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Texas Southern University  
BJ-ML School of Public Affairs  
Department of Urban Planning and  
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**State of the Program**

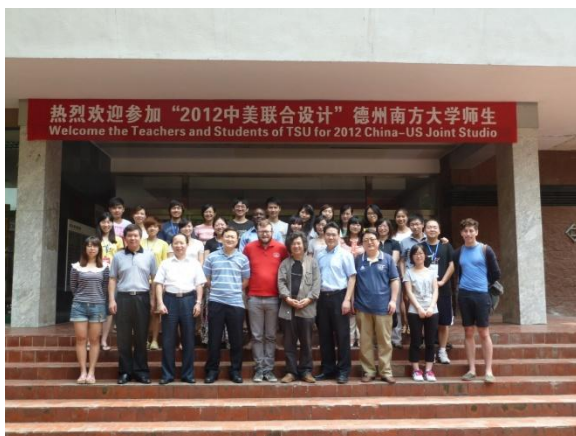
Summer and Fall 2012

By

Dr. Qisheng Pan, Professor and Chair

As the only accredited planning program in the Houston area, our faculty and students in Urban Planning and Environmental Policy (UPEP) at Texas Southern University have an objective to reach greatness in planning research and education. The full state of the department and the school can be found at [http://www.tsu.edu/academics/colleges\\_schools/publicaffairs/dept-upep.php](http://www.tsu.edu/academics/colleges_schools/publicaffairs/dept-upep.php). Here, are only some highlights:

- **Dr. Qisheng Pan** led three graduate students, Jamaal Schoby, Jimmy Jessup, and Tony Jin, and an adjunct, Zakcq Lockrem, to China this summer and had the first US-China Joint Studio class with Huazhong University of Science and Technology, June 10-17, 2012 in Wuhan, Hubei, China.



- **Dr. Lalita Sen and Dr. Qisheng Pan** led a group of UPEP students to the Texas APA Conference, October 3-6, 2012, at Fort Worth, Texas.

- **Ms. Krislynn Thompson**, an MUPEP student, won the Student Presentation Competition at the 2012 Texas APA Conference, October 3-6, 2012, at Fort Worth, Texas. Five students from UT-Austin, UT-Arlington, and TSU gave presentations at the session of Student Presentation Competition.



- A group of UPEP faculty, students, and alumni gave presentations at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate School of Planning (ACSP) Nov. 1-4, 2012 at Cincinnati, Ohio.
- **Ms. Kimberly Adams**, a UPEP PhD student, won the 2012 POCIG (The Planners of Color Interest Group) Travel Award to the 53<sup>rd</sup> ACSP Conference at Cincinnati, Ohio. She also won a poster session competition at the conference.



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- **Mr. Zhonghua (Tony) Jin**, a UPEP PhD student, was selected as an Executive Fellow in the 2013 IRF Road Scholar Program for international students. Mr. Jin will participate in a 10-day program at Washington DC in January, sponsored by the IRF (International Road Federation).
- **UPEP department** will co-host the 2015 ACSP Annual Conference with the planning program of Texas A&M at Houston, Texas.
- **Mr. Jamaal Schoby**, a UPEP PhD student, is the 2012 recipient of the Dr. George M. Smerk Scholarship award sponsored by Houston METRO. He was awarded the \$4,000 scholarship at the American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington October 2012. He also participated on a panel discussion, presenting his doctoral research.
- **Mr. Jamaal Schoby**, a UPEP PhD student, is a 2012 Dwight D. Eisenhower HBCU Fellow. He and fellow students will present their research project as required by the award at the 2013 annual Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, DC.
- **Mr. Zhonghua (Tony) Jin**, a UPEP PhD student, was honored to represent TSU attending a summer school at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), China, August 2-16, 2012. The summer school was offered by George Mason University (GMU) in conjunction with the First International Conference on Agro-Geoinformatics sponsored by USDA.

**We aspire to play an important leadership role to empower our urban communities and in the process to go from Good to Great!**

