UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Tools to Assess the Climate for Diversity within Planning

May 14, 2021

Hosted by: POCIG & the Committee on the Academy

Featured News

UPCOMING WORKSHOP: TOOLS TO ACCESS THE CLIMATE FOR DIVERSITY WITHIN PLANNING DEPARTMENTS

Please join the ACSP Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG) and the Committee on the Academy on May 14, 2021, from 9:00-11am PST / 12:00-2:00pm EST for this important and timely workshop.

"The polarized political and social environment requires a response from higher education and professional planners to improve the climate for diversity," stated POCIG Co-Chair Ivis Garcia, University of Utah.

Workshop Description

Part one of this workshop discusses the results of a nationwide survey of urban planning students regarding the climate for diversity within their degree programs, conducted by faculty members in the POCIG. They will share what they learned from 450+ survey responses and in-depth interviews to show how institutional efforts are perceived and integrated by urban planning programs.

This study found that while the majority of students report a positive climate for diversity within their programs, many report occurrences of bias and discrimination, describe the shortcomings of a lack of planning faculty diversity, and perceive persistent challenges around diversity within planning practice (see listed publications).

Where Are We Going? Where Have We Been?: The Climate for Diversity within Urban Planning Educational Programs

Beyond Recruitment: Comparing Experiences of Climate and Diversity between International Students and Domestic Students of Color in U.S. Urban Planning Programs

Part two of this workshop will discuss an upcoming partnership with ACSP-POCIG research team and the Committee on Diversity that will help administer a diversity climate survey for ACSP members.

In addition, we will develop a targeted survey tool for ACSP planning departments to employ to track longitudinal changes in the climate for diversity. We will share a diversity climate survey instrument derived from the POCIG study and implemented at Florida State University - Department of Urban and Regional Planning and University of Utah - Department of City & Metropolitan Planning as examples of potential tools to utilize. This will be the first conversation in a series to engage 6-10 interested schools to pilot test a survey tool, and engage in a community of practice to create strategic changes.

For questions please contact: April Jackson and Ivis Garcia.
"Like a Fish Out of Water" The Experience of African American and Latinx Planning Students

All Talk No Walk: Student Perceptions on Integration of Diversity and Practice in Planning Programs

REGISTER HERE to attend this workshop!

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**Member News**

**Ohio State University:** Dr. Jennifer Clark is a Recipient of the 2021 Best Book in Urban Affairs Award

University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning: Planning Eliminates GRE Requirement for Applicants

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**Association Contributor News**

American Planning Association: Don’t Miss Out: Connect at NPC21

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: Call for Proposals

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**Recent Jobs**

Florida State University: Visiting Professor in Neighborhood Planning and Community Design

Tufts University, Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning: Lecturer for Quantitative Reasoning for Policy and Planning

University of Oregon Institute for Policy Research and Engagement: Project Coordinator

University of Toronto: Assistant Professor (CLTA), Teaching Stream in Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

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**Welcome New Members**

Please join ACSP in welcoming the following new members: Frederick Lutt, University of Cincinnati; Robert E. Dolan II, Ebsen School and Mor Shilon, University of California San Diego.

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The submission deadline is June 1. Click below for a list of all of the faculty and student awards available, including scholarships.

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ACSP Dates & Deadlines

MAY
May 10: Deadline to Vote - 2021 Governing Board Elections
May 14: Tools to Assess the Climate for Diversity within Planning Department Workshop
May 25: Intent to Submit Deadline for the Best Paper Award Sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

JUNE
June 1: ACSP2021 Award Nominations Due

JULY
July 11-13: JPER Writing Workshop for New Scholars, Texas A&M University*

AUGUST
August 31: Final Paper Deadline for the Best Paper Award Sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

OCTOBER
October 21-24: ACSP Annual Conference*

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