

Adding Voices to the LA Planning Story

Colloquium XIV

Los Angeles Region
Planning History Group

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Los Angeles has always been a city of multiple cultures and social groups, and planning for growth, infrastructure and development here has been continuous. Typically, that history has emphasized the roles occupied by the majority. As a result, important planning work done by women, Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans, and gays and lesbians has routinely been overlooked or excluded. These omissions have not only deprived many planners and communities of due acknowledgment, but also disregarded the lessons they might offer to all practitioners and scholars in the field.

Adding Voices to the LA Planning Story will begin to tell some of the many stories missing from the mainstream narrative about the region. This colloquium will bring together key individuals who helped transform the practice of planning here, alongside current practitioners and community leaders. They will share insights and experiences on different facets of community building, including the making and implementing of plans for diverse local communities.

Who were some of the pioneering leaders that helped open up the planning profession or effect grass-roots change in diverse communities? What challenges did women, planners of color, and professionals from underrepresented groups face as they navigated the structures and expectations of a white male majority? And what do these past experiences tell us about our current and future challenges in planning for an ever-changing region?

Please join us as we shine a light on the long-overlooked social history of planning in Los Angeles.

SPEAKERS

Eric Avila, Professor of Chicana/o Studies, History, and Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles

Ken Bernstein, AICP, Principal City Planner, Citywide Policy Planning and Historic Resources, Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Vaughan Davies, Principal, Perkins Eastman

Jackie Dupont-Walker, Founding President, Ward Economic Development Corporation

Dan Garcia, former chair, Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Clifford Graves, University of Southern California; former General Manager, Community Development, for Los Angeles and Carson and former CAO, County of San Diego

Dr. Alvaro Huerta, Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning and Ethnic and Women's Studies, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Yukio Kawaratani, Retired Senior Planner, Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency

Marjorie Macris, FAICP, Planning Consultant, Mill Valley; former Director of Planning, City of Berkeley

Katherine Perez-Estolano, Associate Principal/Cities Leader, ARUP

Marsha V. Rood, FAICP, LARPHG President

Frank Villalobos, Co-Founder and Principal, Barrio Planners, Inc.

Bill Watanabe, former Executive Director, Little Tokyo Service Center

Tim Watkins, Chief Executive Officer, Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

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PROGRAM

9:00 Check-in/Refreshments/Mingle

9:30 Welcome and Introductions

Marsha V. Rood, FAICP, LARPHG President

9:45 Historical Overview

Introduction to the history of diversity within Southern California planning practice and among pioneering planners.

Speaker: Eric Avila

10:15 From the Inside Out

Who worked for change from within the organized profession, by assuming a role that had previously been available only to others, and not at all to certain groups? How did women, planners of color and LGBTQ planners build their own places within the established profession?

Moderator: Katherine Perez-Estolano,

Panelists:

Clifford Graves

Yukio Kawaratani

Dan Garcia

Marjorie Macris, FAICP

Vaughan Davies

11:15 Break

11:30 From the Outside In

Who worked for change from outside the planning establishment, to bring marginalized or disenfranchised communities to find their own power and resources? How did they transform the planning process, and their communities?

Moderator: Alvaro Huerta

Panelists:

Frank Villalobos

Tim Watkins

Bill Watanabe

Jackie Dupont-Walker

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Inside the Looking Glass: Our Own Stories

We will bring together other long-time leaders from inside and outside the planning profession, along with event attendees, for an open, facilitated discussion to share personal histories, experiences and perspectives. Tell us your own unique story, adding your voice to the history of Los Angeles planning!

Facilitators: Steven A. Preston, FAICP and Miguel Vasquez, AICP

2:45 Past, Present and Future: Concluding Comments

3:00 Event Concludes

Organizing Committee: Todd Gish, Ken Bernstein, Steve Preston, Miguel A. Vazquez, Jeannette Dinwiddie-Moore and David Salazar. Special thanks to Dr. Leo Estrada and Rica Garcia of UCLA for their research effort supporting this colloquium.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Come join us!

Registration is \$50 per person; for students with valid student IDs, \$35. The fee includes the colloquium, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Please confirm your attendance to Alice Lepis, Secretary (alepis@prodigy.net) or at 818.769.4179 on or before Friday, October 20, 2017. Payment You may pay either of two ways:

1. Pay Pal, which is accessible through the LARPHG website at larphg.org;
2. Check payable to "Los Angeles Region Planning History Group" with completed registration form sent to:

Los Angeles Region Planning History Group
C/o Alice Lepis, Secretary
11227 Acama Street
North Hollywood, CA 91602

Please include a copy of your student ID if registering as a student.

About LARPHG

The Los Angeles Region Planning History Group, affiliated with The Huntington Library in San Marino, actively utilizes planning history in the Los Angeles region, including its individual cities, to guide those who are creating its future. The Group promotes the understanding and study of the LA region's history through programs and conferences, the collection and preservation of major plans, oral and written histories and related documents in planning and related disciplines. Learn more about us, discover our activities, and donate to our programs, at www.larphg.org.

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