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## FORMER PBCD OFFICERS ATTEND LAS VEGAS CONFERENCE:

Front; L to R) Dr. Sigmund Shipp, Dr. June Manning Thomas, J. Kelly Terry, Vanessa Akins, Gladys Inman, Dr. Jeffrey Lowe, Warren Ellis, Arthur F. Jackson; (Back Row, L to R) Andrew Baker, Charles Graves III, Charles Allen, Quintus L. Greene, and Calvin Whitaker.

## PBCD Recap of 2008 APA National Conference

*“What Happened in Vegas Didn’t Stay in Vegas”* by Zunilda Rodriguez, AICP



### MOBILE TOUR: Diversity in the Desert: The African-American Experience in Las Vegas

Planning and The Black Community Division of APA co-sponsored the SOLD OUT *Diversity in the Desert* and first African-American focused mobile tour at the 100<sup>th</sup> annual APA National Conference in Las Vegas. This four-hour mobile bus and walking tour visited 50 historic sites and points of interests in the West Side neighborhood on Monday, April 28, 2008 and was developed by Zunilda Rodriguez, AICP. Fifty participants from around the country attended the tour and learned about the African-American history, planning challenges, models implored and suc-

cess stories of the West Side neighborhood in Las Vegas. The tour included a moderated panel luncheon discussion at the Victory Missionary Baptist Church with local elected officials, a religious leader and school board member on the topic of “The Influence of Politics and Religion on Planning the West Side.” Tour attendees asked panelists engaging questions and networked over lunch. Three AICP certification maintenance credits were earned by attendees for the mobile tour. A free reception with appreciation awards ceremony was held the following day of the tour. Nearly 40 tour participants and partners were in attendance for this successful event.

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Special thanks to tour co-sponsors Planning and The Black Community Division of APA, The Nishuane Group, LLC and the Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department in partnership with nearly 30 local partners. Special thanks are extended to Tyrone Thompson and Harry Williams, Jr. from the Las Vegas Neighborhood Department for their specialized assistance with development of the tour and serving as tour guides.

PBCD and APA’s marketing efforts garnered a ground-breaking mobile tour for the organization. From survey responses received, the tour was thoroughly enjoyed and was a highlight of the conference for many. Thank you to all attendees! Photographs can be found online at [www.planningandtheblackcommunity.org](http://www.planningandtheblackcommunity.org)

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West Las Vegas Mobile Tour



**Planning And The Black Community Division**

A Division of the American Planning Association



# TAVIS SMILEY LAUNCHES TOUR TO TAP EMERGING LEADERS AT NATION'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNI- VERSITIES

Influenced by the teachings of W.E.B. DuBois, television and radio talk show host Tavis Smiley targets college students for the future of Black leadership and hopes to inspire new leaders from five of the nation's universities.

The Talented Tenth HBCU Tour, presented by the Navy, will kick off this fall with visits to Bethune Cookman University (9/5), Alabama A&M University (9/19), University of the District of Columbia (9/25), Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge (10/24) and South Carolina State University (11/7). "I created this tour to enlighten, encourage, and empower students to think about what their own leadership legacy will be. That is what they can do today that will echo throughout their communities, careers, and ultimately throughout history," said Smiley.

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## Racial and Social Justice in Planning Session:

105 people attended this engaging PBCD by-right session. Missed this session?

Log on and download materials at: [www.planning.org/nationalconference/speakers/materials/](http://www.planning.org/nationalconference/speakers/materials/)

## Recruiting and Retaining Planners of Color Session:

72 people attended this dynamic PBCD by-right session at the national conference. Missed it?

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Attendees of the West Las Vegas Mobile Tour



Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, AICP introduces Carla Corroto, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Speaker at the Diversity Forum Session



Attendees of the Racial and Social Justice in Planning Session

Thanks to Division members and others for supporting these conference session.

The Planning and the Black Community Division Scholarship Committee introduced Jamila Aisha Pittman, the 2008 recipient of the Robert A. Catlin and David W. Long Scholarship .

Jamila Aisha Pittman is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and a senior at Alabama A&M University. She maintains a 3.4 GPA and plans to continue her education by attending graduate school at Alabama A&M to obtain a master's degree in Urban Planning. Jamila held an internship at St. Louis University Chemistry Department between 2004 and 2006. During her internship she conducted chemistry research under the supervision of Dr. Alexia Serfis and completed a research paper "The Characterization of Phospholipid/ Oxysterol Langmuir Monolayers."

## PBCD Scholarship Luncheon

Nearly 100 people attended the PBCD Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Toni Griffin, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Newark, New Jersey was the keynote speaker and provided an engaging and powerful presentation on "Shifting Cities: Planning in the Era of Obama, Urban Regeneration and Adaptive Change." A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found on the PBCD website.

PBCD received scholarship donations during the conference and extend a special thank you to our contributors. If you are interested in contributing to the PBCD Graduate Scholarship Fund to help a graduate student excel in their studies in the planning profession, please contact PBCD Treasurer Fleming El-Amin at [fleming.elamin@gmail.com](mailto:fleming.elamin@gmail.com) If you know someone interested in applying for the scholarship, please visit the PBCD website for more information.

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tors, the Graduate Association of Public Administration and the Graduate School Association. She also plans to become actively involved in NCAPA. Ericka currently works at the North Carolina General Assembly as a Research Assistant for Senator Doug Berger of Franklin County.

Upon graduation Ericka plans to seek a position as a community planner to help civic leaders, businesses, and citizens create communities that will enrich their lives. She is committed to public service and plans to do her part in addressing environmental, economic, and social health issues communities face today and in the future.

The NCAPA Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee (ECDC) was created in 2006 with the purpose of increasing diversity within APA and the planning profession.

ECDC actively promotes diversity among planners and planning-related organizations in North Carolina.

The committee also brings recognition to the unique values and perspectives that diversity brings to the workplace and work product.

Diversity is continually promoted by establishing ongoing networking and education forums related to diversity within the planning profession.

NCAPA will be recognizing its first diversity scholarship award later this month during the NC Planning Conference, Sept 24-26 in Raleigh, N.C.

*Fleming El-Amin, AICP*

Photo Left: (Mobile Workshop Attendees); Photo Right: (left to right) Hannah Brown, Pastor Dr. Robert E. Fowler Sr., Commissioner Lawrence Weekly

**PBCD Business Meeting**

PBCD had one of the largest annual business meetings in recent memory in Las Vegas with over 100 people in attendance! Nearly half of attendees were non-members and many expressed an interest in joining PBCD. Some joined PBCD as new members and follow-up outreach was conducted with all others.

Major developments at the business meeting were:

- 1) A new executive board for 2008-2010 was installed.
- 2) PBCD members voted to change the PBCD undergraduate scholarship to a graduate scholarship to promote and take advantage of broader applicant pools.
- 3) Request made for volunteers for committees and technical assistance projects were done.

**PBCD Informal Networking Activities**

Voodoo Lounge

PBCD conference networking kick-off was held 50 stories above the strip at the rooftop Voodoo Lounge! Two dozen PBCD members took in the views and shared their conference expectations, networking contacts, and itineraries with one another on the first evening of the conference. Pictures are available on the PBCD website.

40 / 40 Sports Lounge & Club

An estimated 30 PBCD members participated and attending an informal networking opportunity at a private lounge in the Las Vegas 40/40 Sports Lounge & Club during the conference. Business cards were exchanged and members dined, played pool and networked through the night! Pictures are available on the PBCD website.

Kaunaville Restaurant at Treasure Island Hotel

A small group of PBCD members enjoyed dinner on the last night of the conference at this festive restaurant to recap their experiences with one another. Pictures are available on the PBCD website at: [www.planningandtheblackcommunity.org](http://www.planningandtheblackcommunity.org).



*Ericka V. Shearin*

**NCAPA DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

Shearin is the recipient of the 2008 NCAPA Diversity Scholarship. The Diversity Scholarship was created in an effort to encourage more ethnic minority students to enter the planning profession and become actively involved in the NC Chapter of APA. Ericka holds a B.A. in Sociology and is currently a candidate for the Master of Public Administration degree at North Carolina Central University. She maintains a 4.0 GPA in her studies and is actively involved in numerous student and professional organizations such as the Association of Public Administra-



Photo of a pocket park in W. Las Vegas



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**September 30 to:**

Evelyn Brown

Senior Vice President, Gulf Rebuilding Initiative

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## Charting the Future of Downtown Selma, Alabama:

### A Report to the Mayor by the Department of Community Planning and Urban Studies, Alabama A&M University



This project brought to the City of Selma a body of talented, enthusiastic, and idealistic students, along with competent faculty who together learned and were inspired by the City and its people. It provided a win-win scenario for both the City of Selma and Alabama A&M University's (AAMU) Department of Community Planning and Urban Studies. A key component of AAMU's mission as a Land Grant Institution is to service the community. Therefore, when the City approached the Department with this unique *service learning opportunity*, a partnership was forged.

The overall goal was to provide technical assistance to the City of Selma that would support Mayor Perkin's office as his staff sought to gain citizen input that would guide a plan to revitalize Historic Downtown Selma. The value to the students has been the real-life laboratory and living museum that the City's setting offered enabling them to connect the principles and practices of planning taught in the classroom to a real world application.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS & OUTCOMES

The Downtown Revitalization and Riverfront Committee formed the focus group for the dialogue on the future of Downtown Selma.

The PARK (What to Preserve, Add, Remove or Keep Out) Exercise guided the process to establish a baseline for future actions.

Multiple perspectives regarding the P.A.R.K. elements denoted by the Committee were documented and further consensus gained by surveying other citizens.

A level of consensus of image preferences that would guide the design features for the redevelopment of Downtown was established.

A pictorial database of the structures of downtown for points of reference and guidance for development plans was prepared.

### Pictured: Students-

Alicia Potter, Thomas Nunez, Amber Overstreet, Marshun Green, Solomon Andrews, Titlon Douglas, Ericka Dawson, Melvin Green;

### Faculty-

Constance Wilson and Berniece Herbert; Mayor James Perkins (AAMU Alumnus)

AAMU students were able to apply their planning knowledge in a real-life situation, thus enhancing what they have been taught by extending learning beyond the classroom.

A significant outcome for the students was the enhancement and validation of the value and importance of their chosen career in planning.

### Outcome of Dialogue

Mayor Perkins, the planners and citizens are passionate about Selma's restoration, renewal, and rebirth. Downtown Selma's palatial antebellum and Victorian architectural buildings and its socio-cultural places tell the story of its:

- Birth
- Economic foundation
- Wealth
- Cultural values
- Religious expressions
- Victories for Justice
- Hardships
- Celebrations & triumphs.

From its inception, Selma has made history and has a legacy

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**The Edmund Winston Pettus Bridge in Selma A Black Heritage Landmark & symbol of Black Americans' struggle for voting rights.**

**Claire Cormier  
Former Scholarship Recipient Checks In  
Dear PBCD:**

of rights and justice. Its citizens have a vision for the downtown to build on that history while embracing a promising future.

**Strategies and Directives**

- Identify the unique "sense of place" that downtown Selma offers; and build, promote and protect that identity.
- Design standards that would ensure the prevention of the erosion of downtown's distinctive

natural and architectural identities.

- Clearly define Downtown's current design conditions and encourage preservation friendly design.
- Create sign ordinances to address:
  - How business signs and symbols (particularly corporate signs) should respect local design characteristics;
  - The scale, color and illumination of signs so that they do not over

power their surroundings  
-Assure that signs do not overwhelm the buildings and disrupt the rhythms and patterns of the street

- Conduct a Downtown design assessment focused on:
  - Identifying geographic clusters of problems
  - Identifying strategies to correct problems
  - Recognize and protect good design
  - Ensure good design in the future.



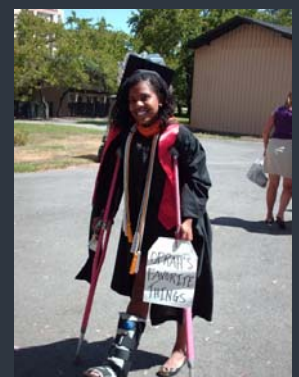
I don't know if y'all remember me, but my name is Claire Cormier (now Thielke) and I received the Planning in the Black Community Division scholarship last year. I just wanted to give you guys a nice little life update to stay in touch now that graduation has come and gone.

First off, I'd like to thank y'all again for the scholarship. It went to great use - I was able to pay for various school year expenses and put some away for savings. As for what I've been up to: it's been a very busy year. I married my high school sweetheart in December and he has now completed his first year at Stanford's business school. I graduated in June with both my undergraduate and graduate degrees and celebrated by heading back to Houston for some quality time with the family. I spent my senior year running track and doing generally senior things. I had a great track season despite running on a fractured foot. This kept me from being able to extend my season to the Olympic Trials and meant I graduated on crutches but I was thankful for the races I was able to complete.

After traveling with my husband this summer and rehabbing my foot, I'll be returning to Stanford in the fall to run track on my 5th year of eligibility and complete the degree of Engineer - a post-masters degree in the Civil Engineering Ph.D program. I will specialize in adaptive reuse and green retrofitting for historic buildings.

I just wanted to thank you guys for all that you do and let you know that I'm still around, doing well, and thinking of you guys. I've attached a picture from graduation - Oprah was our speaker so my sorority sisters and I dressed up as presents so we could be "Oprah's Favorite Things."

Claire



**June Manning Thomas Appointed as Inaugural Centennial Professor of Urban & Regional Planning**

Dr. June Manning Thomas, the first Centennial Professor in Urban & Regional Planning, began teaching at The A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning (TCAUP) in September 2007. Her primary area of interest is social justice, particularly as it relates to race and ethnicity. For Professor Thomas, social justice in urban planning is an article of faith as well as a lifelong goal.

Dr. Thomas' current research focuses on mixed-income neighborhoods, neighborhood planning, and urban revitalization. She recently received research funding to assist the State of Michigan's efforts to create "cool cities," a program announced by Governor Granholm in 2003.



Dr. June Manning Thomas

# UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Go to <http://planning.org/calendar/> for more information: (Click on Month/Day)

**APA Georgia Chapter Fall Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/01/2008 8:00AM  
 to 10/03/2008 5:00PM

**APA Michigan Chapter Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/01/2008 to 10/04/2008  
 Kalamazoo, MI

**APA Texas Chapter Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/01/2008 to 10/04/2008  
 APA Texas Chapter— Galveston

**Leading Change 2008: Blending Indigenous & Western Planning**  
 Wednesday, 10/01/2008 to 10/03/2008  
 APA Alaska Chapter, Anchorage, AK

**APA New York Upstate Chapter Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/08/2008 to 10/10/2008  
 APA New York Upstate Chapter, Henrietta, NY  
 at the RIT Inn & Conference Center

**APA New Mexico Chapter Conference**  
 Thursday, 10/09/2008 to 10/10/2008  
 Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Convention Center

**APA Pennsylvania Chapter Conference**  
 Sunday, 10/12/2008 to 10/14/2008  
 APA Pennsylvania Chapter, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Sheraton Station Square

**APA Mississippi Chapter Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/15/2008 to 10/17/2008  
 APA Mississippi Chapter, Jackson, MS

**APA Washington/ Idaho Chapter's Conference**  
 Monday, 10/13/2008 to 10/15/2008  
 Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA.

**APA South Carolina Chapter Fall Conference**  
 Thursday, 10/16/2008 to 10/17/2008  
 Pawleys Island, SC

**APA Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Chapters Regional Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/15/2008 to 10/17/2008  
 APA Kentucky Chapter, Louisville, KY

**APA Oklahoma Chapter Conference**  
 Thursday, 10/16/2008 8:00AM to 5:30PM  
 APA Oklahoma Chapter, Edmond, OK  
 Downtown Community Center in Edmond

**Planners' Day on Capitol Hill**  
 Federal Policy and Program Briefing  
 10/19/08—10/21/08

**APA's China Study Tour- CHINA'S ANCIENT CAPITALS: EXPLORING 2,200 YEARS OF URBAN CIVILIZATION OCTOBER 21-30, 2008**

**APA Arkansas Chapter Fall Conference**  
 Thursday, 10/23/2008 to 10/24/2008  
 APA Arkansas Chapter, Fayetteville, AR  
 Mount Sequoyah Conference & Retreat Center

**APA Oklahoma Chapter Conference**  
 Thursday, 10/23/2008  
 APA Oklahoma Chapter, Edmond, OK

**APA Missouri Chapter, Kansas City, MO**  
 October 22-24, 2008  
 Missouri & Kansas Bi-State Chapter Conference

**APA Iowa Chapter Conference**  
 Wednesday, 10/29/2008 to 10/31/2008  
 APA Iowa Chapter, Sioux City, IA  
 Sioux City Convention Center

**2008 Illinois State Conference- 10/29/08 - 10/31/08**  
 2008 Bi-State Planning Conference - Kansas and Missouri APA Chapters

**APA Utah Chapter Fall Conference**  
 Thursday, 11/06/2008 to 11/07/2008  
 APA Utah Chapter, Holladay, UT

## Various Photos of the APA National Conference—Las Vegas



View of Bally's Hotel



Moulin Rouge, West Las Vegas



Keynote Speaker Toni Griffin & Fleming A. El-Amin, II, AICP



Ebony J. McGee, Newly Elected Secretary



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Scholarship Recipient Jamila A. Pittman



Attendees of PBCD Scholarship Luncheon

# Various Photos of the APA National Conference—Las Vegas



**Dr. Hazel Edwards, AICP & Joyce Rhyan**



**Zunilda Rodriguez Thanks Nishuane Group LLC: Michele Delisfort, George Williams, Gerry Hazel**



**Keynote Speaker Toni Griffin, Dr. Sigmund Shipp, Chandra Frederick, AICP**



**Michelle Jordan, AICP & Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, AICP**



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**2008-09 Executive Committee Taking Oath**

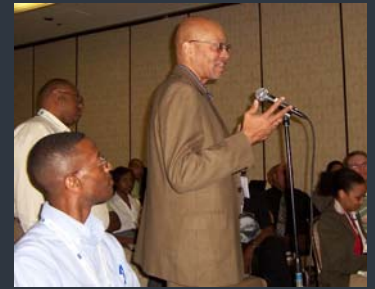


**Zunilda Rodriguez, AICP Thanks Harry Williams, Jr. and Tyrone Thompson -Las Vegas Neighborhood Department**



**View of Paris Hotel Air Balloon**

## PBCD's Own Graves Returns to Cincinnati



*Article Courtesy of Lucy May, Cincinnati Business Journal*

The City of Cincinnati has hired a new director of planning to reconstitute the Department of City Planning, which was disbanded in 2002 as a cost-cutting measure. Charles C. Graves III began his new job Sept. 4. He is a former senior city planner in the department.

"The City of Cincinnati welcomes Charles back," City Manager Milton Dohoney said in a statement. "His impressive experience and extensive and solid education will help the city enormously as we strategize about how we can best grow the city. I am pleased he is part of the strong leadership team."

Former Mayor Charlie Luken recommended the elimination of the planning department in 2002 to help balance the city's budget. The department was merged with community development, a recommendation made by an economic development task force to make the city more developer friendly.

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Dohoney late last year recommended restoring the planning department. That had been a priority for Mayor Mark Mallory, who took office in 2005.

"Mr. Graves will have my full support to build a strong department," Mallory said in a news release. "We need a department that is focused on long term strategic planning for the city. Everything that the city does is interconnected, and we need to make sure that it is all moving toward the same vision."

Most recently, Graves worked as deputy director of long range planning in the office of planning for Washington, D.C., a job he has held since August 2005. There, he supervised staff and consultants in developing a 20-year comprehensive plan for the city, among other duties.

In 2004, he founded the C.C. Graves and Associates planning and real estate consulting firm. The company specializes in comprehensive and neighborhood planning, transportation, urban design, real estate development, housing financing, project management, marketing, construction and property management. It has worked with for-profit and non-profit organizations and local, state and federal governments.

He also served as the commis-

sioner of planning and community development for two years in Atlanta, Ga., overseeing a staff of more than 250 and six bureaus. There, he created Atlanta's first Housing Trust fund and Inclusionary Zoning District to create affordable housing in Atlanta while coordinating all aspects of Atlanta's planning function. He also managed the city's Empowerment Zone and Renewal Committee program.

From August 1993 to November 2002, Graves was director of planning for Baltimore, Md. He also held planning positions in Virginia and Gary, Ind.

He worked from 1981 to 1986 as senior city planner for the city of Cincinnati, directing the development of the "Uptown" sector plan, reviewing neighborhood plans and updating the comprehensive plan for the city.

He holds a bachelor of arts in political science and urban planning from **Hampton University**. He received his Master of Science in Community Economic Development from **New Hampshire College** in 1988. And he received a certificate of advanced study from **Harvard University's** John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government in 1995.



## (BPRW) Minority-Specific Philanthropic Initiatives Recognized as Strategies



(BLACK PR WIRE) What: The 1st Annual ELLA Awards in Corporate Community Involvement will recognize outstanding corporate community involvement initiatives of leading corporations, private foundations and other large institutions having great impact in the areas of: 1) health and wellness, 2) educational excellence and attainment, 3) enterprise and wealth creation and 4) community engagement and development in communities of color.

E.L.L.A., which is an acronym for Exemplary Leadership Achievement, is the only national award recognizing initiatives in Emerging Domestic Markets (EDM) and raising public awareness about these markets to encourage greater investment in the Blacks and Hispanics communities as the fastest growing population segments in the United States.

A briefing for select media representatives to offer information about the first-ever report on leaders in Black and Hispanic community giving is planned.

Who: Urbanomics Consulting Group, a strategic marketing and public relations firm that pairs prominent global brands with important business and social issues in minority communities, is hosting the event to recognize and promote bold initiatives of organizations that are transforming emerging

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domestic markets through funding. The Johns Hopkins Leadership Development Alumni Association, Marriott International and Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation are sponsoring the event.

The following are available for interviews, upon request:

David Greene, President, Urbanomics Consulting Group  
Oral Muir, President, John Hopkins Leadership Development Program Alumni Association  
Daryl Williams, UEP National Director, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

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## APA Forms Young Planners Task Force

By: Megan Cummings, AICP, Chair,  
Young Planners Group

<http://planning.org/features/2008/newprofessionals.htm>

In between the students and the upper-management professionals, there's a cross-section of APA members who are relatively new to full-time planning work. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and they are often from different generations than the leaders of today. In the summer of 2007, APA President Bob Hunter commissioned a geographically diverse task force of 15 planners in their 20s and early 30s to serve as the Young Planners Group. The YPG is an advisory group to the APA Board with an eye and an ear toward issues of importance to young planners. After several conference calls, we developed a report to APA's Board of Directors that identifies needs, strategies, and other things vital to the future of APA and the next generation of leaders. We also hosted a session at the 2008 national conference in Las Vegas to present the findings of the report. The discussion following the presentation was lively, insightful, and inspiring.

Part of our charge is to identify ways to get young planners more involved in the profession both in leadership roles and among our local chapters and sections. There are many ways young planners can become more involved in their profession. Contact your chapter president and let them know you would be interested in organizing lunch 'n learns, helping at the state conference, updating the website, or serving on a committee.

The YPGs also see a greater role for networking within our generation to discuss issues important to us such as career development, moving into management positions, and balancing careers and families.

We want to hear from you! If you are interested in helping to shape the future of the planning profession, if you want to be more involved, or if you want to be a part of a support group for young professionals like you, let us know. Some of our goals for the upcoming year include organizing a mentoring program, forming local and regional groups of young planners, and finding ways to be more active in national APA programming and policy decisions. (insert name) is on the YPG and is a fellow member of the (insert state/Region) Chapter. Feel free to contact me ([plannermegan@hotmail.com](mailto:plannermegan@hotmail.com)), or

your Chapter President and let us know if you are interested in becoming more involved. We can't wait to hear from you.

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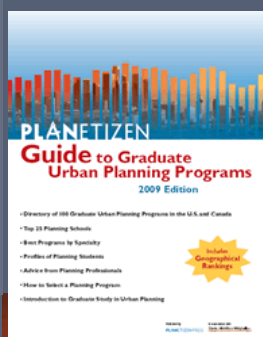


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## Are We There Yet? Hurricane Katrina 3-Year Anniversary- Reflections

By: Zunilda Rodriguez, AICP  
August 29, 2008

The infamous City of Jazz and Blues fell silent one afternoon  
New Orleans was all but marooned

Hurricane Katrina had no mercy  
Thank goodness she wasn't quite like Hurricane Percy

Our fellow Americans stood alone and frightened  
As the nation's amazement of what they saw became heightened  
Yet to the world we did not look more enlightened

But as planners did we do enough to bridge the clues  
Are we there yet in thinking more boldly in our peruse  
Or do our friends there still experience those wretched blues

Are we there yet in seeking more community participation  
Or are we simply allowing various bodies emancipation  
Are we there yet in strengthening those weak walls  
Or are we simply creating a distracted bevy of issues that crawls  
Are we there yet in building stronger schools  
Or are we allowing our youngsters no future options or tools  
Are we there yet in our promises to build a "World City Upon A Hill"  
Or are we looking around in pity for not enough has been done to calm our chills  
Are we there yet in learning the lessons for tomorrow?  
Or are we creating complicated reasons for why we should borrow  
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*Remembering those lost but not forgotten by Hurricane Katrina  
August 29, 2005*



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