



IACP Newsletter

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2009 in Review

Partnering with Nanjing University and with support from the Chinese Ministry of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the IACP organized a very successful 3rd IACP conference at Nanjing University in June (*See Nanjing Conference, p. 5*).

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.) granted the IACP 501(c)3 status, a student travel scholarship fund was set up in Karen Polenske's name, and by the end of the year the IACP had received more than \$ 30,000 in tax-free donations. The first Polenske award was presented at the annual meeting (*See Polenske Award, p. 4*).

Five new members were elected to the IACP board and one was re-elected (*see Fall, 2009 Board Election, page 2*).

IACP members wrote three HUD-commissioned literature reviews (*See HUD literature reviews, page 5*).

An agreement with Tongji University was made to co-sponsor the fourth IACP conference in Shanghai in June (*See Fourth IACP Conference, page 1*).

At the joint ACSP conference the IACP held its annual membership meeting, organized a roundtable discussion, and participated in a reception for China scholars hosted by ACSP president Michael Hibbert (*See ACSP meeting, page 5*).

IACP members were engaged in a variety of research, teaching, and other activities related to China planning (*See member news, page 5*).

Fourth IACP Conference Shanghai June 19 – 21, 2010

The fourth IACP conference will take place at Tongji University in Shanghai June 19 – 21, 2010.

The conference is being organized by the IACP and Tongji University and will be sponsored by the IACP, Tongji University, the Urban Planning Society of China and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The conference registration fee for all overseas IACP members who paid their registration fees by January 31 will be waived. The conference organizer will provide free lodging for 15 overseas IACP student members selected by The IACP Board of Director based on the quality of their abstract submitted.

The conference language will be English. PowerPoints will be in English, with Chinese translations encouraged. There will be simultaneous translation into Chinese of the keynote speeches. There may be a few Chinese language sessions with English translators.

IACP conference deadlines and important dates

Abstract Submission:	January 31
Notification of Acceptance:	February 21
Conference registration date:	June 18
Conference date:	June 19-20
Field Trip to Shanghai Expo:	June 21

* The conference registration fee is \$ 200 for foreign participants; 800 RMB for regular Chinese participants, and 400 RMB for Chinese student participants.

Fall 2009 Board Election

Five IACP members were elected to serve two-year terms on the IACP board in October, 2009: four new regular board members, and one new student member. Yi Zhu, one of the student members of the prior board, was re-elected to a second two-year term. Three members of the old board are continuing to serve.

There are 9 members of the IACP board: seven regular members (including the chair) and two student members. Board members serve for two year terms and, with the exception of a vice board chair, are eligible to serve for two terms. One board member is elected to a two-year term as vice-chair by the board and becomes the chair upon the expiration of the current chair's two-year term.

Dan Abramson, the outgoing IACP Secretary, managed the election process. IACP members—defined as those who paid membership dues in the period July 9, 2008 at the 2008 ACSP-AESOP IACP business meeting through October 16, 2009 were eligible to vote. Ballots were verified and counted by an election committee chaired by Prof. Hilda Blanco from the University of Washington assisted by non-voting friends of IACP Qingchang Lu of the University of Florida, and Yue Gong of the University of Washington, after the close of voting on October 26, 2009.

The four outgoing regular board members were: Qing Shen, from the University of Washington (outgoing chair), Daniel Abramson from the University of Washington, Fulong Wu from Cardiff University, and Ming Zhang from the University of Texas, Austin. The two outgoing student board members were Xin Jin from Cornell University and Yi Zhu from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The outgoing board members

Were honored for their outstanding service at the annual IACP meeting, which took place at Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference in Washington, D.C. in early October.

Six candidates competed for the four regular board member positions and three student candidates competed for the two student board positions.

The four new regular board members are:

Xueming (Jimmy) Chen, an associate professor of urban and regional planning and urban studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. Professor Chen received his Bachelor and Master degrees in urban and regional planning from Nanjing University and his Ph.D degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Southern California. Prior to his current position at Virginia Commonwealth University, professor Chen has taught at the University of California Irvine and California State Universities at Northridge and Los Angeles. He is a member of the Transportation Research Board's Transportation Economics and Transportation and Economic Development Committees and past President and board member of the International Chinese Transportation Professional Association, Southern California Chapter.

Jianxiang Huang, a practicing city planner from Sasaki Associates in Boston, Massachusetts. His recent works include master plans and design guidelines for urban districts in both China and the United States. In particular, Jianxiang has been focusing on urban redevelopment and campus planning, as well as urban design practices. Prior to Sasaki, Jianxiang had

experience with real estate development in East Europe. He has worked on planning and design projects in China, including sports facilities for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Jianxiang received a master degree in city planning from MIT and architecture degrees from Tsinghua University.

Jianling Li, a professor of urban planning at the University of Texas, Arlington, where she teaches transportation planning and GIS. Her research interests include impacts of transportation planning and policies on individual travel and organizational investment decisions, as well as the relationship between transportation and health outcomes. Dr. Li is a certified planner and has chaired the student paper competition for the Transportation Planning Division of the American Planning Association since 2006. She has been with the IACP since its inception and has served on the IACP board election committee and refereed IACP conference papers.

Ming Zhang, the lead urban economist in the Latin America and Caribbean Region of the World Bank, where he leads analytical work and lending operations in urban development. Before 2006, he was the Bank's infrastructure sector coordinator in the Philippines and later team leader of the Bank's Philippines Local Government Program. His main work include city competitiveness (Brazil), strategic infrastructure assessment (Philippines), city development strategies (Brazil, China, Philippines), municipal financing and decentralization (Philippines, Brazil), housing finance (Brazil, Colombia and Thailand), national urbanization strategies (Philippines, China, Brazil), and water and wastewater strategies (China, Philippines). He has also managed numerous World Bank financed projects in the urban and water sectors. His current work focus is "Green Cities" in Brazil and other Latin

America countries. He holds a B.Sc. in Geography from East China Normal University, M.A in Economics and Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of California at Berkeley.

The new student member is:

Sisi Liang, a Ph.D. candidate in City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. Sisi has full sponsorship from China's Scholarship Council and the University of Pennsylvania Design School. She received a Masters degree in Architecture from Tsinghua University in 2007. At the University of Pennsylvania she has served as a teaching assistant in Urban Economics and History of City Planning in the U.S. and worked in several research assistant positions. Currently Sisi is working under the direction of Gary Hack, Eugenie Birch, and Jonathan Barnett. She is interested in design strategies and development of high-tech industrial cities in China. Sisi has participated in planning and design activities in diverse projects in Beijing, Shanghai, Zhejiang, and Liaoning. She has made several presentations at the ACSP annual conference.

Yi Zhu, a doctoral student in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was re-elected to a second term as a student board member.

All of the candidates for the IACP board were exceptionally well qualified and all candidates received substantial support.

In addition to the five new members and one member who was re-elected who are beginning two-year terms, three members of the prior IACP board will continue to serve on the new board. Zhong-Ren Peng from the University of Florida will serve a two-year term as IACP board chair. Jiawen Yang from Georgia Institute of Technology and Richard LeGates from San Francisco State University were elected in 2008 and will serve one additional year.

IACP Polenske Award

The IACP has established a student traveling fellowship award in honor of M.I.T. Urban Studies and Planning professor Karen Polenske. Qing Shen and Meizhi Yan co-chaired the fundraising committee. Due to the generosity of several major donors and a number of additional donations the Polenske fellowship now has a sufficient endowment to make two awards each year to permit students to travel to major international conferences to present their work related to China planning.

At the fall, 2009 annual meeting the IACP awarded the first Polenske student travel fellowship to Christine Boyle, a PhD candidate at the University of North Carolina who was the lead author of a paper on water-related issues and funding in rural North China. Boyle and her colleagues collected data on the distribution of funding to water projects and the outcome of the funding. Christine received \$ 1,000 to support her travel to ACSP.

In 2010 the IACP anticipates providing two Polenske travel awards.

Third IACP Conference Nanjing June, 2009

The third IACP conference took place at Nanjing University June 21 – 23, 2009. The conference theme was “Adapting Chinese Planning to Global Challenges and Opportunities”. The conference was jointly organized by the IACP and Nanjing University and sponsored by the IACP, Nanjing University, the Nanjing Institute of City Transport Planning Co., limited (NICTP), the Nanjing Urban Planning and Research Center, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Sessions were organized around topics such as urban and regional economic

development, ecological planning, planning for resilient cities, sustainable urban transportation and planning support systems. IACP chair Qing Shen and Professor Jian-gang Xu from Nanjing University co-chaired the conference. Jiawen Yang was the lead IACP board member working on the conference.

Despite the inconvenience caused by the swine flu, conference had participants from the USA, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong and Mainland China. There were 68 conference presentations, including keynote speeches by IACP members (Richard LeGates, Tingwei Zhang; and Zhong-Ren Peng).

Nanjing University generously supported conference participation of IACP members. Among the 26 IACP participants, 18 received funding from Nanjing University. The funding covered domestic travel and conference attendance costs. Eight of the 18 are graduate students in USA universities. In addition, ten IACP members who paid the membership fee before January 1st 2009 received an additional \$400 each to defray their international trip cost.

In the closing ceremony, Professor Qing SHEN (IACP chairman) and Professor Jiangang XU (Chairman of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Nanjing University) jointly announced the winners of the IACP Excellent Student Paper Award. Two students shared this honor. They are Lu XU from Nanjing University (first author of an article titled *Extending point-based space syntax: An exploratory research on space partition parameters and their geographic influences* and Wenjia ZHANG from Peking University (first author of the article *What affects the home-work decision in Chinese two-earner households? A discrete-continuous choice modeling analysis*). Each winner received an award certificate plus a check of US \$300 from the IACP.

HUD Literature Reviews

IACP members completed three literature reviews in October, 2009 for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Office of International Affairs. Alven Lam, director of HUD's office of international research commissioned the papers. Both papers review the English language literature on issues of interest to HUD, informed by the authors' familiarity with Chinese language sources and understanding of Chinese policy. The papers are being circulated to policy makers in Washington and will help inform the Obama administration's international research agenda.

IACP member Lan Deng, an Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Michigan, was the lead author along with Qinguyn Shen and Lin Wang of "Housing Policy and Finance in China: A Literature Review" (IACP, November, 2009). The paper described the transformation of China's public housing system, China's current housing policy framework, and China's housing finance system. The concluding portion of the paper described China's response to housing policy issues of particular importance to the Obama administration based on recent sources that are not available in English: regulation of mortgage lending, efforts to curb soaring housing prices and curb speculation enacted before the global economic crisis, and assistance to housing construction as part of China's economic stimulus program.

IACP member Rui Wang, an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Affairs at UCLA and Yang Yu, a PhD candidate at the University of Illinois, Chicago wrote papers on sustainable urban development. Wang's paper, titled, "Sustainable Urban Development in China: A Literature Review on Issues, Policies, and Effects" (IACP, November, 2009) described the

environmental impacts of China's rapid urbanization during the last 30 years and discussed issues, policies, and practices related to air quality, water scarcity and quality, solid waste, energy efficiency, transportation, and land use. Yu's paper, titled "Literature Review of Sustainable Urban Design in China" focused on planning and design and management and policy aspects of sustainability at the microscopic, median, and macroscopic scales.

IACP ACSP Conference Events

More than thirty IACP members attended the 50th Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference and IACP annual meeting in Washington, D.C. October 1 – 4, 2009. The IACP is an ACSP-recognized interest group and the IACP annual meeting is held during the annual ACSP meeting.

At the annual meeting the board reported on the year's activities and discussed future plans, honored and presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing board members, got feedback from members on future plans, and updated membership. A highlight of the 2009 annual meeting was presentation of the first Karen Polenske fellowship award to University of North Carolina planning student Christine Boyle (see Polenske award, page 5).

The IACP hosted an ACSP roundtable discussion of international China planning education and collaborations chaired by Richard LeGates from San Francisco State University with contributions from Karen Polenske from M.I.T., Alven Lam from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Christopher Webster from Cardiff University, Wales, Tingwei Zhang from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and Pan Haixiao from Tongji University.

ACSP President, Michael Hibbert, hosted a special reception for the ACSP leadership and China scholars including the IACP board members, IACP roundtable participants, leadership of the China Planning Network, professors Lei Zhang, Yunmin Ye, and Lanzi Yong from Renmin University and other conference attendees involved in China Planning.

The IACP annual meeting and related events will take place at the next meeting of the ACSP at the University of Minnesota October 7 – 10. The call for papers is now open, so IACP members who plan to present at the ACSP conference should submit abstracts.

Key ACSP 2010 Conference Dates

Website open for abstract submissions: Jan 18
 Abstracts submission deadline: March 1
 Conference date: October 7 – 10
 IACP annual meeting: TBS

News from the members

Daniel Abramson, directed an exchange program between Sichuan University and the University of Washington that brought faculty and students together both in the U.S. and China to work on planning issues in response to the Sichuan earthquake. Abramson will spend his sabbatical leave in 2010 as a Fulbright Scholar continuing this work for six months in China.

Christine Boyle, a Ph.D student at the University of North Carolina and winner of the 2009 IACP Polenske award (see page 3) spoke on January 14, 2010 at the Asia Society's Northern California Center forum on Global Warming and the Emerging Water Crisis in California and China. Her talk explores China's water-energy nexus with a focus on developing integrated infra-structure to synergize use of limited water and energy resources.

Sam Casella, FAICP, PP, has recently consulted on the future development of the Yujiapu International Financial Center in Tianjin. His work includes research into sustainable design, mobility, and urban functions in global financial centers.

Robert Cervero from U.C. Berkeley co-hosted a week-long executive training program on urban management and sustainability for over 20 Zhejiang Province Officials at Berkeley's Institute of Urban and Regional Development in December 2009. The program brought together distinguished San Francisco Bay Area speakers to meet with the Chinese delegation and also involved field trips to the port of Oakland and San Francisco. Cervero gave a 2 hour presentation and guided discussion on "The Sustainable Transit Metropolis". In January 2010, Professor Cervero spoke on the topic of "Green Transit-oriented Developments (TODs)" as part of a 5-member panel on "Bold Ideas and Big Challenges: Transportation Infrastructure in China" at the annual Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C.

Xueming (Jimmy) Chen from Virginia Polytechnic Institute has joined the editorial board of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) *Journal of Urban Planning and Development* and has executed a contract with the China Architecture & Building Press for a book about the transportation systems of international megaregions.

Zhang Guo from New York University is helping organize the China Planning Network (CPN) annual conference from June 21 to 25, 2010 in Nanjing sponsored by MIT and the Jiangsu Provincial Government. The conference theme is Planning Low Carbon Cities in China. A MIT delegation, led by President Susan Hockfield, will attend the five-day conference.

Pan Haixiao, from Tongji University is helping organize the fourth IACP conference, which will take place at Tongji in June (see article, page 1). Professor Haixiao is working with Qing Shen on Land Use and Transport for low carbon cities supported by National Nature Science Foundation of China. He has organized a workshop at Tongji on sustainable urban transport for China in October with Qing and professors Elizabeth Deakin, Robert Cervero, and Harrison Fraker from U.C. Berkeley supported by the U.S. Energy Foundation.

Richard Hu from the University of Sydney was commissioned to investigate international planning practices for Beijing and Shanghai. The Beijing project investigated leading international media industry cluster areas to provide reference for the emerging media hub around the new CCTV headquarters in the Beijing CBD. The Shanghai project compared planning features of financial districts in London, New York and Tokyo to add to the discussion of Shanghai Pudong's vision to become a similar financial district of global importance.

Edward Huang from the California Institute of Environmental Design & Management (CIEDM) led a four-hour educational workshop at the Arcadia EcoHome in November to promote public awareness of climate change. The workshop had two sessions—each with an introduction to the Global Day of Action on December 15, a site tour of the Arcadia EcoHome, a certified green building, and Q&A sessions. A 24-person delegation from Anhui Province participated in the first session and a 13-person Chinese delegation from the Administrator of the State Administration of Civil Service participated in the second session.

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planning, and design guidelines in both China and the United States. Prior to Sasaki, Jianxiang had experiences with real estate development in East Europe. He also worked on planning and design projects in China, including sports facilities for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Jianxiang received a master degree in city planning from MIT and architecture degrees from Tsinghua University.

Richard LeGates from San Francisco State University (SFSU) lectured at Tongji University's College of Architecture and Urban Planning and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Global Urban Competitiveness Project (GUCP) in June. He co-authored an article with Tingwei Zhang titled "Changing Planning Theory in China in the Post- Economic Crisis Era" in the fall issues of *Urban Forum* based on their joint presentation at the Nanjing IACP conference. In December he lectured on innovation and competitiveness to a delegation visiting SFSU from Fujian Province.

Sisi Liang, a Ph.D. candidate in City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania, has recently given two presentations in international conferences: the 2009 ACSP-AESOP Joint Conference in the U.S., and the 2009 Asian Science Park Association Joint Conference in Hsinchu, Taiwan. The two presentations discussed planning strategies of high-tech industrial parks in China. Sisi is currently working on a site survey in Hsinchu Science Park, and other national high-tech parks in Mainland China.

Paavo Monkkonen received his PhD from the University of California Berkeley Department of City and Regional Planning and has joined the Department of Urban Planning and Design at the University of Hong Kong. Paavo was hired for his background in housing and urban economics. Paavo is beginning research on

housing markets and urban structure in Hong Kong, China, and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Shi Nan, the secretary general of the Urban Planning Society of China (UPSC) is working on events organized/jointly organized by UPSC including:

April (date to be confirmed), Wuhan, workshop on urban regeneration

May (date to be confirmed), Xi'an, Symposium of planning education

August 3-6, Guangzhou, 9th International Symposium: Sustainable Planning Challenge: Rapid Urbanization, Global Recession and Climate Change

Sept. 11, Chongqing, Chongqing, Workshop on Inclusive Planning

Sept. 10-12, Chongqing, Annual National Planning Conference: Planning Renovation

Oct. 17-18, Beijing, International Conference on Heritage Preservation

Nov. 8, Wuhan, World Planning Day Workshop

Dec. 15-17, Hong Kong, First International Conference on Sustainable Urbanization

Oct. 17-18, Beijing, International Conference on Heritage Preservation of Yuanmingyuan

Qing Shen, has been appointed professor and chair of the University of Washington Department of Urban Design and Planning. In summer 2009 he was appointed a Tongji Chair Professor at Tongji University in Shanghai. This visiting position will enable him to work with Tongji University faculty and students on collaborative research during summer and winter breaks. He is currently working with Professor Haixiao Pan on a research project aimed at exploring conceptual frameworks, methodological approaches, and practical guidelines for planning low-GHG-emission cities.

Liu Shuyi, from the Traffic Engineering Faculty of Harbin University of Technology (Weihai) has been working recently on “Logistics Area Planning of Weihai Xintong”, “Traffic Impact Analysis of Weihai Passenger Terminal”, and “Weihai T-GIS Application.”

William Siembieda, from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo lectured at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting in Taipei in November/December, 2009. Siembieda described the U.S. federal disaster mitigation act's shift away from post-disaster recovery works to pre-disaster mitigation planning, vulnerability assessment and risk analysis. He emphasized collaborative and adaptive approaches to unified disaster mitigation efforts using a multiple partners approach.

Yehua Dennis Wei from the University of Utah is working on his Ford project on regional development models in China. His 2009 publications dealt with the Wenzhou Model (EGE 50(6): 720-739), the Sunan model (Regional Studies 43(3): 409-427), urban land expansion (LUP 91(2): 51-64) and Regional Inequality (TESG 100(1): 59-80).

Fulong Wu from Cardiff University finished a research project on Urban Poverty in China, and is publishing a jointly authored book on the topic by Edward Elgar and co-editing a volume entitled *Marginalization in Urban China* by Palgrave. He has been recently appointed by the UK funding councils as the evaluator for two multi million pound research programs on China Studies and East Asian Studies.

Jiawen Yang from Georgia Institute of Technology (in collaboration with Qing Shen and Jinzhen Shen) received an international fellowship grant from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This fellowship supports his research on spatial structure and transportation in China's megacities, aiming to identify changes in urban spatial structure that could help improve transportation.

Perry Yang from Georgia Tech organized a Shanghai Urban Design Studio in collaboration with Tongji University in

December 2009. His recent urban design works are published in the January 2010 Issue of *Ecological Urbanism in China's World Architecture (WA)*. His new book *Ecological Urbanism: Scale, Complexity and Design*, will be published by China Architecture and Building Press in 2010. Perry is co-chairing UPE9 in August 2010 in Guangzhou China, with the main theme *Sustainable Planning Challenges: Rapid Urbanization, Global Recession and Climate Change* (www.upe9.org).

Li Yuan, from Xiamen University together with Su Hailong from Fudan University and Richard Klosterman from the University of Akron is using “What If”—a planning support system developed by Klosterman—to evaluate possible urban futures for Luohe and Zhangqiu in Henan Province based on different policies and hypotheses as part of their macro-level strategic planning and master planning.

Ming Zhang from the University of Texas at Austin has been appointed Graduate Advisor of the Community and Regional Planning program.

Ming Zhang from the World Bank is the editor of a new book titled *Competitiveness and Growth in Brazilian Cities: Local Policies and Actions for Innovation*, just published by The World Bank. The book addresses the question of what cities can do to improve economic performance and create jobs. The book is available both from the World Bank and Amazon.com

Tingwei Zhang from the University of Illinois, Chicago received first prize for the best Chinese planning paper of 2008 from the Planning Society of China and the Jin Jingchang Urban Planning Education Foundation.