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The Summer Break Update Issue

Welcome back CRP! Check out what your fellow students, professors, and alumni have been up to this summer:

Student Summer Updates

Katerina Athanasiou (URS '13) and **Quinn Kelly (URS '14)** worked at Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Tompkins Energy Corps, conducting outreach to well over 650 homeowners to and 120 kids to promote home energy efficiency assessments and upgrades as well as educating them about day to day they can do to save on their energy bills.

Rebecca Baran-Rees (MRP '12) worked at Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services to develop programming that better connects low-income housing tenants to human services in the greater Ithaca area.

Eva Birk (MRP '13) worked to increase urban canopy in Portland, Oregon with the City's "Grey to Green" initiative.

Corinne Blackford (MRP '12) worked for the Planning Director and Economic Development Director in Williamsburg, VA, helping them update their comprehensive plans.

Lindsay Carter (MRP '12) interned with the UN World Food Programme and conducted research in urban commercial agriculture in Cotonou, Benin, West Africa.



Lindsay Carter
Benin

Danny Ferry (MRP '12) worked in New York City at America 2050, an initiative of the Regional Plan Association focused on meeting the infrastructural, economic, and environmental needs of a growing American population, planning and studying the implementation of a national high-speed rail network.



Ruslan Filipau
Oakland

Ruslan Filipau (MRP '12) spent a summer working for the City of Oakland strategic planning department designing a site specific plan for a destination retail.

Alyson Fletcher (MRP '12) worked in Chicago for the Active Transportation Alliance on their Neighborhood Bikeways Campaign (planning and advocating for 100 miles of protected bike lanes).



Alyson Fletcher
Chicago

Michael Manville Joins Faculty

Assistant Professor Michael Manville has joined the Department of City and Regional Planning this fall, bringing his expertise in transportation planning, land use, and local public finance.

Manville's research explores the relationship between transportation and housing. In one current project, funded by the John and Dora Haynes Foundation, he is examining voter-approved growth-control policies in Southern California. The policies are designed to mitigate traffic congestion but Manville is finding they end up having other consequences — most notably rising housing prices. In another research effort, Manville is comparing the parking requirements in the zoning codes of New York City and Los Angeles, and analyzing how differences in parking requirements lead to differences in housing supply, vehicle ownership, and population density in the two cities.

Prior to his arrival at Cornell, Manville served as a postdoctoral fellow at the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies and the Institute of Transportation Studies at UCLA, where his research primarily revolved around traffic congestion and zoning laws in developed countries.

“At Cornell, I've come to a renowned planning department that all other institutions pay attention to, and I've gained access to the incredible people and resources in other disciplines and colleges across the university,” says Manville. “You can spend years here and not come close to exploiting all that's available.”

“We are delighted to have Michael Manville join us,” says Professor Kieran Donaghy, chair of CRP. “He is the first professor in transportation planning the department has had, and the courses he will teach and the research he will conduct will meet critical needs.”

Originally from Boston, Manville found himself working with planning agencies on Nantucket Island after abandoning a two-year stint as a newspaper reporter. He worked with the island's Economic Development Commission where he played a role in crafting Nantucket's comprehensive plan. Additionally, he worked on tourism development and outreach for business initiatives for Nantucket's Chamber of Commerce. Due to the island's comparably small size — “it's a little world; you see a bit of everything” — Manville gained experience in a number of planning arenas and was inspired to pursue a degree in the field. He subsequently earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in urban planning at UCLA.

This fall Manville will be teaching Public and Spatial Economics for Planners, one of the core courses of the Masters in Regional Planning program.

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Club Notices

CPARN, Cornell Participatory Action Network

First Meeting: TBA

Contact Courtney Knap (cek77) cparn.org

DesignConnect

Informational Meeting:

Wednesday Aug. 31, 5pm, Sibley Hall, rm TBA

Contact Chris Hayes (cgh47)

Second Informational Meeting:

Thursday Sept. 1, 5pm, Kennedy Hall, rm TBA

IPSO, International Planning Students Organization

First Meeting: Monday Aug. 29, 4:30pm, Sibley 101

Contact Thane Maxwell (tgm49)

OCP, Organization of Cornell Planners

First Open Meeting: TBA

Contact Kris Goddard (krg53)

PSSO

First Meeting: TBA

Contact Jon Rusch (jar469)

PSD, Planning Students for Diversity

First Meeting: TBA

Contact Cymone Bedford (cdb83)

Sibley Dragons (Dragonboat Racing)

1st practice: TBA

Contact Allison Arnold (aaa268)

Sustainable Design-Build

Informational Meeting:

Monday Aug. 29, 5pm,

120 Physical Sciences Building

Wednesday Aug. 31, 5pm, 101 Phillips

Women's Planning Forum

Fall trip tentatively planned for Saturday Oct. 1

Contact Allison Arnold (aaa268)

Events

Planning Colloquium
 Friday, Aug. 26, 12:20pm
Peter Fleischer of Empire State Future
 Kaufmann Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall

Job Notices

- Design Workshop
[Landscape Architect and Planner](#)
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council
[Web Communications Coordinator](#)
- National Community Reinvestment Coalition
[Planning Analyst, NSP2, Neighborhood Planning and Investment Services](#)
- National Complete Streets Coalition
[Strategic Partnership Manager](#)
- Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
[GIS Coordinator](#)
- Town of Framingham, Massachusetts
[Associate Program Planner](#)
- Town of Framingham, Massachusetts
[Community Development Coordinator](#)

Funding Opportunities

Deadline: Nov 1, 2011, Graduate Funding - \$90,000
 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

<http://www.pdsoros.org/>

Deadline: Nov 14, 2011, Predoctoral Program Funding - \$20,000
 Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

<http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Ford-Fellowships/index.htm>

Deadline: Dec 11, 2011, Graduate Funding - \$9,000
 Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship, Urban and Regional Planning

<http://faa.illinois.edu/sites/faa.illinois.edu/files/katenealkinley2011.pdf>



Lauren Hansen
China



Chris Hayes
Westford

Ben Hale (MRP '12) interned with City of Denver Public Works: Planning and Policy Division; assisting with writing chapters within an Environmental Impact Assessment for a section of corridor for the FasTracks Light Rail extension, researching common themes among similar sized cities and recommendations for policies on providing bicycle parking through Denver Public Works, and updating GIS maps of bicycle infrastructure for both existing and proposed facilities.

Lauren Hansen (PhD candidate) spent the past several months in the extreme northwestern part of China (Xinjiang) conducting pre-dissertation fieldwork; she examined the effects that infrastructural 'improvements' and economic development planning are having on the local political economy, specifically in terms of majority

In Westford, a town in Massachusetts's I-495 Corridor, **Chris Hayes (MRP '12)** completed a report on the threats and opportunities to the character and sustainability of a highway that is quickly changing due to tech-based economic development for the Town's planning office.

Ryan Hicks (MRP '12) gathered and analyzed data as part of a city-wide study of the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development's mixed-use investments.

Ben Koffel (MRP '12) worked for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center on developing a new program to support organic waste-to-energy projects in Massachusetts.

Greg Kelly (MRP '12) worked with the Pedestrian Projects Group of the New York City Department of Transportation on a range of streetscape improvement initiatives. He also worked with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County on an economic impact study of the state's growing craft beer industry.

Thane Maxwell (MRP '12) spent the summer in Duluth, Minnesota, writing grants for Northern Communities Land Trust, a non-profit affordable housing organization and one of the nation's leading CLTs.

Caitlin Kolb (HPP '13) and **Jon Rusch (HPP '12)** volunteered for a HistoriCorps project in the San Juan National Forest near Durango, CO. restoring and/or rebuilding various components of a turn of the century ranch homestead.

Ashima Krishna (PhD candidate) has been in Lucknow, India all summer conducting fieldwork for her Doctoral dissertation and has been looking up nineteenth and twentieth century records to determine a history of planning efforts in Lucknow in conjunction with preservation and heritage management."

Zack Patton (MRP '12) spent the summer working at the Center for Housing Policy in Washington, DC researching federal and local responses to the foreclosure crisis.

Eliana Rodriguez (URS '15) was involved in the Prefreshmen Summer Program, where she took a trip back to her home, NYC, and analyzed each building, location, landscape and skyscraper using a CRP point of view gaining a historical background for each setting.

Adrienne Rosenblatt (URS '13) interned with the Boston Preservation Alliance this summer in Downtown Boston, assisting with advocacy work as well as with the planning of their Annual Preservation Achievement Awards, which recognizes owners and developers who stand out for developing a building in a historically-sensitive manner.

Jordan Smith (MA '12) worked for the State of New York Mortgage Agency, the housing finance agency for the state, developing a time-series regression model for forecasting the number of single-family home loans the agency might originate given their interest rate and relevant market conditions.

Boris Suckhov (MRS '12) spent about two months in Washington D.C. working for the US Department of Transportation on a variety of consulting projects at the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Yuanxin Sun (MRP '12) conducted a public space and public life study for a bike corridor project in Kunming.

Will Zahn () worked at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. His work included research on the built environment and its effect on diabetes prevalence.

Faculty Updates

John Forester gave several invited lectures in Helsinki to the Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE) and the Urban Planning Program at Aalto University (YTK) before participating in sessions of the Nicis International Scientific Review Committee in Den Haag (in June).

Professor **Ann Forsyth** spent most of her summer in Ithaca but briefly traveled to Mexico City. The image featured on page 3 shows Sunday cycling in the downtown aided by temporary street closures.

George Frantz Was at Shanghai Jiao Tong University collaborating with faculty in the Department of Landscape Architecture on a study of agricultural tourism in Shanghai metropolitan area.

Bill Goldsmith has been drafting and editing chapters for a book on what is wrong with U.S. urban policy, with interesting interruptions for reading MRP and PhD projects and theses. He also swam and sailed too.

In addition to his research (and moving!), **Michael Manville** spent the summer advising the California Infill Builders Association as they tried to reform California zoning laws, and along with a number of colleagues at UCLA provided a lot of media commentary about the "Carmageddon" closure of the 405 freeway in Los Angeles. The Carmageddon video.

<http://www.cnn.com/video/?/video/us/2011/07/15/endo.ca.freeway.shutdown.cnn>



Ann Forsyth
Mexico City

Professor **Michael Tomlan** served as co-moderator with His Excellency Hab Touch, Director General of Cultural Monuments in a meeting on the “Development of a Master Plan and Archaeological Resources Management Plan for Bantaey Chhmar,” organized by the Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, on August 18-19th.

Mildred Warner was keynote speaker at the Australian Local Government conference in Melbourne in June. Her paper on privatization and (lack of) cost savings (*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 2010) won best journal article award at the international Academy of Management conference in San Antonio in August.

Alumni Updates

Phil Bereano (MRP '71) participated in an on-line consultation on risk assessment and management under the UN's Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, which governs the transboundary movement of genetically engineered organisms (the US is not one of the 175 nations which are parties).

Jeremy Callahan (URS '94) was elected to the Planning Board in Ayer, Massachusetts this past April.

Elliot Cohen (URS '97) recently founded and launched a website called CityMaps (www.citymaps.com) - an interactive map for cities that lets consumers discover anything and everything about local businesses.

Chris Donohoe (URS '09) has successfully completed his two years of service with Teach for America, and is beginning a new job at Scholastic!

Holly LaDue (URS '04) has begun work editing the forthcoming Bus Rapid Transit Planning Guide 4th Edition for the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) in New York.

Gary Pivo (MRP '79) worked on a new tool for the US Economic Development Administration that will allow projects to be evaluated using a Triple Bottom Line/Sustainability approach.

Rima Shamieh (MRP '10) spent the summer at an internship with the Bradford County, PA Office of Community Planning and Grants, where she developed model zoning ordinances that addressed gas drilling land uses, biomass digesters, and solar and wind energies.

Addy Smith-Reiman and Ed 'Chops' Fitzgerald (MA HPP '08) designed article templates for Cultural Landscape Case Studies for Preservapedia, a wiki format that focuses specifically on technical material related to cultural resource management and its allied fields.

Christian Turner spent the summer in Detroit getting a deep understanding of the conditions of working and unemployed poor while volunteering at a soup kitchen, and living as a hired hand at a women's shelter. <http://christiansdetroitblog.blogspot.com/>

Patricia A. Wilson (MRP '71 and Ph.D. '75), professor of planning at University of Texas, joined the board of the Austin Architects without Borders, led a student field trip to Mexico to assist a small innovative university in creating a Master's degree in Environmental Education and Peace Studies, and launched a neighborhood resilience planning process in Austin for disaster preparedness.

Kenneth Zeichner, AICP (MRP '79), Principal Planner for Alachua County, Florida, and Ben Chumley, AICP (URS '95), Senior Planner for Alachua County, Florida are proud to report that the County's updated Comprehensive Plan adopted in April 2011 has been selected for an American Planning Association Florida Chapter Award of Excellence in the Comprehensive Plan (Large) Category.