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**LIPS: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN SUB-SAHARA N AFRICA**

**APRIL 16, 2013, 1:00PM**

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We will be joined by Aimée Gauthier, Chief Program Officer at the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), who will share her expertise on the topic of Transportation Planning in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Aimée has been working at ITDP since 2003, mainly on Sub-Saharan Africa transport projects in Ghana, Senegal, South Africa, and Tanzania. Over the past five years, she has worked on non-motorized transportation, developing private sector small bicycle businesses and examining the intersection between health care service delivery and transport. She also worked on promotion of bus rapid transit projects in Accra and Dakar, as well as BRT planning in Dar es Salaam and Johannesburg.

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**DESIGN TALKS: CHRIS REED, STOSS LANDSCAPE URBANISM**

**APRIL 17, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**

COOPER-HEWITT DESIGN CENTER, 111 CENTRAL PARK NORTH, LENOX AVENUE

National Design Award winner Stoss Landscape Urbanism is a Boston-based collaborative design and planning studio that operates at the juncture of landscape architecture, urban design, and planning. The firm was established in 2000 by Founding Principal Chris Reed; Scott Bishop joined as Associate Principal in 2005. Stoss has distinguished itself for a hybridized approach rooted in infrastructure, functionality, and ecology. In 2010, Stoss became the first North American firm to win the Topos Landscape Award.

Join Chris Reed as he speaks about his work and the challenges of designing public spaces in the urban environment, with guest Lizabeth Cohen, of Harvard University, in a discussion led by Cara McCarty, Cooper-Hewitt's Curatorial Director.

Free for students!

REGISTER: [https://www.cooperhewitt.org/events/design-talks-chris-reed-stoss-landscape-urbanism](https://www.cooperhewitt.org/events/design-talks-chris-reed-stoss-landscape-urbanism)

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**YPT- NYC SPEED NETWORKING**

**APRIL 29, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:30PM**

ROOM 506, 41 COOPER SQUARE, COOPER UNION
The New York City Chapter of the Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT-NYC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter at Cooper Union are hosting an upcoming "Speed Networking" event. Students will meet and network with YPT members who are currently working in the transportation industry. YPT members are a great resource in discussing their career paths and providing welcomed advice. "Speed Networking" ensures that a student can get one on one time with multiple YPT members and learn about different companies/organizations, fields, positions, and sectors.

Individuals wishing to participate should reserve their space at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hk46gbekZlq3ZicZKMcKyaqv2smw_SzPVEfKLyd5XQ/viewform. Space is extremely limited – please rsvp and we will contact you to confirm availability.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES
Earthgarage
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The Earthgarage Certified Dealer program helps automotive repair shops target the green consumer and generate incremental revenue.

We manage the entire program - source the green automotive aftermarket products: bio-based motor oil, an advanced oil filter, silicone wiper blades and copper-free brakes. We'll also handle staff training and provide the turnkey marketing program to make it all work.

As the next phase, we would like to create a green certification program for the dealers' operations. The goal is to establish a program through where automotive repair shops can be monitored and rated based on their sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices.

We are seeking to partner with a university to create an outstanding and truly world class program.

If interested, please e-mail Bob Leonard at bob@earthgarage.com indicating your interest and why you think you are an ideal candidate. No resume required.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (CA)
MULTIPLE POSITIONS

MTC’s has a number of positions currently open. We appreciate your forwarding the information to interested individuals, and to organizations that will disseminate the information.

Joint Policy Committee (JPC) Policy Advisor MUST APPLY BY: Wed. 4/15/13
Individual will support the further development of the JPC as a regional policy coordinating body in the San Francisco Bay Area. The JPC Policy Advisor will support the JPC in reviewing and commenting on major interim work products and final draft comments prior to action by the JPC member agencies and ensuring that the JPC receives the information and analyses, necessary to implement its responsibilities.

Freeway Service Patrol Program Coordinator; MUST APPLY BY: Tues. 4/30/13
Individual will act as support staff for the management and operation of the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program.

Funding Program Manager MUST APPLY BY: Tues. 4/30/13
Individual will be responsible for managing funding programs; identifying and helping to resolve project delivery challenges; conducting complex financial analyses of transportation revenues and expenses.

Financial Analyst is re-opened with a new closing date of Wed. 5/1/13
Individual will perform treasury and debt analysis on billion dollar portfolios; evaluate current and historic data; Study economic and business trends; Study financial statements and analyze data.

The Transportation Management & Coordination (TMC) unit in the Operations Section has three LGS positions open TMC Program Coordinator, 511 Operations Coordinator, & 511 Operations Support These positions are Open Till Filled
The persons in these positions will provide support for the 511 Traveler Information and the Transportation Management System (TMS) Programs. The selected candidates will support a variety of tasks for the 511 Program in the Transportation Management and Coordination (TMC) Unit, including: project and contract management, budgeting, data collection and dissemination, operations, market research, program evaluation, and other tasks. Working as part of a team, the individuals hired will coordinate closely with the 511 staff.

For more in-depth job descriptions please direct all interested individuals to http://jobs.mtc.ca.gov/
Office of Planning (DC)
Community Planner
Application Deadline: April 19, 2013

Brief Description of Duties:
Researches, collects, and verifies data on demographics, planning, revitalization, community or development issues from various sources (technical literature, public meetings, site visits, census data, etc.) to be used in the development of planning studies and projects. Develops information plans for the Associate Director on special projects or assignments related to major development projects and planning studies. Prepares specialized technical DNA analytical reports based on data collected, analyses conducted, or fieldwork/site visits. Reports included graphs, charts, maps developed to support findings.

Specialized Experience:
Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, at least one (1) year of specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

Preferred Education and Experience:
Master’s degree in the field of urban planning, public policy, and government or a related field or Bachelor's degree in the above referenced fields combined with 1-2 years of experience in the urban or regional planning field is highly desired. Demonstrated knowledge and application knowledge of current topics, best practices and theory of planning, neighborhood revitalization, and community engagement.

Search Job ID “22062” at More details and application at https://erecruit.dc.gov for more details and/or to apply.

Comunilife
Housing Development Project Manager

Comunilife is a premier provider of housing, mental health, and HIV/AIDS services in New York City. Our programs benefit more than 2,500 people each year – helping them overcome challenges related to extreme poverty; chronic homelessness; serious behavioral and medical issues; and, linguistic and acculturation barriers.
Our staff members work with a supportive team of supervisors and peers, receive in-depth training and ongoing opportunities for professional development, and are part of an organization that recognizes, celebrates, and promotes personal and cultural strengths.

We are looking for a **Project Manager** for our Housing Development department with experience managing complex projects from feasibility assessments, site selection and pre-development through design and construction. The Project Manager will work closely with the Director of Housing Development and help supervise interns, independent contractors, and consultants.

For more details, please see the attached document.

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**New Jersey Community Capital**

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS (4)**

New Jersey Community Capital (NJCC) is a 25-year-old nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI) certified by the U.S. Treasury Department. Each year, NJCC provides millions of dollars in capital and substantial financial and technical assistance to support the revitalization of underserved communities across the state. These efforts create high-quality housing, early care, education, and employment for thousands of low-income people. In recent years, NJCC has emerged as a national leader in developing innovative strategies to reverse the distress created by the foreclosure crisis and as a state leader in rebuilding New Jersey in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. For more information, visit [www.newjerseycommunitycapital.org](http://www.newjerseycommunitycapital.org).

Please see attached for details of the four openings for this summer.

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**Morgan Stanley/ ANHD**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development (ANHD) is currently recruiting for the 2013-2014 Morgan Stanley/ANHD Community Development Fellowship Program. This program will provide an opportunity for eight Master’s Degree students to take a significant role in a high-impact, community-based project targeting a low- and moderate-income neighborhood. Fellows will receive an $18,000 stipend to serve in a part-time (20 hours a week), ten month (September 1st – June 30th) internship in a neighborhood-based community development corporation (the host organization). Projects may be in the fields of affordable housing, economic development, or community planning. A key objective of the program is to help train the next generation of community
development leaders, so in addition to hands-on community development work, Fellows will have the opportunity to meet with leaders in New York City’s government, planning, and community development fields. If academic credit is available, the host organization will work with the Fellow and his or her educational institution towards securing this credit.

The eight host organizations have each designed a distinct, compelling community development project and the role for the Fellow within this project. Projects were chosen based on their impact, achievability and suitability, the learning experiences provided to the Fellows, evidence of the importance of the project to the host organization, and the strength of the host organization. Each host organization will play a significant role in choosing its Fellow. Fellows will be required to attend periodic networking and training events. In addition, Fellows will have access to all of ANHD’s regularly scheduled educational courses and conferences.

See attached for more details.

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

WTS TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 3, 2013

Attached is the notice for our annual scholarship awards for women pursuing careers in the transportation field.

To assist women pursuing education and professional careers in transportation, the Greater New York Chapter of WTS offers scholarships to outstanding women studying transportation.

Application requirements and applications can be found on our website at: http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaternewyork/scholarships/

Eligible applicants must be female, maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better, enroll in or be accepted to a degree program in a transportation-related field in New York or New Jersey, plan for a career in transportation, and any other specific criteria as noted on the individual application forms. This year we are offering graduate, undergraduate, trade school and high school-level scholarships.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 3, 2013 and the awards will be presented in October at our Annual Gala Reception.
USC SUMMER PRE-DOCTORAL WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 26 APRIL, 2013

To introduce planning doctoral study to selected outstanding students, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, will host a four-day workshop to prepare students to apply to and succeed in doctoral programs. Students from groups that are under-represented on planning faculties are particularly encouraged to apply (groups that are under-represented on planning faculties include: African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders)

The workshop will be on the USC campus, in the heart of Los Angeles, July 21-24, 2013. Registration and instructional materials will be provided at no cost, lodging and meals will also be provided at no cost, and travel stipends are available for students coming from outside of California.

This workshop will include:
• Networking with planning scholars from USC and other top national and international programs
• Information sessions on:
  o Applying for Ph.D. study
  o Linking research and the community
  o Preparing yourself for doctoral study
• Mentoring sessions with senior scholars and graduate students in planning
• Chances to meet students from across the country

See http://priceschool.usc.edu/programs/phd/upd/predoctoralworkshop/ for more details.

“CONSTRUCTING URBAN INTELLIGENCE” – CALL FOR PAPERS
DEADLINE: 24 APRIL 2013

Constructing Urban Intelligence: This, Here, Now
Workshop at the 9th International Conference on Intelligent Environments - IE’ 13
Athens, Greece, July 16-17, 2013

In Understanding Media, Marshall McLuhan predicted that networked environments in the electric era would extend human nervous systems in a global embrace. In ME++, William Mitchell used McLuhan’s prediction to describe cities in the 21st century as expanded human bodies that use electronic nervous systems
to sense the physical world, processors to facilitate decision making, and actuators (crude muscle or machine power) to control flow and availability of resources in real time. Applications include power grids, intelligent transportation systems, water management systems, etc. What is often unclear in similar descriptions is first, how information from the real world is converted to decision and action, and second, how the organizational structure and strategic interests of the stakeholders in the feedback loop (both benefactors and beneficiaries) may affect the outcome. Who senses the world, who distributes information, who makes decisions, who takes actions, and who evaluates the results? What roles are humans and computers better at?

Benefactors and beneficiaries have been typically regarded as separate entities with requests flowing from the latter to the former and service flowing the other way around. Today, servers and users may interchange in flat, peer-to-peer, networks such that the same entity may at one time be in need of service while at another time offer service to others. Is real-time information and user participation enough to create intelligence in such cases? Classic game theory shows that under certain conditions, well-informed rational behavior may cause entire ecosystems to collapse suggesting that the problem of intelligent infrastructures is not always about providing informed access to resources, but often about designing the rules that will maintain a balanced allocation of resources.

Recognizing that there are multiple ways of organizing tasks, technologies, and strategies to close the loop, this workshop will explore the role of technology, policy, and design in constructing urban intelligence through agency. We invite designers, researchers, and practitioners across multiple disciplinary domains to submit papers with positions on some of (but not limited to) the following questions: How is urban intelligence defined and how is it constructed? When, and how, informed humans and computers can collectively achieve optimum resource allocation outcomes? What organizational models and what examples/applications of smart cities exist in literature or practice? What lessons from other fields can we bring into the discourse of urban intelligence? Other topics of interest include:

- Overview and criticism on existing models of urban intelligence.
- Control and arbitration in decentralized urban resource allocation networks.
- Applications of game theory, economics, mechanism, design, information/communication theory, ecology, cybernetics, and control theory on urban intelligence.
- Human Computer Interfaces for visualizing stocks, flows, changes, or incentives in urban resource allocation networks.
- Platforms and Human Computer Interfaces for augmenting user requests on demand, such as “I need/offer, this/that, here/there, now/then” etc.
Important dates

- Workshops papers submission: 24 April 2012
- Workshops papers notification of acceptance: 15 May 2013
- Workshops papers (Final Version): 30 May 2013

Workshops Proceedings will be published by IOS Press and indexed by Thomson Reuters (formerly ISI).

Further information

For more information about the workshop and for submitting papers visit http://this-here-now.org/
For general information about the conference visit http://www.intenv.org/
For questions regarding the workshop send email to info@this-here-now.org