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Featured News

**ACSP2020 FOCUS EVENT - LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We at ACSP are looking forward to the ACSP2020 Focus Event, "Racial Equity and Justice in Urban Planning Research and Education in the Face of Racialized Inequality."

Thursday's focus event day will include open roundtable discussions, paper presentations, a keynote on indigenous planning, posters and social events. We're looking forward to seeing you and engaging as many voices as possible!

In keeping with this focus, ACSP encourages Discussants and Facilitators at paper sessions, roundtables and other conference gatherings to pause at the beginning of their sessions to acknowledge traditional Indigenous homelands at the place where they are located. Given that ACSP 2020 is a virtual event, this is a special opportunity to include land acknowledgements for communities around North America and potentially other locations around the world. Please review more information about this here.
A special thanks to Jenni Minner, Cornell University, and her students for all of their work in coordinating this land acknowledgement event. Here's some background from Jenni regarding this event:

I asked students in the Just Places Lab to pull together information about land acknowledgements. We did that so that at every session, conference attendees could have the opportunity for a moment of reflection on the profound relationships between Indigenous people past and present and the land at the many places being connected virtually at this conference. The master’s students who helped said that they had never considered land acknowledgements before and learned a lot in the process.

This small step was motivated by the work of colleagues within planning, e.g. the work of POCIG and the research of Laura Harjo, Dylan Stevenson, Skye Hart, among others. For me, it was further inspired by the work of visual artists such as Jonathan Jones, Natani Notah, Cristóbal Martínez and the collective Postcommodity, Jay Carrier and scholars affiliated with the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program (AIISP) at Cornell.

There are so many incredible people doing work that illuminates Indigenous knowledges, cultural memories, futurities and stewardship of places. I doubt that anyone who inspired it would be particularly impressed with this very limited google doc we put together!

Some might even object to it as too reductive; nevertheless, I wanted to put it out there. (Cornell AIISP, Sheryl-Ann Simpson, Dylan Stevenson, Janice Berry, among others provided crucial advice either in preparing it or providing additional resources.) These land acknowledgements are only a first step. They must be followed by relationship-building and substantive actions at every university and with each community.

I would also like to point out that land acknowledgements are incredibly common in Australia and Canada, but in the US, many people have never even heard one! It’s time to have a larger conversation about them and more importantly, what inspires the need for them and what can happen next. And if we’re missing statements or we got something wrong, please feel free to suggest changes to the google doc.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday at ACSP2020!
It's Election Day in the USA
Have You Voted?

Just a friendly reminder that today, Tuesday, November 3, is election day in the United States of America. ACSP encourages you to do your civic duty and get out and VOTE (if you have not already done so).

Do You Need a Certificate of Attendance?

If you need Certificate of Attendance documentation, please submit your information here using the form linked below. After the conference is over, ACSP staff will provide you with a PDF confirmation certificate of attendance, sent directly to your email.

Print Your Own Conference Registration Receipt

One of the most common questions we receive is “How do I get a copy of my receipt?” You can print a receipt directly from our website in five easy steps. Click below for instructions. Of course if you have trouble, please email registration@acsp.org.

Upcoming ACSP Dates & Deadlines

**NOVEMBER**

November 4-8: ACSP Pre-Doctoral Workshop for Underrepresented Students of Color*
November 5-8: ACSP Annual Conference (#ACSP2020)*
November 6: ACSP Annual Business Meeting*

**DECEMBER**

December 11: New Chairs School*

**JANUARY 2021**

January 29: Student Representative Application Deadline

**MARCH 2021**

March 11-12: Administrator's Conference*
March 26: ACSP Spring Board Meeting*

* These events will be held in a virtual format

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Photo of the Week

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Professor Faranak Miraftab presenting the keynote address, “Insurgency, Planning, and the Prospect of Humane
Urbanism,” in the opening assembly of the World Planning Schools Congress IV in Rio de Janeiro (July 2016).

Have a great photo - past or present - to share? Please send picture and caption to news@acsp.org.

Did You Know?

Nearly 1150 people have registered for ACSP2020, our first-ever online conference as we virtually celebrate 60 years of meeting together! Not even a pandemic could keep us apart. Be safe, stay well, and we'll see you all this Thursday!

It's not too late to register!

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