

ACSP FACULTY WOMEN'S INTEREST GROUP (FWIG) NEWS & INFORMATION 2/15/2010

1. NEWSFLASH***

Here is your opportunity to nominate colleagues or students whose work you admire!

FWIG will be presenting two awards this year: the Margarita McCoy Advancement of Women in Planning Award and the Marsha Ritzdorf Award for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice and the Role of Women in Planning. **Deadline for nominations is July 1** (see <http://www.acsp.org/awards> for more information).

As described on the FWIG website, the *Margarita McCoy Award* was named to honor a pioneer planning educator known for her unflinching commitment to the advancement of women in the profession. Today Professor Emerita at Cal Poly Pomona, Margarita was one of the one of the first women in a tenure-track position in planning and the first female full professor of Planning in the US. She was very involved in ACSP, serving as ACSP Secretary in the organizations formative years.

FWIG established the McCoy award to honor ACSP women who follow the model set by Professor McCoy--those whose teaching, research, or service helps advance women in the planning academy by creating a positive climate for women students and faculty, encouraging greater participation by women in ACSP, mentoring and supporting junior women faculty, and/or providing leadership in overcoming barriers faced by women in a variety of academic arena.

The *Ritzdorf Award* recognizes superior scholarship reflecting concern with making communities better for

women, people of color and/or the disadvantaged. Submissions may be based on student work submitted in the pursuit of any urban/city/community/town or regional planning degree, undergraduate or graduate, at an ACSP-member school. This award carries a cash grant of \$100; the work is expected to be presented at the 2010 ACSP Conference where the award is presented.

The 2010 Margarita McCoy Award Committee consists of Ann Forsyth, Chair and FWIG Vice President, recent McCoy award-winners Daphne Spain, Pat Pollock, and Margot Garcia, and two other FWIG members, Carissa Schively-Slotterback and Smita Srinivas.

The Marsha Ritzdorf Award Committee consists of Rebecca Miles, Chair and FWIG President and FWIG members Penny Gurstein and Piyushimita Thakuriah (Vonu).

2. FWIG PROJECTS

FWIG/ACSP Birth/Adoption Policies project expanded to include family leave: This Spring ACSP approved our request for funds to support the dissemination of the *Birth/Adoption Policies study* results through a newly-created FWIG website, under the direction of Carissa Schively-Slotterback. Carissa heads up the Birth/Adoption Policies project and will oversee the website design. A small amount of money was also approved to support an expansion of the scope of the FWIG/ACSP Birth/Adoption Leave Policies study to include family leave to care for dependents of all ages, especially the elderly. We are very pleased that Katherine Lieberknecht, Ph.D. (Cornell CRP, now living in Eugene, Oregon) has agreed to do this work. The findings from the review of family leave policies will be included in the FWIG website featuring the results of the *Birth and Adoption Policies in the Planning Academy* project. Feel free to contact

either Carissa (schiv005@umn.edu) or Katherine (klieberknecht@gmail.com) if you have information or a story to share on the topic.

Revision of “The Yellow Book”: Ann Forsyth will be taking the lead in revising “the Yellow Book” this summer. Feel free to contact her if you are interested in helping. E-mail: af16@cornell.edu

3. MEMBER NEWS

i. When **Marcia Marker Feld** retired a few years ago, the Dr. Marcia Marker Feld Social Justice & the City lectureship was established at the University of Rhode Island with donations made at the time. The funds are now all spent but Kathryn Quina, a long-time “Marcia-fan” who has taken over the activities of the Center for Urban Studies and Research at URI, tells me that speakers keep agreeing to come for free or reduced honoraria and the 4th lecture in the series is in the works. The lectures have apparently been well attended, including many of her former students, who include such folks as the city planner for Providence. Attached to this e-mail is a fund-raising brochure for the lectureship.

ii. **Ann Markusen** has been awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in the UK for six months, beginning September 15, 2010. It will be at the Glasgow Urban Lab, a civic partnership led by the Mackintosh School of Architecture at the Glasgow School of Art, with core partnerships with the City of Glasgow and the Lighthouse, Scotland's Centre for Architecture, Design and the City.