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THE 1960s: A TURNING POINT FOR CENTRAL PARK
MAY 16, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:00PM
CHARLES A. DANA DISCOVERY CENTER, INSIDE CENTRAL PARK AT 110TH STREET BETWEEN 5TH AND LENOX AVENUES, NEW YORK 10029

The 1960s in Central Park was a period marked by innovative experiments in programming and design, including avant-garde art performances, popular concerts, and new approaches to playgrounds, as well as the beginning of the Park's most serious decline. Marie Warsh, Central Park Conservancy’s Director of Preservation Planning, will discuss this unique interaction between art, design, and public space, and how it influenced the Park's eventual preservation and restoration.

This free lecture is being presented by Central Park Conservancy, light refreshments will be served. Learn more at www.centralparknyc.org

YOUTH PROFESSIONALS IN TRANSPORTATION – NYC TECHNICAL PRESENTATION
MAY 22, 2013 5:30PM
PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, ONE PENN PLAZA

Please join us on May 22 for a technical presentation from Grace Baird of URS Corporation, who will be share her story about how she entered the field of catenary engineering.

The technical presentation will be followed by a happy hour at Local West’s rooftop beer garden from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Please register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Cfo0iaMAxNOEP3c1runKEqBmwB8_1k5x0wZNyZmmdxk/viewform. Both events are co-sponsored by the ASCE, Metropolitan Section, Younger Member Forum.

LEFT FORUM 2013
JUNE 7 – 9, 2013
PACE UNIVERSITY, 1 PACE PLAZA, NY 10038

Cataclysmic events across North America and throughout the world such as Hurricane Sandy lay bare the ongoing crises in low-income communities: unemployment, foreclosures, homelessness, and service cutbacks. During the storm, historic patterns of racial discrimination isolated the most vulnerable while
wealthier, better-connected residents had the privilege of mobility. Traditional planning is partially responsible for these injustices. However, community-based organizations and activist networks are mobilizing, networking, and filling the gaps left by the failure of local and federal responses. This organizing continues beyond simple resilience, toward building a more just collective future.

Join us June 6-8 in New York City for a progressive, practice-based planning conference that explores these alternatives to urban development and planning practice. At this conference, planners, architects, designers, activists, and neighborhood advocates come together to exchange ideas and perspectives to promote alternative, more sustainable, and just ways of preserving and developing the metropolis. For the full registration fee, you'll experience:

- **Thursday night screening** of the acclaimed documentary, “My Brooklyn,” and a discussion with the filmmaker.
- On Friday, a dialogue and tours with community groups and residents at your choice of **mobile community workshops**.
- A **Friday night kick-off party** at Pratt Brooklyn’s historic Higgins Hall— a celebration of justice and action!
- A full Saturday of diverse **conference panels, interactive workshops, and plenaries**.
- The conference will wrap up Saturday evening with a performance by the dynamic **Reverend Billy and the Church of Stop Shopping**.

Register at [http://justmetropolis.org/home/registration1](http://justmetropolis.org/home/registration1)

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES**

**The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (CA)**

**PROGRAM OFFICER – CLIMATE AND LAND USE**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation is seeking an exceptional individual to lead its work on Climate and Land Use, with a particular emphasis on work to reduce emissions associated with agriculture. The Program Officer will manage an annual grant budget of $10 million, lead the design and implementation of the Foundation’s Climate and Land Use grantmaking strategy, and represent the Foundation on the CLUA Program Team. This position will work closely with grantees to achieve strategic outcomes that slow or reduce net GHG emissions associated with agriculture.

Since 2008, the Foundation has focused its grantmaking in this area through funding of three strategies: promoting a shift from unsustainable to sustainable
biofuels, promoting U.S. and state climate policy that supports agricultural greenhouse gas emission reductions, and promoting U.S. federal policy and industry practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and nitrogen pollution. The grantmaking strategy is available on the Foundation’s website at http://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/conservation-and-science/agriculture/. Looking forward, the Foundation’s program will continue to implement that strategy, but will expand somewhat to include two new strategies for agricultural emissions reduction:

1) Supply chain innovations: Within the U.S., the Foundation will increase its support for supply-chain approaches to agricultural emissions, including work with major retailers and other purchasers of agricultural commodities on voluntary policies that will lead to decreased agricultural emissions.

2) International opportunities: The Foundation will focus on identifying and funding projects to reduce agricultural emissions outside of the United States. In the near term, this will include the expansion of a current project focused on palm oil in Indonesia. The Foundation anticipates that a regional focus on Asia will be an ongoing part of this strategy.

The Foundation currently works with several Senior Advisors who provide guidance on portions of the strategies above, and works closely with the CLUA Program Team and with grantees in developing and implementing its strategies. The Program Officer must have a demonstrated record of success in achieving specific policy and programmatic outcomes. The position calls for a sophisticated ability to think strategically, and to manage complex processes involving multiple institutions and individuals in a team arrangement. The individual should be entrepreneurial and experienced in working with the private sector, governments, and non-governmental organizations. The ideal candidate will have significant and relevant international work experience. The Program Officer will report to Dr. Walter Reid, Program Director, Conservation and Science Program, and will work closely with a Program Associate and with the CLUA Program Director. This is an excellent opportunity for a professional with a desire to work at the interface of agriculture, land use, and climate.

See attached document for more details.

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**NYC Department of Transportation**

**BICYCLE PROGRAM SUMMER INTERNSHIP (UNPAID)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 20, 2013**

NYC Department of Transportation's Bicycle Program will be interviewing
undergraduate and graduate students for a number of 2013 Summer internship positions. The internships available would include the following responsibilities:

- Assist in the planning and design of proposed bike corral locations
- Assist in the review and planning of bicycle facility refurbishments
- Assist in data collection, analysis, and creating presentations for various bicycle projects
- Assist with database management

The Bicycle Program is responsible for a comprehensive and sustainable approach to the planning, design and promotion of New York City’s bicycle facilities and bicycle network. The Program works to design safe and robust bicycle facilities as well as promoting safe cycling in New York City. Selected interns will gain exposure to world-class transportation planning and design teams. All interns will work with Bicycle Program staff and will be given substantive projects. Positions are flexible, ranging from 19-28 hours per week; but request that you are available for at least two consecutive days. Fieldwork-related transportation costs paid for by DOT. Summer 2013 Summer internships would begin the week of June 3, 2013.

Interested candidates: please send a resume and cover letter to ama@dot.nyc.gov no later than Wed, May 15, 2013. Selected candidates will be interviewed during the week of May 20th.

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Sustainable Urbanism International (SUI)

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 20, 2013

SUI has openings for two summer internships in Bangalore. SUI is a research and policy initiative promoting cultural and environmental sustainability through research policy, design, documentation, and knowledge dissemination. We are a research lab at GSAPP and an NGO in Bangalore (www.sustainurban.org). The interns would be expected to have a working knowledge of GIS (Arc GIS, Quantum GIS) and AutoCad. Additional knowledge of 3D modelling and simulation or socio-economic and demographic analysis (basic statistics) would be helpful. The dates of the internships are for a period between June 1 and Sept 15. The duration of the internships could be from 1-3 months finalized after discussion. SUI would help arrange accommodation for the internships and provide a stipend that would cover basic local expenses. Cost of travel to Bangalore would not be included. Interested candidates should send their CVs and 2 samples of work to Prof. Jyoti Hosagrahar (jh2443@columbia.edu) by May 20th.
Van Meter Williams Pollack

JUNIOR URBAN DESIGNER

Van Meter Williams Pollack (www.vmwp.com), an award winning multi-disciplinary architecture and urban design firm based in San Francisco and Denver, is looking for a junior urban designer to join its San Francisco office.

Van Meter Williams Pollack’s urban design work includes transit-oriented design; master planning and specific plans, design guidelines, and development prototyping. Each of our projects includes an active community process where we work together with citizens and local stakeholders in workshops, charrettes, and meetings to prioritize goals and create a future vision of their place.

The Junior Urban Designer will assist in all aspects of the urban design work at VMWP including graphic production, presentations, marketing and production of documents. Tasks may overlap with architecture department as needed. Strong graphic skills and competency in the following software programs are desired: Sketch Up, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and ArchiCAD. Sketch Up skills are must. Hand-drawing skills are a plus. Candidates must work well within a team and individually in an interactive studio environment. A master’s degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning, or Urban Design is preferred. Candidates with Landscape Architecture or Planning degrees should have an undergraduate degree Architecture and/or a working knowledge of architecture and multi-family housing.

To apply, e-mail resume, cover letter, and portfolio to: E-mail: vmwpsf (at) gmail (dot) com

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Center for Architecture Foundation

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Summer@theCenter: Week-long design programs for children in grades 3 - 12
· Programs begin June 17th and run through the week of August 26th
· Volunteer time commitment: one or two weeks, M – F from 9 am – 4 pm

About our Summer Programs:
The Center for Architecture Foundation’s Summer Programs immerse students in learning about different topics in architecture through drawing, design and model making activities and field trips to museums, buildings and professional design offices. Programs are taught by a CFAF Design Educator and our Summer Assistant and are grouped by age: elementary school (grades 3 – 5), middle school (grades 6 – 8) and high school (grades 9 – 12). Each program culminates with students
presenting their week's design work to parents and friends.

**Volunteer Responsibilities/Requirements:**
Assist with program activities and field trips, helping students to develop their design ideas and art-making skills. Volunteers are asked to commit to a full program week, so they can see the project from start to finish. Candidates should have a background in architecture, urban studies, art education or a related design field and experience working with or teaching children. An interest in helping children better understand the environment around them is our mission that we hope you can help us fulfill.

**How to Apply:**
If you are interested in volunteering with the Center for Architecture Foundation this summer, please send a cover letter describing your interest and experience along with your resume to info@cfafoundation.org. We will contact you to set up a meeting with a Foundation staff person, so we can best match your interests and experience with our Summer Programs.

Please check the link to our website http://www.cfafoundation.org/summer for further information about the programs being offered this summer.

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**Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)**

(1) **Operations Manager** and (2) **Special Projects Coordinator**

**Application Deadline: 15 June**

The Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF) is pleased to announce two new positions on our staff:

The **Operations Manager** will serve as the lead for all general financial, operational, and administrative activities of SAFSF. This full-time position will be based in Santa Barbara, California at SAFSF’s home office. The ideal candidate will have 5-7 years experience as lead finance and operation staff. The job will require broad knowledge of non-profit financial and operational management; awareness of sustainable agriculture and food systems issues; understanding of philanthropy (public, private, and corporate) and grantmaking processes a plus.


The **Special Projects Coordinator** will be responsible for the program development, management and oversight of two SAFSF projects: Creating Common Ground and Annual Policy Briefings. This full-time position will be based ideally in a home
office preferably on the East Coast or in the Mid-West. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 5 years experience with content-based program development; 3-5 years experience in a nonprofit setting working directly with senior leadership/boards; and demonstrated experience as a facilitator/event planner. A Masters in Public Health or Public Policy is strongly desired.

Please visit http://www.safsf.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/SAFSF-Special-Projects-Coordinator-Job-Description-FINAL.pdf to download the full job description.

**Successful candidates** for both positions will be dedicated to SAFSF’s core values: a commitment to justice and equity; respect for diversity, inclusivity, and life-long learning; and a willingness to collaborate.

**Guidelines:** Application deadline is June 15, 2013.

Please send the following materials electronically to safsf-search@rstuartconsulting.com.

No phone calls please.

- 1 page cover letter
- Resume/CV
- Names of 3 references (Note: we will not contact references without a candidate’s prior knowledge)
- Short (3-5 pages max) writing sample (Special Projects Coordinator)

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**Local Initiatives Support Corporation**

**Program Intern**

**Application Deadline: 15 May**

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation’s New York City Program (LISC NYC) is seeking a full-time summer intern. The successful candidate must have a strong interest in community development, non-profit housing, writing, research, evaluation techniques and be enrolled in a related Master’s degree program.
This internship provides the opportunity to take on significant amounts of responsibility and make a substantial contribution to the LISC NYC program. Over the course of the internship the intern will:

- Develop skills in project management and event coordination and will focus primarily on the Cashin Community Fellowship (summer program to introduce undergraduates to the field of community development).
- Assist staff on our Choice Neighborhood Initiative (program to develop a transformation plan for the Mott Haven neighborhood of the South Bronx). This will include supporting resident engagement strategies, gathering and analyzing data, implement community events, and supporting the work of program committees and asset mapping strategies.
- Assist LISC New York City staff with special projects. This may include researching fundraising prospects, writing reports, and assisting with the coordination of trainings.
- The internship also provides the students with the opportunity to develop their leadership, analytical, and interpersonal skills.

The internship is ideal for first year graduate student. It will begin in the summer on a full-time basis. There may be an opportunity to continue the internship throughout the fall/spring for academic credit.

Please see attached for more details

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**New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)**

**September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning**

**Application Deadline: 15 May**

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) established the September 11th Memorial Program for Regional Transportation Planning to honor the memory of Ignatius Adanga, Charles Lesperance, and See Wong Shum, the three employees it lost during the attack on the World Trade Center. The program was established to educate and motivate people interested in transportation technology and planning and to encourage innovations in planning activities throughout the NYMTC region. The Program’s Academic Initiative is designed to foster the academic and professional development of students by providing them with opportunities to participate in innovative research and planning projects. It is administered by the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC).
Though there has been two ways in which to participate in this program in prior years, only the internship option is being offered during 2013-14. The student can pursue a project in the offices of NYMTC or a NYMTC Member Agency. The internships will challenge students to develop creative solutions to difficult problems, providing a benefit to the region while enhancing their educational experiences.

Please see http://utrc2.org/education/september-11th-memorial-program for more details.

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ICF International
TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST

Location: San Francisco or Sacramento, CA

Description:

ICF International is a leader in the development, implementation, and evaluation of transportation, climate change, and air quality programs. ICF brings together the talents and experience of nationally recognized transportation planners and policy experts, emissions and energy analysts, transportation modelers, and air quality and environmental experts. Founded in 1969, ICF had led some of the nation’s most important studies of the environmental impacts of transportation policies, programs, and projects.

We are currently seeking a transportation and environmental analyst to support our Northern California offices. This position will assist senior level staff with duties such as research, quantitative analysis, interviews, and report writing. Most project work will focus on transportation air quality and energy issues. Project topics could include:

• Analysis of strategies to reduce emissions from automobiles, trucks, locomotives, marine vessels, and other transportation sources

• Analysis of the costs and benefits of advanced vehicle technologies and alternative transportation fuels

• Development of sustainability performance indicators for communities and government agencies

• Writing guidance for government agencies on transportation and environmental
Regional Plan Association

GIS Planner

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 MAY, 2013

Regional Plan Association, a nonprofit urban-planning organization, is seeking a talented GIS planner to work in our New York office. RPA conducts research, advocacy and planning on regional and national priorities including open space and environmental sustainability, transportation, economic development and governance. To underpin that work, we are looking for a talented professional with the skills and flexibility to conduct complex analyses and high-quality mapping. We are looking for someone who shares our passion for fostering thriving, healthy cities and communities. We encourage a challenging, collaborative and fun work environment. We also believe in work-life balance.

Applicants should have several years of experience. A relevant masters-level degree is preferred. We are seeking someone with a deep understanding of ArcGIS as well as a demonstrable track record creating maps and analysis with extensions and third-party tools. Applicants should understand GIS data formats, tools and methods, including ModelBuilder and geoprocessing. Knowledge of Access, Excel and stats tools is essential, as is an eye for good mapping and high-caliber presentations. Experience with networks, advanced regression models, web mapping, open source GIS and online tools also appreciated. Applicants should be comfortable working in teams and supervising interns, and possess excellent writing skills.

Typical projects include map production for public conferences and workshops; analysis of journey-to work data for a VMT model; urban growth models; habitat and land cover mapping; and zoning buildouts. Depending on the project, the GIS planner will be responsible for the creation of maps and slides; preparation of map atlases; design and calculation of analysis spreadsheets; gathering of new data;
documenting processes; and thinking creatively about tools, data and methods to support RPA's high-quality planning and policy work.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter and any additional supporting materials to resumes@rpa.org by Friday, May 17. We kindly request no phone calls regarding this position.

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: UNDERGRADUATE AND MASTERS’ POSTER SESSIONS ON URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING HISTORY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2013

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) will be holding its biennial conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in Fall 2013. The conference will be based at the Toronto Downtown Courtyard Marriott Hotel and will run from Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6. On Saturday, October 5, the conference will feature a public session of posters that present original research by undergraduate and masters degree program students. This session will be a unique opportunity for students at the bachelors and masters level to present their work in a forum attended by hundreds of professionals from all over the United States as well as overseas.

Undergraduates and masters students interested in participating should submit to m.souther@csuohio.edu by May 31, 2013, a single document containing:

- A one-page abstract clearly marked with your name and contact information summarizing the research, including the title, the central research question(s), a brief statement of significance, the sources consulted, and the major conclusions. (Works in progress, such as Bachelors or Masters theses, that do not yet have firm conclusions, are also encouraged.)

- A one-page resume or curriculum vitae, including (at a minimum) your contact information, university, major or concentration, expected degree, and expected date of graduation.

Please have your adviser, or a faculty member closely familiar with the project, email a short letter of endorsement to m.souther@csuohio.edu explaining the significance of the work and confirming that the faculty member expects it will be ready to present by October. This email is also due by May 31, 2013.
Presenters are expected to provide their own poster of up to 36” x 42”. SACRPH will provide foamcore backing boards, easels, and clips. For tips on designing and creating a poster, see http://www.aspb.org/education/poster.cfm

A special schedule of discounted fees will be available to student presenters who wish to attend only one day or a portion of a day at the conference. Those wishing to attend more of the conference will pay the regular student registration fee.

Questions can be addressed to Mark Souther, Associate Professor of History and Director, Center for Public History + Digital Humanities, at Cleveland State University, at m.souther@csuohio.edu.

SACRPH is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to promoting scholarship on the history of planning cities and metropolitan regions. Its members come from a range of professions and areas of interest, and include architects, planners, historians, environmentalists, landscape designers, public policy makers, preservationists, community organizers, students and scholars from across the country and around the world. SACRPH publishes a quarterly journal, The Journal of Planning History (http://jph.sagepub.com/), hosts this biennial conference and sponsors awards for research and publication in the field of planning history.

For further information please consult http://www.sacrph.org.