Welcome to ACSP2021

We are thrilled you are here virtually, and we look forward to next year in person. ACSP has been hard at work during the last two years — pandemic notwithstanding. Two years ago in Greenville I said ACSP would focus on the twin initiatives of climate change and social justice. I am pleased to report much progress.

Our Climate Action Task Force, co-chaired by Michael Boswell and Elisabeth Hamin-Infield, organized a focal event around “Planning for Climate Justice.” The President’s Task Force on Anti-Racism, chaired by Jeffrey Lowe, convened in Spring of 2021, with a charge to review all ACSP practices to identify barriers to maintaining a sustained anti-racist focus. Our standing committees continued and expanded their work throughout the past two years.

Since 2019, ACSP has hosted two virtual annual conferences, one virtual administrators conference, and several workshops and seminars for our members. Thank you to all the volunteers who made that success possible. More than 200 of you have lent your time and talent to ACSP as committee members, conference track chairs, or members of the governing board or task forces. Thank you all!

I want to thank Jenni Minner, our national conference chair, for her work organizing this year’s conference. Thank you to Donna Dodd and the full ACSP staff for all their work pivoting our events to a virtual format and supporting the increased programming that our members have developed during the past two years.

I look forward to seeing you, hopefully in person, in Toronto in 2022!

Marlon G. Boarnet, University of Southern California
ACSP President 2019-2021

HOW we engage within ACSP

Open process of volunteering for leadership roles:
- Governing Board
- Committees, task forces, and award committees
- Conference track chairs

Open process of gathering input from members:
- Annual member school survey (Chairs Survey)
- Annual post-conference survey

Process to gather member input:
- Values Statement
- Enrollment concerns (Chairs Survey)
- Global Planning Education feedback (Chairs Survey)
- Conference location policy

Interest groups – bottom up initiatives:
- Faculty Women’s Interest Group (FWIG)
- Global Planning Educators Interest Group (GPEIG)
- Inclusion (LGBTQIA + Allies)
- Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIIG)

More:
- Students – Bowling League, Student Bulletin, job market workshops, Graduate Student Clinic, Student Reception
- Faculty Mentoring Workshop

Media:
- Planning News – every Tuesday afternoon
- Social Media – 1,120 Facebook and 2,419 Twitter followers
- Chairs-Only Google Group
Anti-Racism within ACSP

The Governing Board launched an anti-racism initiative in 2020. Several early actions are underway:

We convened the President’s Task Force on Anti-Racism, which will examine all aspects of ACSP’s operation, procedures, and culture and report to the Governing Board regularly throughout the next two years.

We launched the first ACSP equity and inclusion fellowship program, providing $10,000 in funding to students to attend ACSP conferences or to pursue projects or research that increase diversity in our association.

Our successful program of student and junior faculty workshops continues. The Junior Faculty of Color Workshop, the Pre-Doctoral Workshop for Students of Color, and the Doctoral Workshop have built a longstanding tradition of ACSP supporting the next generation of scholars.

Climate Action

The Climate Action Task Force organized the first-ever workshop on Climate Change + Pedagogy in our association, attended by over 70 ACSP members.

The 2021 focal event on climate action, on the first day of our annual conference, highlighted climate justice research from members across our association.

COVID-19

The student representatives to our governing board gathered information on student impacts from COVID – including Ph.D. funding and the ability to continue research – early in the pandemic.

The Committee on the Academy hosted several workshops in 2020 to help our member programs learn from each other and adapt to the challenges of COVID-19.

Curriculum Innovation

The Planners of Color Interest Group, Climate Action Task Force, and ACSP Governing Board provided feedback on the Planning Accreditation Board revised draft standards. The next public comment period on draft standards will be November, 2021. Any member of the public can submit comments to the PAB, with information on the PAB web page.

Global Planning

The Global Planning Education Committee hosted a session at the bi-annual ACSP administrators’ conference on “Globalizing Urban Planning Curricula.” Videos are available here.
**WHO we are**

- 115 Schools (Full members)
- 16 Schools - Affiliate members
- 972 full-time faculty
- 833 part-time faculty
- 146 individual faculty members
- 321 student members
- 17 retired faculty members
- 2289 total member faculty, researchers, and students
- 1497 additional guest accounts for non-members interested in the weekly eNewsletter
- 50+ members responding to the Call for Volunteers annually
- 37 committees, task forces, award committees
- 200+ people currently serving on committees and task forces
- 21 board members serving
- 32 conference track chairs (16 tracks)
- 50 student volunteers for 2020 Conference
- 5.5 staff – executive director, marketing, communications, membership, conferences/workshops, bookkeeper

**WHAT are our core activities**

**Annual Conference**
- 2021 All-Virtual (2 parts)
- 2020 First-time Virtual
- 2019 Greenville

**Annual Conference Focal Events:**
- 2021 “Climate Justice”
- 2020 “Racial Equity and Justice in Urban Planning Research and Education in the Face of Racialized Inequality”

**Administrators Conference (bi-annual)**
- 2020 First-time Virtual
- 2019 Minneapolis

**Workshops**
- Annual PhD Workshop,
- Annual Pre-Doctoral Workshop,
- Bi-Annual Junior Faculty of Color Workshop,
- Annual Writing JPER Workshop
- Climate Change & Planning Pedagogy Workshop,
- Faculty Mentoring Workshop

**JPER (Journal of Planning Education & Research)**
- 175,626 full text downloads (2021 YTD)
- 198,512 full text downloads (2020)
- 7.217 - Impact Factor (2020)
  (1st out of 43 journals in Urban Studies)
- 3.100 - Impact Factor (2019)

**OUR strategic partners**

**Affiliated and collaborating organizations**
- APA, PAB, GPEAN, AESOP

**Strategic Alliances**
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Awards: Best Paper in Planning & Entrepreneurship
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: Curriculum Innovation Awards, and Case Study Awards

**Year-round Sponsors**
- American Planning Association
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- SAGE Publishing

**ACSP Annual Conferences**

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| Total Presenting Authors | 778  | 697  | 762  |
| Roundtable Participants  | 229  | 106  | 112  |
| Discussants              | 163  | 155  | 138  |
| Total Participants       | 1170 | 958  | 1012 |

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| Total Sessions in Tracks | 189  | 176  | 165  |
| Special Sessions        | 21   | 42   | 30   |
| Roundtables              | 44   | 23   | 16   |
| Total Sessions (Not including meetings) | 254  | 241  | 211  |