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Planning Education at the University of Utah: A Thirtieth Anniversary Retrospective

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The year 2008 marks an anniversary of some note for planning education in Utah. Thirty years ago, the University Senate authorized offering a baccalaureate degree in Urban Planning. With review and formal approval by the University Board of Trustees and Utah State Board of Regents, the Urban Planning Program enrolled its first students in the fall of 1978. The occasion prompts a look back at how it began and the developments ever since. The story, to the extent that there is a storyline, is one of dedication by members of the Utah planning community. Their commitment was essential to advancing a program whose evolution was far more substantial than could have been sustained by University resources alone.



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Antecedents.

As with any formal event, program authorization has its antecedents. A record of prior initiatives can be found in a small library in the faculty lounge of what was the Graduate School of Architecture. This library contains a row of local planning studies that date back to 1965. These document early initiatives in planning instruction – always a precedent to formal program initiation. The earliest study was prepared by a small group of students under the direction of Prof. Robert Bliss, Dean and Professor of Architecture. Its subject was "A proposal for interior block development as a visual design study." Subsequent studies by Stanley Hill, Del Ward, Steven Gregory and Morris Johnson continued for a few more years. Morris Johnson participated in most with collaboration by the others. But these were eclipsed by a brief period of inactivity.

Morris Johnson then carried his interests forward to the Department of Geography. His initiative was gladly received by then Chair, Prof. Merrill Ridd. By 1973, Morris Johnson had a part-time appointment as an adjunct professor in Geography and was offering two courses – Planning Practicum and

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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TEAM

It was great to see so many of you at the 34th Annual conference of APA-Utah! I thought it was a terrific and thought provoking conference, thanks to the many speakers and the conference committee (thanks Paul!). It was great to see Morris Johnson FAICP and reminisce about his career and the influence he has had on Utah planners. The Friday keynote, Dennis Lerch, who spoke about the "Peak Oil" problem and some solutions, was an eye opener for me. It is easy to assume the trends of the past will continue into the future, but with a limited resource, eventually you get to the end. Or, we can assume that we will in some manner technologically innovate our way out of a pending energy problem, but it seems obvious that there will be sacrifices and changes in the near future that we as planners should be ready to address. To be able to address the daunting energy problems of the next 10 years, including man's contribution to global warming, we need information and a greater understanding of the issues and possible solutions. That is the beauty of our conferences – they get you thinking about bigger issues than the issuance of building permit (though that is important too). We are asked to look ahead in our general plans – let's look together at the sustainability/energy/oil crisis that is likely to be a reality within the time-frame of most general plans. It would seem that an analysis of the "impacts and vulnerabilities" in each community should be accomplished sooner as opposed to when these scarcities are fully upon us.

I work a fair amount with our Public Works (PW) folks in West Valley City. PW prides itself in preserving the pavement on City streets through an annual program of slurry seal covering 20% of the streets. If that by-product of the gasoline industry is not available, what happens to the streets? Eventually they become *pretty good gravel roads*. Here is just one example of how a serious oil scarcity could impact our everyday services in city government. There are many services that we regularly provide, that will be impacted and planners should begin the effort of addressing them.

No, I'm not ready to get the survivalist gear out and head out to the wilderness to live off the land and off the grid. I do think that technology and innovation will make a difference and simply beginning to think about these issues will help us find solutions. Planners are uniquely positioned to provide leadership and help communities begin to change the standard way we have been operating. Many of our everyday practices will be questioned in the volatile "Peak Oil" future. We can look ahead with good information and be leaders or we can continue the practices of the past, and be blamed for not "planning ahead". Don't we hear that often enough anyway?

OK, enough gloom and doom (or maybe this is just another opportunity for planners?). We had some fun at the conference with the famous "Ute" and "Cougar" rivalry, and by the time you get this, the "big" game will be over. I'll have attended my first "U" versus "Y" battle and hopefully survived the cold, and the fanatical fans.

Happy Holidays to you all!

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1 Early 1980s: Morris Johnson, FAICP, leads a classroom discussion in one of the programs earliest classes.

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Planning Process and Method – with combined enrollments exceeding 70 students. He was also employed as staff with the Center for Public Policy and Administration as a Community Planner with duties not unlike an agricultural extension officer tending to the training of municipal and county officials and developing educational media.

Seeing the potential for academic program development, Prof. Ridd convened an intercollegiate committee to design an interdisciplinary program of study leading to both baccalaureate and masters degrees in urban planning. Professors Robert Huefner, Department of Political Science and Donald Zillman, College of Law added significantly to the committee’s deliberations.

Ridd’s committee advanced a program proposal to the Senate in 1977, but it immediately provoked controversy. Utah State University had a small master’s degree program in town planning and successfully objected to the prospect of duplication at the graduate level. Proponents from Architecture and the Department of Economics advanced contending claims of interest and prerogative. They argued that Geography’s intellectual and personnel base was too narrow to adequately support an urban planning program. The Program’s curricular design was made increasingly interdisciplinary.

But this did not satisfy. Program governance needed to be interdisciplinary, as well. Dean Prokasy, College of Social and Behavioral Science, offered a critical compromise. The Urban Planning Program would be administratively housed in the Department of Geography but governed by an Intercollegiate Urban Planning Program Committee with members appointed by both the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the Academic Vice President. This dampened resistance and led to program approval on March 6, 1978. It also brought to an end a period of antecedent initiatives and opened a period of formal program development.

Formal Program Development.

Further development of the Urban Planning Program was put in the hands of Morris Johnson and a young Assistant Professor of Geography, Betsy Burns. Together with Professors Robert Huefner and Chung Mung Lee, they organized the regular offering of seven courses with an average of 20 students per course. In 1982, Eugene Carr began to assist Morris and soon after developed his own course offerings. These, with other offerings around the University, composed the basis for the Program’s curriculum.

Betsy Burns and I met in 1982 at a conference of the American Collegiate Schools of Planning in Chicago. I commented on a paper she delivered, and she liked how I framed my remarks. Shortly after, she accepted a position at Arizona State University and recommended me to replace her. The departments faculty recruitment committee agreed and I was asked to move from the University of Southern California to take over the Urban Planning Program. I was to be the first faculty member in the state with a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and would remain so until 2005.

As he would soon retire, Morris began passing responsibilities off to Gene and me. In 1987 when Morris retired, Gene move onto Morris’s staff position with the CPPA, took over his courses and added new ones. Even before that,

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2 1989: Mark McGrath, AICP (City of Taylorsville) and Mike Gibelyou.

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we felt restrained by a lack of personnel. We began slowly to hire adjunct professors. Soon Gary Jones, Ralph Becker, Joan DiGeorgio and Patricia Comarell were adding depth and diversity to curricular offerings.

On the research front, we began working in emergency management. A FEMA grant allowed us to investigate why private property damage had been so effectively limited during the Floods of 1983 and 1984. A USGS grant had us develop the first-ever application of GIS to the assessment of seismic risk. Several years later and with FEMA support, researchers at Berkeley extended this work into the HAZUS model now widely used in by localities in earthquake hazard zones. With a Fulbright Fellowship in 1986 to do planning research in Catalonia, Spain, my interests turned increasingly to opportunities in Europe. These included a succession of seven summer research fellowships at the Swedish National Institute for Building Research.

On the community service front, Gene Carr was developing a sound reputation through the Community Planning Workshop for providing helpful planning studies to local communities. Adjuncts began using our program as a farm league. Students were getting good jobs and advancing professionally. We began placing students interested in graduate education into some of the nation's finest graduate planning programs. Faculty in other departments began to refer students to our door. Within a decade we doubled the number of courses offered and expanded enrollments by three-and-a-half times. By the end of the century, we were offering 18 courses a year with an average class size of 24 students. This was four-and-a-half times the number of students served compared to when the program formally began. We were the fastest growing unit in the College.

But together with success came both frustration and emulation. By the early 1990's, the Intercollegiate Planning Program Committee ceased functioning: out of administrative convenience, program administration fell operationally to the Department of Geography. A University budget paradigm was instituted to transform growth in student credit hours into growth in departmental budgets. Planning's success underwrote Geography's otherwise stable credit hour performance. But the discipline of geography was in the

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Morris Johnson	Hal Johnson
Eugene Carr	Keith Bartholomew
Gary Jones	Sumner Swaner
Ralph Becker	Craig Forster
Joan DiGeorgio	Jim Mills
Patricia Comarell	George Shaw
Wilf Sommerkorn	Tom Hale
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Craig Anderson	Michele Straube
Pamela Perlich	Stephen Goldsmith
Paul Thompson	Sharen Hauri
Chuck Klingenstein	Mark Vlasic
Steve McCutchan	Sarah Munro

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3 1991: Hal Johnson, AICP (Utah Transit Authority)

(hair jokes acceptable. -ed.)

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midst of a revolution in geographic information technologies, and our department saw no need to invest in personnel for urban planning. Reasonably, Gene Carr became frustrated with the Department's lack of commitment. By 2000, he had withdrawn from further planning instruction. I scrambled to replace his services by hiring or re-deploying other adjunct professors including Chuck Klingenstein, Paul Thompson, Steve McCutchan and Keith Bartholomew. While it has always been and continues to be the case, it was during this period, in particular, that the vitality of the Urban Planning Program depended upon the contributions of local planning professionals through their dedicated service as adjunct professors of urban planning.

In other contexts, both national and local, things were changing. Planning was gaining in social and political acceptance. Cities were increasingly regarded as objects of academic study and professional management. Urban environmental issues began to register on the political agenda. On campus, academic interest in planning and urban issues bloomed. Other departments noticed both our success and our increasing disarray. We had ended a period of normal development and entered into a brief period of academic fragmentation and intercollegiate dis-coordination.

Localities and Small Areas Served by the Community Planning Workshop

Bountiful	Old Sugar Factory
Cedar City	Park City
City Creek Park	Riverton
Clearfield	Rose Park
Davis County	Salt Lake City
Decker Lake	Salt Lake County
Downtown Housing	Sandy
E-Center TOD	Sandy TOD
East Campus Plan	Taylorsville
Fair Park	Sharon Steel
Grantsville	Sugarhouse
Jordanelle Dam	S.W. SL County
Layton	University Light Rail
Magna	Wasatch County
Midvale	West Jordan
Murray	West Valley City
Murray TOD	West Valley Gateway
N. Temple Community	

Where's the Orchestration?

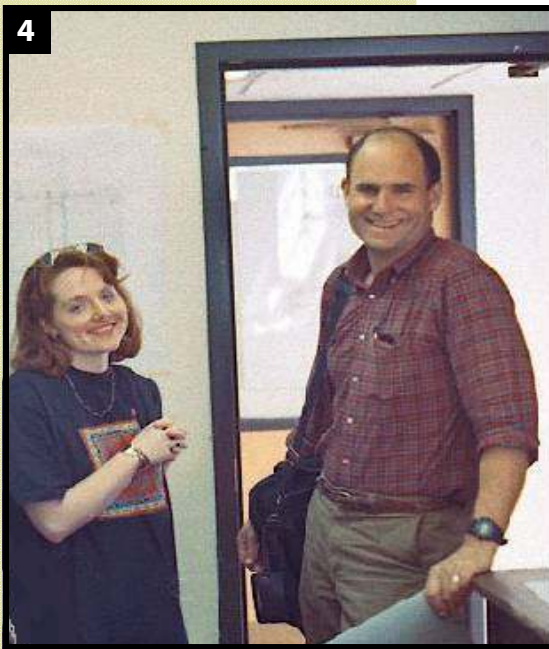
This period was characterized by an increasing interest in urban planning research and education among other entities on campus. These included, among others, the Departments of Family and Consumer Studies, Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Graduate School of Architecture. While constructive in its own right, this period lacked an important degree of academic orchestration.

In 2001, the Department of Family and Consumer Studies hired star Adjunct Planning Professor, Keith Bartholomew, as an Assistant Professor. They co-sponsored dormant planning courses and modified course titles to include the term "Community Development," a key phrase in urban planning. In 2002, they reorganized two undergraduate majors into a baccalaureate degree in Consumer and Community Studies. Selectively, FCS faculty focused with good success on issues of urban planning and subdivision design.

With the signing of the Charter for the New Urbanism in 1996, the profession of architecture established a renewed relevance to the practice of urban planning. The Graduate School of Architecture soon took up the banner. They offered without success a faculty position to a candidate with credentials in urban planning and design. As professors and students developed

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4 1993: Anika Stonick (Salt Lake City Corp.) and Chuck Klingenstein, AICP.

Image courtesy Gene Carr

interests in the New Urbanism, architecture studio courses and master's theses focused increasingly on topic in urban planning and design. In 2002, they hired Brenda Scheer, Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Cincinnati as their new Dean.

Through Prof. Peter Martin, the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department made good gains in its transportation program with additions to the staff at the Utah Traffic Lab. Research in the Lab reached beyond traffic engineering into transportation planning in ways pedagogically relevant to the ongoing program development in urban planning.

In the meantime, Adjunct Prof. Jim Mills, Research Prof. Craig Forster and I developed an interest in systems thinking and system dynamics analysis. With others, we developed an interdisciplinary program of research and instruction in the adaptive management of urban and environmental systems.

These developments, while exciting, were atomized and uncoordinated. They pulled in separate directions and contributed little to development of a collective potential. With the requisite degree of coordination, we could cooperate: we could explore mutual interests and define pathways for the future of planning education and research at the University of Utah. It was time to reconvene the

Intercollegiate Planning Program Committee to bring some order to the house.

But as preparations for the meeting began, it became clear that the Committee would not simply work to improve intercollegiate coordination. Instead its charge would be nothing less than to prescribe the future organizational arrangements that would best advance planning education at the University of Utah. Anticipating the opportunity, Architecture Dean, Brenda Scheer, secured a commitment from the Academic Vice President, David Pershing, to underwrite the hiring of three professors in urban planning. Pershing's commitment was decisive: Utah's flagship university was to have a competently staffed professional planning program.

In November of 2002, days before the Intercollegiate Committee was to meet, SCBS Dean, Steven Ott, graciously offered the Department of Geography two faculty positions in exchange for the Urban Planning Program and its transference to the Graduate School of Architecture. Geography agreed. Architecture agreed. The Graduate Council agreed. The University Senate agreed. I would move the adjuncts, the curriculum, our students and myself to Architecture by July 1, 2003 – an event the nature of which is exceedingly rare in the annals of academia.

Utah's need for academic leadership and professional training in urban planning had been recognized at the highest levels of its political and academic communities. Orchestrating a suitable response had been taken up by the Academic V. P. and the cognizant Deans. We would begin a new era.

The College of Architecture + Planning.

This was different. We now had a Dean committed to program development. Planning would no longer be simply an undergraduate academic endeavor. Architects ran a professional school. They knew how to develop a program of professional graduate education. Their leadership was strong: their advice and assistance was direct and effective. With prompting from the Dean and the university's development office, the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation provided substantial start-up funds. All previous impediments were gone.

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5 2004: Three generations of planning education at the University of Utah: Brenda Case Scheer, AIA, AICP (left), Morris Johnson, FAICP (middle), and Gene Carr, FAICP (right) at Gene's retirement party.

Image courtesy Gene Carr

We quickly designed a graduate degree program in planning. It contained a fast track for students with an undergraduate degree in planning. By April of 2004, the program had advanced with approval through the university's administrative hierarchy. By May of 2004, we graduated our first three graduate students.

More importantly, our graduate program proposal outlined near-term future growth with a commitment to expand the number of planning faculty to five within five years. Program approval implied a commitment to expand the planning program's faculty. By July of 2004, we had arranged tenure-track assistant professorships for Keith Bartholomew and Maged Senbel.

Their services were sorely needed. Dean Scheer arranged to have the name of the School change to the College of Architecture + Planning. With our name up in brass on the side of our building, undergraduate enrollments in planning soared. Enrollment in the graduate planning program immediately snapped to our mid-term goal – 18 to 20 entering students per year. The question seemed to be whether we were simply tapping into pent-up student demand or could expect continued student interest.

Our capacity for research and community service expanded, too. Prof. Scheer became effectively involved with Downtown Rising, Art Space and Envision Utah. Prof. Senbel developed The Westside Studio, a neighborhood planning initiative for Rose Park and the State Fairgrounds Neighborhood. Prof. Bartholomew explored regional transportation and land use scenario planning with Federal Highway Administration funding and won an Honors Innovative Teaching Grant and a University Professorship for his work with Prof. Loker on education in planning and architecture. I participated as co-principal investigator on an major intercollegiate research project on regional air quality with funding from the National Science Foundation.

Our curriculum had consolidated around the theme of sustainability. But there were opportunities to move in other directions, too. Unclear about which to choose, we let our next hire be a visiting position. It went to Prof. Antonia Casellas, a Catalan with a Ph.D. degree from Rutgers in economic development. Her contributions were very well received, but her personal situation proved unworkable. After an engaged 18 months, she left to take up a 5-year research position through the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

The future had other plans for Maged Senbel, as well. Violating a standing tradition not hiring one's own graduates, the University of British Columbia decided it wanted Maged back. Their program in urban planning is one of the best on the continent, and his family still lived in Vancouver. Much to our regret, they made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Both he and Antonia were gone by the summer of 2007.

I was ready for a sabbatical and the Planning Program was ready for a new director. We settled on Prof. Tom Sanchez from the Alexandria Campus of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He arrived in the fall of 2007 with a very active schedule of research and professional service. By spring, we had arranged a position for Stephen Goldsmith to begin as a Faculty Practitioner with responsibilities in both instruction and community relations.

Then something quite interesting happened.

Tom had remarked to colleagues at the Alexandria Campus's Metropolitan Institute how pleasant life was in Utah. This prompted in rapid succession conversations with Dean Scheer, a rare proposal for a joint hire, and an offer from

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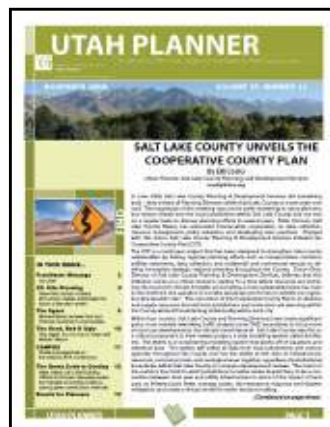
the Academic Vice President for two of them to come to the Utah to set up a metropolitan research center. Both individuals were very well respected and would elevate the prestige of the planning program to national stature. As things would evolve, only Prof. Arthur "Chris" Nelson accepted the offer that included deservedly an appointment as a Presidential Scholar. He arrived in the fall of 2008 with a substantial schedule of ongoing research and extensive professional involvement.

Also new to the program is Prof. Catlin Cahill. She's a very productive scholar with a Ph.D. in environmental psychology from The City University of New York and research interests in community-based urban and youth studies and in participatory strategies. She comes to us most immediately from the College of Social and Behavioral Science where during the last few years she established solid involvements in local youth and community affairs.

As fortune would have it, the second faculty budget line for the joint hire still remained at our disposal. Keith Bartholomew had just finished co-authoring a book on urban development and climate change with Prof. Reid Ewing, a continuing collaborator with Chris Nelson. Prof Ewing is among the few whose stature in the field is on par with Prof. Nelson's. To compress events, one can say without too much distortion that he came for a visit, liked what he saw and left with a job offer. He will join us in January 2009 to help develop under Chris's direction a new metropolitan research center.

In the meantime, the Urban Planning Program has assumed full departmental status and is henceforth to be known as the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning. Likewise the graduate degree will be known as a Master's of City and Metropolitan Planning. With the completion of a self-study document, the Planning Accreditation Board has accepted the Department into candidacy for accreditation.

Surely, this flurry of developments is an excellent way to commemorate the program's thirtieth anniversary.



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The University of Utah Department of City and Metropolitan Planning FACULTY PROFILES



Editors Note: Research Associate Professor Craig Forster (profiled on page 10) tragically fell to his death while hiking in Zion National Park on Friday, November 28th. The Utah Planner sends its condolences on behalf of the entire Utah planning community to the family, friends, students, and associates of Dr. Forster.



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Prior to his position as Planning Director of Salt Lake City, Stephen Goldsmith was the founding director of Artspace, a Community Development Corporation creating affordable housing, live/work space and incubator spaces for both for-profit and non-profit businesses. As a Loeb Fellow at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Professor Goldsmith conducted research on ways to change Low Income Housing Tax Credit policy to include mixed-use projects, as well as exploring the epidemiological impacts of the automobile. Professor Goldsmith teaches courses in Green Communities, Ethics in Shaping Communities and a survey course about the forces that shape urban America.





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For the past thirty years, Dr. Nelson has conducted pioneering research in growth management, urban containment, public facility finance, economic development, and metropolitan development patterns. His research and practice has led to the publication of nearly 20 books and more than 200 other scholarly and professional publications. In 2000, his professional planning, education, and research accomplishments were recognized as the first Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners elected based on a national (as opposed to state) process.



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Tom Sanchez earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Barbara, a master of City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a PhD in City Planning from Georgia Tech. Upon completing his degree at Georgia Tech he taught at Iowa State University and has since been on the planning faculties of Portland State University and Virginia Tech before coming to the University of Utah. Along with serving as Chair of the Department of City & Metropolitan Planning, Dr. Sanchez is a nonresident senior fellow of the Brookings Institution, and review editor for the Journal of the American Planning Association.



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Brenda Case Scheer AIA AICP has been the dean of the College of Architecture + Planning at the University of Utah since 2002. During her tenure, the College has been considerably transformed by the addition of the urban planning program. Her research specializations are the formal development of cities and urban design policy. She was previously a professor at the University of Cincinnati, where she taught for 12 years. Before entering her academic career, she was a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, director of urban design at the City of Boston, and vice president of a real estate development company in Houston. She holds the masters' and bachelor's degrees in architecture from Rice University.



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Originally trained as a hydrogeologist, Dr. Forster spent almost three decades studying and modeling groundwater flow, petroleum migration/production, carbon dioxide sequestration, solute transport and heat transfer in geologic systems. Recent and ongoing projects include: (1) assessing water supply and demand futures under alternate climate scenarios, (2) studying the impact of population growth on quality of life at the United States (US)-Mexico border, (3) investigating airshed processes that contribute to urban CO₂ emissions, and (4) evaluating alternatives for CO₂ sequestration in the Southwest US.



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RESPECT

Catching Up With Morris

The Utah Planner Pays a Visit to the Father of Planning Education in Utah— Morris Johnson, FAICP

“Morris Johnson was the gentle guru of planning in Utah for decades. He served as a mentor for me and so many planners in his teachings and guidance and became the well-deserved first Utah Fellow of AICP”

-Ralph Becker, FAICP

“As a role model, Morris has played an important role in my life”

-John Janson, AICP

in a letter of endorsement for the nomination of Morris Johnson as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Although George Smeath is generally considered the “Father of Planning” in the State of Utah, Morris Johnson is undoubtedly the “Father of Planning Education” — even though he is affectionately known by some as “Uncle” Morris. As one of Utah’s first practicing planners, Morris began his career in 1951 with Salt Lake County after receiving an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University and a graduate degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After teaching several planning classes in the 1960s and early 1970s in the Department of Architecture and later in the Department of Geography, Morris was instrumental in the creation of the formal planning program at the University of Utah in 1978. Morris’ students at the U included many of Utah’s most successful and accomplished planners, including Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, West Valley City Community and Economic Development Director Joseph Moore, Sandy City Community and Economic Development Director Michael Coulam, and APA-Utah president John Janson. “He was not only my student advisor” says Janson, “he was also my professional inspiration.”

Morris retired from the University of Utah in 1987 and was honored by the American Planning Association as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in New York City in 2000. These days Morris enjoys tinkering around in his well appointed *accessory structure* located in his beautifully landscaped backyard.

“I’m very happy” he told the *Utah Planner* recently, “I feel better than I have felt in years.”

Morris Johnson, FAICP, was one of the true planning pioneers in the State of Utah. His distinguished career left an indelible mark on our state by not only helping to establish a foundation planning, but also establishing a foundation for planners .



Happy in retirement. Morris Johnson, FAICP, in his backyard oasis.





DISCOVER

Planning Emphasis at Brigham Young University

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Dr. Shaunna K. Burbidge

received her PhD from the University of California Santa Barbara in Geography emphasizing transportation studies in 2008. She holds an M.A. from that same program and two undergraduate degrees from Weber State University in History and Geography—with an emphasis in urban planning. She is currently working as a Visiting Assistant Professor in BYU's Department of Geography serving as the Director of the Urban Planning Emphasis.

For the Record...

Utah State University offers planning courses relative to both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. For more information call (435) 797-0500 or send e-mail to laepinfo@usu.edu. Weber State University also offers a Planning Emphasis in Geography. For more information call (801) 626-6945 or send e-mail to helliott@weber.edu.

Editors Note: Numerous individuals associated with planning in Utah have benefited from various educational programs available within the state. In addition to the University of Utah, Brigham Young University (BYU), Utah State University, and Weber State University offer courses in planning. Perhaps, one of the most prominent planning related educational programs is a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography with an Environmental Planning Emphasis at BYU. To assess the state of planning education in Utah, the Utah Planner invited Visiting Assistant Professor Shaunna K. Burbidge, PhD to summarize planning education at BYU:

Past. Over the past 30 years, Brigham Young University has been offering urban and land-use planning courses within the Geography Department. During that time the number and quality of courses has increased dramatically. Much of this growth could be attributed to the dedication and scholarship of Dr. Richard Jackson, PhD, AICP, who was responsible for the planning courses during that time.

Present. Although BYU does not offer a stand-alone Urban Planning degree, the Urban and Environmental Planning Emphasis within the Geography Major currently boasts over 50 students and more than 20 unique planning courses. This program is very interdisciplinary attracting students from across campus. This semester alone the planning courses include students from Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Environmental Studies, History, Business, and many other departments. Our students are incredibly enthusiastic which is demonstrated by the dedication of the American Planning Association (APA) registered Planning Student organization and Students for New Urbanism chapters on campus (maintained within our emphasis).

Because the planning program is housed within the Geography Department, we rely heavily on the expertise of local planners and practitioners who dedicate their time to teaching our students the ins and outs of relevant topics in the local planning world. This relationship is mutually beneficial because not only do our students learn from local professionals, the adjunct instructors also get to know our students providing a critical network for employment after graduation. Over 20 of our students are currently working as planning interns or entry-level planners at cities and firms across the Wasatch Front, in addition to the hundreds who are alumni of the program.

Future. The planning program at BYU has no plans for slowing down. Over the next year, we will be adding additional courses in urban design, new urbanism and smart growth, sustainability, as well as a block of courses on transportation planning, to further add to the depth and breadth of the program. We respect our humble past and look forward to our future growth with great excitement.

For more information regarding the Geography—Planning Emphasis program at BYU, please send e-mail to Professor Burbidge at burbidge@byu.edu or call at (801) 422-6063.





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Please submit ideas to utah-apa@utah-apa.org or call (801) 326-9116



December Luncheon (see page 14)
American Planning Association **Utah Chapter**
Corridor Revitalization 101
Ted Knowlton, AICP and Steve Gunnells, AICP
December 8, 2008; 12:30 am to 2:00 pm
The Planning Center 136 West 12600 South #200, Draper, Utah
RSVP to Mirinda Schiele at utah-apa@utah-apa.org or (801) 326-9116. No charge.



Fall Lecture Series (see below)
University of Utah College of Architecture + Planning
Peter Katz, Virginia Tech
December 8, 2008 5:30 pm; Art and Architecture Center Room 127. No charge



The Complete Management Course for Planning Directors
With Paul Zucker, FAICP
Salt Lake City, January 26-27, 2009
For information: www.zuckersystems.com



APA Monthly Webcast
Creating Citizen Engagement in Small and/or Rural Communities (1.5 CM credits)
January 9, 2009 – 1 pm – 2:30 pm EST
Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP, Ohio State University
For registration information visit <http://www.utah-apa.org>. No charge.

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Spring 2009 Conference
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March 12-13, 2009 Saint George, Utah
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Peter Katz

Virginia Tech



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5:30 p.m.
University of Utah
Art and Architecture Center
Room 127
375 South 1530 East
Salt Lake City, Utah

Peter Katz is a leading proponent of New Urbanism, an urban design and planning movement that the New York Times called "the most important phenomenon to emerge in American architecture in the post-Cold War era." New Urbanists combine traditional planning and modern technology to create compelling places that break the suburban mold of mega-malls, cookie-cutter subdivisions and endless highways. Instead, they strive for environmental balance, social integration and a true sense of community.

Katz is a Professor-in-Practice at Virginia Polytechnic Institute's Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (Alexandria Center). He also provides consulting services in the areas of real-estate marketing and community development. Over the years, Katz has worked with a range of clients including municipal governments and agencies, real-estate developers, non-profit organizations, charitable foundations and civic associations, including Community Builders, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Brookings Institution. Katz received his degree from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York where he studied architecture and graphic design.





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The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is the leading organization promoting walkable, neighborhood-based development as an alternative to sprawl. CNU takes a proactive, multi-disciplinary approach to restoring our communities. Members are the life of the organization – they are the planners, developers, architects, engineers, public officials, investors, and community activists who create and influence our built environment, transforming growth patterns from the inside out. Whether it's bringing restorative plans to hurricane-battered communities in the Gulf Coast, turning dying malls into vibrant mixed-use neighborhoods, or reconnecting isolated public housing projects to the surrounding fabric, new urbanists are providing leadership in community building.

Salt Lake City to Host 21st Annual Congress for the New Urbanism Conference

Salt Lake City, UT has been selected as the host city for the 21st annual Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) conference. CNU is the leading organization promoting pedestrian-scaled, neighborhood development as an alternative to urban sprawl. CNU is dedicated to a proactive, multi-disciplinary approach to building and restoring communities. Whether the opportunity is new rail systems and infill transit-oriented developments or dead mall redevelopment and sustainable community building, conference organizers have selected Salt Lake City as a location where New Urbanism can take hold and influence one of America's fastest growing regions.

CNU's 21st annual Congress is tentatively scheduled to take place in the late spring of 2013. It is expected that the Congress will attract around 1,700 attendees from around the United States including urban and environmental planners, developers, urban designers, architects, engineers, housing specialists, government officials, real estate financiers, and community activists. The annual conference will bring the world's foremost experts in creating walkable, sustainable, mixed-use development to Salt Lake City to teach and share strategies for enhancing the character and function of communities. Conference organizers hope that CNU 21 will leave a lasting mark on growth and development in Utah.

"Salt Lake City is the perfect location for CNU's annual conference," said Michael Hathorne, Chairman of the CNU|SLC Local Host Committee. "So much is already happening along the Wasatch Front which advocates the same principles that New Urbanism works to achieve; and to have the opportunity to collaborate locally with some of CNU's brightest minds for a week will be invaluable to the state. We look forward to the opportunity of hosting this wonderful event."

CNU officials are looking forward to bringing the New Urbanism movement's signature annual event to a community that has earned praise for enhancing its walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and forging a vision for regional growth that fuses livability, economic success and environmental stewardship. "The coming economic era will reward communities that create places of character and long-term value that also happen to be very energy efficient," said John Norquist, President and CEO of CNU, which is one of three partners overseeing the extension of the nation's leading green building certification system, LEED, into the certification of green neighborhoods. "The hosting of CNU's 2013 Congress gives Salt Lake City new opportunities to help set the standard as a valuable, efficient 21st Century metropolis."

For more information about the Congress for the New Urbanism, visit www.cnu.org

