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## APA Women & Planning Division Spring 2017

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## NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2017 EDITION

Members of the Women & Planning Division of the American Planning Association are gearing up for New York City! Can't make it this year? Join in our other efforts and stay involved, read on to find out how. . .

### What's Happening?

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The latest news and things to look forward to. . .

Meet us in NYC



Less than a month away! The Division will be well represented at the National Planning conference. We have dynamite sessions, an awesome reception (which is SOLD OUT!) and our annual business meeting. NPC is our time to gather, celebrate successes, and plan for the future. Join us!

- **Saturday, May 6, 1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
[Exploring Planning's Gender Wage Gap](#)  
 Explore the latest data from APA's Salary Survey on pay disparity between men and women—and discuss with a panel of planning leaders and hiring managers what actions we can take to strengthen the earning power of women.
- **Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**  
[Women in Urban Planning: Why We Matter](#)  
 When it comes to city spaces, women are the canaries of the coalmine. In other words, where there are no women, something is wrong. This women-led session explores the importance of gender in decision-making and the design of our cities.
- **Sunday, May 7, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.**  
[Women and Planning Division Business Meeting](#)  
 The annual meeting of the Division where past and future efforts and progress are discussed in an open format. All are welcome to attend!
- **Sunday, May 7, 7 – 10 p.m.**  
[Women and Planning Division Reception](#) – **SOLD OUT!**  
 Kick back in New York City with a tribe of inspirational women planners from around the country! Meet, mingle, find inspiration, share your story, and give support at this informal, fun event. Everyone is welcome, including non-Division members and people of all genders! This is a ticketed event, which has completely sold out. If you have a ticket, please join us at: Cornell's School of Architecture, Art, Planning 26 Broadway, Floor 20, New York, NY 10024
- **Monday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**  
[Urban Influencers: Women Leaders in Allied Professions](#)  
 Distinguished leaders from APA, ASLA, and AIA discuss the challenges for women in the future of our allied professions. What will it take to close the pay gap? How have our cities begun to reflect the shift toward women in decision-making roles?

***Note for Nursing Moms:***

*Good News! If you're attending #NPC17 a mother's room is available at the First Aid station on Level 1 (between 1D and 1E) of the Javits Conference Center. Fridges and accommodation for two women at a time available!*

Volunteer in NYC



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### **Help out the Women & Planning Division!**

Are you going to the National Planning Conference in May? If so, connect with other Division members by volunteering a couple hours of your time. NYC locals are also needed to serve as ambassadors at the conference. Please contact [Breanne Rothstein](#) to offer your help.

### **Help out APA by being a mentor or resume reviewer!**

APA has put a call out for help during the upcoming conference. they've got a big demand from protégés but not enough mentors! Check out the ways you can help out.

Please contact [Bobbie Albrecht](#), Career Services Manager, to participate in one or both of these low-commitment, high-impact opportunities (and earn your pro bono CM credits!).

#### **Serve as a mentor in the Mentor Match program.**

- View an orientation webinar on April 24 at 2 p.m. CT
- Attend the Mentor Match Mixer at NPC17 on Saturday, May 6, from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Javits Convention Center to kick off the program, meet your protégé, and make plans for a one-on-one conversation.
- Meet with your protégé during the conference.
- Optional: Share your mentoring stories with APA on Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. at the Javits Convention Center.

#### **Review resumes in the Resume Clinic.**

- View an orientation webinar on April 13 at 2 p.m. CT
- Attend your scheduled time slots (one hour increments) at NPC17 to review resumes and provide feedback.

## Jane's Walk also in NYC

Jane's Walks are free, locally organized walking tours, in which people get together to explore, talk about and celebrate their neighborhoods. Where more traditional tours are a bit like walking lectures, a Jane's Walk is more of a walking conversation. Leaders share their knowledge, but also encourage discussion and participation among the walkers.

Join The Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) for [Jane's Walk 2017, May 5-7!](#)



## Let's network and learn together!

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We'll be sharing info about members of our Division and opportunities for learning with each edition. Have you heard about an upcoming event or other info we should share? Email [Elisa Hamblin](#), Director of Communications.

## Free Division Webinar on June 2!



Please join us for our first Division webinar of 2017!

### **Women in Planning: Leadership & Empowerment**

Friday, June 2 – [More info and register now!](#)

Join the APA Women and Planning Division for an exciting and inspiring conversation focused on leadership and empowerment within the workplace. This webinar will provide an opportunity for female planning professionals to learn more about the fundamentals of becoming an effective leader, strategies for advancement within your career and how to create a culture of supporting and empowering other female leaders. A panel of experienced female professionals will discuss a wide range of important topics including career growth and development, how to gain a valuable planning network, and share

their own experiences and stories. Students, emerging and mid-career professionals, and seasoned planners alike can learn this collaborative and supportive webinar.

Speakers include:

Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP

Kimberly Albano

Monica Tibbits, AICP, LEED AP BD+C

## Message from our Chair



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Hello members,

The National Conference is a critical time for our Division, providing our most productive venue for networking with women across the country, meeting our members face to face, diving into the material that we have worked so hard to present in our conference sessions, and setting our vision as an Executive Committee. And this is a critical year. We should all be so proud of and excited by the momentum in our country right now: women have gained a voice in the wake of an election that brought women's issue painfully to the foreground. We have not appointed an advocate to speak on our behalf, however. WE are the voice. I hope you feel empowered by the tremendous energy of the interest and determination in these issues around you, and see in this your own opportunity for growth and development. The time for waiting patiently is over. Equity, growth, professional development, ownership, partnership, and a seat at the table: these depend on us to establish. It is our role, no less lofty, than to show this country how to enable women to succeed in their ambitions.

## Member Spotlight

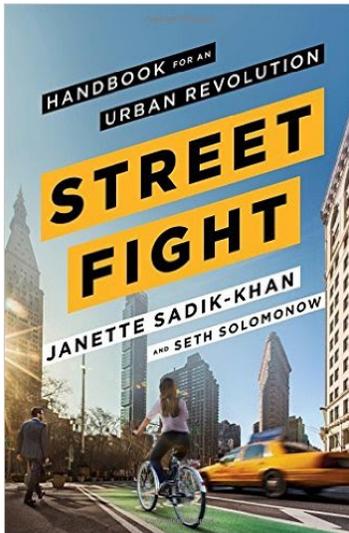


Our very own Elizabeth 'Libby' Tyler, FAICP, answers questions about the mentoring advice she gives to young planners in this recent [blog post from APA](#).

Libby Tyler is community development director in the City of Urbana, Illinois, and visiting adjunct lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she teaches local planning, government, and law.



## Division Book Club



### Have you heard about the Book CLUB?

Through social media we have a great forum for our online book club. You can start and contribute to discussions not matter the time or place. Posts by our book club leader are up on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can follow along on our Facebook or LinkedIn pages. You can read along with the posting schedule to keep on top of the discussions or just read along at your own pace. It's never too late to join in! This year's first book is "Street Fight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution" by Janette Sadik-Khan. The remaining reading schedule is below.

- Tuesday, April 11 – Chapter 7
- Thursday, April 13 – Chapter 8
- Tuesday, April 18 – Chapter 9
- Tuesday, April 25 – Chapter 11
- Thursday, April 27 – Chapter 12
- Tuesday, May 2 – Chapter 13

• Thursday, April 20 – Chapter 10

• Thursday, May 4 – Chapter 14



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