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Letter from the Chair

Vancouverites go to the polls on November 16 to vote in what has become an extraordinary local election in which the drug situation in the Downtown Eastside has become the election issue, and all parties (progressive and conservative alike) have come out in favour of a harm reduction program that will include instituting safe injection sites in various locations throughout the city. The models are Frankfurt and Amsterdam. A documentary film by Nettie Wild, *Fix: the story of an Addicted City*, which advocates for a harm reduction approach to Vancouver's concentrated drug problem, opened in a mainstream theatre for a one week run in early November, each screening followed by a discussion led by interested community representatives. Billed beside *8 Mile*, *I Spy* and *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Fix* defied convention for documentaries by attracting large crowds, so much so that it was held over for two weeks and is now receiving the type of advertising space usually reserved for Hollywood blockbusters. A community nurse at the screening I attended said that another community nurse, visiting from Montreal, told him that what was happening in Vancouver could not happen in his city. The Vancouver nurse responded that, just three years ago, no one in Vancouver would have imagined that it could happen in Vancouver; there is cautious optimism that the film can circulate a message as it moves across Canada. At the screening I attended, other processes of spatial diffusion came under consideration, and there was an extended discussion of possible American governmental reactions to Vancouver's harm reduction program, a concern heightened by the U.S. governments' sensitivities about porous national borders. There has been within Vancouver's local election, then, a fascinating swirl of urban geographies – from Frankfurt to Vancouver to Montreal to Washington, D.C.

It strikes me that our specialty group is well placed to explore these types of connections across cities in different places. At the meetings in New Orleans, Loretta Lees and Judith Kenny are staging a panel that brings the urban specialty groups of the AAG and IBG together in an extended public discussion. More than this, when I received the membership list of our specialty group I was struck by just how international our membership is. Our membership comes from over 22 countries, including

Egypt, Israel, Brazil, and many different countries in Asia and Europe. The possibilities for internationalizing our membership are really quite extensive, especially because membership in our specialty group does not require membership in the larger association, except for those resident in Canada and the United States.

Along with stimulating discussions across geographers familiar with very different urban experiences, our specialty group also plays an active and important role encouraging student involvement. I want to remind you once again that the deadlines are fast approaching for various competitions that recognize the excellence of student work in urban geography, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Advisors and instructors please encourage your students to submit their work to this competition. Undergraduate students in particular probably need some fairly direct encouragement to submit their work to the undergraduate student paper competition. The competition, named in memory of Glenda Laws, provides a wonderful opportunity to honour Glenda's commitment to undergraduate students and it would be good to see a good 'turnout' for the event.

Finally – and to return to the theme of elections, please note that this newsletter includes the bios of those who have agreed to run for the election of the Board of the Specialty Group. Thanks to all of those who agreed to let their names stand, and to Judith Kenny for assembling this excellent slate of candidates. **Please return the ELECTION BALLOT to me (by post or email) by January 15, 2003.**

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Notes from the Editor

I thank Eugene McCann for his timely help in completing last July's newsletter *and* for offering his considerate advice on my first outing as the newsletter editor. I look forward to serving the UGSG in this new capacity and I hereby invite all members to begin directing questions, advice, information, etc. regarding this and future editions of the newsletter to me at: mahudson@uga.edu

Thank you and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Margaret Hudson

University of Georgia

Reminder: Our specialty group is now 808 members strong and the bulk of you are receiving this newsletter via the internet. Some of you, however, still receive this through regular post. If you would rather have it come to your e-mail address please make sure that the AAG has your **correct** e-mail address on file. We get all our membership information from the AAG and if they do not have your correct, updated membership information then neither do we.

Annual Student Competitions

Dissertation Competition

Deadline: January 15th, 2003

The UGSG Dissertation Award Committee solicits submissions of dissertations for the 2002 UGSG Dissertation Award. The winner of the award will receive \$250. The dissertation must have been completed during the 2002 calendar. Dissertations submitted for awards with other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. *Send one copy to each of the two judges:* Professor **Katharyne Mitchell**, Department of Geography, The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195 – kmitch@u.washington.edu; and Professor **Jamie Peck**, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, – jpeck@geography.wisc.edu. Judges request that you send a paper copy to each. Please contact **Katharyne Mitchell**, kmitch@u.washington.edu with questions.

Masters Thesis Competition

Deadline: January 15th, 2003

The UGSG Dissertation and Masters Thesis Awards Committee solicits submissions of theses for the 2002 UGSG Masters Thesis Award. The winner of

the award will receive \$150. The thesis must have been completed during the 2002 calendar. Theses submitted for awards with other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. *Send one copy to each of the two judges:* Professor **Katharyne Mitchell**, Department of Geography, The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195 – kmitch@u.washington.edu; and Professor **Yu Zhou**, Department of Geology and Geography, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY 12604 – yuzhou@vassar.edu. Judges request that you send a paper copy to each. Please contact **Katharyne Mitchell**, kmitch@u.washington.edu with questions.

Student Paper Competition

Deadline, February 15th, 2003

The Student Paper Competition Committee solicits submissions. This award goes to the best paper on any aspect of Urban Geography given by a student at any professional meeting in the 12 months preceding (and including) the New Orleans AAG conference. Preference will be given to fully developed academic papers. The winner of the award will receive \$50 and an invitation to submit the paper to *Urban Geography*. If you have any questions please contact Karen Till (ktill@atlas.socsci.umn.edu).

Send one copy to each of the judges, to arrive no later than February 15th, 2003: Dr. Karen Till, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, 414 Social Science Bldg., 267 - 19th Ave. South Minneapolis, MN 55455; Dr. Larry Ford, Department of Geography, San Diego State University, San Diego, California 92182; Dr. Linda McCarthy, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201.

UGSG Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award

Deadline, February 15th, 2003

Please encourage your students to consider submitting papers to the Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper competition. This award goes to the best paper on an urban geographic topic written by an undergraduate student, *regardless of membership in the AAG or participation in the 2003 Meetings*. The winner of the award will receive \$50. Papers submitted for awards to other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. If you have any questions please contact Karen Till (ktill@atlas.socsci.umn.edu).

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Student Travel Support

The UGSG has a small amount of money available to support students presenting on urban topics at the AAG meetings in New Orleans. These funds will cover only a small portion of the total costs, and awards are intended to support presentations on topics related to the specialty group's urban focus. To apply, please send a short letter stating the nature of your participation (paper or poster presentation), degree program, institutional affiliation, and reason for attendance at the meetings. (Don't spend as much time on this as you would for a formal, full-length application: the award is very small, normally about \$50). Also include a copy of your abstract and a copy of your registration information. Send materials to: **Elvin Wyly, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, 1984 West Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2 Canada.** Materials may be sent by email (ewyly@geog.ubc.ca), but please make sure attachments are legible (i.e., in plain text or *.rtf format). The deadline for receipt of applications is **January 15, 2003**, and awards will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

Research Notes & Urban Geog. News

Changes in the Editorship of Urban Geography

(Editorial by Brian J.L. Berry for *Urban Geography* Vol. 24 No. 1, 2003)

Nothing is forever, and change has come to *Urban Geography*. After 23 years developing the journal and anchoring the editorial process, Jim Wheeler has joined Chauncy Harris as one of the journal's honorary editors. His contributions have been extraordinary, and we will miss his fine hand even as we continue to rely upon his accumulated wisdom and watch him pilot his next major projects to completion. During 2003 Jim will oversee special issues on urban geography in the 1980s and 1990s and he has agreed to join with me in gathering these and prior special issues into a monograph that records the shaping and reshaping of the field in the second half of the twentieth century.

We are exceedingly fortunate that Peter Muller has agreed to take on the often-thankless responsibilities of anchoring editor, the person to whom manuscripts should be submitted and who oversees peer review and the processing of accepted papers. Peter was for many years *Urban Geography's*

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book review editor, and we are delighted to have him return in this new role. Welcome aboard!

Editorial decisions after peer review will still be made by a troika: Peter, Bob Lake (who also oversees manuscripts in critical social theory as well as progress reports and some special issues), and your editor-in-chief. Susan Walcott continues as book review editor. As we move forward, we expect that authors will play their part as well. Once manuscripts have been peer reviewed and are returned to authors for changes, we also will require that text, tables and

illustrations be made to conform to journal style and to standards for electronic transmission. We intend to make the review and editing process as electronic as possible. It saves trees and money, and reduces the workload of the postal service.

Maintaining consistency in the face of transition, *Urban Geography* continues to welcome submissions that reflect the breadth and diversity of the field. As before, the journal's *raison d'être* is that urban geographers offer important perspectives on the multifaceted dynamics of urban places and systems. *Urban Geography* will continue to publish an eclectic mix of submitted papers, arranged special issues and symposia, progress reports, hackle-raising editorials, and book reviews, fully intending to maintain the inclusiveness and the momentum that Jim Wheeler has provided.

Geography in America Timeline Project:

(Message from the Editor, Donald C. Dahmann)

Urban Geographers: I am coming to the specialty groups now as they 'represent' the many different fibers necessary to completing the tapestry of geography in America. Take a look at the current state of the TIMELINE; ask yourself what is missing prepare and entry--perhaps with others--and submit it. You will see by reading the entries that in preparing some 200+ of the entries myself, I have had great fun. May it be so with you too! Discover U.S. geography; discover US!

The GEOGRAPHY IN AMERICA TIMELINE is now being prepared as a project of the Association of American Geographer's Centennial Coordinating Committee in celebration of the AAG's centennial in 2004. When unveiled as an Internet site at the centennial, it will provide an unparalleled gateway to American geography—both today and in the past. TIMELINE entries displayed at the AAG's annual meeting in Los Angeles last spring and those that appeared in the AAG Newsletter (November 2001 March 2002) generated much enthusiasm.

The project is now well underway, with some 200+ entries having been prepared <http://home.gwu.edu/~icheung/gat/gat.html>. The TIMELINE now requires the collective talents of all of us to provide a full representation of geography as an active mode of inquiry—displaying its many accomplishments, noting its idiosyncrasies, and demonstrating the many ways it enriches our understanding of the world. Our collective challenge is to insure that the TIMELINE fully represents all aspects of geography—human, physical, human environment, regional, geographic information and spatial analysis, geography education, the many means of communicating geographic information and research, geography institutions, etc. Academic

departments, specialty groups, businesses and government agencies, individual researchers, and regional divisions—all of the seats of our expertise are being called upon to play roles in preparing draft entries. Some have already taken up the call. Now is the time to hear from all interests. While discussing the preparation of draft TIMELINE entries with 'quasi-geographers,' I have discovered immense curiosity and genuine enthusiasm among a host of 'others' to learn more about, and indeed be included among, 'us.' One of the measures of the success of the TIMELINE will be how well it represents geography in America to the many 'others' who will discover it via the Internet. Help insure that the geographic domains lying closest to your heart becomes part of the TIMELINE! The current format of the TIMELINE and submitted entries may be viewed at:

<http://home.gwu.edu/~icheung/gat/gat.html>. Do take a look, and respond with questions, and most of all draft entries, directly to the TIMELINE editor, Dr. Donald C. Dahmann—email at ddahmann@yahoo.com, telephone at 703-765-3584, postal service at 1914 Martha's Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22307.

Report from Conference on Private Urban Governance

(message from conference chair, Georg Glaze, g.glasze@geo.uni-mainz.de)

Fifty researchers from four continents discussed one of the most urgent problems of current urban development at the Conference on "Private Urban Governance" June 5 to 9: Are more and more cities being split up into private, guarded enclaves and a neglected rest? What are the economic, social and cultural causes of this so-called "fragmentation of the cities"? What consequences can be observed? The conference at the Institute of Geography at the University of Mainz (Germany) was supported by the German Research Fund (DFG).

The discussions in Mainz have led to the conclusion that a tremendous increase of private urban districts which are often guarded can be observed all over the world. According to Evan McKenzie, political scientist from the USA, in many regions of the U.S.A., more than half of all new houses are being built up in private communities.

Today, also in many of the so-called developing countries, the cityscape is shaped by private areas. In Argentina or in the Lebanon, for example, where there is not much public urban planning, where urbanism is chaotic and where the supply of public goods is inadequate, many middleclass households decide in favor of private enclaves. Moreover, there is a trend towards gated communities and apartment complexes to be observed

in such countries whose societies are experiencing a rapid social and economic transformation: In China, Russia and South Africa there are towns which undergo a sudden boom of private and guarded forms of settlements. Whereas in China and Russia, which used to be communist, these settlements offer a new form of social distinction to the new (and old) rich, in South Africa it is the worry for personal security that leads to the success of guarded residential areas. Even in some Western European countries, such as Spain, Portugal and France, more and more guarded residential complexes can be found.

Some scholars, for example the Californian economist Fred Foldvary, consider the emergence of private settlements to be an institutional progress when compared to settlements which are publicly organized. The supply of local collective goods, such as recreational areas, sport areas as well as the infrastructure of traffic and energy, can be organized in these settlements by the private sector. Following Foldvary, governmental intervention should not occur because consumers will choose according to their individual taste between different offers. The pressure of concurrence, however, implies efficient infrastructure.

Most of the researchers (from fields as different as urban and social geography, anthropology, political sciences, urban sociology, architecture and city planning) are critical of the consequences of (such) a material and social fragmentation of the cities. First of all, the internal political structures of the self-government of these settlements are manifold criticized to be undemocratic. Secondly, some of the researchers find proof in the fact that self-government of the private settlements institutionally strengthens social differences institutionally and therefore endangers social cohesion.

Several publications will follow the conference, including an anthology, which in several case studies, shows the social, economic and cultural background which lead in some societies to a boom in private and gated settlements. There was an agreement made at the conference to meet again in South Africa 2004. The location of the following conference offers the opportunity to discuss on the spot with inhabitants and developers about guarded and gated residential complexes. Further information about this research effort may be obtained at: www.gated-communities.de. Summaries of all speeches held in Mainz can be found there as a .pdf-file.

Call for Papers

Call for Papers on "Urban Ecology"

[Conference sponsored by: The Pace Institute for Environmental & Regional Studies (PIERS)]

Increasingly, urban areas are perceived as blighted ecological fringes of human survival. Demographers predict that within twenty years nearly 65% of the world's population will inhabit urban areas, approximately 5.5 billion people moving us closer to an "ecumenopolis". If the common perception persists that urban zones are entirely synthetic replicable environments, then solutions to the growing number of issues that beset our cities—crowding, affordable housing, resource use, waste disposal, green space, transportation, health, biodiversity and general concerns about the quality of life and sustainable living—will probably be ineffectual.

Papers and presentations on the general topic of sustainable cities and economies are welcome, especially those that address the topic from diverse disciplinary perspectives such as anthropology, sociology, philosophy, history, law, political science, literature, economics, environmental studies and science. Since urban ecology is inherently interdisciplinary, and since the issues that impact urban living are complex and since these issues are unlikely to be solved by any one discipline, we encourage multi/interdisciplinary approaches.

Topics might include carrying capacity of cities, the construction of urban places, urban ecological citizenship, models for sustainable cities, issues in urban environmental justice, resource use, urban land use and management, waste disposal, transportation, green space, political/community advocacy, urban sprawl, the effect of globalization on urban environments. This list is suggestive not exhaustive.

The conference will be held on Friday, April 11th 2003 on the Pace University New York City campus, 1 Pace Plaza from 9:30 –4:30PM. Please send abstracts of no more than 250 words with a biographical summary to: Robert Chapman—Director of the Pace Institute for Environmental & Regional Studies, Pace University 41 Park Row, room 315, New York, NY 10038 . E-mail submissions are accepted if and only if they are sent as attachments in Microsoft Word format. Send to rchapman@pace.edu

Deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 15th, 2003**. Select papers will be published in PIERS Conference Proceedings

Call for Papers -- Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences

The conference will provide many opportunities for academicians and professionals from social sciences and related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines. Cross-disciplinary submissions are welcome. Topic Areas (All Areas of Social Sciences are Invited)

The Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences encourages the following types of papers/abstracts/submissions: 1) research papers - completed papers, 2) abstracts - abstracts of completed or proposed research, 3) student papers - research by students, 4) poster sessions/research tables - informal presentation of papers or abstracts, 5) work-in-progress reports or proposals for future projects, 6) reports on issues related to teaching, 7) panel discussions, 8) practitioner forums, 9) tutorials, and 10) workshop proposals. For more information about submissions see:

http://www.hicsocial.org/cfp_ss.htm

**Conference Dates & Info: June 12-15, 2003,
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu Hawaii, USA,
Submission Deadline: January 16, 2003**
Sponsored by: University of Hawaii - West Oahu
Web address: <http://www.hicsocial.org>
E-mail address: social@hicsocial.org

Jobs in Geography

Lubbock, TX – Texas Tech University

Full-time tenure track Assistant Professor, beginning Fall 2003.

Applicants must have Ph.D. by time of appointment. We seek applications from a human-environment geographer to teach remote sensing, GIS, World Regional Geography in large classes, and upper level and graduate courses in his or her areas of interest. Teaching load is 9 hours/semester (2 or 3 courses). Quality scholarship (including refereed publication and grant solicitation) and teaching are required for tenure. The Geography program at Texas Tech is small and congenial. There currently is no graduate geography program, but all geography faculty teach graduate courses and work with graduate students and faculty from a variety of interdisciplinary programs such as natural hazards (especially wind-related), arid lands studies, water resources, environmental health, and land use. The university has regional programs in Latin America, Europe, Asia/Pacific Rim, Vietnam, and arid lands studies.

Please send a letter of application, vitae, a sample of scholarly writing, statement of teaching philosophy, and names and addresses (postal and e-

mail) of three references. Deadline for application is **March 1, 2003**. Texas Tech University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and is sensitive to the needs of dual career couples.

Apply: Chair, Geography Search Committee, Department of Economics and Geography, Gary S. Elbow, Department of Economics & Geography, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-1014. Phone: (806)742-3838, x244, FAX: (806) 742-1137, E-mail: gary.elbow@ttu.edu

Hattiesburg, MS - University of Southern, Mississippi

Assistant or Associate Professor of Economic Development, Department of Economic Development and Planning. Tenure-track position.

Doctorate or near completion desired in related discipline. Programs in the Department of Economic Development and Planning include Ph.D. in International Development, master's in Economic Development, and undergraduate program in Planning and Economic Development. The candidate will work closely with the doctoral program, which is in its fourth year and already has more than 30 Ph.D. students actively enrolled. The master's program is one-of-a-kind in the world, and, combined with the undergraduate program, has more than 50 active students and anticipated growth. The academic programs work Center for Community and Economic Development and international education programs, all of which are housed in the College of International & Continuing Education. The College also will house a proposed new National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship. The ideal candidate will be entrepreneurial, have an active grant-writing agenda, enjoy teaching at all levels, be willing to serve as a mentor to students, serve on and direct graduate committees, and work with the Center on applied research projects. A regional research focus, international experience, and professional experience will be advantages. Salary and benefits are competitive. Application must include CV, a list of three references, and a statement of research interests. Apply to Chair, Search Committee, Department of Economic Development, The University of Southern Mississippi, Box 5051, Hattiesburg, MS, 39406. AA/EOE/ADA

Announcements – Recent Hires, Awards, Etc.

Grant Received: Mei-Po Kwan, Ohio State University, received a \$30,000 grant from the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) at OSU for a project, titled "Homeland Security and the Urban Geography of Hate and Fear after 9/11." The study

seeks to understand the geographies of anti-Muslim hate crimes and their impact on the everyday life of the Muslim population in Columbus, Ohio, after 9/11. It will examine how the access to and use of public spaces, as well as the sense of safety of Muslims in the city was affected.

New Website on Portuguese American Community in Southern New England

(from Jim Fonseca, fonseca@ohiou.edu)

Site focuses on the urban ethnic landscape of the Portuguese American community in Southern New England. Faculty and students are invited use the site as a resource in urban and cultural geography classes. It focuses on recent immigration in the Portuguese American community in southern New England (mainly New Bedford and Fall River, Mass. and neighboring Rhode Island). It is an extensive site featuring more than 150 slides with text, but you can opt for the "Quick Tour" with 34 key slides. Special topics include semiology in the landscape and monumentalization of the landscape. <http://www.zanesville.ohiou.edu/geoslides/> .

Grant Received: Gerda R. Wekerle, Anders Sandberg, and Liette Gilbert, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, received a three year research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, \$112,977 for a project entitled "Unlikely Allies: Citizen Planning and Environmentalism on the Oak Ridges Moraine". This research focuses on citizen initiatives to preserve the Moraine from development, coalition formation among stewardship groups, homeowners associations and national environmental organizations, and citizen-initiated alternative plans for regional solutions. The project also focuses on the growth of the aggregate industry on the Moraine and citizen opposition. Another aspect is the changing cultural landscapes of exurbia.

Award Winner's of HUD's 2002 Scholars

Grants (Awarded to junior faculty up to \$55,000 for 15-month grants.)

Dr. Nathan Berg, Univ. of Texas at Dallas

"Perceptions and Housing Prices: A Longitudinal Case Study of Scattered-Site Public Housing in North Dallas"

Dr. James Elliott, Tulane University

"Immigrant Redistribution and Adaptation through Gateway Cities"

Dr. Angela Foster, University of Pittsburgh

"The Path to Home Ownership: Racial Difference in the Home Ownership Process"

Dr. Cecilia Giusti, Texas A&M University

"Microbusinesses in the Texas-Mexico Border Region: Potential for Economic Community Development"

Dr. Amy Hillier, University of Pennsylvania

"Searching for Red Lines: A GIS and Spatial Statistical Analysis of Mortgage Discrimination"

Dr. Brian Jacob, Harvard University

"The Effects of Housing Vouchers on Low-Income Families: Evidence from a Randomized Lottery for Section 8 Vouchers"

Dr. Rachel Garshick Kleit, University of Washington

"HOPE VI New Communities: Mapping Relationships in Mixed-Income Housing"

Dr. Lincoln Quillian, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Sources of the Spatial Concentration of Poverty in U.S. Metropolitan Areas"

Dr. Rachel Weber, University of Illinois-Chicago

"The Impact of Tax Increment Financing on Residential property Values"

Award Winners of HUD's 2002 Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants (Up to \$25,000

one-time grants for PhD students with approved dissertation proposal)

Grigoriy Ardashev, University of Louisville

"Fragmentation, Sprawl and Economic Development: An Analysis of 331 Metropolitan Areas in the United States"

Philip Ashton, Rutgers University

"Advantage or Disadvantage? The Evolving Institutional Landscape of Central City Mortgage Markets in the 1990s"

William Bartosch, Brandeis University

"Defining Alcohol and Drug Problems: An Analysis of Public Policymaking for Federally Subsidized Housing and Disability Income"

Kim DeFronzo, University of California, Irvine

"The Use of Redevelopment Housing Set-Asides in Southern California: A New Look at Cities and Redistributive Spending"

Fred Ellerbusch, Rutgers University

"Residential Redevelopment of Brownfields - Is Human Health Being Protected?"

Todd Gish, University of Southern California

"Sheltering the Other Los Angeles: Urban Housing in the Suburban Metropolis: 1888-1940"

Jennifer Gress, University of California, Irvine

"Producing Affordable Housing in Southern California: Assessing the Impacts of Networks, Social Capital, and Collaboration on Access to Resources"

James Hanlon, University of Kentucky

"Distressed Public Housing and HOPE VI Revitalization: An Analysis of Park DuValle in Louisville, Kentucky"

Michael Hollar, George Washington University

"Central Cities and Suburbs: Economic Rivals or Allies?"

Eunju Hwang, University of Minnesota

"Desire to Age in Place Among Korean American Elders"

Mona Koerner, University of Texas at Austin

"Performance of the Hollow State: State and Local Responses to the Devolution of Affordable Housing"

David Mainor, Tulane University

"Urban Transformations: Does Inner-City Revitalization Pose a Risk to Neighborhood Cohesion?"

Martha Matsuoka, University of California, Los Angeles

"From Place-based to Space-based: Shifting Concepts of Space and Action in Neighborhood Development"

Deirdre Oakley, State University of New York at Albany

"Community Contributions of Faith and Voluntary Organizations: Past and Present"

Michele Wakin, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Documenting the Use of Vehicles as Housing: Towards a More Permanent Solution"

Mark Wright, University of Louisville

"Low Income Housing Tax Credits Comparing Non-profit Versus For-profit Developments In Terms of Cost and Quality"

Yu Zhou, University of Southern California

"Access to Homeownership: Race-Ethnicity, Immigrant Status, and Changing Demographics"

Award Winners of HUD's 2002 Early

Doctoral Research Grants (Ph.D. students who have completed their first year of doctoral study but are not yet at the dissertation stage. One-time grants totaling up to \$15,000.)

Andrew Aurand, University of Pittsburgh

"The Impact of Regional Governance on the Concentration and Supply of Affordable Housing"

Katrin Britta Anacker, Ohio State University

"Excessive Sprawl, Scarce Reinvestments and Large Disparities: Analyzing Mature Suburbs through Property Values"

Christopher Cunningham, Syracuse University

"Urban Growth Boundaries and Uncertainty on the Timing & Intensity of Land Development"

Sarah R. Dunn, Cal Berkeley

"The Effect of Prevailing Wage Legislation on Affordable Housing Construction"

Kevin Gillen, University of Penn

"The Impact of Tenant-Based Section 8 Housing Voucher Concentration on the Real Estate Market in the City of Philadelphia"

Jonathon Martin, Cornell University

"Housing Opportunity, Smart Growth, and Income Inequality: Developing a Prospectus for a National Study"

Raymond Massenburg, University of Illinois, Chicago

"From Mortgage Discrimination to Social Disorder: The Impact of Subprime Lending on Social Disorder and Crime in Chicago"

Jenny Schuetz, Harvard University

"The Effects of Portland's Urban Growth Boundary on Regional Housing Markets"

Laura Stephens, University of Arizona

"The Role of Religious Organizations in Community Initiatives to Feed and House the Homeless"

Duan Zhuang, University of Southern California

"Impacts of Competing Risks of Mortgage Termination in Underserved Areas"

Urban Geography Activities at Cal-State, Long Beach

(from Christine M. Rodrigue)

New Hire: Dmitrii Sidorov for an assistant professorship in urban geography. Dr. Sidorov comes to us with a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Minnesota, as well as a bachelor's degree in geography from Moscow State University. His area of interest is the construction of national identity through urban monuments, and he has a book, *Orthodoxy and Difference: Essays on the Geography of Russian Orthodox Church(es) in the 20th Century* and an *Annals* article out on the topic.

New Visiting Assistantship: Unna Lassiter has assumed a one year visiting assistant professorship in the department. Her area of expertise is urban cultural geography, including the construction of the nature-society relationship among the different ethnicities of Los Angeles, particularly urban Latinas' attitudes towards the meaning of the animal-human relationship. She earned her Ph.D. at USC.

Relocating: Terence Young accepted a tenure-track position at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Stephen R. Koletty is now at USC where he has a visiting faculty position.

Grants and Awards:

The Department houses a NASA Regional Earth Science Applications Center (RESAC), one of only seven in the country and the only one housed in a master's-granting institution. The RESAC is directed by Christopher Tom Lee. RESAC-affiliated faculty (Christine M. Rodrigue, Suzanne P. Wechsler, and Christopher T. Lee) participated in an interdisciplinary team of geographers, geologists, and an archaeologist, who received a three-year \$852,000

NSF grant, entitled the Geoscience Diversity Enhancement Program (G-DEP). Local community college and high school students from underrepresented groups work on RESAC projects, as well as other projects over the summers, learning about chaparral fire hazard, earthquake hazards, and local palaeoenvironments.

Vincent Del Casino has received a \$65,000 grant for the project, "Cognitive Distance, Mobility Patterns, and Drug Use Among MSM" through the Universitywide AIDS Research Program of the University of California.

Frank Gossette and Suzanne Wechsler have several contract mapping projects ongoing for several local municipalities in the Greater Los Angeles Area. These grants, typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000, focus on land-use planning and have supported several graduate student assistantships and internships over the last several years.

James Curtis has received several internal grants and a Research Support Grant from the National Geographic Society over the last few years to support his field research on urbanization and urban structure in Latin America.

Board Member Elections, Candidate Biographies

**Board Members, 2003-2005
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ROBERT LAKE

Professor in the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University, Co-Director of the Rutgers Community Outreach Partnership Center, and Co-Editor of *Urban Geography*. My research interests focus on participatory community development, urban environmental politics, locational conflict, and the scale politics of localism in a globalized political economy. Recent specific projects examine the structural constraints on non-profit community development organizations, the conflation of environment and race in suburban landuse disputes, the scale politics of exclusionary environmentalism, and the challenges to university-community partnerships for neighborhood revitalization. My work has been supported by NSF, HUD, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee, the United States Information Agency, and other sources and has been published in *Environment and Planning A*, *Antipode*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Political Geography*, *Urban Geography*,

Progress in Human Geography, *Geographical Review*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Journal of the American Planning Association* and elsewhere. As a UGSG Board member, I would seek closer ties between academics and community activists, support activities responsive to the interests of students and junior faculty, and encourage continuing critical self-reflection within the discipline.

PATRICIA PRICE

The roles of urban places, and peoples' places in them, are being profoundly re-crafted. Multifarious forces of glocalization, the restructuring of work, home, and community, the emergence of new ways of being political, and an ever-shifting topography of identities both individual and collective constitute just a few of the dimensions along which city-based changes are negotiated. My research and teaching centralizes these sorts of questions. I am an assistant professor at Florida International University in Miami, one of the largest Hispanic Serving Institutions in the United States. I have taught undergraduate Urban Geography at FIU for the past six years, and the course is now part of our new B.A. in Geography that two colleagues and I created. The so-called 'Latinization' of U.S. cities is the focus of my current research, a comparative study of Latinas/os and struggles over place in three U.S. cities. This project brings to the fore questions of inter- and intra-racial tensions and solidarities in local political processes. It also centralizes the idea that culture – the arts, literature, graffiti, performance, media, music – can and should be viewed as a political issue. My focus on the intersection of politics and culture in urban places is a longstanding one that I have approached primarily through ethnographic field research. Journal publications have highlighted the gender dynamics involved in the death of an urban popular movement in Guadalajara (*International Feminist Journal of Politics*), the body under neoliberal reform (*Society & Space*), the scale of the 'very local' in the lives of poor women in a squatter community (*Latin American Perspectives*), the aesthetics of placelessness and home in the contemporary world (*Journal of Social and Cultural Geography*), and the poetics of U.S.-Mexico border relations (*disClosure*). My book, titled *Place Visions: Narratives of Belonging and Exclusion in a Dry Land*, is forthcoming from the University of Minnesota Press. If elected to the Board, I will bring with me concerns with fostering interdisciplinary research agendas, an emphasis on racialized and gendered difference, and a focus on urban areas outside of the U.S. and how to bring these into broader conversations about contemporary cities.

BARNEY WARF

Hi there! I'm Professor and Chair of Geography at Florida State University, in Tallahassee. I'm interested in the geography of producer services and how they shape places and spaces. I work from within the tradition of political economy and social theory, applying these perspectives primarily to questions of finance, telecommunications, and the global service economy. I'm also interested in urban policy and governance, as well as inner city poverty in all its class, racialized, and gendered forms. I've studied New York City, international back office dispersal, banking in Panama, and the geography of cyberspace, among other things. My work (2 books, 70 articles) has surfaced in the *Annals*, *Urban Geography*, *Economic Geography*, *Political Geography*, the *P.G.*, *Society and Space*, *Urban Studies*, *IJURR*, *Tijdschrift*, *Environment and Planning*, *Geoforum*, *Growth and Change*, *Transactions of the IBG*, and *Geografiska Annaler*. I've been a UGSG member for 15 years. My primary interest in serving on the UGSG board is to further the interests of grad students and new faculty rather than old farts like me. Urban geography has become arguably the most conceptually dynamic part of the discipline today, and offers great possibilities to generate a mutually productive creative tension among diverse perspectives. I'd like to see UGSG enlarge its membership, sponsor a creative suite of AAG sessions, offer more awards for students, and set up mentoring sessions for those who want them.

NANCY ETTLINGER

Associate Professor of Geography and Associate Graduate Faculty of Women's Studies, Ohio State University. I regard the Urban Geography specialty group as a pivotal element of American geography. In part, this is because urban geography is large, internally differentiated, and now encompasses critical research frontiers along the lines of cultural studies, critical GIS, feminism, infrastructural and social change, issues of governance, to name a few. I regard the diversity of interests as healthy, offering a forum for intellectual exploration and cross-fertilization of thinking; specifically, the urban listserv, newsletter, and special sessions at the AAG and other meetings offer important opportunities for exchange and connection. As a board member I would support and encourage the UGSG's diversity and opportunities for exploration and exchange, and welcome new voices.

My own interests are with thinking normatively, conceptualizing what change (at the interface of social, cultural, economic, political, and ecological systems) ought to be, the conditions under which such change may be possible, and how and why realities fall short. These themes underline my research as well as my teaching (urban geography; state, society

and development in the global economy; economic and social geography; and graduate seminars including, in recent years, "spatiality as geographic inquiry", "culture, economy, and politics", "network theory and geographic inquiry", "geographic turn(s)", "perspectives on globalization). My recent research has focused on developing a framework to analyze people's multiple spaces of interaction and the significance of overlap among different social networks for destructive as well as constructive change in workplaces and consumption spaces. I am currently organizing 3 sessions for the upcoming AAG meeting in New Orleans with Fernando Bosco on Spatializing Emotions; these sessions crosscut a wide variety of contexts and topical areas of interest. From the vantage point of my own research, and departing from conventional notions of rationality, I am concerned with how people's multiple rationalities (derived from thoughts and feelings rooted in different social networks in a variety of contexts) affect daily behavior and social interaction; equally as important are the consequences of ignoring people's thoughts and feelings, which potentially can be tapped and used fruitfully in the purposeful construction of change. Forthcoming articles that address some of these issues are: "The Difference that Difference Makes in the Mobilization of Workers" in *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (December 2002) and "Cultural Economic Geography and a Relational and Microspace Approach to Trusts, Rationalities, and Networks in Collaborative Workplaces" in the *Journal of Economic Geography*. Some other journals in which I have published include *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Antipode*, *Progress in Human Geography*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Economic Geography*, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, *Competition and Change*.

SCOTT SALMON

Associate Professor, Dept. of Geography, Miami University - Oxford, Ohio

My professional background is in planning and community development - primarily in the non-profit sector - responding to the challenges confronting marginalized urban populations and minority groups. My academic interests currently center on attempts to capture, in both theoretical and empirical terms, the social and spatial contours of change within contemporary capitalism. At the moment, my research efforts are primarily focused on the urban and regional consequences of globalization, state restructuring and the political economy of urban regeneration. I am particularly interested in the human impacts of economic restructuring in different localities, the material and discursive deployment of globalization, and the transformation of urban governance both in

North America and the Pacific Rim. In the planning context, I am interested in the impacts of privatization and the shift to "entrepreneurialism," struggles over urban space and issues of social justice - particularly in relation to housing provision and community change. I also have a continuing interest in the development of critical social theory and geographic thought, especially the impacts of post-modern and post-positivist frameworks on theory and practice of human geography.

Student Board Members, 2003-2005
Vote for Only One!!!

DANLIN YU

I am very glad that I am nominated for student representative on the board of the Urban Geography Specialty Group of AAG. I got my Bachelor and Master's degree in China, in Geography and Regional Economic Geography, respectively. From 1997 to 2000, I worked as a research assistant in the Institute of Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences. I worked as a regional and urban planner during that period and attended 3 major regional and urban planning projects. I published 11 papers (in both Chinese and English, independently and collaborated with others) in regional and urban planning, regional sustainable development, and environment and resources management, among others. I am currently enrolled in the Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, pursuing my Ph. D. degree. My research focuses on regional development and GIS, urbanization and globalization in the developing countries, especially China. My past experiences on urban planning and my current research on global cities might help me better serve the board. In addition, my background of China might provide new ideas in the development of urban geography. As a student representative, I might continue the productive efforts of past student representatives, encourage more student to involve in the AAG and the group, and exchange ideas to promote student publications.

JENNIFER SPEIGHTS-BINET

I am currently a Ph.D. student at Louisiana State University. My dissertation addresses how New Urbanism and neo-traditional planning processes can help or hinder the downtown revitalization process of a small southern city. By being an active participant in this planning agenda, I am incorporating qualitative methods into my work to shed a new light on the different levels of "selling" the city to the various stakeholders in the process. Critically evaluating these differences, I argue, involves understanding how

various discourses of prosperity, community, and nostalgia are created for and promoted to the appropriate groups to garner support for these revitalization efforts. Broadly, my interests include social and critical approaches to the city, cultural politics, cultural and historical urban landscapes, place-based identity, feminist urban geography, and qualitative methods. I have been a member of the AAG since 1996 and an active participant in the annual conferences for the past four years.

As a student representative to the UGSG, I will continue to encourage and facilitate student involvement in our specialty group, making sure that student issues are addressed in meetings and newsletters. I will also encourage more of the helpful conference workshops for issues specific to graduate students such as the writing process, applying for jobs, and developing innovative course materials. As graduate students, we need as much support as we can get, and I will help the UGSG provide that to its student members.

ALISON MOUNTZ

I am excited to be a candidate for student representative on the USGS board. I have a Master's degree from Hunter College-CUNY and am currently a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia. Broadly speaking, I am interested in the social geography of cities and in the conceptualization of urbanization as a transnational process. I have conducted research with undocumented migrants and asylum applicants circulating between locales in Central and North America. My current research examines the institutional response to human smuggling in Canada through an ethnography of the federal immigration department that has led me from Vancouver to Victoria, Ottawa, and Hong Kong. I am thrilled to see more qualitative research explored within the sub-discipline of urban geography. Last year, I taught an undergraduate course in urban geography organized around the role of narrative in the approaches of social scientists to urbanization. I have been an advocate of graduate student interests in my own department through service on a variety of committees and am particularly interested in mentoring and professional development for grads, which past student reps have addressed well through workshops. As a representative on the USGS board, I would do my best to represent student interests and encourage participation. I hope to collaborate in planning helpful workshops that will further themes of professional development and the state of the sub-discipline.

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