



# Urban Studies Programs

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

2008 FALL Newsletter

## From Our New Director- Amanda Seligman

Greetings, Alumni, Students, and Faculty!

I have been a part of the UWM community for a decade now, working as a member of the USP and History department faculties. One of the great pleasures of this job has been getting to know the always-interesting USP students and alumni whom I have met both at UWM and around the Milwaukee area. So as I begin my tenth year at UWM, it is a special privilege to take over as the Director of the Urban Studies Programs.

This year promises to be an exciting time. The Henry Maier Summit has been switched to a fall semester event, spreading out our activities more evenly across the calendar. See page three for details of this year's focus on Water Security. The spring semester will highlight student research in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Student Forum. We have four current undergraduate majors. And the faculty are busy with a recruitment, as we search for a professor specializing in urban economic development.

I am especially interested in building our intellectual community. If you have ideas about activities that would foster our connections, I would love to hear them. What is your strongest memory of your days in USP? What kinds of contributions to the metropolitan area do you expect of our faculty, students, and alumni? Please feel free to drop me a line at [seligman@uwm.edu](mailto:seligman@uwm.edu) or say hello if you happen through the Urban Studies office.



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**September 25, 2008 in Greene Hall:** Fall Social with speaker Robert Adelman, Associate Professor, Sociology, The University at Buffalo-SUNY. Professor Adelman's lecture is titled, "Where do Immigrants Settle in Urban America? Assessing Trends and Explanations."

**November 12, 2008** the Henry Maier State of Milwaukee Summit will be held at the Hefter Center starting at 3:00 p.m. This year's panel will feature several experts in water policy and management, sustainable development, and environmental justice.

**April 4, 2009** will be our Annual Student Forum at the Hefter Center.

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## Associate Director: Jamie Harris

### 100<sup>th</sup> PhD

This last year USP reached an important milestone: the Urban Studies Programs awarded our 100<sup>th</sup> doctoral degree (including doctoral degrees awarded under Urban Studies predecessor PhD program, Urban Social Institutions) to Staci Young. This an achievement that we should all be proud of and that reflects on the contribution Urban Studies Programs, and its alums, have had on Milwaukee, the region, and beyond.

### Undergraduate Major in USP

Last year's newsletter discussed USP's goal of establishing an undergraduate major to join the ranks of other interdisciplinary majors like women's studies and international relations at UWM. This spring USP moved a step closer to formalizing an undergraduate major with the Letters and Sciences Curriculum Committee giving their approval to the sequence of required courses for the major (see below). Final approval is likely to be granted in the fall semester. A major in Urban Studies has some distinct benefits for undergraduates: 1) An urban studies major would provide students with a solid social science background that is interdisciplinary in its scope; 2) as an urban-focused major students have many opportunities to apply theory to practice from the variety of course projects, internships, and service learning experiences that will be part of the major; 3) As many alums of our graduate programs know, an urban studies degree provides a high degree of appeal and versatility on the job front.

Students who opt to declare a major in urban studies would take:

USP 150 Multicultural America (including service learning placement)

USP 250 Exploring the Urban Environment or 360 Perspectives on the Urban Scene

USP/SOCIOLOGY 377 Urbanism and Urbanization

USP 489 Internship (strongly encouraged)

One social science methods course, one statistics



course, and five elective courses taken across the disciplines of urban studies, geography, history, political science, sociology, and urban planning.

### 150 Multicultural America

In addition to formalizing a major USP has approval for a new course, Multicultural America 150, starting spring 2009. This course is part of the Cultures and Communities certificate program at UWM, and the course is offered in many departments such as sociology and history with an emphasis on addressing the unique history and challenges faced by ethnic and racial minorities in the U.S. This course is ideally suited for urban studies in which urban inequality, hypersegregation, and environmental justice are core topics of the field. Another plus is that the course should draw new students to urban studies who are in the Cultures and Communities certificate program or need to fulfill their cultural diversity requirement. The most exciting aspect of this new course will be the service learning component in which students are placed in community organizations working on urban development issues.

### E-Polis Update:



The second issue of E.POLIS is out now (see link below). Chris De Sousa is our featured scholar profile. Thanks go to the editorial board (Chris Hammelev, Mike Lorr, Michele Radi-Fontaine, Kari Egerstrom, and Lindsey St. Arnold) and all contributors.

<http://www.uwm.edu/~jmh/ejournal.htm>

# Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit

November 12, 2008

**The Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit date has moved to the fall semester!** Wednesday, November 12th at 3pm at the Hefter Conference Center, to be precise. This will be the third year of this event, which brings together experts from government, nonprofits, and academia to discuss pressing issues that Milwaukee and the region face in the 21st century.

This year's theme is Water Security and Urban Development. Increasingly Mayor Barrett, civic leaders in the business community, and even UWM, are arguing that Milwaukee's and the region's growth and future are intricately tied to the Great Lakes and our "fresh coast"; however, a number of events in the last year illustrate just how fragile this resource may be: a recent study from the DNR that shows the dramatic collapse of fish populations from invasive species in the Great Lakes, PCP from industrial sewage discharges ending up in area parks, and massive sewer overflows from this spring's flooding rains— weather patterns that are predicted to only increase in frequency from global warming. Water security has clearly become a key issue, and one that will only grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One bright spot for conservation and a major achievement for regional cooperation was the approval this summer of the Great Lakes Compact from all eight Great Lakes states, the legal framework that will regulate 1/5 of the world's surface freshwater. The Compact must now go to Congress before it can go into ef-

fect.

Panelists at the Summit will address a number of relevant issues facing water management and urban development from a variety of disciplines and policy arenas: As water emerges as the new oil, what is the relationship between water and economic growth? Can we continue to grow in the Southeast and Southwest? Will the "water belt" of the upper Midwest see a population return as water becomes more scarce in a drier southern U.S.? What are the new policy and legal frameworks for guiding sustainable development and managing water protection and conservation? What is the politics of water between the water "haves" and "have nots"? How will the water issues of the 21st century relate to regionalism and environmental justice?

Panelists include Peter Annin, author of the Great Lakes Water Wars; Julia Taylor, President of the Greater Milwaukee Committee; Val Klump, Director and Senior Scientist of the WATER Institute at UWM; and Ryan Holi-field, Assistant Professor of Geography and Urban Studies. Colin Scanes, Vice Chancellor of Economic Development and Graduate School Dean, will make some introductory remarks.

## NEW INCOMING STUDENTS 2008-2009

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Nelson Bolden  
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Minakshi Das	Celeste Jantz
Nathan Garry	Ashley Malenke
Jillian Gletow	Emily Rabe
Katherine Grafelman	Anne Siefert (Sp 09)
Eric Grob (Sp 09)	Bianca Smith
Ann Ingebritson	

## Faculty in the News

**Professor Nancy Mathiowetz** as the outgoing American Association for Public Opinion Research President was interviewed by Mark Blumenthal from Pollster.com on May 17, 2008. She discussed her advice to pollsters and journalists on pre-election poll coverage and her thoughts on pollster cooperation with the request for data from AAPOR's Special Committee on Primary Polls.

**Professor Linda McCarthy** was invited to do a presentation at Guangzhou University, China, December 2007: The Commerce Clause as a Constraint on Wasteful Business Incentives: Roadblock or Bump in the Road in the "Race to the Bottom?"

Also, she was invited to University College Dublin, Ireland, February 2008 as visiting scholar to make research and teaching presentations and guest lecture in classes.

And in August she was invited to participate as an expert in The University of Hong Kong, International Symposium on Mega-City Regions: *Innovations in Governance and Planning, Regional Cooperation in the United States and Western Europe: A Comparative Perspective*.

**Professor Joel Rast** was made Director of the UWM Center for Economic Development. The Center for Economic Development conducts applied research on economic policy issues affecting Milwaukee and the Southeastern Wisconsin region.

**Professor Frank Wilson and Professor Marc Levine** appeared in the film PUNCHING IN, which aired Tuesday, February 26, 2008. PUNCHING IN is a new documentary, which examines the Inner City Job Crisis.

**Professor Frank Wilson** has been promoted to Full Professor for the Department of Sociology.

**Professor Douglas Ihrke** has been promoted to Full Professor in the Political Science Department.

**Professor Marc Levine** appeared on Milwaukee's 4th Street Forum twice recently. On October 26, 2007 he discussed economic development in Milwaukee and on September 11, 2008, he discussed Wisconsin's future.

### New Faculty:

**Professor Marcus Britton**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University, Urban Sociology, Economic Sociology, Organization Theory, Public Space, Residential Segregation, Race and Ethnic Relations.

**Professor Anne Bonds**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Geography, University of Washington, 2008, Political economy.

**Professor Ryan Holifield**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D., Geography, University of Minnesota, 2007. Hazardous Waste Site Risk Assessment and Remediation, Environmental Justice, Science Studies and Geographic Theory.

**Professor Kirstin Sziarto**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D. Geography, University of Minnesota, 2007. Social movements, and spatiality, religion-labor alliances, immigration policies and immigrant politics, labor and geographies.

### Book accepted for publication:

**Professor Margo Anderson and Professor Victor Greene**, eds.,

Perspectives on Milwaukee's Past, manuscript in press with University of Illinois Press, forthcoming, 2008 or early 2009. This manuscript includes the papers from the 2004 Symposium on Milwaukee History sponsored by Urban Studies and the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies.



# Our Graduates

## Doctoral Degree Awarded:

**Staci Young**

Major Professor: Ann Greer

Dissertation: *Avoiding the Waterfall: Health Care Advocacy for Vulnerable Populations in an Urban Community*

## Master's Degrees Awarded

**Rebecca Cabrera**

Major Professor: Joseph Rodriguez

Thesis: *Community Organizations, Can They Really Create Systematic Change for Minority Populations? A Case Study of La Casa de Esperanza, Inc.*

**Yesenia Cervera**

Major Professor: William Velez

Thesis: *Factors of Success: GED Programs and the Latino Students They Serve*

**Christopher Grandt**

Major Professor: Joel Rast

Thesis: *Conflicts and Challenges in a Collaborative Urban Neighborhood Development Planning Process*

**Helen Hermus**

Major Professor: Joseph Rodriguez

Thesis: *Beyond Bricks and Mortar: An Evaluation of the Social Buy-In of Main Street Milwaukee's Grassroots, Community Driven Revitalization Program*

**Mardi Morrison**

Major Professor: Christopher DeSousa

Thesis: *The Revitalization of Urban Commercial Districts in Milwaukee: Measuring the Impact of Business Improvement Districts*

## In Memoriam

Anne Kok (1947-2008)

Anne Kok died in February in an automobile crash in Door County, Wisconsin, at the age of 60. She earned her Ph.D. from UWM's Urban Studies Programs in 1998. Her dissertation was titled, "Shelter Workers and the Battered Women's Movement." At the time of her death, Dr. Kok was an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she chaired the program in social work.

Milton J. Huber (1923-2008)

Milton J. Huber, emeritus USP faculty member, died in March 19, 2008 at the age of 84. At UWM, his teaching incorporated applied work into the curriculum, and he wrote a column providing investment advice in the campus newsletter. Among other activities, he helped found Second Harvest of Wisconsin.

## Forum 08

USP held its 13th Annual Student Forum, "Green Cities, Growing Cities," at the Hefter Conference Center on Saturday, April 12, 2008. The day-long event included presentations by graduate students in Urban Studies, Geography, Architecture and Urban Planning, Economics, Education, and History across a wide range of topics including urban sustainability, race and education, housing, and international cities. The event concluded with a keynote address entitled "Toward a 'Just' Sustainability" by Dr. Julian Agyeman, Associate Professor and Chair of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University.

### Henry Maier State of Milwaukee Summit

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit was held on April 30, 2008. This year's topic concerned the relationship of health care to urban economic development and addressed a number of different questions: How do cities work to improve the health of residents? What is the impact of employment in the health care industry on the urban economy? How do health care insurance costs limit business development? What do health care costs contribute to urban poverty and the urban tax burden? How effective are nonprofit health care clinics in reaching the urban poor?

This year's panel featured experts in health care employment, economic development and health care, and the impact of health care clinics and nonprofits and included: Professor Scott J. Adams, UW-Milwaukee Department of Economics; Dr. Stephen W. Hargarten, Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin; Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago, UW-Milwaukee Chancellor and Professor of Economics; Mr. David R. Riemer, Director of Policy and Planning for Community Advocates, Inc.; Ms. Ana Paula Soares Lynch, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition. Ms. Kathleen Blair, Public Health Research and Policy Director of the City of Milwaukee Health Department, gave the introductory remarks. A reception followed the panel discussion.

**Recordings of the Milwaukee Summit can be viewed on the USP website: [http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/Urban\\_Studies/events/maiersummit.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/Urban_Studies/events/maiersummit.html)**

## USP Research Grant Award

Kimberly Stephenson and Ozgur Avci were this year's recipients of the Urban Studies Research Grant Award. This award is intended to help support dissertation research by providing monetary assistance to cover research expenses. Awards may be up to \$2,000. USP doctoral students who will have defended their dissertation proposal by April 1, 2009 will be eligible to apply for next year's awards. Applications for the 2009 award are due in January (exact date TBA).

### USP students who interned at the Center for Economic Development last year are:

Fall 2007: Melissa Mann

Spring 2008: Qiang Zhou, Matt Armbrust, Mary Witte

Summer 2008: Qiang Zhou

### USP Student who interned at Center for Urban Initiatives and Research:

Spring 2008: Mardi Morrison

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## SCOTT GREER AWARD WINNERS

**Dr. Gary T. Henry** was this year's recipient of the "Scott Greer Award for Postgraduate Achievement in Advancing Understanding of Urban Social Institutions." He received a Ph.D. from the Urban Social Institutions program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1982 and bachelor's and master's degrees in Political Science from the University of Kentucky. Gary T. Henry holds the Duncan MacRae '09 and Rebecca Kyle MacRae Professorship of Public Policy in the Department of Public Policy and directs the Carolina Institute for Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also holds an appointment as Senior Statistician in the Frank Porter Graham Institute for Child Development at UNC-Chapel Hill. Henry previously held the William Neil Reynolds Distinguished University Visiting Professorship at UNC and served as a professor in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Department of Political Science, and Department of Education Policy Studies at Georgia State University, and the Department of Public Policy at Georgia Institute of Technology. He previously served as the Director of Evaluation and Learning Services for the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Henry has evaluated a variety of policies and programs, including North Carolina's Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund, Georgia's Universal Pre-K, public information campaigns, and the HOPE Scholarship as well as school reforms and accountability systems. He is the author of Practical Sampling (Sage 1990), Graphing Data (Sage 1995) and co-author of Evaluation: An Integrated Framework for Understanding, Guiding, and Improving Policies and Programs (Jossey-Bass 2000).

Henry has published extensively in the fields of evaluation and education policy. He received the Outstanding Evaluation of the Year Award from the American Evaluation Association in 1998 for his work with Georgia's Council for School Performance and the Joseph S. Wholey Distinguished Scholarship Award in 2001 from the American Society for Public Administration and the Center for Accountability and Performance along with Steve Harkreader. Dr. Henry currently serves on the Standing Committee for Systemic Reform, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. Recently, he completed service on a National Research Council/National Academies of Sciences committee assessing the effects of "green schools" on the health and productivity of teachers and students and co-authored the committee report.

**Ms. Linda Sunde** is the recipient of the "Scott Greer Award for Postgraduate Contributions to Urban Affairs." She received, her Master's Degree in Urban Affairs and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, both from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Linda Sunde is Wisconsin State Director for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency responsible for VISTA, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve programs. Sunde's previous experience includes Assistant Director of the Center for Urban Initiatives and Research at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee; Project Director for the Marquette University - Community Partnership; Community Development Director for the Campus Circle Project at Marquette University; Instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College; and Project Associate with the Harambee Human Services Project. She served for 15 years as Executive Director and VISTA supervisor at Milwaukee Associates in Urban Development (MAUD), where she was also a VISTA volunteer in the early 1970s. Sunde currently serves as President of the Community Development Society, an international association of community development scholars and practitioners. She received the Society's Duane Gibson Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

**Peter R. Janecky** received the Scott Greer Award for Outstanding Urban Research for his paper: "The Open Housing Debate in Milwaukee, 1967: A Multidimensional Analysis of Public Discourse on Residential Discrimination." Peter is a doctoral student in the History Department.



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