Dear Colleagues,

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently signed a controversial Parental Rights in Education (“Don’t Say Gay”) bill. This bill has made many Floridians and potential visitors to the state feel unwelcome and unsafe. Florida is not alone. More than 20 states have recently passed laws that in one way or another directly target LGBTQIA peoples. Other exclusionary/discriminatory policies, ranging from voting to abortion rights, are possible in between 25 to more than 30 states around the country.

We find ourselves having to make a time-sensitive decision in the coming month of whether to continue with the plans to host a conference in Miami 2023, or cancel the contract. The choice of selecting Miami as a conference venue for 2021 was made more than six years ago. Because of COVID-19, we made a decision to postpone the 2021 Miami conference to 2023. In keeping with standard contracts with hotels, ACSP is legally required to pay $196,583 in penalties if we cancel the contract on or before July 17th, 2022 with no possible recovery of these funds. We will then start the process anew to plan for 2023, spending an approximate $225,000 to host a conference elsewhere.

ACSP confronted this challenge previously when our Association considered canceling the Greenville conference in 2019 after legislation inspired a period of consultation with our membership. Informed by membership feedback and our recently adopted values statement, the Governing Board decided to continue with plans for the Greenville conference, inviting the LGBTQIA+ community to be with us and work with us, to host sessions and discussions on the matter. In addition, ACSP created a conference location policy (scroll to the bottom of the web page) for future decision making beyond existing contracts with Toronto and Miami.

We are actively engaged in conversations with our member schools in Florida, leadership of Inclusion (LGBTQIA+ Allies) interest group and current and past board members to seek input on a way forward. The Governing Board of the ACSP must strive to balance the needs and interests of our membership with our fiduciary responsibilities. We are cognizant of the negative impacts of discrimination on our membership and of the financial impacts that cancelling the Miami conference will have on the Association's ability to advance its priorities and initiatives, and to maintain geographic diversity in our conference locations. ACSP is committed to welcoming all members, scholars and educators, and to organizing events, meetings and publications that are welcoming, inclusive, and safe venues for discourse and inquiry (see ACSP Mission and Values Statement).

We are eager to hear from our members directly as individuals speaking for themselves rather than for the program/department you may represent, so we once again encourage your response. In a direct email message on May 13, we provided a link to a Google form which is open ended and does not ask for personal information. It asks for members’ opinions concerning whether or not the ACSP
should hold its annual conference in Miami in 2023 with a response deadline of May 20. Members of the Governing Board will be provided with the form responses to continue the decision making process. If you wish us to resend your email message, please contact Donna Dodd.

If you are not a member of the ACSP and wish to share comments, please share by sending them to presidentsoffice@acsp.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The ACSP Executive Committee

Laxmi Ramasubramanian, President
Rayman Mohamed, Vice President/President Elect
Mike Boswell, Treasurer
Kristin Larsen, Secretary
Marlon Boarnet, Immediate Past President

A direct email message was delivered on May 13 to all faculty of member schools (full and affiliate), current Individual Faculty members, Retired Faculty members and Student Members. If you are a member and did not receive this message, please let Donna Dodd know and she will resend it immediately.

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Weekly Highlights

Lincoln Announces Case Study Award Winners

ACSP and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy would like to thank everyone who submitted entries for the 2022 Case Study Awards.

The selection committee has reviewed all case study proposals and was very impressed by the breadth of responses which covered a wide-range of issues and municipalities across the globe. The task of selecting 8 awards (for $2,000 each) from the large pool of quality proposals was difficult.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2022 Case Study Award!

1. **Jessica Garrison**: University of California, Irvine
   *Climate Action and Climate Justice in Southern California*

2. **Paulo Neto**: Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná
   *A decade of Minha Casa Minha Vida program in Brazil: (in)balances in the land - housing - finance nexus*

3. **Rachel Weber & Sevin Yildiz**: University of Illinois Chicago
   *Liquid assets: Riverfront development and the case of Lincoln Yards*

4. **Yihao Li**: Harvard University Graduate School of Design
   *Build Back Better: Post-Hurricane Renewable Energy Transition in Antigua and Barbuda*

5. **Yizhao Yang**: University of Oregon
   *The Planning and Development of the Chengdu Ecological Zone: A Case study of peri-urban planning for sustainable land management and urban-rural integration*

6. **Catie DeMets**: University of Wisconsin-Madison
   *The Future of Agriculture, Climate Change and Growth in Missoula, Montana*

7. **Dan Milz**: University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
   *Restoring the Kānewai Fishpond on Oahu Hawai’i, USA*

8. **Alejandra Marin**: University of Illinois Chicago
   *Housing the internally displaced population after cease fire: an inquiry case study of Colombia housing restitution policy*
Thank you, again, to everyone who submitted!

2022 Elections for New Governing Board Seats - VOTE BY MAY 30!

Please review the slate of candidates and instructions for voting on our website.

Now Accepting Nominations for the ACSP2022 Awards

Now is the time to nominate your outstanding faculty and students for the ACSP2022 Awards! Nominations will be accepted through June 1. Winners will be honored as part of the ACSP Annual Conference. Don't delay, submit your nomination today!

2022 Best Paper Award in Planning & Entrepreneurship

In partnership with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, ACSP is pleased to announce two annual awards for promising research studying the connections between planning and entrepreneurship.

The purpose of this award program is to encourage innovative, insightful and timely research in city, community, urban or regional planning that is relevant to questions related to entrepreneurs and their firms as well as to practitioners and policymakers who want to promote entrepreneurship. Research that has direct practical implications and addresses pressing economic and/or social problems is especially appropriate for these awards.

A total of $3,000 in prize money will be awarded. Learn more here.
Fun Facts About Toronto - ACSP Conference Host City

Toronto’s Front Street is one of the city’s original streets and used to follow Lake Ontario’s shoreline up until the 1920s. The Toronto Harbour Commission then began a project to fill in over 200 feet of the shoreline which expanded the city into the harbour. View more Fun Facts on our website.

Member News

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Call for Abstracts for Projections Volume 17: Planning Just Indigenous Futures, Challenging 21st-Century Empire

Interest Group News

Global Planning Educators Interest Group: GPEIG Voice 2021 is Now Available

Association Contributor News

American Planning Association: Student Town Hall

Kauffman Foundation: Early - Stage Researcher Professional Development Series and Entrepreneurship Issue Forum

Recent Jobs

California Polytechnic State University: Full-time Lecturer - City and Regional Planning

Trinity College: Liberal Arts Action Lab Pre/Postdoctoral Fellowship

University of Connecticut: Assistant Professor in Residence

University of Manitoba: Assistant Professor, Indigenous Planning (Indigenous Scholar)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of City and Regional Planning: Post-Doc Research Associate

University of Toronto: CLTA Assistant Professor in Social Planning

University of Washington, Department of Urban Design and Planning: Assistant Teaching Professor
Submit Your Planning News

As a benefit of membership, members may submit planning-related news items for publication on the ACSP website and/or eNews Weekly newsletter free-of-charge.

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

MAY

30: Deadline to Vote for ACSP Governing Board

31: Intent to Submit Deadline for Best Paper Award - Sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

JUNE

1: ACSP2022 Award Nomination Deadline

6: Curriculum Innovation Award Winners Announced - Sponsored by Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

16 - 18: ACSP Junior Faculty Workshop for Faculty of Color (Harvard University - Cambridge, Massachusetts)

20 - 22: JPER New Scholars Writing Workshop (University of Maryland - College Park, Maryland)

AUGUST

23: Best Paper Award Final Submission Deadline - Sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

OCTOBER

4: Best Paper Award Winners Announced - Sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

NOVEMBER

3 - 6: ACSP Annual Conference (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

ACSP2022 UPDATES

Please bookmark the ACSP2022 Conference Page for the most up-to-date information including important dates and reminders.
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