Welcome to the first ACSP Student Bulletin! Here, you will find information about your fellow students and the Association’s news for the upcoming fall conference.

There are a few activities in November. First, there are two job market workshops on Friday and Saturday (p. 4). We also have a new graduate student clinic, where students can sign up to meet with faculty to assist students with job market materials (p. 5).

This issue also includes updates on ACSP and its committees to help you learn how to become involved (p. 7). We look forward to meeting you at the Saturday Student Reception!

For any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact us at acspgroup@gmail.com.

Your student reps,
Aujean Lee & James Wood
Dwayne Baker was hired as a Post-Doctoral fellow at the University of Manitoba in the Department of City Planning. Dwayne’s research as part of the position focuses on the processes for selecting and implementing bus rapid transit (BRT) routes across Canadian cities. Dwayne examines how professional actors balance equity and economic development outcomes of BRT. This post-doctoral position expands on his overall research which uses spatial and GIS analyses, content analysis, and interviews with professional actors and community residents engaged in transportation and community development issues.

Jesus M. Barajas recently earned a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. His dissertation, "Making Invisible Riders Visible: Motivations for Bicycling and Public Transit Use among Latino Immigrants," examines immigrant travel in the San Francisco Bay Area. It explores how travel patterns vary between immigrants and US-born residents, whether there are distinct influences on bicycling between the two groups, and what the cycling experience is like for low-income Latino immigrants.

Ariel Bierbaum will complete her PhD in City and Regional Planning at the University of California—Berkeley this Fall 2016. In January 2017, she will join the faculty at the University of Maryland as an Assistant Professor in the Urban Studies and Planning Program. Her dissertation research examining mass public school closures, neighborhood change, and the politics of place was recently featured in The American Prospect magazine in an article, School Closures: A Blunt Instrument.

Brady Collins, a UCLA doctoral student in urban planning, filed his dissertation this past spring. Titled “The Boundaries of Culture: Perceiving and Experiencing Place in Multi-ethnic Los Angeles”, his work examines how diverse communities operationalize notions of culture to establish a place’s identity, define boundaries, and attract economic development. The Boundaries of Culture offers an in-depth look at the contestations and collaborations between community stakeholders, while also connecting theories of place attachment to the growing field of cultural urban revitalization.

Nina M. Flores recently earned a PhD in Urban Planning from the University of California Los Angeles. Her dissertation, titled "Taking Back the Streets: Resisting #StreetHarassment in a New Era of (Virtual) Public Space," examines street harassment in public space as a gender based safety issue. Using a social media case study approach, Nina collected nearly 10,000 tweets about street harassment and qualitatively analyzed them as micro-narratives. She studied connections between physical and virtual public spaces by exploring how Twitter is used by those experiencing harassment as a virtual space to share stories, process experiences, and engage in anti-harassment organizing.


Bri Gauger, a Ph.D. candidate in Urban Planning at the University of Michigan, was named a Center for the Education of Women (CEW) Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar. The committee noted that Bri’s dissertation, a history of feminist thought in urban planning since 1965, will "make a major contribution to the scholarly literatures on feminist and planning theory, social equity, and epistemology."

Priscila Izar, a PhD Candidate in Urban Affairs and Planning at Virginia Tech’s School of Public and International Affairs, spoke to KPCC Southern California Public radio on the trade offs of public private partnerships for urban development.

Bo Ah Kim recently earned a PhD in Urban and Regional Science from Texas A&M University. Kim’s dissertation title is “The Conversion of Urban Vacant Land: The Case of Forth Worth, Texas.”

Ammar Naji recently earned a PhD in Urban Planning from University of Florida. His dissertation, “Using LEED for Neighborhood Development Criteria for the Spatial Assessment of Urban Form and Social Equity at a Regional Scale” examines the sustainability of urban form by developing a method through which parcels could be rated using LEED-ND criteria in conjunction with GIS. This method allows for a high resolution analysis of land use and suggests that study areas can be assigned a score that can then be tracked over time to adequately measure urban form.

Arthi Rao recently earned a PhD in Urban Planning from Georgia Tech. Her dissertation, “Landscape Anthropometrics: A Multi-scale Approach to Integrating Health into the Regional Landscape” examines ways of measuring land use patterns (signatures), neighborhood deprivation and their association with chronic disease outcomes for characterizing healthy places. She continues her role as Program Manager, Informatics within the Intramural Research Department at the American Cancer Society.

Vincent Reina recently earned a PhD from the University of Southern California. His dissertation, “The Impact of Mobility and Government Rental Subsidies on the Welfare of Households and Affordability of Markets” examines what happens when federal rental subsidy contracts end, including the impact this event has on households who live in these properties and implications for understanding mobility, neighborhood choice, and the utility of vouchers. He was hired as an Assistant Professor in the University of Pennsylvania’s department of City and Regional Planning.

Olivier Roy-Baillargeon earned a PhD in Urban Planning from the University of Montreal Institute of Urban Planning. His dissertation examines the appropriation of metropolitan planning and transit-oriented development (TOD) by political and technical elites of the Greater Montreal Area for territorial marketing, political capital construction and governance capacity building purposes. He was hired as a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Waterloo School of Planning. His research aims to re(de)fine TOD and identify planning priorities for countering car-centric dispersed suburbanism in Canadian metropolitan areas by developing compact, multifunctional, pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented living environments.

C. Erik Vergel-Tovar recently earned a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His dissertation, “Examining the reciprocal relationship between bus rapid transit BRT and the built environment in Latin America” examines the land use and development impacts of BRT in Bogota and Quito, and the influence of the built environment on BRT ridership in a sample of stations in seven cities in Latin America. Vergel-Tovar was recently hired as Assistant Professor at the Urban Management and Development Program at Universidad del Rosario in Bogota, Colombia.

Minjie Xu, was hired as a postdoctoral research associate at Texas A&M University in the Center for Health System & Design and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. His research focuses on examining the economic benefits of walkable environments, active travel behavior, evidence-based walkable neighborhood design, and reconnecting urban planning and public health.
Join us in Portland!

NOVEMBER 3-6, 2016
Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, 921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, OR 97204-1296

Student-related activities

• GRADUATE STUDENT CLINIC (see p. 5)

• JOB MARKET WORKSHOPS
  1) Preparing for the job market: Friday, November 4, 9:45 am - 11:15 am
This workshop is geared towards doctoral students who are on the job market, will be applying soon, or are interested in learning about the job application and interview process. It features faculty who have been part of search committees and/or were recent job market candidates. The format is primarily focused on student interest, so come prepared with questions!

  —> Panelists: Erick Guerra (UPenn), Vinit Mukhija (UCLA), William Rohe (UNC at Chapel Hill), Mi Shih (Rutgers), Carissa Slotterback (Univ. of Minnesota)

  2) Getting Your Work Published: Advice on Funding, Co-Authors, and Journal Selection: Saturday, November 5, 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm
This workshop will focus on many of the challenging decisions that students and scholars face when seeking to publish their work. Topics of discussion will include journal selection, working with co-authors, the editorial process and revising an article for publication, publishing a paper from the thesis/dissertation, and the merits of the various types of publication one might pursue (peer-reviewed articles, technical reports, book chapters, etc).

  —> Panelists: Michael Duncan (FSU), Huston Gibson (KSU), April Jackson (FSU), Lisa Schweitzer (USC)

• PLENARY ASSEMBLY & STUDENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS
  Thursday, November 3, 4:15pm – 5:30pm
  Keynote: Rick Lowe, Project Rowe Houses

• SATURDAY STUDENT RECEPTION
  Saturday, November 5, 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
  Rock Bottom Brewery - 206 SW Morrison Street
  Join fellow students for craft beers, great food, networking, and fun in the middle of downtown Portland.
This inaugural graduate student clinic provides students with a 30-minute session with faculty. Students can ask faculty about their dossiers or answer questions related to teaching, the job application process, or other professionalization topics.

The booth will be located in the registration room—look out for the “The Dr. is IN” sign!

Sign ups are *still* available online at http://bit.ly/GSC-signup. **Sign-up before space runs out!** There are also some remaining slots for faculty mentors to sign up at http://bit.ly/GSC-faculty.

The following are faculty who have volunteered to serve as mentors as of September 2016:

- Sarah Coffin (Saint Louis University)
- Joshua Drucker (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Nina David (University of Delaware)
- Jennifer Evans-Cowley (Ohio State University)
- Joe Grengs (University of Michigan)
- Alex Karner (Georgia Tech)
- Rachel Kleit (Ohio State University)
- Michael Lens (UCLA)
- Orly Linovski (University of Manitoba)
- Carolyn Loh (Wayne State University)
- Ward Lyles (University of Kansas)
- Vincent Reina (University of Pennsylvania)
- Jake Wegmann (University of Texas at Austin)
- John West (Ball State University)
- Yu Xiao (Texas A&M University)
- Anaid Yerena (University of Washington Tacoma)

**Career Center Table**

Also in the registration room, you can use the Career Center for 1) those who are interested in applying to jobs, and 2) those who are interested in identifying potential candidates. Three laptops will be available for students, recent graduates, and search committee members to browse through available jobs or resumes.
Other Lodging

Paramount Hotel:
There are three ways to book your discounted room(s):

1. Use this direct link: http://uspor.webhotel.microsdc.us/bp/search_rooms.jsp?groupCode=ACSP

2. Call the front desk directly at (503) 223-9900 and reference ACSP.

3. If you have trouble booking with one of the above two methods, contact the Sales Coordinator, Rachelle Wofford, at rwofford@portlandparamount.com or 503-276-1775.

University Place Hotel
If you use the PSU website promo code: A1234 you can get a room for two people for $84/night

www.airbnb.com
There are fewer airbnb options directly by the conference, but the surrounding areas have great places to stay. The inner neighborhoods of Portland are walkable and connected by transit.

Consult the transit system map at www.trimet.org to find lodging along the most direct transit routes to downtown. To save on commute times, avoid booking your airbnb beyond 40th Ave. to the East or N Rosa Parks Way to the North.

Public Transportation
It is easy to get around Portland. Trimet (www.trimet.org) operates the MAX light rail, bus lines and Streetcar which all run through downtown. Visit the trip planner http://trimet.org/#!/planner or maps and schedules http://trimet.org/schedules/index.htm

The MAX red line will get you from PDX International Airport to the conference hotel. Fare: $2.50 for 2 ½ hours or day passes for $5.

Trimet day passes are also accepted on the Portland Streetcar which is helpful for getting around downtown and the inner Southeast. See https://portlandstreetcar.org/ for maps and more information.

The Portland Streetcar (A Loop and B Loop) cross the Broadway Bridge and the Tilikum Crossing (Bridge of the People). The Tilikum Crossing is Portland's new transit, cyclist, and pedestrian bridge. The bridges are beautiful to walk across, and there are also waterfront walking/cycling paths along east and west edges of the Willamette River.

BIKETOWN is Portland’s brand new bike sharing program. Day passes are $12. Riders can take multiple trips, but each trip must be under 3 hours. There are many hubs around downtown with bikes to borrow. See the website for maps and more information about how to join: https://www.biketownpdx.com/. The Portland Bureau of Transportation also has pdfs of walking/cycling maps by neighborhood: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/39402.

Eating around the Conference

Cheap Eats

Food Carts
There are three food cart pods (clusters) in Downtown Portland. See http://www.foodcartsportland.com/ for maps and info on 179 food carts in Portland.

Things to Do
Travel Portland has a good list of cultural activities and shopping districts in downtown Portland. A huge draw is the Saturday morning Farmer’s Market on the PSU campus with about 200 stalls of produce and prepared food. https://www.travelportland.com/collection/downtown.

For more info, visit: http://bit.ly/ACSP_studentguide
FACULTY WOMEN INTEREST GROUP

President: Mai Thi Nguyen (mai@unc.edu)
The Faculty Women’s Interest Group (FWIG) is an association of individuals who are committed to the advancement of women in the academy. Our members include faculty and students at ACSP member and non-ACSP member schools. We sponsor a FWIG luncheon at the ACSP annual conference, host panels and workshops on topics of interest to our members, and celebrate the achievements of our members and individuals who make a difference in the lives of women in the academy. We also produce a FWIG resume book that includes resumes from FWIG members who are seeking academic job opportunities. The resume book is available before ACSP each year. Join us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/158905470801245/) or the FWIG listserv (http://fwig@googlegroups.com/).

GLOBAL PLANNING EDUCATORS INTEREST GROUP

Co-Chairs: Meenu Tewari (mtewari@unc.edu), Deden Rukmana (rukmanad@savannahstate.edu)
Since 1998, GPEIG has brought together planning educators and students in North America and across other regions to share, shape, and incorporate global perspectives in planning education and research. It has also worked to connect with partners in other regions. Through its members and ACSP, GPEIG advocates a comparative perspective on planning and development based on a nuanced appreciation of, and respect for, cultural, economic, and socio-political dimensions of planning practices and processes taking shape around the world and influencing our profession worldwide. GPEIG works to ensure that local and regional planning contexts and issues from around the globe enter our analytical frameworks and are treated as critical foundations for effective international planning practice and scholarship. GPEIG also administers and celebrates the work of upcoming scholars through the Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation in International Planning and the Gill-Chin Lim Travel Awards.

PLANNERS OF COLOR INTEREST GROUP

Co-Chairs: Carisma Acey (charisma.acey@berkeley.edu), Sigmund Shipp (sshipp@hunter.cuny.edu)
The ACSP Planners of Color Interest Group (ACSP-POCIG) works to advance the interests and concerns of people and communities of color within the planning academe and profession. All interested individuals are welcome to become part of POCIG. POCIG provides student travel scholarships to the ACSP conference and provides financial support for students and faculty to utilize National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity resources. POCIG is conducting research on the climate for diversity within planning programs and the profession and will present the preliminary findings at the fall business meeting. At ACSP, POCIG recognizes individuals who support the cause of social justice with the Edward Blakely Award. On Nov. 2nd in Portland, POCIG will host a strategic planning retreat to develop our agenda for the next 5 years. Interested people are welcome to attend and provide feedback. In Portland, POCIG will also co-host a roundtable with the ACSP Committee on Diversity, “Moving Faculty of Color through the Pipeline from Associate to Full Professor” and a workshop on bias and discrimination in the workplace with FWIG. Join POCIG’s list serve (pocig-acsp@googlegroups.com) or contact POCIG Secretary-Treasurer Andrew Greenlee (agreen4@illinois.edu) for more information on how to become involved.
ACSP Website Information

The student bowling league listserv will retire at the end of 2016. Now you can join the new ACSP website to connect with fellow students, receive news or announcements, and access job postings. Unlike the listserv, the Student Group on the new ACSP site features blogs, open forums, calendars, and places to post media related to your studies. It is a far more interactive space than the Bowling League, and we hope to encourage a vibrant and vocal community of students and recent grads in the new Student Group. To become a Student Member of ACSP, visit http://www.acsp.org/page/EngageJoinACSP.

The website also includes two pages:

- **Student Resources:**
  Preparing for the job market online webinars, conference resources, general academic resources, student advice blogs

- **Student Initiatives:**
  Find out about student representative news and other student-initiated projects.

*Frequently asked questions:*

**How do I join as a student member of ACSP?**

To become a Student Member of ACSP, visit http://www.acsp.org/page/EngageJoinACSP. You’ll find information about costs and benefits of membership, which costs $35 per year and includes the one-year print and on-line JPER subscription plus student discounts for conference registration. Postdocs also qualify for the Student Member rate.

**Do I have to pay for membership before using the website?**

No, a paid membership is not required to use the website! You don’t have to be a dues-paying member in order to create a profile or contribute to discussions - you can register as a guest user of www.acsp.org for free. Guest users do not get any conference registration discounts or JPER subscriptions as guest users, but they have full access to read and respond to the web forums and blogs. To sign up as a guest user, follow the same link used above for Student Members.

**How do I receive updates?**

Anyone who subscribes to the Student Group (or any other group on the site) will receive the emailed newsletter by default, which will keep you up to date on what’s been happening with the group.

**I still need help with the website. Who do I contact?**

For more information, please contact April Banta, the ACSP web manager, at april@acsp.org. If you have ideas for the website, please contact the student reps at acspgroup@gmail.com.
ACSP On-Line Forum Now Open!

The ACSP Community Forum engages our academic community on issues of urban and regional planning education and research. The Forum is open to all who are interested. You do not have to be an individual member of ACSP to engage on the Forum, or a faculty member in a school with institutional ACSP membership, although it is necessary to set up a free account and login to connect via the ACSP website.

The Forum serves as a place for advancing dialogue, sharing opportunities, inviting feedback, seeking collaborators, and promoting successes that relate to the range of issues and challenges facing urban and regional planning education and research. ACSP seeks dialogue that engages diverse viewpoints, invites participation from all Forum members, and values productive debate that helps us to think critically about our work and our impact. We seek your ongoing engagement to ensure that this Forum remains vital and relevant. The ACSP Forum utilizes a set of basic Netiquette Guidelines to promote a welcoming and productive opportunity for all to engage.

To access the Forum, log in to your ACSP account and use the Engage & Connect Menu and then down to Community Forum. Step-by-step instructions can be found at:


If you have other suggestions on how to use the forum, post an announcement on the forum!

You can also find ACSP on the following social media platforms:

http://www.facebook.com/TheACSP
https://twitter.com/The_ACSP