ACSP News

#ACSP2020 Abstract Decisions Have Gone Out - Check Your Email!

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Featured News

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) is an organization connecting planning educators, researchers, and students. We are appalled by the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, which followed the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many others. Those are reminders of how the systems of racial inequity disproportionately impact Black and Brown people and how those structures lead to disparate outcomes for communities of color. We stand with those protesting.

We commit to learning from practice and collaborating in the difficult and necessary work of confronting and dismantling our nation’s long history of White supremacy. In the process, we commit to building knowledge and pedagogy that helps planners remove barriers that have marginalized so many communities.

Many of our scholars are already leading the way, dismantling structures that perpetuate injustice and centering the experience and voices of those who have been oppressed and marginalized. This scholarship is central to planning, and we commit to making that work more visible in our association.

We are grateful to members of our community who are organizing the “Racial Equity and Justice in Urban Planning Research and Education in the Face of Racialized Inequality” focal event at the 2020 conference, and we commit to making that event the centerpiece of our 2020 conference.

We thank the contributors and co-editors who produced the newest issue of Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER), our association’s scholarly journal, focused on “Planning Beyond Mass Incarceration.” That important work must continue and reach beyond academia. As part of that effort, that special issue of JPER is currently available open access to all readers.

Last, we also want to acknowledge each of you. We know...
injustice and working for change.

We are in the midst of only the most recent event in a history of violence inflicted upon Black, Indigenous and people of color in the United States. Planning practices and education have often upheld power imbalances and undergird structures of White supremacy that persist to this day.

Statements, including this one, are a place to start, not an end. The ACSP Values Statement speaks to our aspirations to be broadly inclusive and highlights how we must understand the ways in which planning has sustained structures of racism, sexism, oppression, and power imbalances. We recognize that our ACSP values statement must be followed by concrete actions, and we commit to working with the ACSP community to produce tangible steps that center justice in planning research and education.

that you are responding to issues now and always in your communities, through your scholarship, your support for students and community partners, and your direct activism and presence. We see you and are inspired by your work.

As we move through this fluid space in the coming days and weeks, we reaffirm our commitment as an association and as scholars to the idea that knowledge and discourse are the foundation of justice, and that racism and systems of White supremacy must end. We want to hear from you about your work and how we can best support you.

Sincerely,
The ACSP 2019-2021 Governing Board

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Member News

The University of Texas at San Antonio: Urban & Regional Planning Program Takes National Stage

University at Buffalo: Protests Express a Vision of the Society People Want After COVID-19

University of Michigan: Issues Of The Environment: Prioritizing Urban Planning In Combating Impacts Of Climate Change

University of New Mexico: Robert González Appointed Dean of UNM’s School of Architecture and Planning

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Association Contributor News


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Student Spotlight

For our planner profile, meet Shaleen Miller, a recent graduate of Florida State University's Department of Urban & Regional Planning. Read more about Shaleen and her graduation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student Resources Available

Students! We encourage you to submit for travel awards! Whatever the format of the 2020 Annual Conference, this fund will be used to support student attendance. Apply before the extended deadline on June 16!

Planners of Color Interest Group

The mission of the Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG), is to advance the interests and concerns of people and communities of color within the planning academia and the profession.
ACSP Dates & Deadlines

**JUNE**

Week of June 17: [Book of Accepted Abstracts Published](#)  
June 18: ACSP Governing Board Meeting - Virtual  
Mid-June: [#ACSP2020 Conference Announcement](#)

**AUGUST**

August 3-5: [JPER Writing Workshop for New Scholars](#)

**MARCH 2021**

TBD: [Administrator’s Conference Sponsored by University of Georgia](#)

Please note that some of these dates may change as plans are finalized for the Annual Conference (#ACSP2020) amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Photo of the Week**

Conference attendees enjoy the #ACSP2016 opening reception at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland.

Have a great photo to share? Please send photograph and caption to [news@acsp.org](mailto:news@acsp.org).

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**Did You Know?**

What is Planning?

Check out this informative video on our website created by University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning Masters Students; Betsy Cooper (M.U.P.’15), Dan Sommerville (M.U.P.’16), Adam Smith (M. Arch.’11), and Douglas Thomas Smith (M.U.P.’15): [https://www.acsp.org/page/CareersWhatIs](https://www.acsp.org/page/CareersWhatIs)

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• recognize diverse needs and interests in planning;
• improve and enhance the accreditation process, and;
• strengthen the role of planning education in colleges and universities through publications, conferences, and community engagement;
• extend planning beyond the classroom into the world of practice.

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