



## Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

**2011 PhD Workshop  
August 11 – 13, 2011  
Chicago, Illinois**

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning invites doctoral students of planning working on their dissertation research to attend the 2011 ACSP PhD Workshop. This year, the workshop will be jointly hosted in Chicago by the **University of Illinois at Chicago** and the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**. The Workshop attracts PhD students from planning programs from around the world to gather and discuss the practical details of creating, producing, distributing and consuming planning knowledge among scholars. Workshop participants will learn to conceive, organize, and present PhD-quality research to multiple audiences, including, most centrally, their peers. Students will advise one another as scholars pursuing unique research paths within a community of shared inquiry. The faculty work mainly as advisors and coaches. International students are welcome to apply.

### **PARTICIPANTS and FACULTY**

The Workshop is geared toward planning doctoral students who will be taking, or have recently passed their PhD qualifying examination (or equivalent). Students will have multiple opportunities to present their work to their fellow students and workshop faculty in smaller breakout sessions. Students will be expected to have submitted some written work beforehand, whether a dissertation prospectus, research workplan, or draft chapter. The workshop will be limited to approximately **24** students to ensure adequate time for participation and feedback. This year's workshop faculty will include be drawn from several institutions. All have extensive experience advising PhD students in multiple areas. This year's workshop faculty will include: Professors T. John Kim, Faranak Miraftab and Rob Olshansky from Urbana-Champaign; Professors Charles Hoch and Josh Drucker from Chicago, and Professor John Landis from the University of Pennsylvania.

### **WORKSHOP FACILITIES & FEES**

The workshop will be held on or near the University of Illinois, Chicago campus. The Workshop **registration fee** will cover on-campus lodging and many meals. Students will be expected to provide their own laptop computers for work, although e-mail and web connections will be provided by the hosts.

### **WORKSHOP THEMES**

The workshop will include both plenary and small-group sessions. Each student will make at least two presentations about their research during the course of the workshop. The workshop organization will reflect four basic research questions: Why, What, How, and Who?

- **WHY: What purpose does your inquiry serve?** Why should others care about your research? What difference will your inquiry and results make?
- **WHAT: What is your hypothesis or proposition, or argument?** What knowledge claims do you expect your research to support? What questions do you hope to answer?
- **HOW: How do you expect to conduct your inquiry?** How will you organize your inquire (Research design)? What tools do you need to answer your major questions (Methodology)?
- **WHO: Who is the audience for your research?** Will it be undertaken and presented in a manner that is understandable to your audience?

## PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP AGENDA

### Day One: Thursday, August 11th

1	8:30 to 9 am	Introductions
2	9 am to 3 pm (including lunch)	Presentations: Each participant takes 15 minutes to present their research question and preliminary design
3	3 to 5 pm	Identifying a topic and research approach; Research design; Conceptual models (staff)
	5 to 8 pm	Breaktime and Dinner (on your own or in groups)
4	8:00 PM	Work time to revise research topic, approach, design, and model

### Day 2: Friday, August 12th

5	9 am to Noon	<b>Breakout Sessions (2-3 groups):</b> Presentation of revised research topic, approach, and design
	12 noon to 1 pm	Lunch (provided)
6	1 to 2 pm	Literature Reviews (Staff)
7	2 to 3 pm	Case Study Research (Staff)
8	3 to 4 pm	Survey Research (Staff)
9	4 to 5 pm	Mixed Methods Designs (Staff)
10	5 to 7 pm	Independent consultations with faculty/Work time
11	7 pm onward	Dinner

### Day 3: Saturday, August 13th

12	9 am to Noon	<b>Breakout Sessions (2-3 groups):</b> Presentation of updated design and methods; dissertation outline
	12 noon to 1 pm	Lunch (provided)
13	1 pm to 2 pm	Finding funding (Staff-led discussion)
14	2 pm to 3 pm	Publishing your dissertation results (Staff-led discussion)
15	3 pm to 4 pm	Life after your Dissertation: Finding a job/ A life in academia (Staff-led discussion)
16	4 pm to 5 pm	Wrap-up and evaluation; Adjournment

## WORKSHOP FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The workshop fee is \$400. This includes four nights lodging plus assorted daily meals—typically breakfast and lunch. Dinners on Day 1 and 3 will be on your own. The workshop fee does not include travel costs. The fee for those not staying at the workshop venue is \$200.

A limited number of scholarships are available from ACSP to assist with workshop fee. Students are encouraged first to request funds from their universities to help offset travel and workshop-related expenses. Those requesting assistance from ACSP should do so as part of their application in the form of a brief statement describing your reasons for requesting financial support. You may ask the faculty who writes your letter of recommendation to address your need for financial assistance as well.

## TRANSPORTATION

Chicago is well-served by national and international airlines, especially United and American Airlines. Air travel plans should be made at least four weeks in advance to obtain a reasonable fare. Rail transit service is available from O'Hare Airport to the University of Illinois via the Loop.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the attached application form and return it with the necessary attachments. Be sure to include the following items with your application.

1. Application form (see next page)
2. Resume or CV
3. A letter of support from your principle academic or dissertation advisor

Applications should be e-mailed to: [jlans@design.upenn.edu](mailto:jlans@design.upenn.edu) or [roslynn@design.upenn.edu](mailto:roslynn@design.upenn.edu)

If e-mail is unavailable, applications may be mailed to:

2011 ACSP PhD Workshop  
Prof. John Landis/Department of City and Regional Planning  
University of Pennsylvania  
126 Meyerson Hall  
210 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6311

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: ***Friday, April 15, 2011***

Application will be reviewed by the ACSP PhD Workshop Committee. Participants will be notified of acceptance no later than May 2, 2011. Previous years' workshops have been able to accommodate about 60% of those who applied.

## DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS

All those selected to participate must submit a five-page dissertation research summary or proposal no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. These will be distributed among all participating students and faculty prior to the Workshop. In addition, all participants will be expected to make a 15-minute, 5-slide presentation of their research on the first day of the Workshop.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact John Landis at [jlans@design.upenn.edu](mailto:jlans@design.upenn.edu)



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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME				EMAIL	
ADDRESS				PHONE	
CITY, STATE		ZIP CODE		FAX	

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY
FACULTY ADVISOR
WHEN did you advance to candidacy (Indicate date)? If you have not already advanced, when do you expect to?
DISSERTATION TOPIC (Briefly describe your dissertation topic, which question(s) you hope to answer, and your research approach or methodology)

**FUNDING**

Have you applied for funding directly from your university?	YES		NO	
Are scholarship funds essential to your attendance at the Workshop?	YES		NO	

Please return an electronic copy of this form to [jan@design.upenn.edu](mailto:jan@design.upenn.edu) together with copies of your CV or resume and a letter of support from your dissertation or faculty advisor.

**All items must be submitted by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** Applications will be reviewed shortly thereafter. Selected applicants will be notified of their acceptance on or before May 2, 2011.