Announcement

Call for New Book Review Editor: Journal of Planning History

The Society for American City and Regional Planning History (SACRPH) is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to promoting scholarship on the planning of cities and metropolitan regions over time and across the world and to bridging the gap between the scholarly study of cities and the practice of urban planning. The organization’s members come from a range of professions and areas of interest and include historians, architects, landscape architects, planners, environmentalists, public policy makers, preservationists, community organizers, and students and scholars from across the country and around the globe.

SACRPH is soliciting applications from qualified individuals for book review editor of the refereed Journal of Planning History (JPH). The journal was developed in conjunction with SAGE Publications under the aegis of SACRPH. It is distributed to SACRPH members as a benefit of membership and is available to thousands of institutions worldwide. It was first published in February 2002 with Professor Christopher Silver as founding editor.

The book review editor of the JPH will manage all aspects of the book review section for the four annual issues of JPH, select books published in planning history each year for review, and commission the reviews. Tasks will also include recording and monitoring the progress of reviews, editing, copyediting, reviewing proofs, contacting publishers to acquire books for review, and working with the editorial team and colleagues at SAGE Publications to ensure that reviewers adhere to the publication schedule set by SAGE. The book review editor will report directly to JPH’s current coeditors: Dr. Nick Bloom, professor of social science at New York Institute of Technology, and Dr. Sonia Hirt, dean and Hughes professor in landscape architecture and planning at the College of Environment + Design within the University of Georgia, Athens.

Qualifications

We expect that the next book review editor of the JPH will have the following qualifications:

1. Have experience in scholarly editing or copyediting;
2. Be affiliated with an academic department (history, planning, urban studies, geography, architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, American studies, etc.) that addresses the history of planning;
3. Be established in the academic planning history community by virtue of contributions in teaching, research, and publication;
4. Exhibit a broad understanding of planning history reflected through education, interests, and publications; and
5. Have sufficient and sustained institutional support to provide some assistance over the full term of the position.
How to Apply

To apply for this position, please mail or e-mail a letter to the coeditors of the journal who will serve as cochairs of the search committee by September 1, 2019. The cochairs, together with two members of the SACRPH Board, will oversee the selection process, in consultation with the staff at SAGE. We will keep the names of applicants confidential. The letter of application should briefly address the following:

- Reasons for seeking the position and overall objectives as book review editor.
- A current CV.
- Names and complete contact information of at least two references.
- Evidence of institutional support, ideally in the form of a letter from the appropriate university or college administrative officer outlining whatever the institution may be willing to provide to support the editor, such as allocation of student support, or possible course release.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the current coeditors of the journal, the publisher, and the search committee cochairs for any additional information and details.

Applications by e-mail should be sent to Dr. Sonia Hirt at sonia.hirt@uga.edu and Dr. Nick Bloom at nbloom@nyit.edu.

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