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Letter from Your Representatives

Welcome to the fifth ACSP Student Bulletin! Here, you will find information regarding student activities at the upcoming fall conference. There are three student workshops and one student roundtable this year. The Student Workshop: Non-Academic Career Paths for Planning PhDs session has been added to address changing student needs. The popular graduate student clinic has gone virtual, where students can sign up to meet with faculty to discuss their academic and career trajectory.

For most students, this is a year full of great uncertainty and difficulty. In Spring, we conducted a survey and created the Student Needs in the Time of COVID-19 report that highlighted issues faced by students in the current environment and made recommendations to the ACSP Governing Board. We also organized the Planning and Racial Justice in a Time of Crisis roundtable at the conference this year that will bring together students and faculty to discuss how planning research and pedagogy may engage with issues of racial equity in cities today.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual Student Reception and other events! For any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact us at acspgroup@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Awais Azhar & Atticus Jaramillo

Meet your Student Representatives

Awais Azhar, 2018-2020
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Student Award Winners

Congratulations to the following student award winners who will be honored for their contributions to planning scholarship at this year’s conference!

- Allison Evans  Ed McClure Award for Best Masters Paper
- Stephen Sherman  Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning
- Dawn Marie Smith  Don Schon Award for Excellence in Learning from Practice
- Afsheen Sadaf  Marsha Ritzdorf Award for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice, & the Role of Women in Planning (FWIG)
- Hayden Shelby  Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning (GPEIG)

Learn more about these students on the ACSP website: acsp.org/page/Conf/Awards

ACSP 2020 – Student Sessions

Planning and Racial Justice in a Time of Crisis  November 5, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST
This roundtable session will highlight academic work on racial justice in the era of COVID-19 and discuss the ways in which planning research and pedagogy must engage with issues of racial equity in cities today.

Student Reception  November 7, 9:30 PM – 11:00 PM EST
Join your fellow students in an evening of fun activities and conversation at this virtual reception. All students are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Non-Academic Career Paths for Planning PhDs  November 8, 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM EST
This workshop will introduce tools and strategies that doctoral students can use to gain a range of skills for non-academic jobs while in their programs, talk about job search strategies, and consider how students can discuss these options with their advisors.

Publishing in Planning: Where and How?  November 8, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EST
This workshop brings together a panel of planning journal editors to gives students valuable tips and insights about how to publish their research. Students will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions.

Preparing for the Academic Job Market  November 8, 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM EST
This panel discussion will provide students on the job-market with advices about how to prepare your job market materials, how to prepare for interviews and campus visits, and how to successfully navigate the academic job search process. The format is primarily focused on student interest, so come prepared with questions!

Graduate Student Clinic  November 8, 5:15 PM – 7:15 PM EST
Need feedback on your CV, researcher interests, or career options? If so, sign up for the graduate student clinic and meet with a planning faculty to discuss your questions.
Call for new Student Representative

ACSP has two Student Representatives on the Governing Board who ensure that the concerns of students are reflected in the discussions and decisions of the board. We invite students from member institutions to apply for the representative position for the Spring 2021 to Spring 2023 term.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please feel free to reach out to the current student representatives, Awais Azhar and Atticus Jaramillo, with questions at acspgroup@gmail.com.

ACSP Website

The ACSP website is a great place to connect with fellow students, receive news or announcements, and access job postings. The student section of the ACSP website is a resource hub for students in planning. Features include:

- Student communication – find information about communication tools, the Bowling League listserv, and the annual student bulletin (acsp.org/page/StudentsAbout)
- Student resources – access student advice blogs and student planning publications
- Student conference initiatives – learn about what the ACSP annual conference has to offer students

Career Center (jobs.acsp.org)

The ACSP Career Center serves as the resource for student members to manage their career. Student members are encouraged to visit the Career Center page regularly and can:

- Search and apply to the best planning jobs at organizations that value your credentials.
- Upload your anonymous resume so employers can contact you, while maintaining control of your information and choosing to whom you release your information.
- Receive an alert every time a job becomes available that matches your personal profile, skills, interests, and preferred location(s).
- Access career resources as well as job searching tips and tools. Email your questions to careers@acsp.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I join as a student member of ACSP? To become a Student Member of ACSP, visit acsp.org/page/IndividualMember. You’ll find information about costs and benefits of membership, which is $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, 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 – you can register as a guest user of acsp.org for free. Guest users do not get any conference registration discounts or JPER subscription, but they have full access to read and respond to web forums and blogs. To sign up as a guest user, follow this link: acsp.org/page/JoinACSP
I have additional questions. Who do I contact? For membership issues contact membership@acsp.org and if you have questions regarding joining ACSP contact join@acsp.org. If you have questions regarding student activities, please contact the student reps at acspgroup@gmail.com.

Does the Bowling League listserv still exist? The student Bowling League listserv serves as a community-run listserv for doctoral students and recent grads in planning. Visit acsp.org/page/StudentCommunication for listserv guidelines and instructions on how to join.