

Urban Studies Programs



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► **Note from the Director —**

A year ago I commented that the era of faculty attrition appeared to be over and that we were on the verge of a growth spurt. That optimism seems to have been warranted. Partially supported by the Mayor Henry Maier endowment fund the Sociology Department has recruited Jennifer Jordan (University of California, San Diego) as an assistant professor specializing in cultural studies. Efforts are now underway to use Maier funds, in conjunction with funds obtained through the Milwaukee Idea's Consortium for Economic Opportunity, to recruit additional faculty. Indeed, we anticipate approval from the Dean in the near future to recruit at the tenured level for a specialist in social policy with empirical interests focused on urban civic associations and at the assistant professor level for a specialist in urban political economy. These positions are open as to department. In addition, we hope to recruit to replace the loss by retirement of Professor Michael Barndt, the last remaining faculty member tenured in Urban Affairs. Finally, we anticipate that the Urban Studies faculty will be augmented for 2000-01 via Geography's recent successful recruitment of an urban geographer and by additional internal appointments. We are poised for a fine future in interdisciplinary Urban Studies at UWM, a future that will only be brighter in consequence of ongoing efforts to strengthen our ties with community groups and other campus units integral to the success of UWM's urban mission.

To date ten new students have enrolled or accepted admission into USP (4 M.S. and 6 Ph.D.) in calendar 2000 and at least four others are pending. The quality of our continuing students is affirmed by the competition for project assistantships and fellowship nominations for AY 2000-01. One of our students (Kate Ksobiech) received a dissertation fellowship, another (James Harris) is first alternate and a third (Amanda Coleman-Mason) was

awarded an AOP fellowship. We are, indeed, blessed with a capable, challenging and congenial student population. In my three years as Director, it has been my pleasure to get to know most of you. I continue to marvel at your collective ability to successfully juggle and fulfill the competing demands of your varied roles as students, workers (often more than one job!), activists and family members. May you all become alums, drum beaters for USP and continuing contributors to urban revitalization.

The Urban Forum continues to thrive and grow, in large part due to the outstanding work of the Forum Committee chair. Rebecca Hartzog followed very capably in the footsteps of Justin First and Lynette Judd and, aided by a fine committee, did an excellent job in organizing and implementing Forum V. Thank you, Rebecca. I am also very appreciative of the contributions of Margo Anderson, Michael Gordon and Joe Rodriguez as master's coordinators over the last three years. Each has given me needed encouragement, sound advice and fine help without which I would have found my job much less enjoyable. The same is true of many other faculty - especially Greg Squires. Thank you all.

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► **5th Annual Student Forum —**

The Urban Milieu Process and Change

For the fifth consecutive year, the USP Student Forum brought together students, faculty, alumni and community residents to discuss and investigate themes associated with the ever-changing urban environment. Held on April 8th at UWM's Hefter Center, the forum, entitled "The Urban Milieu: Process and Change," drew over 60 interested people. Organized by the master's and doctoral students in Urban Studies, the forum reflected the multi-disciplinary nature of the Urban Studies Program as it offered a variety of sessions which ranged from the practical to the theoretical.

The Urban Studies faculty participated by offering sessions in the morning on publishing, data sources, and community research. USP students and dissertators shared their original research in the afternoon sessions, research that has resulted in new knowledge and theoretical developments in such diverse areas as health care, privatization, public policy, and race relations. There was also a session highlighting recent ethnographic research by USP students and dissertators.

Following the presentation of the annual Scott Greer Awards, the forum's keynote speaker, Thomas J. Sugrue, Ph.D. shared his research and insights in the area of urban inequality. Dr. Sugrue, who holds the Bicentennial Class of 1940 Chair in History and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, found a large and interested audience in the forum attendees. Dr. Sugrue's presentation, "Boundaries: Making and Unmaking Urban Inequality," included a historical perspective on the perpetuation of urban inequalities and possible solutions to this continuing urban social problem. The forum concluded with a reception at which the various topics discussed throughout the day could be further discussed, along with the opportunity for presenters and attendees to socialize and enjoy the end of another successful Urban Studies Student Forum.

by Rebecca Hartzog, USP Student Forum Chair

► **Departures —**

Michael Barndt is retiring from UWM after 29 years of dedicated service and contribution. Mike has made especially significant contributions to the M.S. program. He will remain actively engaged with the Non-Profit Center in downtown Milwaukee.

Gregory Squires is resigning after 16 years of outstanding contribution to Sociology and Urban Studies. He leaves to become chair of the Department of Sociology at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Walter (Bud) Weare is retiring and returning to Colorado after 32 years in History and Urban Studies at UWM. His tenure has been characterized by outstanding teaching, quality research and exemplary service.

We regret the loss of all three of these valued faculty members and will sorely miss their diverse contributions. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

► **2nd Annual Scott Greer Awards —**

Doctoral student Jeffrey W. Hine and alums Anna Maria Santiago (Ph.D., 1984) and Daniel J. Diliberti (M.S., 1973) were recipients of the second annual Scott Greer Memorial Awards. The awards, in the form of a check for \$100 and a commemorative plaque, were presented at the fifth annual Student Urban Forum at the Hefter Center on April 8 by Professor Ann Greer and Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher.

Jeff Hine received the Award for Outstanding Research in Urban Studies for his paper entitled "Advance or Decline of a Professional Project: The Question of Professionalization of Telenurses" which was presented at an afternoon session of the Forum. Mr. Hine holds master's degrees from the University of Kansas and UW-Whitewater and is now completing his dissertation on telenursing (i.e., medical assistance dispensed by phone by a professional nurse). He has worked as a market analyst for the American Hospital Association, a marketing statistician for the American Medical Association and as manager of the marketing research department for Aurora Health Care. He is currently President of J. Hine & Associates, a marketing services consulting firm located in Waukesha. Congratulations, Jeff.

Anna Maria Santiago received the Award for Postgraduate Achievement in Advancing Understanding of Urban Social Institutions. Dr. Santiago is a Milwaukee native, holding three degrees from UWM, and is presently Associate Professor and Director of the Office of Research in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University. She has held teaching and research positions at Indiana University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Seton Hall University and the Universidad del Sagrado Corazon in Puerto Rico and has been active in national professional

associations, holding several elected positions in the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Her research, focused on understanding the problems of poverty and domestic violence particularly among Latino populations, has been published in numerous professional journals and is held in high regard. We are, indeed, proud of your accomplishments, Anna Maria.

Daniel J. Diliberti received the Award for Postgraduate Contribution to Urban Affairs. Mr. Diliberti is Vice-chair of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and Chair of the Board's Finance Committee. A lifelong resident of Milwaukee County, for three decades he has been actively involved in various organizations reflecting his abiding dedication to social opportunity and inclusion, to peace, and to preserving the environment. These organizations include the Peace Corps, VISTA, the South Side Civic Association, the Crime Prevention Council, the Milwaukee Family Council and numerous others. His activities have been recognized by receipt of over a dozen awards from as many community groups. Supervisor Diliberti's career embodies Scott Greer's belief that democratic government is the means by which people can acquire an equal and fair chance of achieving fulfilling lives and also embodies USP's hope that education will stimulate urban initiatives and distinguished public leadership. Fine work, Dan.

The work of all three Scott Greer Award recipients gives substance to our belief that the social issues which were central to Greer's sociological analysis of urban society will continue to be confronted and addressed by USP graduates. Thank you, Anna Maria, Dan and Jeff.

Newsmakers

Margo Anderson was elected Chair of the Council of ICPSR for 2000-02. She also co-authored two articles on the census which appeared in 1999 as well as the book *Who Counts? The Politics of Census-Taking in Contemporary America*. She is now conducting a project on the history of the Census Bureau's involvement in the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII (with William Seltzer and assisted by M.S. student Chieko Maene).

Virginia Cronk (Ph.D., 1988) recently completed a study of the social impact of transient (or vacation) rentals on neighborhoods in Florida Keys communities. Her research indicated that such rentals produce a decline in the effectiveness of informal social control and was cited as the deciding factor in the County Planning Commission's decision not to alter the ordinance which prohibits such rentals (for less than 28 days) in subdivisions zoned single family residential.

Kristin Espinosa is co-investigator of a study on "Maternal and Child Health of Mexicans in the U.S. and Mexico" which is funded by a grant in excess of \$100,000 from the National Institutes of Health.

Jamie Harris presented a paper on "Nonprofits as Partners in Welfare Reform: The Case of a Neighborhood Settlement House" at the annual conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action in Washington, D.C. in November.

Douglas Ihrke presented papers at three professional meetings in 1999, published two articles and is co-author (with Brett Hawkins) of the forthcoming "Reexamining the Suburban Exploitation Thesis." He has also been appointed Director of UWM's Public Administration Master's Program.

Judith Kenny was guest editor of a special issue of *Historical Geography* focused on "Colonial Geographies" and co-author of "Creating a New Capital: Colonial Discourse and the Decolonization

of Delhi" which appeared in the special issue. She also presented papers at two national conferences.

Marc Levine published two articles in 1999 including "Tourism, Urban Redevelopment, and the 'World Class' City" and had another article on "Public Policies, Social Institutions and Earnings Inequality" reprinted in a special issue of the *International Journal of Canadian Studies* featuring the best articles on Canadian Studies over the past decade. He also authored a policy paper on "Suburban Sprawl and the 'Secession' of the Affluent: Metropolitan Polarization in Milwaukee, 1987-1997."

Eleanor Miller published "Dis" in the *Sociology of Sport Journal* (17#1, 2000) and co-authored "Of Nerds, Ardent Suitors and Lecherous Professors" in *The Handbook for Teaching in the 21st Century* (Pine Forge Press, 1999).

Stacey Oliker is co-author of *Caring and Gender* (Pine Forge Press, 2000) and has two articles accepted for publication including "Care-giving at Welfare's End" and "Gender and Friendship."

Kelly Patterson has accepted a research position in the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University. She is completing her dissertation under the supervision of Margo Anderson. Kelly and Rob Silverman (Ph.D., 1997) were married in Maui, Hawaii last July 1.

Steve Percy has been appointed to the Wisconsin Blue Ribbon Commission on State-Local Partnerships by Governor Thompson. The Commission will study the role of state and local governments to ascertain how they can provide the most cost efficient and effective services to Wisconsin residents.

Joseph Rodriguez published *City Against Suburb: The Culture Wars in an American Metropolis* (Praeger, 1999) and an article on "Rapid Transit and Community Power" in *Antipode*.

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Christina Bobel (PhD, 12/99)

Major Professor: Eleanor Miller

Dissertation Title: *The Way Back Home: An Exploration of the Roots and Meaning of Natural Mothering*

Placement Information: Director of the Women's Center at the University of Cincinnati

Terri Carlson (MS, 12/99)

Major Professor: Michael Barndt

Master's Paper: *Addressing Lead Poisoning Issues In Milwaukee's Hmong Community: A GIS Analysis*

Kimberly Cizauskas-Stezała (MS, 5/99)

Major Professor: Doug Ihrke

Master's Paper: *Analysis of a Collaboration: Empowering Parents for Informed Choices*

Placement Information: Kim was working as the Marketing Director at St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care in Milwaukee. She now is employed as the EPIC Coordinator at UWM's Center for Urban Initiatives and Research.

Fred Gutierrez (MS, 5/00)

Major Professor: Marc Levine

Thesis Title: *A Descriptive Analysis of Sectoral Projects*

Placement Information: Fred has worked for the Milwaukee Foundation since 1990. He holds the title of Program Officer and is involved working with the discretionary grants to community organizations for the four county area. He also manages private foundations. Fred plans to continue working at the Milwaukee Foundation because of the tremendous growth in this field over the last decade.

Michael Krzewinski (PhD, 5/00)

Major Professor: Eleanor Miller

Dissertation Title: *The Historical Development and Effects of Affirmative Action on the City of Milwaukee Police Department*

Rose Lee (MS, 5/00)

Major Professor: Stacey Oliker

Thesis Title: *The Over-Representation of African American Children in Milwaukee County Foster Care System*

Ken Locke (MS, 8/99)

Major Professor: Michael Barndt

Thesis Title: *Community Transformation: The Development and Processes of Spiritual and Secular Transformation in an Attempt to Transform the City of Port Washington, Wisconsin*

Placement Information: Associate Pastor, Portview Christian Center Assembly of God

Fungchatou Lo (PhD, 5/00)

Major Professor: Joseph Rodriguez

Dissertation Title: *The Promised Land: Socioeconomic Adjustment of the Hmong in Milwaukee, 1975-1999*

Placement Information: Assistant Professor for the Social Work Program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Patrick Noonan (MS, 5/00)

Major Professor: Donald Noel

Thesis Title: *Immigration from Sub-Saharan Africa to the United States During the 1990s*

Olmedo Varela (PhD, 8/99)

Major Professor: Frank Wilson

Dissertation Title: *Examining Patterns of Neighborhood Change in the City of Milwaukee 1980-1990: An Ecological Approach*

Placement Information: Research Scientist and GIS Consultant for the UWM Center for Urban Initiatives and Research. He is now returning to Panama to serve as an advisor to the Autoridad Interocencia Regional, which administers the Panama Canal Areas, and as a consultant for the United Nations Population Fund.

► **Welcome to our New Students —**

New to our Master's Program:

Amanda Bruesewitz
Diana DeBruin
Greta Hansen
Paul Schmitz

New to our PhD Program:

Ruben Anthony
Greg Carman
Lorna Dilley
Justin First
Jan Marie Lambert

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Sylvia Schafer has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton for 2000-01. She also presented invited papers at Cornell University, the Medical College of Wisconsin and the working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities in Winston-Salem during 1999.

Amanda Seligman is Chair and Commentator for the "Challenges of Childhood" session of the Children in Urban America Conference at Marquette University. She is also organizing a session on Housing Reform for the National Policy History Conference at Bowling Green University in June where she will also be presenting a paper.

Philip Shashko published a paper on Bulgaria in an edited book on Southeastern Europe and American Foreign Policy (Duke University, 2000) and also presented three conference papers during 1999.

Robert Silverman (Ph.D., 1997) recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University. His book, "Doing Business in Minority Markets", has just been published by Garland Publishing. He also recently published "Ethnic Solidarity and Black Business" in *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology* and "Black Business, Group Resources, and the Economic Detour" in *The Journal of Black Studies*.

Gregory Squires published "The Indelible Color Line: The Persistence of Housing Discrimination" in *The American Prospect* and was also the

author or co-author of four other articles including "Housing Affordability in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area" and a proceedings paper on "Access to Capital: Milwaukee's Small Business Lending Gaps." He presented papers at three professional conferences and was a participant in "Through One City's Eyes: Race Relations in America's Heartland" on Channel 10 in September. Three USP graduates - *Eloisa Gomez* (M.S. 1994), *Michael Rosen* (Ph.D., 1998) and *William Tisdale* (M.S., 1989) - also participated in this event and the follow-up panels.

Yehua Dennis Wei authored three articles including "Change in Industrial Ownership Structure in China" (*Geography*, v. 84) in 1999. His book on *Regional Development in China: States, Globalization, and Inequality* (Routledge) is in press.

Frank Wilson presented three papers at professional meetings and conferences including "African American Poverty and the Post-Industrial City" at the Stanford University National Conference on Race. He also served as President and Program Chair of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in 1999.

Stephen Wisniewski (M.S., 1992) worked as a planner in the urban strategies unit of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation through 1995. He has been in Brazil since 1996 and is currently Bureau Chief for Dow Jones Newswires in Sao Paulo from where he manages a team of ten reporters in three cities. He has had a number of articles in the *Wall Street Journal* and been interviewed on CNBC regarding Brazilian monetary policy.