. We offer Internet-based courses in community development and social justice, economic development and real estate, professional practice, planning law and legal issues, smart growth and sustainable development and urban design and placemaking. Most BOCEP classes have been or will be submitted for 14 AICP continuing education credits each. The Edward J. Bloustein School offers a hierarchy of professional certificates for learners who pass approved continuing education courses offered by the Bloustein School. To learn more, visit [here](#).

Classes starting on September 23, 2009:

- Community Development Analysis
- Introduction to Environmental Planning
- Housing Market Analysis
- Introduction to Urban Planning
- Urban Design Analysis
- New Jersey Planning Law

Upcoming Learning Labs:

- August 11, 2009: (1 Hour) Valuing Arts in Economic Development Planning
- September 15, 2009: (1 Hour) Environmental Land Use Permitting: Its Role in Site Planning, Development and Design
- September 17, 2009: (1.5 Hour) Urban Design and Equitable Development
- September 22, 2009: (1.5 Hours) Intergovernmental Cooperation Techniques
- October 06, 2009: (1 Hour) Landscape Design: Value, Challenges, and Sustainable Solutions
- November 10, 2009: (1 Hour) Cultural Resources: What Are They and How Do They Impact the Planning Process
- December 01, 2009: (1 Hour) Understanding Environmental Contamination Conditions as Part of the Planning Process

For more information, please visit our course catalog by clicking [here](#).

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Urban Omnibus

[Link to Website](#)

Urban Omnibus is an online project of the Architectural League to create a new kind of conversation about design and New York City. We commission, gather and deliver the insights of journalists, architects, planners, designers, artists, activists, scholars and citizens. The Omnibus features multi-media content to showcase design innovation, critical analysis and local expertise across a broad range of topics and locales, creating bridges between various communities of interest. Urban Omnibus makes vivid the processes and possibilities shaping New York. Our goal is to increase understanding of the city we have and encourage ideas that can lead to a more inclusive, more sustainable, more beautiful city that could be.

We post a new feature each Wednesday, with posts to our forum throughout the week. So please check back often. You can also subscribe to our [RSS feed](#), or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#), and [Twitter](#). For anything else, you can reach us via email at info@urbanomnibus.net.

JOBS

ARIZONA

Economic Development Director

Kaibab Paiute Indian Tribe

Fredonia, AZ

Under the direction of the Kaibab Paiute Economic Development Committee, the Economic Development Director will establish, operate, and maintain an Economic Development Office and coordinate/facilitate economic development activities for the Kaibab Paiute Tribe.

Employment Standards: A minimum of 5 documented years as a community economic development professional with a minimum of two documented years at a managerial level. Certificates and/or degrees in community economic development preferred but not required; however, candidate must have documented successful ventures in the community economic development arena. Possession of valid Drivers license and be insurable.

Employment applications are available at the Tribal Office. A current MVR driving record must be given when returning applications. For more information call 928-643-7245. This is a full time appointment (40 hours per week). Application deadline is August 21, 2009.

Contact Info: Karen Glazier, Phone: 928 643-8307, Fax: 928 643-7260, Email: glazier@kanab.net. More information on Kaibab Paiute Indian Tribe is available [here](#).

CALIFORNIA

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track
California State University, Northridge
Urban Studies and Planning Department
Northridge, CA

Qualifications: Ph.D. in urban studies, planning, or closely related field with a strong preference for expertise in sustainability planning and environmental issues; a record of successful university teaching; and demonstrated evidence of scholarly activity; and ability to successfully mentor and teach in a diverse student population are required. Professional experience in planning/urban affairs is desirable. CSUN is a Learning Centered University. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in a commitment to active learning, to the assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways that enable students to graduate. The university is actively developing a campus-wide sustainability agenda, including both curriculum and campus operations, and the successful candidate will be expected to participate in these initiatives.

Application Deadline: Applications received by **November 15, 2009** will receive priority, but will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a cover letter including an outline of the applicant's teaching philosophy and research agenda, curriculum vitae, and the names of three professional references. Those selected for subsequent screening will be asked to provide three letters of recommendation, teaching evaluations, and examples of professional and/or scholarly work. Inquiries and nominations should be addressed to: Robert B. Kent, Department Chair, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8259.

The effective date of appointment is fall 2010. Salary Range will be from \$57,000 - \$60,000. For a detailed job description, please visit the news section of the department's website by clicking [here](#). For more information about the University, check our website: www.csun.edu. E/O/E

FLORIDA

Regional Planner I, II or III - Transportation Division
West Florida Regional Planning Council
Pensacola, FL

Performs professional level duties either as a member of a project team or in completing individual assignments. Generating, analyzing and presenting data related to planning, this position demands excellent analytical, oral and written skills. Position calls for a person who is self-motivated and self-disciplined and who may represent the agency before governmental and public groups. Provides staff support to three metropolitan planning organizations (aka transportation planning organizations--TPOs) and their advisory committees. The position requires the planner to develop and maintain expertise and be the primary contact for all transportation data sources.

Duties include: develop data for input to the TPOs' respective long-range transportation plans; support the long-range planning function of the TPOs; develop familiarity with the

projects included in the long-range plans, priorities, and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) of the TPOs; translate this experience into developing Purpose and Need statements for the State's Efficient Transportation Decision Making Process; and be familiar with Air Quality non-attainment and its effect on the transportation planning process. Travel required, primarily within West Florida region.

Position requires excellent organization skills; the ability to write clearly and concisely, grasp concepts, and think creatively about how to apply a particular project to the local area and its current problems and challenges. High level of expertise needed in use of PCs, word processing, spreadsheet, data base and other programs. Knowledge of U.S. Census data and processes are a must. For a detailed job description, please visit [here](#).

To Apply: Applications may be obtained on the agency website www.wfrpc.org and mailed to West Florida Regional Planning Council, P.O. Box 11399, Pensacola, FL 32524-1399. Additional inquiries may be submitted by fax 850-637-1932 or email at hr@wfrpc.org.

GEORGIA

Planner

Southern Georgia Regional Commission
Valdosta, GA

Full-time position reporting to the Planning Director. Position includes current planning tasks as well as long-range planning assignments, including but not limited to urban area redevelopment plans; full and partial Comprehensive Plan updates; assisting with the updating of locally adopted ordinances and regulations; JLUS implementation; current planning & zoning tasks such as subdivision reviews, zoning amendments, conditional use reviews; giving public presentations to boards and commissions; and serve as staff to various appointed Planning Commissions.

Applicants shall have a Bachelor's degree in planning or related field and at a minimum three years of practical, local government experience. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification is preferred. Strong verbal and written skills required as is availability for night meetings. Applicants should hold a current valid driver's license.

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission serves 18 counties in South Georgia with its main office located in Valdosta, GA, and a second office located in Waycross, GA. More information can be found at www.sgrc.us.

Salary Range will be from \$35,000 - \$50,000 commensurate with experience. Position to remain open until filled. Please submit resume and three references via e-mail to South Georgia Regional Commission, Attn: Julia Shewchuk, AICP, Planning Director, at jshewchuk@sgrc.us.

MARYLAND

Planner/GIS/Web Support

KFH Group, Inc.
Hanover, MD

KFH Group, a public transportation consulting firm, is seeking to hire a Planner, skilled in GIS, publishing, and website design/support. The position requires 20-30 hours a week. The successful applicant will be assigned to offices at Maryland DOT, Office of Planning, in Hanover, Maryland.

The position will involve: General Planning Support, including planning-related document review (e.g. local comprehensive plans, project development studies, annexation proposals, etc.) and comment; GIS Support, including proficiency with GIS data layer development and manipulation, preparation of interactive maps using ARC GIS, with the IMAP foundation, both creative and technical skills in GIS mapping, GIS map presentation and GIS web tool creation; Internet Publishing, including innovative skills in web layout, graphics creation and layout and presenting information for public consumption.

It also involves: Presentation and Report Technical Support, including compiling documents with hyperlinks and graphics, and preparing PowerPoint presentations; Graphics Support, including the use of MS Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat, MS Publisher and general image and graphic support; General Information Technology (IT) Support, including assistance with FTP site downloading, MS Access/MS Excel database support, documentation back-up onto CDs, and electronic file management.

The firm offers a competitive salary, full benefits, parking/transit subsidy, and a flexible working environment. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send your resume by mail to Linda Ryden, KFH Group, Inc., 4920 Elm St., Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814, by fax (301) 951-0026, or by e-mail: LLRyden@kfhgroup.com. More information on KFH Group, Inc. can be found [here](#).

NEW MEXICO

Community Planner

Santa Fe County

Santa Fe, NM

The candidate undertakes a variety of planning projects which may include the formulating and implementing of community plans, strategies, ordinances, agreements, legislation, programs and policies.

Responsibilities include: Assists in the identification of innovative applications of technology to planning; Prepares data and analyses for presentations and coordinates information for the public; Represents the County government at public meetings and at conferences with other public or private groups, participating and negotiating as authorized in the solution of community planning problems; Executes requirements for various special projects including GIS, graphic, audio visual, statistical data; Gives presentations on community planning and County government to interested groups.

The preferred candidate will possess considerable knowledge of: Analytic and communications skills and knowledge of emerging Web 2.0 technologies; Best practices for the use of technology in planning; Technologies include, but are not limited to, mapping, data visualization and analyses, public participation technology, and social media. Principles, practices, purposes, scope and techniques of various phases of community development, land use planning, statistical and research methods; Design, analyze, write and edit research studies, survey final reports and plans.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Planning, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geography or a closely related field plus 3 years experience in urban, regional or community planning or a Master's degree in Community, Urban or Regional Planning plus 1 year experience or any equivalent combination of relevant training and experience. A detailed job description is also available [here](#).

Contact info: Robert Griego, Phone: 505 986-6215, Fax: 505 986-6236, Email rgriego@santafecounty.org, www.santafecounty.org, PO Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504,

QUEBEC (CANADA)

Tenure-track Position in Community Planning and Development

Concordia University
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

The Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, invites applications for one tenure-track appointment in the field of Community Planning and Development, with core interests in the social and cultural geography of cities and issues of social and environmental equity. The Department would welcome research in areas such as neighborhood development, inner-city revitalization, affordable housing, public space or food security. A PhD and a degree in planning or a closely related field is required. The successful candidate will be expected to teach a studio course.

Applications must consist of a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, copies of recent publications, a statement of teaching philosophy/interests, a statement of research achievements, and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Candidates must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to: Dr. Norma Rantisi, Search Committee Chair, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8; norma.rantisi@gmail.com; <http://gpe.concordia.ca/>

Subject to budgetary approval, we anticipate filling this position, normally at the rank of Assistant Professor, for July 1, 2010. Unless otherwise stipulated in the descriptions on our website, candidates should have a PhD. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. All applications should reach departments no later than November 2, 2009. All inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Rantisi (norma.rantisi@gmail.com). For additional information, please visit our website at <http://artsandscience1.concordia.ca/> All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority. Concordia University is committed to employment equity.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Regional Planning Intern

Lowcountry Council of Governments
Yemassee (near Beaufort), SC

The Lowcountry Council of Governments in South Carolina, which serves a fast-growing four-county coastal region between Charleston and Savannah, has an opening for a Planning Intern. The area includes Beaufort and Hilton Head, but is still mostly rural.

The Planning Department functions in a manner very similar to a consulting firm. As a result, the intern will work on a variety of projects ranging from regional transportation studies to preparing zoning ordinances for small local municipalities. We strive to take innovative approaches to whatever we undertake.

Successful candidate must have excellent written communication and data analysis skills, be able to perform under deadline pressures with limited supervision and handle diverse project activities. Enthusiasm is an asset. Significant opportunities for professional growth and development will be present. The team is small and the working environment is collegial.

Contact Info: Matthew Brady, phone: 843-726-5536, mbrady@lowcountrycog.org.

VIENNA (AUSTRIA)

Two short-term City of Vienna Visiting Professorships

Vienna, Austria

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Urban Culture and Public Space (SKuOR) at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning of Vienna University of Technology, Austria, has recently launched a Call for Interests regarding two short-term City of Vienna Visiting Professorship vacancies offered to deal with the annual topic 2010 'Urban culture, public space and the state - Politics and planning' in Vienna. The call is addressed to two experts, one being rooted in the field of Know How (spatial planning/ spatial design, or similar), the other one in the field of Know Why (urban studies, or similar). Both luminaries are thought to work together as an academic team consisting of one junior and one senior professor.

In close cooperation with the direction of the SKuOR, this team will develop its focus at the interface between theory and practice to foster creative methods and a constructive understanding towards more explorative and innovative approaches in spatial research and spatial planning. This group of scholars consisting of both City of Vienna Visiting Professors and the local SKuOR team will develop and realize a joint annual programme as regards research, teaching and academic networking for the academic year 2010 (1st March 2010 bis 28th February 2011) in the combined thematic fields of urban culture and public space. For further information regarding the call for interests, the profile of requirements as well as regarding the formal procedure of declaration of interests, please have a look at the SKuOR's homepage <http://skuor.tuwien.ac.at>. Declaration of interests can be submitted via post or email until 2nd September 2009.

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