

Urban Studies Programs

College of Letters and Science

► Director's Corner – Greetings from Urban Studies for 2005!

Campus life quiets down a bit in July, giving us the opportunity to pull together the news of the year and bring you the annual newsletter. The 2004-05 academic year has again been busy with conferences, speakers, and many accomplishments by our students, faculty and staff. Inside we highlight the past year and what's on the schedule for 2005-06 as well.

Since last summer, Johnnie Johnson, Lisa Berger, and Lynn Gransee completed their doctorates. Lois Wilson, Deborah Curtis, Kevin Minot, completed their MS degrees. Katrina Propson is our first undergraduate certificate student.

On the faculty and staff front, in recent months there have been some changing of the guard in Urban Studies and new faces on the horizon. Departures on the faculty include Kristin Espinosa, Eleanor Miller, and Dale Jaffe. Noelle Chesley joins the Sociology and Urban Studies faculty this fall. Our office manager, Diane Jackson, took a new position in Madison in April (and is getting married in August!). We all know how hard it is going to be to fill Diane's shoes, after 13 (!) years

of efficient office management. In May we welcomed Jaclyn Stoczany as our new office staffer. She's also a student at UWM completing her BA with a major in Community Education, and has kept the ship of state running smoothly since then.

And finally, I will be going on sabbatical for the 2005-06 academic year so a new director (tune in for details...) will take over in September. I hope to complete several major writing projects, including a book manuscript on population data systems and the incarceration of the West Coast US Japanese ancestry population during World War II.

So turn the page and find more news and notices about the far flung world of Urban Studies.

Margo Anderson
July 2004

Symposium on Milwaukee History: Current Understanding & Future Research

Urban Studies had a full complement of lectures and programs in 2004-05. In the fall, in conjunction with the Biennial Conference of the Urban History Association, we partnered with the UWM's Center for 21st Century Studies to sponsor a conference within the conference on Milwaukee History. Several dozen scholars came together to review what we know about the history of the city and the metropolitan region, to discuss needed research, and network for continuing study. The papers from the conference are available in Urban Studies and the program can be accessed in our past events list on our website.

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Processes, Challenges, and Change:

A Decade of Urban Discourse, 1996-2005

Tenth Annual Student Forum

We concluded the year with the Tenth Annual Urban Studies Student Forum. Douglas Rae, Richard S. Ely, Professor of Organization and Management and Professor of Political Science at Yale University, provided the keynote for the day, highlighting his recent book, *City: Urbanism and Its End* (Yale University Press). Earlier in the day, Alumnus Don Sykes, spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of students and faculty on his career and insights into the future of Urban Studies and urban problem solving. As usual an intellectually stimulating and good time was had by all, as our students provided a rich array of presentations from their research, internship experiences and work life. Our pictures and awards section have further details on our presenters and award winners.





Scott Canevit

Outstanding Research in Urban Studies

Scott Canevit was honored for his paper "The Scholarly Development of Social Control A Historical Examination." Currently a doctoral student in Urban Studies, Scott Canevit was born in Columbus, Georgia, and lived in several states in the South during his childhood. He enlisted into the US Army Reserves in 1984 and served for three years before enlisting on Active Duty in 1987 where he served for twelve more years. During his service, he was a military policeman and was stationed in various duty locations such as Texas, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Panama, Bosnia, as well as North Carolina, and performed an array of duties such as police patrol, nuclear weapons custody security, desk sergeant, personal security for VIPs, and squad leader. After leaving the Army as a disabled veteran in 1999, he attended Methodist college in Fayetteville, North Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in criminal justice studies and sociology in 2001, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He completed his Master's Degree in criminal justice at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2003. He is currently a doctoral student in the Urban Studies program and a teaching assistant in the Department of History.



Avelardo Valdez

Postgraduate Achievement in Advancing Understanding of Urban Social Institutions

Dr. Valdez, who also holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from UCLA, is currently the Director of the Office for Drug and Social Policy Research at the University of Houston and Professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at that institution. Previously, he was Professor in the Division of Social and Policy Sciences and Director of the Hispanic Research Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a nationally recognized expert in the area of gangs and drug abuse within the Mexican-American population. An extremely productive research scholar, he achieved an extensive publication record and associated influence. He has established two university research centers to deal with Latino social problems. In establishing these centers and securing national funds for research, he has created mechanisms to extend not only his own research to but develop the careers of young academics. Professor Valdez serves on numerous

national committees and advisory panels including presently: The Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment of the World Federation for Mental Health, The National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Review Panel, The National Steering Committee of the National Hispanic Science Network of the National Institutes of Health National Institute on Drug Abuse



Edward Olson

Postgraduate Contribution To Urban Affairs

Currently president of E j j Olson & Associates. E j j is an internationally consultant for health and human service continuum of care systems, working with public and private sector agencies in developing new and innovative programs and strategic solutions that improve conditions in urban communities. After training and practice as an architect in the U.S. and Sweden, he pursued an M.S. in Urban Affairs at the University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee, completing the M.S. in 1972. While serving as Assistant Director of the Community Relations-Social Development Commission (CR-SDC), he was responsible for developing programs and conducting research that enabled CR-SDC to expand its budget from \$3,000,000 to \$25,000,000 and become one of the leading Community Action Agencies in the country. He was instrumental in developing Milwaukee County Commission on Aging which today serves 154, 000 older adults in the metropolitan area.. As Chairman of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for more than 13 years, he was instrumental in establishing many innovative programs consulting with federal officials, national foundations, and holding leadership posts on numerous national policy boards such as the Urban Elderly Coalition and the American

Society of Aging.

Phyllis Santacroce -Outstanding Research in Urban Studies

was honored for her paper "The Post World War II Veterans Housing Crisis: A Failed Vision for Public Housing" Currently a doctoral student in Urban Studies, Phyllis Santacroce earned her BS in Secondary Education, with honors, from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1986, and taught high school social studies for three years before returning to school. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Marquette University in 1992 where she was also a member of the law review and winner of the intra-mural moot court competition. After working as an assistant district attorney and in private practice, she returned to teaching and currently teaches Social Studies at Nicolet High School in Glendale. She continues to work as a volunteer attorney completing research projects for the Guardian ad Litem division of Legal Aid of Milwaukee. Recently, she authored a chapter on "Termination of Parental Rights" for a legal treatise used by attorneys throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Jonnie Johnson (Ph.D., 5/05)

Major Professor: William Velez, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Urban School Reform: A Case of Milwaukee's Parental School Choice Program and Black Student Achievement*

Lisa Berger (Ph.D., 5/05)

Major Professor: Eleanor Miller, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Alcohol in the Workplace: The Relationship Between Work, Environment, and Employee Alcohol Problems.*

Lynn Gransee (Ph.D., 5/05)

Major Professor: Stacey Olikier, Ph.D.

Dissertation: *Navigating into Nursing School and The Gender Gap: Second Choices, Second Careers, and Second Incomes.*

Lois Wilson (MS, 12/04)

Major Professor: William Velez, Ph.D.

Paper: *North Meadows: The Making of a Suburban Slum in the City of Milwaukee*

Deborah Curtis (MS, 12/04)

Major Professor: Margo Anderson, Ph.D.

Paper: *Condominiums in the City of Milwaukee: An Historical Analysis*

Kevin Minot (MS, 5/05)

Major Professor: Anne Lennarson Greer

Paper: *2005 Substance Abuse Prevention Plan: Knocking Out Substance Abuse in Our Community.*

Katarina Propson (BS Certificate, 5/05)

First Undergraduate Certificate for USP

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES OF INTEREST TO URBANISTS:

European Urban Research Association presents the First Bi-Annual EURA Conference.
"Cities in City Regions" May 11th - 14th 2006 Warsaw, Poland

Urban Affairs Association 36th Annual Meeting
"Neighborhoods and Urban Transformation: The New Global Context"
April 19th - 22nd, 2006 Montreal, Canada

FACULTY NEWS

Rina Ghose. New publications: "The complexities of citizen participation through collaborative governance", *Space and Polity*, vol. 9 (1), 61-75, April 2005 and "Big sky or big sprawl? Rural gentrification and the changing cultural landscapes of Missoula, Montana". *Urban Geography*, vol. 25(6), 529-549, 2004.

Steve McKay received a Ford Foundation Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2005/06 to continue his research on "Racial Formation in the Global Labor Market: The Making of Filipino Seafarers." While on research leave, he will do archival work in California on exclusionary policies of West Coast seamen's unions and participant observation on contemporary cargo ships somewhere in the Pacific.

Meredith Reitman received a Community/University Partnership Grant from the Cultures and Communities Program to work with the Racial Justice Institute of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. Look for their upcoming conference, "Fighting for Common Ground: Cross-Race Coalitions Against Racism and Privilege in Milwaukee". Meredith was also appointed by Governor Jim Doyle to the State Council on Affirmation Action.

Amanda Seligman published *Block by Block: Neighborhoods and Public Policy on Chicago's West Side* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005).

Kimberly Stephenson is an intern in the 2005 Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups, and working for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Waukesha.

Professional Identity Crisis

Race, Class, Gender, and Success at Professional Schools

Carrie Yang Costello, Ph.D.



The extensive research reported in *Professional Identity Crisis* believe both conspiracy theories. The author spent over 400 hours observing how first-year students are socialized in two very different environments, Boalt School of Law and the School of Social Welfare at US- Berkley, watching how they adapted to different expectations of how to speak, dress, and behave in the classroom.

Costello found that students who were female, of color, disabled, or poor were not under qualified compared with their privileged peers. Nor did the research uncover intentional bigotry. Instead, the disproportionate success of white men can be explained by the fact that they are more likely to acquire appropriate professional identities swiftly, with little inner conflict. Students from less privileged backgrounds, however, suffered from identity dissonance. For example, Jasmine, a Filipino student from Los Angeles, explained, "In the legal culture, you have to adopt a different way of being, a different vocabulary and way to carry yourself...That's how I got this far. And when I go home, if I act the way I do here, they won't get it. My cousins and my friends say " You're kind of whitewashed." And when I come back here, I have to get back my law style."

Carrie Yang Costello, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the UW-Milwaukee, attended Harvard Law School and was a practicing attorney before beginning her doctoral training in Sociology. Professor Costello's book will be out in early December. Keep an eye out for an appearance at Harry W. Schwartz on Downer Ave.

NEWSMAKERS

► **NEW Faculty**



Noelle Chesley received her Ph.D. from Cornell University. As a faculty member in the Department of Sociology, she will also be a part of the USP family. Her area of interests are : Research Methods, Applied Statistics, Work and Family Across the Life Course, Adult Development and Aging.

"My research to date encompasses three major themes. The first theme focuses on the processes that link work and family roles and the outcomes associated with the intersections of these roles. Second, I am drawn to research questions and methodologies that focus on the interplay of decisions and outcomes for family members embedded in institutions and communities. The third theme concerns a focus on transitions and trajectories as a means of understanding how long-term experiences as well as particular decision points allow for, or produce, advantage and disadvantage over the life course. Much of my research has focused on the work and family experiences of men and women to better understand how these experiences

contribute to (or detract from) health, well-being, and satisfaction at different points in the life course."

Publications include: Chesley, Noelle. (Forthcoming). "Blurring Boundaries? Linking Technology Use, Spillover, Individual Distress, and Family Satisfaction." *Journal of Marriage and Family*

Chesley, Noelle and Phyllis Moen. (Forthcoming). "When Workers Care: Dual-Earner Couples' Caregiving Strategies, Benefit use, and Psychological Well-Being." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Chesley, Noelle, Phyllis Moen, and Richard P. Shore. (2003). "The New Technology Climate: Work and Family in the Information Age" in *It's About Time: Couples' Strategies, Strains, and Successes*, edited by Phyllis Moen.

2004-2005 SPEAKERS SERIES



Dr. Anne Markusen, University of Minnesota

In early March, Dr. Anne Markusen, economist from the University of Minnesota, spoke to an enthusiastic crowd from the arts community and the Urban Studies community on "The Artistic Dividend: The Arts' Hidden Contribution Regional Economic Development." Markusen challenged her audience to think of urban arts activities in an economic development and industrial policy framework, and used the example of Minneapolis' approach as a model. She pointed out that conventional notions of artistic activity as "icing on the cake" of a city's economy is an "impoverished view of the arts and its role in the regional economy." She proposed an alternative, arguing "that the productivity of and earnings in a regional economy rise as the incidence of artists within its boundaries increases, because artists' creativity and specialized skills enhance the design, production and marketing of products and services in other sectors..Artistic activity as a significant contributor to the regional economy..." A summary of the research is available on the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs website

http://www.hhh.umn.edu/img/assests/6158/artistic_dividend.pdf.

NEW STUDENTS 2005



Master's Program

Dustin Aubert
Rebecca Cabrera
Tonette Ingram
Ana Howenstine
Melissa Mann
Nicholas Papakis
Barbara Wise

Doctoral Program

Lynn Gransee
Tammy Hodo
Weckea Lilly
Michael Lorr
Michele Radi-Fontaine

Tonette Ingram: "I have received my undergraduate degree in African American Studies with a minor in Political Science, from Western Illinois University in 2004. Attending UWM to receive my Master's degree in Urban Studies will not only advance my education, but my career also. I am looking to work for a non-profit organization within the minority community. After doing that for a few years, I plan to start my own non-profit organization within the minority community. UWM is the next rung/step on my ladder of success. Always giving 110% of me."

Michael Lorr: "I earned my B.A. and M.A. in Sociology at DePaul University in Chicago, IL. After that I taught as a part time lecturer for sociology courses at DePaul and other colleges starting in 2002. During my time as a student and teacher, I was very involved in the Chicago hardcore punk scene and was in a couple of bands that have toured the US and portions of Canada. This interest in subcultures led me to write my M.A. thesis titled "From Subcultures to Social Movements: Hardcore Punk and the Globalization of Anti-Capitalist Movement." Currently, I live in Madison, WI where I am learning to become a black belt in karate and am living with my girlfriend Marsely, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in Art History at UW-Madison. My plan is to write a dissertation discussing the disappearance of public space in our cities and about the erosion of civil society due to the influences of corporations, business-minded governments, consumer culture, and capitalism. My idea is that subcultures like punk and possibly disciplines like Urban Studies can be used as a mental and physical form of karate to defend what public space is left."

Tammy Hodo: "I received my undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Albany State University and my Master's degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. I recently moved to Wisconsin from Schweinfurt, Germany where my husband served as a Soldier with the United States Army. We have lived in Europe for the past five years and are very excited to be back in the good ole USA. I am originally from Wisconsin and am happy to be back. I chose to pursue my PhD in Urban Studies because I have worked for the Federal government my entire adult life in one capacity or another and am very interested in Policies and Politics."

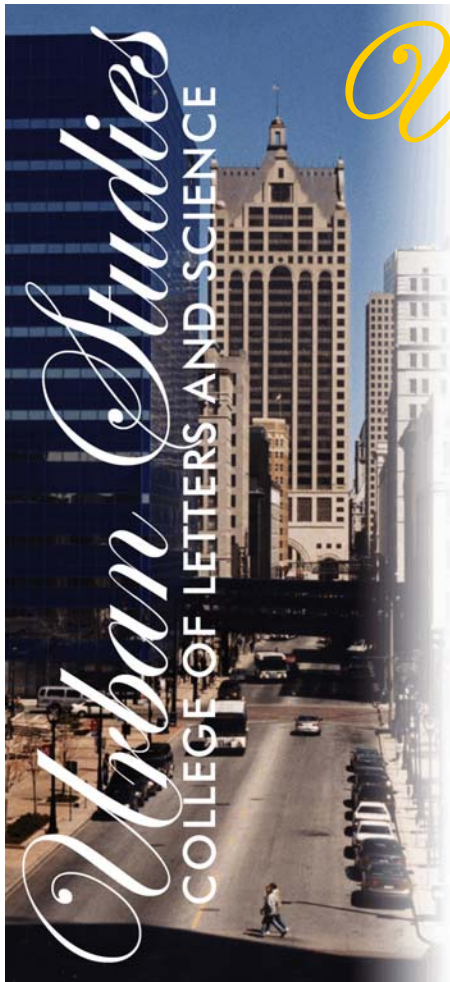
Melissa Mann: "I graduated with a B.A. in Economics in May of 2005 from UW Milwaukee. I also received a certificate in Cultures and Communities. I have really enjoyed learning about different ethnic cultures within this program. In the spring semester of 2005 I worked with a non-profit organization-Summit, located in the south side of Milwaukee. I would like to use what I have learned to help underrepresented communities in the Milwaukee area. I am excited to be in the USP and look forward to working with students that have similar interests/goals. In the future, I would really like to do some type of research work at a city government organization."

Michele Radi Fontaine: I earned my Master's degree in Sociology in May 2005 at UWM. I am interested in studying the changes in health care service delivery in a variety of settings, particularly those in urban areas. I have both a solid undergraduate record in the area of medical and occupational sociology, and also have first hand knowledge of this area of inquiry. My first career choice was in the medical field. I was a nurse in a long term care facility for over 5 years. I left that profession over 11 years ago, but I have not lost my interest and fascination in this dynamic field of study. Since moving to Southeastern Wisconsin 11 years ago, I have become extremely interested in urban or metropolitan health care delivery, urban health policy, the role of the health care institution in the lives of people, health care organization, delivery, access, and equity in that delivery. I hope my research in the USP program can be used to understand the many changes in the health care field.

Ana Howenstine: I graduated from Marquette University in 2003 with a double major in Sociology and Social Welfare & Justice. After a field placement in the Advocacy and Community Organizing department at the Hunger Task Force, I decided to explore the world of micro-level social work, and took a position as Services Coordinator for high-risk youth and their families at a Milwaukee County social service program, Wraparound Milwaukee. After a year and half, I left Wraparound and took a position as the Programs Coordinator at the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, where I had the opportunity to touch more lives by implementing and planning statewide educational and supportive programs for individuals with MS. I am thrilled to get back into the classroom to continue exploring issues that ignite my curiosity, especially the history and development of neighborhoods, municipal planning and the impact of sprawl, and the future of America's cities.

Nicholas J. Wolff: I will pursue my graduate studies in USP beginning in the Fall 2005. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, where I majored in Urban Studies and Sociology. While living in Minneapolis over the past year, I've become very involved in community development at the neighborhood level through my participation in the Seward Neighborhood Group. I am very much anticipating a graduate experience in Milwaukee, focusing on economic development and public policy.

NEW STUDENTS




Urban Studies

► USP COMING EVENTS

11th Annual Urban Studies Student Forum
Saturday, April 29th, 2006 Student Union

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