



## News



### UC Peace Corps Program Celebrates Peace Corps Week

Every year, Peace Corps Volunteers and Returned Volunteers recognize [Peace Corps Week](#), which celebrates all the ways that Peace Corps makes a difference at home and abroad. This year, the UC Peace Corps Program honored Peace Corps Week through a service event, a Congressional letter writing campaign, and a slideshow shown throughout DAAP.

On Sunday, February 26th, the [UC Peace Corps Program](#) volunteered at Jimmy Health House, a supportive housing unit for homeless. The Peace Corps Program decided to volunteer at Jimmy Health House because it is a property of [The Ohio State Community House](#) (OTROCH) where current MCP student and RPOV Ryan Byson interns. The group cooked a homemade breakfast, served the residents, and exchanged stories with them throughout the morning. It was a great way to learn more about the Over-the-Rhine community and the work of OTROCH!

During the Peace Corps seminar class on Monday, students wrote letters to their congressional representatives as part of the [National Peace Corps Association National Day of Action](#). The letters urged Congress to support additional funding for the Peace Corps and a more robust health care coverage for Peace Corps Volunteers. The theme of this year's Peace Corps Week was "Highlighting Happiness." Throughout the week, a slideshow of photos was shown on the big screens at DAAP. The photos came from the UC Peace Corps Community, both current students and alumni, and they showcased what happiness looks like in their country of service.

### LEED Certification Training Course

Interested in getting involved in the Green Building Industry? Opportunities are plentiful in the field of sustainable design and LEED is at its forefront. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is simply a green-rating point system, or a scorecard. The more energy efficient and sustainable a building is, the more points it will earn. To date, this course and its materials have proven to be instrumental in helping over 1,000 students pass their respective exam at a 100% pass rate. This course is offered at a quarter of the price and time as the competition and is geared at allowing students to graduate with letters after their name!

Just as buildings can be LEED certified, people in the sustainable construction industry can become LEED Professionals. The LEED Green Associate (GA) credential is the only entry level sustainability designation and shows employers and clients that you have certified knowledge in the green building industry. A new LEED rating system (v4) was introduced last month and this training course is one of the few that has been updated to teach the current rating system. This course meets the exam's eligibility requirements and the USGBC charges a \$100 (reduced for students) fee for the actual exam which can be taken at any time at your nearest Prometric center. The cost of the course is \$300 (\$200 for full time students). Training will take place April 2, 2016 10:00am to 5:00pm at Ohio State University, Room 831 Hitchcock Hall. To register for the class please visit: [http://www.daa.uc.edu/leed](#)

### "Metropolis" Cinema in the City Showing and Discussion

Thank you to everyone who came to the first installment of the Cinema in the City film series last Wednesday! The next film in the series will be, "Metropolis" at the Equine Theatre on Wednesday March 9th. This 1927 German film directed by Fritz Lang takes place in a futuristic city sharply divided between the working class and the city planners. SDP Professor Conrad Kickert will begin this event with an introduction, and further discussion will follow the film. If you are interested in a free student ticket contact Conrad Kickert ([Conrad.Kickert@uc.edu](mailto:Conrad.Kickert@uc.edu)).

### Randi Baur Presentation and Workshop

Accomplished designer Randi Baur's visit to DAAP will take place March 7-11, including a workshop and presentation to the School of Design and DAAP that will focus on the social context of urban space signs. The Masters Workshop is March 8-10, followed by Baur's culminating presentation on March 9, at 7pm in room 549J, which is open to the public. Baur will also give a presentation exclusively to graduate students and faculty on Thursday, March 10, 12:30-2:30 pm, Room 545D, DAAP where he will be sharing his concept model for a new interdisciplinary Masters degree.

### Alumni Accomplishment

#### SDP Alumni Have Article Published

SDP alumni Phillip J. Obermiller and Thomas E. Wagner have had an article published in the *Studies of Midwestern History Journal* about Virginia Coffey, one of the early Cincinnati Human Resources Commission (CHRC) directors. Read the article [here](#). They have also just submitted a manuscript to Ohio University Press for their review on the history of the CHRC.

### Job Opportunities

#### Internships and Fellowships

##### Challenge Detroit Fellowship Opportunity

Challenge Detroit is accepting applications for their 2016-2017 Challenge Detroit Fellowship opportunity. Over the course of a year, fellows in, work, play, give and lead in Detroit. They work for top regional companies, while partnering monthly with nonprofits to address issues and opportunities facing the community. In four years, Challenge Detroit has supported the creation of over 125 jobs, generating more than \$5 million in economic value to the local economy. Challenge Detroit is now accepting applications for the fifth class of Fellows through Sunday, March 6, 2016. Each Fellow will work at one of Challenge Detroit host companies for four days a week. Companies include major corporations such as Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA), smaller ventures such as Savant Architecture, and nonprofits such as Goodwill Industries. Each company will employ a Challenge Detroit Fellow for one year. For more information click [here](#).

##### The City of Hamilton's Russell P. Price Fellowship Accepting Applications

The City of Hamilton, Ohio's Russell P. Price Fellowship Program is comprised of three 11-month post-graduate fellowships preparing individuals for a dynamic, upper management-oriented career in local government. This competitive, nationally-recognized program has attracted students from top graduate schools including Indiana University, Miami University, Ohio State University, Syracuse University, and University of Georgia since its initiation in 2011. Fellows have also come from a wide variety of graduate programs such as public administration, economics, environmental science, management, graphic design, and urban planning, among others.

For students that are interested in challenging and stimulating public-sector work, this is an excellent opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to a progressive and historically significant city. This program gives selected participants unique access and insight into the efforts of a mid-sized city government working to resolve some of its most pressing issues, and provides unparalleled opportunities to meet and network with executives, managers, and elected officials. Application materials must be submitted by Friday, April 15th, 2016. For more information click [here](#).

##### Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Planning Department Summer Internship

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Planning Department is hiring a paid intern for Summer 2016. RPTA is Rhode Island's statewide public transit provider and is based in Providence, the second-largest metro area in New England. The intern will work collaboratively with staff on large-scale projects including on-time performance improvement, network restructuring projects, human services transportation coordination, sustainability and social justice initiatives, as well as other projects to be assigned. View the job posting at [http://www.providence.com](#). Interested applicants should send a position-specific cover letter and resume to [hr@providence.com](mailto:hr@providence.com) by March 25, 2016. Providence is walkable, urban and a great place to spend the summer. For additional information about the city, visit <http://www.providence.com>.

##### The Architect of the Capitol Summer Internship

The Architect of the Capitol has a summer internship available for an architectural aide or an engineering aide for students who are seeking or pursuing Architectural or Engineering Degrees. This opportunity is also for students who have CAD and/or Geographic Information Systems (GIS) experience. The engineering aide duties consist of providing assistance to engineers with basic drafting, surveying, and other relevant engineering tasks in existing buildings, facilities, and grounds on Capitol Hill.

The architectural aide duties consist of providing assistance to architects with basic drafting, surveying, and other relevant architectural tasks in existing buildings, facilities, and grounds on Capitol Hill. To find out more and to apply click [here](#).

##### Summer Internship in The City of Wooster

The City of Wooster is seeking an intern that is currently studying in a City Planning, GIS or related program. The intern will work on projects to document current conditions in the city such as existing and use, signage and other related information. The position will require the intern to travel throughout the City of Wooster to document conditions, enter and manipulate the data in our GIS and assist City Zoning Enforcement personnel. For more information click [here](#).

### Jobs

#### Green Corps Deadline Extension

Green Corps is still accepting applications for our 2016-2017 program and the FINAL application deadline is quickly approaching on Friday, March 4th. Green Corps is a full year paid training program for college graduates that combines in-classroom training with leaders in the environmental movement and field placement working on urgent environmental issues with organizations like the Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch. Alumni include Phil Radford, Executive Director of Greenpeace USA and Sarah Hodgson, the National Program Director at Sierra Club. For more information click [here](#). To apply click [here](#). Contact Amanda Becker, Recruitment Director of Green Corps at [amanda@greenpeace.org](mailto:amanda@greenpeace.org) with any questions.

#### Government/Public Policy Extension Educator Position Open

Michigan State University Extension programs assist local government authorities and the general public in their understanding and decision-making in the context of "good governance" including the framework for government planning, finance, land use decisions, and civic engagement. The Policy Extension Educator position provides technical and educational assistance to local governments in a variety of areas including intergovernmental cooperation, effective governmental meetings, governmental organization, land use planning, and other emerging local government and governance issues. This position is based in Kalamazoo, Michigan. For more information click [here](#).

#### The Nature Conservancy Director Position Open

The Urban Green Infrastructure Partnership of The Nature Conservancy is seeking a Director. The Director will identify and facilitate the development of investment opportunities in urban green infrastructure and stormwater management. For more information click [here](#).

#### San Francisco District Council Senior Associate Opening

The Senior Associate's overall responsibility is to coordinate and facilitate the District Council's goals and objectives. The Senior Associate serves as an informal resource for a variety of District Council committees, interfacing with them to ensure that all work is consistent with the Institute's policies and procedures and that UL's San Francisco's goals and objectives are met. The Senior Associate works closely with the Executive Director and Director as well as with other members of the UL's San Francisco staff, currently including a Manager and another Senior Associate. The Senior Associate must be a hardworking, proactive, and innovative person with good knowledge of UL's core issues and those policies and practices of highest interest to our members. For more information click [here](#).

#### Director of Historic South End Opening

There is an opening for the position of Director of Historic South End in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Director of Historic South End (HSE) is Charlotte's Currier City Partners' dedicated staff member and the first point of contact for stakeholders in the South End neighborhood. He or she will leverage the collective resources and relationships of COOP to listen, communicate and advocate on behalf of South End stakeholders. This individual will convene stakeholders and advise on strategies as part of the development of the Historic South End Vision Plan (spring/summer 2016), and he or she will be responsible for delivering the South End projects and initiatives of COOP's annual Program of Work. This job will require careful coordination with City & County staff, property owners, business owners, residents and others to develop and execute identified projects and initiatives. The Director of Historic South End must be seen as an integral part of the South End community, with connections to stakeholders that go beyond a 9-5 job. For more information click [here](#).

#### Cities of Service Program Associate Position Open

Cities of Service is a national nonprofit organization that supports mayors and city chief executives to engage local communities and residents in identifying challenges and solving problems together. The Program Associate will offer critical support to the Program Team and the organization as a whole. For more information click [here](#).

#### Planetizen

You can find the link [here](#).

#### Job Spreadsheet

An excel spreadsheet compiled by Emily Bere can be downloaded [here](#).

### Newsletter Submissions

For the faculty, students and alumni that wish to provide information about upcoming events or accomplishments in an issue of the newsletter, please send an email to: [sppnews@umail.uc.edu](mailto:sppnews@umail.uc.edu). In order to be included in the next newsletter, information must be received by Wednesday at noon and [sppnews@umail.uc.edu](mailto:sppnews@umail.uc.edu) is the only email that will be used for newsletter correspondence. Additionally, the newsletter editors will select the information that will be included in the DAAP School of Planning newsletter.

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