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Interested in digging into some planning-related books over the holidays?

Planetizen published their annual "Top Books" list based on a number of criteria, including editorial reviews, popularity, number of references, sales figures, recommendations from experts, and the book's potential impact on the urban planning, development, and design professions. Listed in alphabetical order:

- Americans Against the City: Anti-Urbanism in the Twentieth Century; Steve Conn
- Atlas of Cities; edited by Paul Knox
- How Paris Became Paris: The Invention of the Modern City; Joan DeJean
- If Mayors Ruled the World: Dysfunctional Nations, Rising Cities; Benjamin R. Barber
- Modern Man: The Life of Le Corbusier, Architect of Tomorrow; Anthony Flint
- Paradise Planned: The Garden Suburb and the Modern City; Robert A.M. Stern, David Fishman, and Jacob Tilove
- Radical Cities: Across Latin America in Search of New Architecture; Justin McGuirk
- Ten Cities that Made an Empire; Tristram Hunt
- Unruly Places: Los Spaces, Secret Cities, and Other Inscrutable Geographies; Alastair Bonnett
- Why Place Matters: Geography, Identity, and Civic Life in Modern America; edited by Wilfred McClay and Ted V. McAllister

For more information, see: <http://www.planetizen.com/node/72738/top-10-books-2015>

Planning for the Super Bowl Professional Development Workshop

Join us on Friday, January 23rd from 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm for the "Planning for the Super Bowl" workshop in downtown Phoenix. Panel members from the Arizona Department of Transportation, the City of Glendale, and the City of Phoenix will provide valuable planning details. The workshop also includes a tour of Super Bowl Central in downtown Phoenix. Register today to experience the behind the scene view of what is planned for this event.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.azplanning.org/>.

AICP Examination Preparation Course

Are you planning to take the AICP examination anytime in the next couple of years? If so, attending this AICP Exam Preparation Workshop on Friday, February 27th will significantly increase your chances of passing. Mike Waiczis has instructed numerous exam preparation workshops over the past 15 years. Mike's workshops have proven to be an invaluable part of the preparation process for hundreds of candidates. If you want to improve your chances of passing the exam it is highly recommended that you attend one of Mike's sessions.

Mike's one-day session concentrates on the structure and make-up of the exam, and the reasons why questions are asked. Major topic areas are explored and reinforced with a number of sample questions. The topics selected for discussion are based on a detailed database developed over the past 15 years. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to provide a thorough overview of the exam and to help candidates become aware of the format and organizing principal of test questions, and to provide strong, focused direction for individual preparation and group study.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.azplanning.org/>.

The End of America's Love Affair with Route 66

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For a brief time in American tourism, travel was about the journey. Here's how it came to be about the destination.

Today, Route 66 is yet another decommissioned U.S. highway, mostly crumbling, partly inaccessible. Yet the 2,400 miles winding from Chicago to Los Angeles once connected hundreds of the West's small towns, opening them to travelers like never before. What brought the decline of "America's Main Street"?

On view through January 4 at L.A.'s Autry Museum, the exhibit Route 66: the Road and the Romance reveals a complicated story with extraordinary objects, from Kerouac's original *On The Road* scroll to a jukebox filled with 120 renditions of "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66."

If you don't make it to Los Angeles to see the exhibit, read more online:

<http://www.citylab.com/commute/2014/12/the-end-of-americas-love-affair-with-route-66/383335/>



ULI Arizona 10th Annual Trends Day

Shaping the Future: Arizona's Drive to Excel



The Urban Land Institute Arizona District Council (ULI) 10th Annual Trends Day Conference will be held on January 28, 2015 at The Phoenician in Scottsdale, and ULI is again offering **Public Official Educational Scholarships** for elected and appointed public officials and senior level staff. This one-day deep dive brings together 25+ top industry experts to discuss the most current state and national land use and real estate trends, with a focus on what to expect in the future, where the best opportunities can be found, and how these components affect both public and private sector partners. Last year over 900 individuals attended Trends Day, 100 of which were public officials. This year, The Trends Debate will debut with two teams exploring the topic of **Incentives** – are they crony capitalism or necessary tools for promoting and attaining strategic economic goals? For general Trends Day information visit www.arizona.uli.org or [click here](#).

For Public Official Scholarship Information, email Deb Sydenham, FAICP, Executive Director, ULI Arizona at Deb.Sydenham@uli.org.

CM's Available: 6 AICP and 6 AIA.

Call for Volunteers!

Dear Arizona Planning Professionals:

One of the first tasks undertaken by the new board as they take office is the appointment of committees. Please consider serving your profession and the organization by volunteering to serve on one (or more) of the following committees:

- Legislative
- Professional Development
- Membership Recruitment
- Young Planners Group
- Mentorship
- Newsletter
- Native American
- Social Media
- Awards
- 2015 Conference
- North Central and Southern Section

Each committee is chaired by a member of the board of directors, and the amount of time you would devote to the effort depends on the committee. Please reply directly to Viviane (viviane@azplanning.org) indicating which committee(s) you are interested in serving.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Patti King
Executive Director
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Interested in Joining the New Arizona APA Young Planners Group?

Are you a young planner interested in forming a network with other emerging, professional planners in Arizona? APA Arizona is developing a Young Planners Group (YPG) to build and support a community of emerging planning professionals.

Why Should I Join APA Arizona YPG?

YPG is a fun way to meet other young planning professionals and build relationships with others in the planning field. We will offer numerous events and activities including:

- Social events
- Networking
- Mentorship opportunities
- Educational and career advancement

Who Can Participate?

EVERYONE! Although our membership will focus activities on planners who are under the age of 35, a planning student, or professionals new to the field.

How Can I Learn More?

Let us know you're interested by emailing us at: apaazypg@gmail.com.



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Arizona APA Student / Professional Happenings: New Events Planned!

Have an interest in expanding your professional and/or social network? If so, plan to join us at one or all of the following student / professional networking mixers hosted by the Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association. If you should have any questions, please contact Terri Hogan at Hogan42011@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!!

- **January 16, 2015** – Friday 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm at Lumberyard Brewing Co., Flagstaff
- **February 21, 2015** – ASU Hike “A” Mountain, Tempe, Saturday 8:30 am; brunch to follow at 10:00 am at NCounter (310 S. Mill Avenue, Tempe)
- **March 28, 2015** – UofA Hike Tumamoc Hill, Tucson, Saturday 8:30 am; brunch to follow at 10:00 am at Wilko (943 E. University Blvd., Tucson)



Recruiting for Nineteen Upcoming Vacancies for our Boards & Commissions

Dear Board Members, Commissioners, and Task Force Members:

We need your help! We are currently recruiting for nineteen upcoming vacancies on our boards and commissions. Word-of-mouth can sometimes be the most effective form of marketing, so please pass on the information below to anyone that might be interested in applying.

The Scottsdale City Council has invited Scottsdale residents to apply for volunteer positions on twelve boards and commissions, which will be filled in February of 2015. Openings have occurred on the following boards and commissions:

Airport Advisory Commission; Board of Adjustment; Building Advisory Board of Appeals; Environmental Quality Advisory Board; Historic Preservation Commission; Human Relations Commission; Judicial Appointments Advisory Board; Loss Trust Fund Board; McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission; Parks & Recreation Commission; Personnel Board; and the Tourism Development Commission.

Those interested in applying can visit the [Boards and Commissions](#) web page for more information or to download an application. Applications should be submitted by Friday, January 30, 2015. The Council will nominate from the applicant pool on February 3, and those nominated will be interviewed at the City Council meeting on February 17.

Thank you,

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Reminder: Connect with APA Arizona Through Social Media

If you are not connected to our organization through any social media sites, don't forget to connect with all the latest APA Arizona information via Facebook and LinkedIn. APA Arizona is focused on highlighting the positive groups and individuals who help plan Arizona, upcoming workshops and events as well as all planning news that impacts you. In addition to sending information along to be published in our weekly newsletter, send good news, interesting cases and lessons learned to share and discuss with the rest of the community. Think of it as a planning support group with people who understand you. Send your good news, lessons learned and planning articles to: jsarkissian@bowmancg.com

Connect with APA Arizona on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#)!

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