Wow! What an exciting time to be an urbanist. On the one hand, we have a president who is a former community organizer, is very bright, and is truly working in the public interest. On the other hand, we are in the midst of the worst economic recession in half a decade. Although most of us are not on the front lines, the research and writing we do is certainly critical to shaping and informing the debates on how we can create a more inclusive, economically and environmentally sustainable, and just society. More than anytime in recent history, we have an administration that is open to new ideas and to tackling some of the difficult problems that have been ignored for so long.

Given this context, the activities of the Urban Affairs Association are more important than ever.

The annual conferences bring together hundreds of scholars and practitioners to discuss their ideas and research on how to address the problems facing urban areas. The *Journal of Urban Affairs* introduces the latest and best scholarship to a worldwide audience. The UAA website helps students find the programs that best suit their interests and scholars find job opportunities. The *Urban Affairs* newsletter helps urban programs and their faculties get the word out about their many accomplishments. As the new Chair of the Governing Board, I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting the organization's important work.

As the Chair of the UAA Governing board, my role is to work with the rest of the board to make sure that the organization is meeting the needs of its members. To this end, we have recently conducted a survey of institutional members to assess how they value the benefits they receive and what other benefits they would like the UAA to offer. We have also held several breakfast roundtable sessions at the last two annual conferences to solicit input from the membership on a host of issues. And the UAA staff routinely sends out post conference surveys to see what you liked and what you didn’t. Let me assure you that both the Board and the UAA staff take all your comments seriously and that we act on many of them. Just one example is that in response to concerns that many students and junior faculty members may not be able to afford the cost of attending next year’s UAA conference in Hawaii, the board has agreed to provide travel assistance to 30 students and 30 untenured faculty/post-docs. Details of this opportunity are offered on page 7 of this newsletter.

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Hello everyone,

As summer comes closer I am struck by the dynamic academic year we have just completed. The Chicago Annual Meeting was a truly phenomenal event. David Perry and his colleagues at the University of Illinois at Chicago did an outstanding job of bringing the theme of the conference to life as well as opening the door for us to this great city. The Chicago conference broke UAA attendance records with over 650 registrants. The fine support of The Chicago Community Trust and the Lincoln Land Institute provided vital resources that made the meeting a memorable event.

Attendance at UAA conferences has increased 10% annually for the past four years. This is both good news and a future planning challenge. As all of us know, unmanaged organizational growth is rarely a good thing. UAA has a great history and tremendous potential as a maturing national organization. This fall the UAA Board will engage in strategic planning to identify specific actions to insure its future as a dynamic and effective organization.

In the interim, the UAA Office is actively engaged in activities in support of our annual meetings (e.g., identifying hotel venues for our future meetings in New Orleans for 2011 and Pittsburgh for 2012). And of course we are disseminating information about the upcoming spring meeting in Honolulu. The Hawaii conference will be a unique one. The setting lends itself to a slightly different conference format. Plans are underway for afternoon study trips that will allow attendees ample opportunities to learn about Hawaii’s distinct policy issues. And for the first time, UAA will experiment with giving participants an option of presenting research via posters.

These conference innovations are part of an ongoing effort to make better use of learning opportunities during the annual meeting. During the New Orleans conference another innovation will take place as we establish opportunities for attendees to engage in community service activities. For each future meeting, the aim is to leave a positive footprint through the infusion of visitor dollars into the local economy, as well as service and knowledge exchange activities that benefit local communities. And last but not least, UAA is developing its “green” conference policies in cooperation with our host hotels.

The 40th anniversary of UAA meetings in Honolulu will be a time to reminisce about the past and renew our commitment to the future. I hope to see each of you on the beachfront lawn of the Sheraton for a magnificent sunset during our opening reception! Have a great summer.

Margaret Wilder, Ph.D.
UAA Executive Director

40th Annual Meeting
Honolulu, HI
March 10–13, 2010
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

41st Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA
March 16–19, 2011
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

42nd Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
2012
Dates TBA
Another way that you can have input is by serving on one of the Association’s committees, which include membership, conference site selection, governing board nominations, publications, awards committees, and others. Please let me know if you would like to get more involved with a terrific organization and a terrific group of people by serving on a committee.

Before I sign off I would like to recognize the many people who have made significant contributions to the organization during the past year. The outgoing Governing Board Chair, Ed Goetz, has left large shoes to fill. He and his predecessors have left us with an organization that is financially healthy, well managed (thanks to Margaret Wilder and the UAA staff), and that publishes one of the very best journals in our field (thanks to Victoria Basolo and the folks at Wiley-Blackwell). In the latest ISI rankings, the Journal was ranked fourth among the 30 urban journals—with an Impact Factor of 1.28. I would also like to thank the 39th annual meeting local host committee headed by David Perry and the program committee headed by Jill Gross for putting on a terrific conference in Chicago.

Now, it’s on to Honolulu, a fascinating city with lots of interesting urban issues. And I hear that there is a beach there, too! I hope to see you all there.

Bill Rohe
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

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**Call for papers for the *Journal of Urban Affairs***

*Deadline—July 10, 2009*

Each year, an issue of the *Journal of Urban Affairs (JUA)* is devoted to scholarship presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA). As many as six papers presented at the 39th annual meeting of UAA in Chicago will be published in next year’s special annual meeting issue. Additional papers from the annual meeting, if accepted, will appear in another issue of JUA. Papers submitted from the annual meeting undergo the same peer review process as other manuscripts submitted to JUA.

One manuscript submitted for the special annual meeting issue will receive the “Annual Meeting Best Paper Award.” The recipient of the award is selected by an appointed committee and presented with the award at the next annual meeting. The paper selected for this award is the lead article in the issue featuring papers from the annual meeting.

To be considered for the annual meeting issue and the Annual Meeting Best Paper Award, your manuscript must be submitted to the *Journal of Urban Affairs* by **July 10, 2009**. Please email your paper submission to jua@uci.edu and clearly mark the paper as an annual meeting submission.

We look forward to reviewing your paper and thank you for participating in the 39th annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association.

Sincerely,

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Urban Affairs Association
40th Annual Meeting
Call for Participation

Honolulu

March 10-13, 2010
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel

Sustaining Cities in a Time of Globalization:
Social, Economic and Political Realities

For its 40th meeting, the Urban Affairs Association is traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii, one of the major gateways to Asia and the Pacific. Situated on O'ahu, an island known as "the Gathering Place," the location encourages scholars from around the world to refocus their conceptual and theoretical frameworks to come to grasp with the significant ramifications generated by globalization processes. Due to the tremendous population increase and economic expansion of cities of the Pacific Rim, the 21st century has been coined the Pacific Century. While the growth of large North American cities were hallmarks of the 20th century, the last decade has witnessed a shift in world attention towards the mega-cities emerging on the Asian continent. Globalization and the changing economic and political relationships between countries have affected all cities in the world, to varying degrees and in different ways. These external forces have exacerbated internal problems faced by cities such as disparities in income, education, health care and housing. The global financial crisis has highlighted the interconnections between place, people and networks. How do the interconnections between different regions of the world impact localities? How do they transform local issues such as the provision of public services, governance, immigration, aging, social divides, real estate and labor markets? How do globalization forces affect the adjustment strategies of families, economic sectors, and service providers in urban contexts? What responses do social and political actors in cities put forward to overcome crisis and seize opportunities in unsettling times? The meeting will try to address the conflicting aspects of globalization, both positive and negative, and provide the occasion to discuss the wide variations in the experiences of cities, cultures, classes, and genders.
While cities have become increasingly vulnerable to external shocks such as the world financial crisis, they also face major environmental challenges and are threatened by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and fires. In a period marked by unprecedented uncertainties and global interconnections, adopting a stance endorsing social, environmental and economic sustainability appears more than ever essential. How can cities and their urban regions be made more sustainable and livable? What opportunities arise in the wake of crises that generate demand for new urban planning tools, policy analysis and urban management? What place should environmental issues play in the design of cities? How can the different actors collaborate to build and manage cities that promote equitable, environmental, institutional and economic sustainability?

The conference theme- sustaining cities in a time of globalization- is particularly relevant to the city of Honolulu (a word that means the place of shelter, of protection). As an international hub of global commerce, tourism, and immigration, Honolulu faces significant social, economic and environmental challenges. The city is constantly seeking a balance between livability, sustainability and social well-being. This location prompts us to consider how and why cities can be made more desirable places to live, and what role they play in sustaining social, political and economic relations. We hope that the theme and the location will be of particular interest to international colleagues and those interested in cross-national comparisons.

We encourage proposals that focus on the conference theme as well as submissions on the array of research topics typically found at UAA conferences:

- Arts, Culture, Media
- Economic Development, Redevelopment, Tourism, Urban Economics, Urban Finance
- Education, Schools, Universities
- Environmental Issues, Sustainability, Urban Health, Technology and Society
- Globalization, International Urban Issues
- Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, Regionalism, Urban Management
- Housing, Neighborhoods, Community Development
- Public Safety in Urban Areas, Criminal Justice, Household Violence
- Immigration, Population and Demographic Trends
- Infrastructure, Capital Projects, Networks, Transport, Urban Services
- Labor, Employment, Wages, Training
- Land Use, Growth Management, Space and Place, Urban Design, Urban Development, Urban Planning
- Poverty, Welfare, Income Inequality
- Human/Social Services, Nonprofit Sector
- Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Diversity
- Social Capital, Democracy and Civil Society, Social Theory, Religion and the City
- Urban Indicators, Data/Methods, Satisfaction/Quality of Life Surveys
- Urban Politics, Elections, Citizen Participation
- Urban Theory, Theoretical and Conceptual Issues in Urban Affairs
- Professional Development, The Field of Urban Affairs

**Proposal Deadline—October 1, 2009**

Proposals can be submitted for papers, panels (a group of 3-5 formal papers with moderator), colloquies (formal discussions without papers), breakfast roundtables (informal discussions) and posters. UAA presentation and proposal submission policies limit participants to one presentation/session role per annual meeting. Do not submit multiple proposals. However, participants can be co-authors on multiple papers. Proposal submissions are accepted only online at the UAA website: www.udel.edu/uaa. Proposal acceptance/rejection notices will be sent by November 16, 2009.
Registration Policy and Rates
ALL participants (faculty, students, practitioners) must pay the appropriate registration fees for their membership category. Session organizers should inform potential panelists that registration is required. Registration is completed on-line via the UAA website (www.udel.edu/uaa) by credit card, personal check or institutional check.

Visa/Passport Regulations
All international participants should become familiar with U.S. travel and entry requirements. Please visit www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis for the latest visa/passport requirements. Letters of invitation for visa applications will be provided only to persons accepted as conference presenters.

Hotel Accommodations and Rates
The 40th Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. UAA is pleased to offer conference attendants a discounted rate at the Renaissance: $165 single/double, not including state and local taxes (currently 4.712% plus 7.25% Transient Accommodation Tax).

Exhibitors
Exhibit space is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early contact with the UAA Office is advised. Fee information and space reservations can be made through Shelly Tillinghast (shelviat@udel.edu).

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Jocelyn Taliaferro, North Carolina State University

Important Dates and Deadlines for 2010 UAA Annual Meeting
August 1, 2009: Online proposal submission opens
October 1, 2009: Deadline for submitting a proposal
November 16, 2009: Acceptance/rejection notices sent; registration opens
January 4, 2010: Early registration payment deadline
February 1, 2010: Persons on the program must register AND pay fees by this date
March 10-13, 2010—Honolulu, Hawaii: Dates of Annual Meeting

UAA website: www.udel.edu/uaa (conference registration, hotel reservations, etc.).
Questions: 302-831-1681 (country code 001)
Travel Grants for the 2010 UAA Annual Meeting

In order to facilitate participation in the 2010 UAA Conference in Honolulu, the UAA Board is making a limited number of travel grants available to UAA members* who have insufficient financial support to attend the conference. A total of 60 grants will be awarded (30 to students, and an additional 30 to untenured faculty/post-docs). The terms of these grants are described below.

* To be eligible, your UAA membership must be current as of May 1, 2009. To check your membership status, call Wiley Publishing directly at 800-835-6770 or e-mail them at cs-membership@wiley.com.

Grant Benefits

- Student recipients will be given a conference registration waiver plus a $350 lodging credit which will be applied to their Sheraton Waikiki lodging expenses (the approximate cost of two nights at the hotel). Sharing of rooms is permitted. However, the credit applies to the Sheraton only.

- Untenured faculty members and post-docs will be given a $350 lodging credit which will be applied to their Sheraton Waikiki lodging expenses (the approximate cost of two nights at the hotel). Sharing of rooms is permitted. However, the credit applies to the Sheraton only.

Grant Guidelines

- All applicants must complete an application form that requires information on membership status, student or untenured status, and details on efforts made to obtain travel funds from other sources.

- The Travel Grant Application Form will be made available on the UAA website (www.udel.edu/uaa) by November 1.

- All applicants must have an accepted proposal for presentation of a paper, poster or colloquy talk. Acceptance/rejection notices for persons submitting paper/colloquy/poster proposals will be sent out by November 16, 2009.

- Assuming that more than 30 applications are received for each class of award, the winners will be selected randomly from the eligible applicants in each group.

Application Deadline: December 7, 2009

Grant recipients will be notified of the award by December 14, 2009. All recipients are responsible for making their own reservations at the Sheraton. Reservations can be made via the UAA website.
In March, two Board members retired. Thank you for your service!

Edward Goetz
University of Minnesota
Stacy Warren
Eastern Washington University

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About UAA’s New Governing Board Chair

Bill Rohe is the Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he teaches courses in neighborhood and central city revitalization. He is also the Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, an interdisciplinary urban research center with over 70 Faculty Fellows from 23 departments on campus. Bill has been attending UAA annual meetings since 1980 and has served on the Governing Board since 2004.

Bill received his Ph.D. and M.R.P from Penn State University. He is co-author of several books including Planning with Neighborhoods (University of North Carolina Press 1985), Sustainable Nonprofit Housing Developments (Fannie Mae Foundation 1998) and, most recently, Chasing the American Dream: New Perspectives on Affordable Homeownership (Cornell University Press 2007). He has also authored or coauthored over 50 journal articles on the topics of housing and community development policy and practice and has received best article awards from both the Journal of Planning Education and Research and the Journal of the American Planning Association. Bill currently serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Urban Affairs and Journal of Planning Literature and is an Associate Editor for Housing Policy Debate. He is currently working on a book on the history, current issues and future prospects of the Research Triangle Metropolitan Area.
Marla Nelson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Planning and Urban Studies at the University of New Orleans where she teaches courses in planning methods, economic development and planning theory. Her research in community and economic development focuses on understanding the importance of the central city to the regional economy and economic development strategies aimed at revitalizing distressed communities and connecting disadvantaged workers to viable job opportunities. Nelson has recently completed a project that examines the economic workforce development potential of health services, a key central city industry.

Since Hurricane Katrina, Nelson's research interests have converged on recovery issues in New Orleans. One of her current projects, with a colleague at UNO, examines how cities cope with decline, whether sudden or prolonged, sustained or temporary. Since Hurricane Katrina, thousands of young, socially motivated professionals and volunteers have moved to New Orleans to be a part of rebuilding efforts. A second recovery-related project focuses on the impact these individuals stand to have on the redevelopment of the city and the factors affecting their decisions to come to and remain in New Orleans.

Nelson has published in Cityscape, the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, the Journal of Planning Education and Research, the Journal of Urban Affairs, Transportation Quarterly, and Urban Geography and has articles forthcoming in Economic Development Quarterly. Nelson obtained her B.A. in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a Masters and Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Policy Development from Rutgers University.

Michael Leo Owens is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Senior Faculty Fellow in the Office of University-Community Partnerships at Emory University. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Housing Institute, the National Academic Advisory Board of City Hall Fellows, and the Executive Council of the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. He recently joined the Editorial Review Board of Urban Affairs Review. Before Emory, he conducted urban and public policy research for the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government and New York State Senate.

The author of God and Government in the Ghetto (University of Chicago Press, 2007), his urban research interests range from the role of civic organizations, especially faith-based organizations, in urban governance to the social construction and behavior of marginalized individuals as urban citizens to the politics of race and political incorporation in cities.

Dr. Owens joined UAA while a graduate student at the State University of New York at Albany. He presented his first conference paper at a UAA meeting in 1996, one that became his first journal article and appeared in the Journal of Urban Affairs. He has been a regular participant at the UAA meetings ever since, presenting papers, moderating panels, and organizing breakfast roundtables. Additionally, he has served our UAA as a member of its Program, Membership, and Publications Committees. He also was the recipient of the 2000 Sage/UAA Young Scholar Award. As a Governing Board member, he plans to sustain UAA’s commitments to the development of post-secondary research, teaching, and service programs in urban affairs and increasing the number of institutional members. Additionally, he will encourage the UAA to create and pursue opportunities for more scholar-practitioner engagement, as well as increased membership and involvement by urban affairs scholars from the Global South, particularly the Caribbean and Africa.
Meeting Highlights

Wednesday’s Opening Reception in the 39th-Floor Penthouse of Hotel 71
Thursday and Friday’s Breakfast Roundtables gave attendees the opportunity to engage in informal discussions in various topics of interest.
During breaks between sessions…

…participants took the opportunity to talk with colleagues, browse the book exhibit, prepare for their presentations, check their e-mail at the Internet Café, and maybe even take a walk around the block to enjoy the sun and the spectacular views.
Over the course of three days, over 600 attendees participated in more than 120 panel sessions.
Friday’s Awards and Recognition Luncheon

Louise A. Jezierski - MSU
Global Urban Studies Program
Friday’s Happy Hour
at the Renaissance Hotel

(Left) Louise A. Jezierski - MSU
Global Urban Studies Program
Saturday Afternoon Tour--
Changing Chicago and Challenges, from Public Housing to Economic Development: Cabrini Green, Goose Island, and the Clybourn Corridor

The tour was led by Larry Bennett (DePaul University) and Mike Holzer (LEED Council Director of Economic Development).
Awards Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting

Best 38th Annual Meeting Paper

“Revisiting Black Electoral Success: Oakland (CA), 40 Years Later”

by

Frédérick Douzet
University of Paris 8

Committee
Jean-Pierre Collin, INRS-Urbanisation, Culture et Société
Jill Simone Gross, Hunter College, CUNY
Louise Jezierski, Michigan State University
Michael Leo Owens, Emory University

Best Article Published in Journal of Urban Affairs

“Rethinking the Politics of Downtown Development”

by

Elizabeth Strom
University of South Florida

Committee
Michael Rich, Emory University
Alex Schwartz, The New School University
Rachel Weber, University of Illinois at Chicago
UAA’s annual awards for special achievement were presented during Friday’s luncheon. Congratulations to all of our outstanding colleagues. And thanks goes to all committee members for being involved in the selection process.

**Best Book Published in Urban Affairs**

Colored Property: State Policy and White Racial Politics in Suburban America

by

David Freund

University of Maryland, College Park

**Committee**

James DeFilippis, Rutgers University
Lance Freeman, Columbia University
Cecilia Giusti, Texas A&M University
Ali Modarres, California State University at Los Angeles
Elizabeth Mueller, University of Texas at Austin

**Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award**

Sandra Zupan

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Committee**

Sabina Dietrick, University of Pittsburgh
Rex Facer, Brigham Young University
Beverly McClean, University at Buffalo
Michael Powe, University of California, Irvine
Institutional Member Updates

Arizona State University
School of Public Affairs

James Svara, of Arizona State University’s School of Public Affairs, received the American Society for Public Administration’s Charles Levine Award for Teaching, Research, and Service in the field of public administration, especially based on his ground-breaking work in the field of urban management.

California State University, Northridge
Department of Urban Studies and Planning

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning at California State University, Northridge is pleased to note that at the university’s spring 2009 graduation ceremonies 41 students received BA degrees in Urban Studies and Planning. The department currently has over 120 majors, six full-time tenured or tenure track faculty, two full-time lecturers, and about six part-time lecturers.

In fall 2009, the department will inaugurate a Graduate Certificate Program in Urban Studies and Planning in the university’s Tseng College of Extended Learning. The 15-credit certificate program is completed in one academic year and is designed to serve working professionals in public agencies and municipalities in the Los Angeles metropolitan region.

The department places a strong emphasis on fieldwork and community engagement in training its students. During 2008/09 faculty members supervised several activities which engaged students student projects in the field. In April 2009 Phyl Van Ammers, Lecturer, took her fieldwork class to Ukiah, California, where they worked on a community plan for the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, an officially recognized Native American Nation. In May nearly 30 students from her introductory course, The Urban Scene, participated in the Friends of Los Angeles River’s “Big Clean-Up” at the Los Feliz Beach in LA where the clean project was initiated 20 years ago. In downtown Los Angeles’ MacArthur Park neighborhood, students from Assistant Professors Kenya Covington and Zeynep Toker’s classes collaborated with community organizations to gather data on economic redevelopment alternatives. And in the Pacoima neighborhood of LA’s San Fernando Valley, Toker’s students organized community workshops to integrate the community members’ needs and preferences in the decision-making process in creating public open spaces along Pacoima Wash, a degraded urban stream.

In fall 2008 Robert B. Kent was appointed as the Department Chair and the James H. Ring Professor. Previously he served as professor and chair of geography and planning at the University of Akron. He recently co-authored “A Midwestern Chinatown? Cleveland, Ohio in North American Context, 1900-2005” Journal of Cultural Geography 25(3):305-329. (2008).

Ashwani Vasishth, Assistant Professor, has been appointed as founding Director of the University’s Institute for Sustainability. He has just published “A scale-hierarchic ecosystem approach to integrative ecological planning” Progress in Planning 70:99-132. (2008).

Ward Thomas, Assistant Professor, has been granted a sabbatical leave for fall 2009 to pursue work on a book examining the effects of environmental legislation on local industries in Southern California.

In October 2008, Euripides de Oliveira, Lecturer, successfully concluded an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Minas Gerais State, Brazil for a “Protocol of Intention” for training of professionals in planning for municipalities in the state.


Georgia State University
Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies

Georgia State University announces new dean of Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Following an international search, Provost Ron Henry has named W. Bartley Hildreth as dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, effective July 1.

Hildreth is currently the Regents Distinguished Professor of Public Finance at the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University and a member of the finance faculty of the W. Frank Barton School of Business.

“It is an honor to be selected to lead the Andrew Young School, a top-ranked policy school known for its scholarly contribution and policy advice in Atlanta and in capitals around the globe,” Hildreth said.
“Ambassador Andrew Young said the world calls all of us to leadership. My job is to keep that vision alive during the Andrew Young School’s next stage of growth as a creative leader in the world of policy studies.”

Henry said the search committee was meticulous and deliberate in their process to select a dean who has an excellent understanding of the increasingly global and interdisciplinary academic environment of an urban research university and one who would build on the excellent image provided the School by Ambassador Young.

“The Andrew Young School has attained an outstanding reputation since its inception and it is felt that Bart Hildreth will be a leader of vision who will be instrumental in creating and implementing further growth and prominence in the Andrew Young School,” Henry said.

An expert on municipal securities, public budgeting, and state and local finance, Hildreth holds a doctorate in public administration from the University of Georgia and a master of public administration from Auburn University at Montgomery.

Hildreth has also served as director of the Kansas Public Finance Center since 1994. He served as interim dean for Wichita’s W. Frank Barton School of Business from 2007-2008. He is a member of several professional organizations, and served on the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council.

Hildreth was the recipient of the 2008 Aaron B. Wildavsky Award for lifetime scholarly achievement in the field of public budgeting and finance. As a Fulbright Scholar in 2005, he served as visiting research chair in public policy at McGill University in Montréal.

Gregory Lewis, who chaired the search committee, said that Hildreth’s leadership capabilities as well as his scholarly reputation would help provide visibility for AYSPS within professional communities around the state and beyond.

“I was really impressed with the provost of his university, who said that he had done a fabulous job when he was the interim dean. He said that he was going to do everything he could to keep him, but that Bart was someone that needed to be a dean, but he didn’t have a deanship to offer him,” Lewis said. “Bart is an excellent and well known scholar in an area which fits really well with the school and is a good bridge between the public management and policy and the economic departments.”

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP)

Promotions

We are pleased to announce that Associate Professors Xavier de Souza Briggs and Judith Layzer have both been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

Rockefeller Grant for Indian Urban Planning Institute

MIT’s School of Architecture and Planning has received a $650,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to collaborate with the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), for the purpose of developing an integrated, interdisciplinary PhD and Masters level curriculum in urban planning and related fields. IIHS is a new, privately funded, educational institution that will educate a new generation of practitioners and scholars focused on addressing the problems associated with rapid urbanization in India. Professors Bish Sanyal and Lawrence Vale will lead an interdisciplinary team of faculty members and professionals, from MIT and other institutions/practice partners, to develop the curriculum. Three PhD students and two Masters students will support them in this effort.

DUSP Students Prepare Environmental Justice Report for UN

DUSP students prepared a background report for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) called “Enabling Environmental Justice: Assessment of Participatory Tools.” The report is designed to support UNITAR’s efforts to strengthen the capacities of public officials to effectively engage stakeholders in environmental decision-making. The report was prepared by students enrolled in a special session of the environmental justice class that is taught each fall. This year, students studied the link between environmental justice and participatory governance in developing countries. They also conducted research to identify relevant participatory techniques and assessed the potential of each technique for achieving equitable outcomes in environmental policy and planning.
The course was taught by Professor JoAnn Carmin in collaboration with Dr. Achim Halpaap, Head of the Environment Unit at UNITAR. To view the report, see http://www.unitar.org/egp/sites/default/files/Enabling_Environmental_Justice_final.pdf.

MIT Students Win Two National Awards

A student team from MIT recently won the Urban Land Institute’s seventh annual Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition. The team, advised by DUSP Professor Tunney Lee, included MCP candidates Blair Humphreys, Jesse Hunting and Sarah Snider, MArch candidate Duncan McIlvaine, and Eric Komppa of the University of Wisconsin, an MBA and MRED student. The project involved the creation of a redevelopment plan for a 75-acre site in the City of Denver. The students will share the $50,000 prize. For more information, visit http://udcompetition.uli.org/

In addition to this national honor for DUSP, Second-Year MCP Student Jeffrey J. Beam was just recognized by the American Planning Association Housing and Community Development Division’s Research Award Program. His project, entitled “Holistic Revitalization in Small Industrial Cities: Ideas and Tools for Urban Housing Developers,” was judged to “represent the best of student work and contributions to the housing and community development field.”

Open Position—DUSP Seeks Lecturer in Housing Policy and Planning

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is seeking a full-time non tenure-track Lecturer in the area of Housing Policy and Planning with an emphasis on affordable housing in the United States. The person hired will be expected to teach professional degree candidates in city planning, advise masters-level students on their academic program and masters’ theses, and supervise field-based projects related to affordable housing policy and planning. The Department seeks a dynamic and creative teacher with a strong record as a practicing professional or in policy research in affordable housing policy, planning or development. For more details, see http://dusp.mit.edu/p.lasso?t=8:1:0.

National League of Cities Center for Research and Program Development

Recent studies from the National League of Cities are available on the “Research Reports” page at www.nlc.org.

State of America’s Cities 2009: Local Retail Slowdown

City officials around the country are reporting declining retail sales and increases in retail store closings in their communities. The survey also finds that locally owned retailers on main street are particularly vulnerable. City officials from cities reliant on sales tax revenues are more likely than city officials from cities with other types of revenue structures to report that retail conditions are worse now than they were last year, before the major impacts of the recession took hold.

Fiscal Outlook Worsens for Cities in 2009

Four in five (84%) city finance officers say that their cities are less able to meet current needs than at the same time one year ago, representing a significant increase from NLC’s previous survey, conducted April to June 2008, when 64% said their cities were less able to meet needs. Cities are responding by implementing hiring freezes and layoffs, delaying capital expenditures and instituting service cuts.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Bloustein School Welcomes Four New Faculty

Four new faculty members have just completed their first years at the Bloustein School—professors Robert Noland, PhD and Hal Salzman, PhD, and assistant professors Stephanie Curenton, PhD and Gabriella Carolini, PhD. Previously, a reader in transport and environmental policy at Imperial College London, Noland’s research has focused on the impacts of transportation planning and policy on environmental outcomes. Focused primarily on working life across the spectrum of skill levels, Salzman’s research has been motivated by a desire to understand how jobs can be improved and public policies in support of those efforts can be developed. A fellow in development and globalization at Columbia University prior to joining Rutgers, Carolini’s doctoral research addressed the impact of current fiscal policies and public-sector accounting practices on social investments, notably on slum upgrading. The recipient of a National Academy
Two Faculty Win Promotions

Clinton Andrews will be promoted to professor, and James DeFilippis to associate professor with tenure effective July 1 after gaining formal approval from the Rutgers Board of Governors. The director of the urban planning program, Andrews joined the Bloustein School in 2003. DeFilippis joined the Bloustein School in 2007 and focuses on urban political economy and political philosophy.

Dona Schneider Appointed Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Professor Dona Schneider has been appointed Associate Dean for Academic Programs, responsible for such functions as student financial support, faculty support, on-line and continuing education, and instructional technology. The associate dean position was vacant for nearly two years—during the illness of Donald Krueckeberg, and then after his passing.

PhD Program Captures 4th Consecutive ‘Best in Nation’ ACSP Award

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) has awarded Ralph Buehler, who received his PhD from the Bloustein School in May, the 2008 Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning. The ACSP annual award, which honors superior scholarship in a doctoral dissertation, has now been presented for the fourth consecutive year to a student from the Bloustein School’s doctoral program.

Jane Miller Becomes Co-Director of Project L/EARN

Professor Jane Miller has become Faculty Director and a co-director of Project L/EARN, a graduate education program funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Project L/EARN is designed to increase the number of students from underrepresented groups in the fields of health, mental health, and health policy research.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research

The Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (MIPAR) at UMBC conducts interdisciplinary social science research and links University resources with policy makers in the state and region. MIPAR welcomes new deputy director Dave Marcotte, Associate Professor of Public Policy at UMBC, and new research scientist Judith Shinogle.

Recent MIPAR research projects include:

Family Separation and Reunification as a Factor in the Educational Success of Immigrant Children

For many immigrants, especially those from Central America and Mexico, it is common for families to become separated for extended periods as parents migrate to the United States and children follow later. This study found that the separation of immigrant Latin American families during migration has a negative impact on the educational success of their children. Children are more likely to be behind others their age in school and are more likely to drop out of high school.

An Analysis of the Impact of Introducing Video Lottery Terminals in Maryland

This analysis, conducted prior to the passage of legislation to permit slot machine gambling in Maryland, found that uncertainty existed about how much revenue the introduction of 15,000 video lottery terminals (VLTs or slot machines) will actually generate for the state. The report also reviews a range of social costs and benefits, which had not been done in previous studies on the potential impacts of VLTs in Maryland.

Deer and Deer Management in Howard County, Maryland

A MIPAR survey of residents of Howard County, Maryland found that people in the county enjoy the presence of deer, but support deer population reduction. The majority of respondents felt there were too many deer in the county, and believe that deer contribute to problems such as shrub damage, Lyme disease and auto accidents.
Department of Public Policy (www.umbc.edu/pubpol)

UMBC offers a master’s and a Ph.D. degree in public policy. The program is interdisciplinary, drawing from economics, sociology, political science and the policy analysis discipline.

Public Policy Professor Marvin Mandell is the 2009 president of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

Public Policy Professor John Rennie Short calls the region between Boston and Washington, DC a “giant urban region larger than our capacity to humanize it” in his book, Liquid City: Megalopolis Revisited (Resources for the Future Press/Johns Hopkins University Press). Liquid City is the first book to examine the social, economic and demographic changes that have taken place in this densely populated region in the last 50 years.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Public Policy Research Center

Urban Scholar Joins University of Missouri-St. Louis

The University of Missouri-St. Louis named Dr. Todd Swanstrom Des Lee Professor of Community Collaboration and Public Policy Administration. Dr. Swanstrom has a joint appointment in Political Science, Public Policy Administration and the Public Policy Research Center (PPRC). He is the author of six books, including Place Matters: Metropolitics for the Twenty-first Century, 2nd ed. (co-authored with Peter Dreier and John Mollenkopf). This text, published in 2001, examines the relationship between suburban sprawl and the decline of central cities and inner-ring suburbs. He also co-authored City Politics, 5th ed., which is a comprehensive examination of urban politics. Dr. Swanstrom will teach policy analysis in the Political Science Department and Public Policy Administration program. He will work with the PPRC to achieve its mission of producing and disseminating applied analysis and evaluation of public policies and programs. In particular he will enhance PPRC’s capacity to fulfill its mission of conducting applied and theoretical research on public and urban policy issues.

Urban Research Collaborative

The University of Missouri-St. Louis has partnered with two other institutions to create the Applied Research Collaborative (ARC), a regional data service center for local government and nonprofit organizations. ARC is comprised of The Institute for Urban Research at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Public Policy Research Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and RegionWise at Saint Louis University. The initiative will serve as a data clearinghouse, provide regional indicators and perform commissioned research projects, including trend analysis reports. The collaboration is being undertaken by the universities as a way to provide support for community improvement through greater collaboration and more active engagement in key issues facing the St. Louis bi-state region. ARC will work together with area civic, public and nonprofit agencies that also will use the research generated by the collaborative. ARC’s goal is to work with local governments and nonprofits to ensure community improvement efforts are more informed, better planned and easier to implement. Research from the collaborative will help civic, nonprofit and public decision makers in a variety of ways, including local trend data presentation and analysis, program evaluation and documentation for specific community service needs.

University of Nebraska at Omaha
School of Public Administration

Online Master of Urban Studies

Beginning fall semester 2009, UNO is moving its Master of Urban Studies (MSUS) degree to fully online format. UNO has a NASPAA-accredited online Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, offering a top-quality, challenging MPA curriculum taught by leading scholars in the field. The online MSUS will share the MPA’s characteristics of quality and scholarship, but it is oriented toward students seeking professional careers in community development, planning agencies, and nonprofit organizations in urban and rural communities nationwide. For details and contact information about the MSUS online, please see our website, http://www.unomaha.edu/urbanstudies/index.php.