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PN NEWS

We are pleased to announce the third annual Young Planners Network Conference!

**PLANet Youth 2009:
Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future**

June 4 - 7, 2009
San Francisco Bay Area

About the Conference:

Young people possess an innate curiosity to explore their environment, ask important questions and imagine possibilities. These characteristics are crucial as our society seeks to address climate change, the current economic recession, and to undertake more sustainable practices. Youth around the nation are already working to create more sustainable communities. By celebrating and nurturing their work, we can uplift their contribution to the level of engagement that it deserves.

This year's conference will be organized in conjunction with the YPN's host agency, the California Center for Civic Participation, a nationally recognized non-profit that supports youth working to reduce health, economic and civic disparities through research, planning and policy-making processes. To visit our website click [here!](#)

PN MEMBER UPDATES

PNer Robert Silverman is the recipient of the 2009 Greer Award for Postgraduate Achievement in the Study of Urban Social Institutions. He also has a recent publication in the journal *Urban Studies*: Silverman, Robert Mark. 2009. "Sandwiched Between Patronage and Bureaucracy: The Plight of Citizen Participation in Community-Based Housing Organizations (CBHOs)," *Urban Studies*, 46.1: 3-25

From PNER Dr. Jacob Wagner

The Urban Planning and Design program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City received an award from the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association for their work with the Washington Wheatley Neighborhood in Kansas City, MO. The plan is the product of a year-long collaboration between PNER Dr. Jacob Wagner and the Washington Wheatley Neighborhood Improvement Association.

The Washington Wheatley neighborhood is a historic, African-American neighborhood that has experienced more than 30 years of declining population and structural disinvestment. The plan lays out a series of strategies to address neighborhood stabilization, economic development and vacant land management. The plan is the product of the collaboration of neighborhood leaders with the faculty and students at UMKC. For more information, please contact Jacob Wagner at wagnerjaco@umkc.edu or 816-235-6053.

From PNER Ute Lehrer

OMB decision: No SmartCentres at Eastern Ave

I am delighted to report that the City of Toronto, together with the community organization East Toronto Community Coalition (ETCC) was successful in convincing the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) that large scale retail as it was suggested by SmartCentres and Toronto Film Studios, is not appropriate along Eastern Avenue in Leslieville. According to the written decision by vice-chair James McKenzie, the Site-Specific Applications "do not represent good land use planning" and therefore cannot be approved. This means that SmartCentres can't go ahead with its plans to turn the former site of the Toronto Film Studios into a 700,000 sq shopping centre.

The 58-day hearing lasted from May to October 2008, and the decision of the OMB Board was made public this afternoon (March 4, 2009). The hearing mobilized a significant

number of people that are working or living in the area. It also received regular media attention.

The City Institute at York University was involved in the case via two expert witnesses who represented the interests of ETCC: myself in the role as an urban planner and Steven Tufts as an economic geographer. We also received support from Thorben Wieditz who is a PhD student at the Faculty of Environmental Studies. The third expert witness of ETCC was Paul Young who spoke to health and traffic issues. We were supported by a large number of people coming forward at the three public events, with 4:1 expressing concern against the shopping mall development.

NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Susan Aitcheson
Asley Hahn
Kara Hubbard
Tim Lohrentz
Katrina Mitchell
Heather Roberts
Lucy Scharbach
Ali Shaver
Diane Ward

PUBLICATIONS

"The Complexities and Processes of Racial Housing Discrimination" (2009, 20 pp.), by Vincent J. Roscigno, Diana L. Karafin and Griff Tester, is published in *Journal of Social Problems*, 56(1): 49-69.

"Why the Market Subverts Democracy" (2009, 14 pp.), by Robin Hahnel, is published in *Journal of The American Behavioral Scientist*, 52(7):1006-1022.

"Urban Nightmares: The Media, The Right, and Moral Panic Over the City" (2006, 360 pp.), by Steve Macek, is a book published by the University of Minnesota Press and reviewed by Gerry Mooney. For more details/ordering info click [here](#).

"Disappearing Desert: The Growth of Phoenix and the Culture of Sprawl" (2008, 146 pp.), by Janine Schipper, is a book published by Norman University of Oklahoma Press.

"Mandate for Change: Policies and Leadership for 2009 and Beyond", edited by Chester Hartman for the Institute for Policy Studies, has just been issued by Lexington Books. For details/ordering info click [here](#).

47 short, formatted chapters (a set of specific policy proposals, back-up essay, resource list of organizations, readings, websites) deal with every important domestic and international topic. Among the 72 authors: Frances Fox Piven, Angela Glover Blackwell, Sheila Crowley, Cong. Earl Blumenauer, Peter Edelman, Kim Gandy, Katrina vanden Heuvel, former Cong. Barbara Kennelly, Eric Mann, Miles Rapoport, Rinku Sen.

"The International Manual of Planning Practice (IMPP)" (2008, 5th edition), edited by Judith Ryser and Teresa Franchini, describes and compares the planning systems of more than 100 countries. It is published by the International Society of City and Regional Planners. For details/ordering info click [here](#).

"A Climate of Change: African Americans, Global Warming, and a Just Climate Policy for the U.S." (July 2008, 69 pp.), by J. Andrew Hoerner and Nia Robinson, is published Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative, Oakland, California. To download the file click [here](#).

"Sandwiched Between Patronage and Bureaucracy: The Plight of Citizen Participation in Community-Based Housing Organizations (CBHOs)" (2009), by Robert Mark Silverman, is published in Journal of Urban Studies, 46.1: 3-25

"Cultivating Just Planning and Legal Institutions: A Critical Assessment of the South Central Farm Struggle in Los Angeles" (February 2009), by Clara Irazábal and Anita Punja, is published in Journal of Urban Affairs, 31(1): 1-23.

"City Out Of Chaos: Urban Self-Organization and Sustainability" (2009, 176 pp.), by R.M. Pulselli and E. Tiezzi, is published by WIT Press, For details/ordering info click [here](#).

EVENTS

March 26, 2009. Links between Pollution and Poverty in Toronto Neighbourhoods. Co-Sponsored by the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives, Cities Centre and Center for Environment, University of Toronto. For more info click [here](#).

April 22-25, 2009. REAL CORP 2009 14th International Conference on Urban Planning, Regional Development and Information Society: "Cities 3.0 Smart, Sustainable, Integrative. Strategies, Concepts and Technologies for Planning the Urban Future." Sitges, Spain/Catalonia. www.corp.at

June 4-7, 2009. Association for Community Design 2009 Annual Conference: "A Second Historic Wave of Challenge and Opportunity." Rochester, NY.
www.communitydesign.org

October 18-22, 2009. 45th ISOCARP International Congress: "Low Carbon Cities." Porto, Portugal. www.isocarp.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

1st Annual Next American City Conference: "Next American Vanguard"

Washington, DC
May 20-21, 2009

Are you a grassroots activist making a difference in your city? Are you a community leader, providing a voice for your neighbors? Are you heading an organization geared toward making change? We want to meet you! Next American City is announcing its first annual conference geared toward bringing together the next generation of urban leaders. From May 20-21, 2009, Next American City will be inviting 30 inspiring individuals from across the country to discuss our role in shaping the future of cities.

If we have piqued your interest, we want to hear you! Tell us about who you are, the work that you do and why we should select you to participate in this conference. To apply for the Next American City Vanguard, please visit [here](#).

JOBS

CALIFORNIA

Planner Associate/Senior

Solano County
Fairfield, CA

Solano County invites applications for the positions of **Associate Planner and Senior Planner**.

Associate Level - provides staff support in policy and land use planning. Incumbents work independently in processing and presenting actions to policy bodies and may serve as chairperson of committees and/or be responsible for the administration of a specific land use program.

Senior Level - manages land use and/or policy planning projects that have significant political, economic and environmental implications. Incumbents work on the more complex

assignments and may work independently or lead a team working on complex project. Employees plan and manage programs in compliance with federal, state and local laws, goals, policies and procedures. Judgment is required both in interpreting established policies, goals, and objectives, and in applying concepts, plans, and strategies.

Appointment to Planner Associate or Planner Senior will be made depending on qualifications. You may contact us by phone at 707-784-6170 or e-mail at jobquestions@solanocounty.com, or apply for a job in person at the Human Resources Department. Application deadline will be on **April 4, 2009**.

For a detailed job description and to apply, please visit [here](#).

MICHIGAN

Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professor - 3 Positions Available Global Urban Studies Program - Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

The Global Urban Studies Program at Michigan State University invites applications for up to three tenure track, academic-year positions at the rank of **Assistant or Associate Professor**, beginning 8-16-2009. To meet its education and research missions, the GUSP is seeking faculty who bring particular approaches to the study of the political, historical, spatial, cultural, and economic processes and issues in urban areas across the US and the world. Any one or combination of the following desired methodological areas are:

US Cities in Comparative Context: Comparative urban analysis focusing on points of similarity or difference in the nature of urban conditions, challenges, and historical and future trends.

Qualitative/Ethnographic Methods: Research methodologies encompassing traditional case studies as well as quantitative approaches such as content analysis, meta-analysis, and q-sort techniques.

Policy Focus: Comparative policy solutions to common urban problems based on empirical evaluative and analytical assessment.

The Global Urban Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program in the College of Social Science supporting and specializing in urban research and offering a PhD and Masters specializations in combination with a disciplinary degree. More information on the GUSP can be obtained at www.gusp.msu.edu or from the program Director, Laura A. Reese at reesela@msu.edu or by calling 517.353.5942.

To apply, contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Richard Hula, 304 S. Kedzie, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48823. Email: rhula@msu.edu
Phone 517.355.6592. Review of applications will begin **October 15, 2009** and continue until the position is filled. E/O/E. For a detailed job description please visit [here](#).

NORTH CAROLINA

Post-Doctoral Fellowship University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Center for Community Capital

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Center for Community Capital invites applications for a one-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship, with the option to renew for a second year. Our multi-disciplinary Center welcomes two types of candidates. Policy-oriented candidates should show promise of significant scholarship in the areas of real estate finance, home mortgage performance, housing policy, community development, and/or wealth accumulation in underserved neighborhoods. Methodologically-oriented candidates should demonstrate sophistication in the application of selection models, analysis of panel and categorical data, assessment of neighborhood effects, and/or use of multiple imputation and survey weights.

The Post-Doctoral Fellow will work collaboratively with Center researchers, participate in related workshops and conferences, and produce papers for publication. Competitive salary and benefits provided. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. prior to beginning the fellowship. Position available Summer 2009 and open until filled. Please email a cover letter and vita to communitycapital@unc.edu and write "Post-Doctoral Fellow" in the subject line. More information about the Center is available here: www.ccc.unc.edu

PHILADELPHIA

Environmental Planning Intern Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Philadelphia, PA

Assist with the research and writing of policy reports and plans for the Philadelphia Metropolitan area. Issues to be addressed may include environmental resource inventories; land use, open space and farmland preservation.

Intern may be responsible for policy research, quantitative analysis, report writing and GIS production, depending on project needs, interests and ability. Position requires a commitment 37.5 hours per week during the summer semester. Students with Work Study grants preferred.

Contact: Beth Wichser, Phone: 215-238-2843, Fax: 215-592-9125,
Email: resumes@dvrpc.org, Website: www.dvrpc.org.

VIRGINIA

Principal Planner Southampton County, VA

Principal Planner performs professional planning work including development review activities, grant writing, project studies, and presentations to the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and citizen groups.

Requires a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of planning, zoning and land development and the ability to interpret and communicate ordinances effectively. Serves as Deputy Zoning Administrator and Deputy Subdivision Agent.

Requires a bachelor's degree in planning or a related field and 5 years of experience as a practicing planner. Master's degree and AICP preferred. Must hold a valid driver's license

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and be willing to attend meetings held after regular business hours.

Submit application, detailed resume with salary history, and work related references to:
James A. Randolph, Assistant County Administrator, P.O. Box 400, Courtland, VA 23837;
phone: 757-653-3015; www.southamptoncounty.org

Complete job description available upon request. Open until filled, with initial review beginning **April 13, 2009**. E/O/E

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