Highest Profile Infrastructure Projects
Nearly everyone agrees that it's critical for the country to improve its transportation infrastructure. Doing so will create jobs in the short term and, perhaps more important, help strengthen the backbone of the economy that allows workers to commute to their jobs and businesses to ship goods across the country. As President Obama said in his State of the Union speech earlier this year, “There’s never been a better time to build.”


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APA Survey

The American Planning Association President Mitch Silver has invited students at Ohio State University to provide advice on how APA should be engaging students through social media. We are inviting students across the country to complete a quick five minute survey about your use of social media and your thoughts on how you would like to engage with professional associations through social media. The results from this survey will be shared at the American Planning Association conference in Los Angeles later this month.

Please share your thoughts at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QMVD7YC

To learn more about this project, visit: http://planforsocialmedia.wordpress.com

“Race and the City”

CU Habitat for Humanity invites you to attend “Race and the City”, a presentation and discussion on affordable housing, homelessness prevention, urban development, and racial inequality. Featuring:
+ Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas: Chair of Manhattan Community Board 9 and Program Director at the Goddard Riverside Community Center + Prof. Brendan O’Flaherty: Co-Director of the Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies who has testified for the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

Moderated by: Mae Fang: AmeriCorps Youth and Community Relations Associate at New York City Habitat for Humanity

Rev. Morgan-Thomas and Prof. O’Flaherty will also be taking questions from the audience. We invite you to submit your questions and thoughts on the topic at: http://tinyurl.com/raceandthecity

Thursday, April 5th, 2012
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Lerner Room 568

Constructing the Latin-Hemispheric Agenda

EVAC—Espacio de Vinculación, Asociación Civil— is since 1997 a non profit organization that creates and promotes substantive intellectual fora in the Americas and Europe, where young people can exchange ideas, meet leaders and implement joint projects towards the achievement of common goals.

For more information, please see attached PDF.

APA - PLD Writing Competition

The Competition is open to law students and graduate planning students writing on a question of significance in planning, planning law, land use law, local government law or environmental law. The winning entry will be awarded a prize of $2,500 and will be submitted for publication in The Urban Lawyer, the law journal of the American Bar Association’s Section of State & Local Government Law. In addition to the first prize, the Competition will offer a second place prize of $500 and a third prize of $250.

Please see attached PDF for more information.

Seeking Sustainable Communities

ULI Westchester/Fairfield District Council invites you to attend our May 16, 2012 event in Stamford that will explore the implementation of TOD projects as part of the NY-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Initiative. Transit-Oriented Development is retrofitting our Cities with more walkable and livable communities. Government and Transportation Officials at both the Federal and State level have pledged to ensure that housing and transportation goals are met while simultaneously protecting the environment, promoting equitable development and helping to address the challenges of climate change.

In New York’s metropolitan area, a $3.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities has facilitated an unprecedented bi-state collaboration of cities, counties and regional planning organizations.

Space is Limited so Register Now!

http://www.uliemaildc.org/link.cfm?r=203129886&sid=17867146&m=1838253&u=ULIWF&j=9626209

Vanguardia Latina 2012
May 2nd - 4th, 2012
Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Center
Inter-American Development Bank
1330 New York Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
Internship Opportunities

Participatory Budgeting Project, Inc.

Design and Communications Intern

The Participatory Budgeting Project, Inc. (PBP), a non-profit organization based in New York City, is seeking part-time design and communications interns for summer 2012. Our mission is to empower community members to make informed, democratic, and fair decisions about public spending and revenue, by opening up public budgets to meaningful democratic participation. We work with elected officials, government agencies, and community groups in the US and Canada to set up participatory budgeting programs - public processes that let local people directly decide how to spend public money.

The two interns will work out of our New York or Chicago offices for at least 20 hours per week, starting in May or June and ending in August. The interns will work closely with other staff to develop materials and media that make complex policy issues accessible to diverse audiences. The internships are ideal for talented individuals eager to apply graphic design, social media, marketing, and communications skills to engage people in their communities and government.

For more information and how to apply, please visit: http://www.participatorybudgeting.org/

New York City Council, Office of Councilmember Brad Lander

Summer 2012, Policy and Law Fellows

New York City Councilmember Brad Lander is seeking energetic, talented candidates to make a more progressive, sustainable and livable New York City. Councilmember Lander, the former director of the Pratt Center for Community Development, is Co-Chair of the New York City Progressive Caucus and Chair of the Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses Subcommittee.

For more information and how to apply, please see attached PDF.

Map Kibera

Summer Intern

Map Kibera is seeking a summer intern to help coordinate election monitoring preparation through Voice of Kibera! This is an amazing opportunity to get hands-on experience with a fantastic group of youth from Kibera, who are working on cutting-edge citizen journalism to help increase access to information and impact for slumdwellers. It's also a test-run of the power of new technologies to prevent violence and support transparency for elections. VoK is one of the three programs of Map Kibera Trust.

The intern will support the members of the Map Kibera Trust to organize the current phase of development of Voice of Kibera as a key monitoring tool for the election, as well as pre- and post-election feedback. The plan includes popularising citizen journalism by mobilizing Kibera residents at community forums and training them on our toolset: SMS reporting, use of social media, still photography, online report submission, interviewing techniques, mapping reports. We will hold a series of workshops, community video screenings, and trainings during the internship period. We will also start to expand this model to other parts of Nairobi over the next few months. A select group will learn video news reporting and more in-depth reporting online and prepare to join our teams. Meanwhile, our mapping team will be identifying polling spots and ensuring that the current data on Kibera is correct.

For more information and how to apply, please visit: http://www.mapkibera.org/blog/2012/03/30/internship-election-preparedness-through-ict/