

A newsletter for alumni and friends of the DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
University of Wisconsin–Madison

FROM THE CHAIR

Brian W. Ohm

Summer greetings to you all.

As I reported to you in the last issue of *Connections*, the Master of Science program offered by the department was going through the reaccreditation process, something we must do every seven years. The Planning Accreditation Board applied more than 100 guidelines and criteria and did not identify any guidelines or criteria that the department failed to meet. The reaccreditation process is now complete, and I am happy to report that the Planning Accreditation Board granted the program a five-year accreditation.

The report that the site-visit team prepared as part of the reaccreditation process acknowledged the many strengths of the program. URPL Emeritus Professor Jerry Kaufman, who has been a site visitor for reaccreditation reviews of more planning programs in North America than perhaps any other planning academic, has seldom seen a report that found so few problems with a program. Indeed, the report acknowledges program strengths such as: employers who indicated that URPL graduates are the best-qualified employees they have hired; the strong public-service commitments of URPL graduates; the very high scholarly productivity of the faculty; and the exceptional level of engagement of the faculty with planners and policy-makers throughout the state.

The process did, however, identify five criteria and guidelines that were only partially met: lack of diversity of our faculty; lack of racial diversity of our students; limited job placement services for our students; limited financial aid for our students; and inadequate physical facilities.

In three years, the department will need to submit a report showing progress in addressing these issues. If progress has been satisfactory, the accreditation period may be extended for an additional two years. These are all issues that have been



identified as areas requiring attention in the past. The department and the university have their work cut out for them as we try to make progress on these difficult issues, especially in these times of economic uncertainty.

Your continued support of the department is essential as we address these challenges. In fact, the site-visit team commented on the loyalty of the department's alumni. Thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends over the years, the department is beginning to offer more scholarships to help address the concern of lack of student financial support. Your generous contributions have also helped provide financial support for students to attend planning conferences, such as the recent APA conference in Minneapolis, and helped make some improvements to the facilities in Old Music Hall.

Please read on to learn about what has been happening in the department and beyond during the past several months.

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2009 URPL Graduates. Photo Courtesy of Ashley Wallace (MS '09).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2009!

Twenty URPL students were recognized at the 2009 Graduation Ceremony and Reception held on Saturday, May 16, in the Alumni lounge at the Pyle Center on the UW Campus. The graduates, with their families, friends, and department faculty in attendance, received their well-deserved diplomas. The Class of 2009 featured a wide variety of planning specializations, with areas of expertise including community development, transportation, housing, economic development, land use, environmental planning, watershed planning and management, and sustainable development.

Kamran Mesbah, acting director of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (the successor to the Dane County Regional Planning Commission, for those not keeping up with the trials and tribulations of regional planning in the Madison area) delivered a very thoughtful graduation address focusing on how central planning is resolving the critical issues facing the world. Josh Ghena was selected by his fellow graduates to deliver the student remarks and Professor Jack Huddleston presented the faculty remarks. Department Chair Brian Ohm conferred the student awards and degrees.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE?

URPL's Web site is a constant source of new information and resources. The department has added a list of all the PhD graduates from the department since 1969. Check it out at <http://urpl.wisc.edu/people/phdalumni.php>.

Many of the department's extension and outreach reports, going back to the early 1970s, are now available on the URPL Web site at <http://urpl.wisc.edu/extension/reports.php>. The Department Extension publication *Perspectives on Planning* is also available on the URPL Web site at <http://urpl.wisc.edu/extension/perspectives.php>. Check out the important contributions of the department to the Wisconsin Idea over the years. We hope you will find this to be a useful resource.

The Class of 2009 includes:

Hallie Bennett
 Joshua Clements
 Stacy Cook
 Joshua Ghena
 Jennifer Keeley
 Jamie Krug
 Cynthia Lin
 Angeline Liu
 Kevin Luecke
 Andy Obernesser
 Brian O'Connor
 Nathan Patros
 Martin Schilling
 Michelle Scott
 Brittany VandeBerg
 Ashley Wallace
 Kevin White
 Michael Winer

In addition, Miguel Rodriguez and Kyle Magyera will be awarded their MS Degrees in August.

We congratulate them on their graduation and wish them the best of luck in the future!

CALAVITA GIVES GUEST LECTURE

On Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Nico Calavita, professor emeritus in the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University and noted housing expert, presented a talk titled "The European Approach to Affordable Housing: Lessons for the United States?" as part of Harvey Jacobs' land use policy course (URPL 843). Professor Calavita's presentation drew on research he has been conducting under funding from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.



Students in the Central Cities course, taught by Assistant Professor Alfonso Morales, listen to a guest speaker during a field trip to Milwaukee.

STUDENTS RECEIVE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Two students in URPL's recent graduating class received special recognition for their work at the 2009 Graduation Ceremony and Reception. **Cynthia Lin** (MS '09) received the department's American Institute of Certified Planners Outstanding Student Award. This award recognizes a student who has excelled academically during their work on their master's degree. The award includes a \$250 cash award, generously funded by the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The second student receiving an award was **Andrew Obernesser** (MS '09). Andrew received the Jessica Bullen Community Service Award. This award is named in memory of Jessica L. Bullen, a 2005 URPL graduate who was tragically killed in a car-bicycle crash two months after graduating from URPL. The award is given in honor of community service and recognizes Andrew's tireless work on behalf of the Wisconsin Students Planning Association. The award also includes a \$250 cash award funded by donations to the department's accounts with the University of Wisconsin Foundation.



Professor Jack Huddleston, Emeritus Professors Jerry Kaufman and Steve Born along with Milwaukee's urban agriculture pioneer Will Allen at the URPL reception at APA.



URPL Alumni at the APA Reception.

URPL HOSTS RECEPTION AT APA CONFERENCE

URPL hosted a reception for students, alumni, and friends at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in Minneapolis on the evening of Monday, April 27. The reception was held at the Minneapolis Hilton, the conference hotel. It was an enjoyable evening and a great opportunity to see old friends.

VISITING SCHOLARS

The department was a busy place this past year with three visiting foreign scholars. **Dr. Haiyan Zhong** (Heidi) has her PhD in economics from Sichuan University in Chengdu, China, and is currently a lecturer (assistant professor) in the School of Politics and Sociology at the Southwest University of Nationalities in Chengdu. Dr. Zhong was here for one year and worked with Professor Jack Huddleston. On May 12, 2009, Haiyan was invited by the Department of Economics, University of Chicago, to present her lecture "Chengdu-Chongqing Urban Agglomeration—A Developing Urban Agglomeration in Western Region of China." Based on a spatial structure perspective, her presentation showed ideas and development approaches of Chengdu-Chongqing Urban Agglomeration in the western region of China. This presentation examined the evolution of rank-size distribution and spatial distribution of Chengdu-Chongqing Urban Agglomeration, and influence of 2008 Wenchuan earthquake in China on spatial structure of this region.

FALL STUDENT WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON MADISON'S NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD

The annual student workshop this past academic year focused on preparing a development plan for the City of Madison's northeast neighborhood (generally north of Interstate 94 and east of Interstate 39/90/94 and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation rail line). The future development of this area will be significant for the future growth of the city. The

In addition, two scholars were here working with URPL Senior Scientist Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel. Mr. **Greenwell Matchaya**, a PhD student at Leeds University in England, was a visiting scholar at URPL during September and October of 2008, financed by the World Universities Network under the International Research Mobility Program. Mr. Matchaya, who is working on his dissertation on land policies in Malawi, came to UW-Madison to take advantage of the expertise in the field of land tenure policies and agricultural production, as well as to consult the literature on Malawi collected by our library system. Ms. **Xiaojuan Zhi**, a PhD student in the Department of Land Management at Renmin University in Beijing, is a visiting scholar at URPL from September 2008 through August 2009. Ms. Zhi is working with Dr. Lastarria-Cornhiel on the topic of gender differentiated land rights and land market participation in rural areas of China. Ms. Zhi is also accessing UW's unique collection of land tenure literature.

workshop was led by Lee Nellis, an experienced planner who recently moved to the Madison area.

The student reports, as well as workshop reports from earlier years, are available on the department's Web site at: <http://urpl.wisc.edu/academics/workshop.php>.

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Gifts to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning are critical to our success. Contributions through the UW Foundation's gift funds help us attract top graduate students and provide vital resources for planning education enrichment. Gifts support the URPL library (journal subscriptions) and computer lab (planning support software), and strengthen the URPL community in a variety of other ways. Recent gifts, for example, have funded URPL alumni receptions (at ACSP and APA meetings), the publication and mailing of this newsletter, and travel subsidies for URPL's students to attend planning conferences.

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We invite you to visit the URPL Web site at **urpl.wisc.edu**. Now more than ever, the site provides the most complete up-to-date information about:

- ◆ Happenings at URPL *new positions available, projects, publications and research, academic programs and courses, faculty and students*
- ◆ Alumni news

URPL SPONSORS UNIVERSITY LECTURER

On April 16, 2009, URPL hosted a University Lecture by Sharon Adams, titled “Building A Sustainable Neighborhood in the Inner City: The Case of Milwaukee’s Walnut Way.” Ms. Adams is Program Director of the Walnut Way Conservation Corp in Milwaukee. In 2001, Ms. Adams, along with her husband, Larry Adams, launched the nonprofit Walnut Way Conservation Corp. Since then, \$19 million has been invested in the once troubled neighborhood: 125 new homes have been constructed, 142 homes rehabbed, a neighborhood center has been built, and 42 rain gardens installed.

Ms. Adams’ lecture emphasized the innovative framework used by the Walnut Way Conservation Corp to guide neighborhood civic, economic, and environmental practices. The framework is premised on principles of social justice and environmental stewardship, a culture of mutual aid and peaceful negotiations, and a spirit of restorative love. Among the components of sustainability that the Walnut Way Conservation Corp promotes is a neighborhood that fosters opportunities for artistic expression; access to quality and affordable food; environmental stewardship workforce and business development; civic engagement; enriching educational



Sharon Adams greets people after her talk sponsored by URPL.

and social opportunities for all ages; increased spiritual, physical and mental well-being; and quality housing to serve an economically diverse population.

Ms. Adams, who is a member of UW’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Board of Visitors, also gave an informal talk in Assistant Professor Alfonso Morales’ Central Cities class.



URPL’s JUSTICE RECOGNIZED FOR PARENTING WORK

Alice Justice, URPL’s graduate admission’s coordinator, was recently featured in the April 2009 issue of *UMOJA* magazine, a monthly journal of African American community news and social justice news, published in Madison. The article titled “Parenting for the Second Time Around” notes that Black families are sorely needed as foster parents, particularly for Black boys over the age of six. The article praises the outstanding role that Alice and her husband Johnell have played as foster parents for four boys. Alice and her husband were empty nesters who raised three children of their own and recently adopted two of their four foster children.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Harvey Jacobs is the author and coauthor of three recent articles in the publications of the American Planning Association: “An Alternative Perspective on U.S.–European Property Rights and Land Use Planning: Differences without Any Substance,” in vol. 61, no. 3 of *Planning and Environmental Law* (2009), pp. 3–12; with Kurt Paulsen, “Property Rights: The Neglected Theme of 20th Century American Planning,” in vol. 75, no. 2 of *Journal of the American Planning Association* (2009), pp. 135–143; and “Private Property in the 22nd Century,” in the May issue of *Planning*.

Harvey has also been presenting his research in a variety of venues, including the February meeting of the International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights in Aalborg, Denmark, and at the annual meeting of the American Planning Association in Minneapolis in April.

Harvey continues his association with the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, where in April he spent a week teaching a short course as part of the university’s program “Land Development Strategies and the Future of Cities.” While there he was invited to present a seminar at the University of Amsterdam’s Institute for Metropolitan and International Development Studies, which he titled “Regulatory Takings in the United States of Europe: Unfolding Phenomenon or Overblown Comparison?”

Senior Scientist Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel was invited to present a paper for the Spring 2009 Symposium on Property Ownership and Economic Stability organized by Saint Louis University’s Public Law Review. The Symposium, held on February 27, 2009, focused on the complex relationship between property ownership and economic stability among lower-income families in the United States and internationally. Dr. Lastarria-Cornhiel’s presentation, titled “Land Tenure, Titling, and Gender in Bolivia,” examined the effects of land titling efforts on women’s land rights.

Professor Dave Marcouiller spent the spring semester on sabbatical, studying and lecturing on issues relevant to the develop-

ment of rural multifunctional landscapes. In late January through March, he was a visiting scientist with Cemagref (a public land and water management research institute of the French government) in Grenoble, France, hosted by 2002 URPL graduate Dr. Jean Christophe (JC) Dissart, who is now a senior scientist with the Développement des territoires montagnards (development of mountainous territories) unit. In addition, Marcouiller was selected as a Libra Foundation Distinguished Lecturer and, in April, traveled to Machias in Downeast Maine, where he spoke on developmental dilemmas of rural multifunctional landscapes.

Tangible outputs resulting from Professor Marcouiller’s sabbatical leave included several key enhancements to his graduate teaching portfolio and an array of invited guest lectures. In addition, his applied research and outreach programming was enhanced through the development of scholarly networks and the completion of several writing projects. Most recently, two outdoor recreation planning manuscripts titled “The Regional Supply of Outdoor Recreation Resources” and “Outdoor Recreation Planning: A Comprehensive Approach to Understanding Use Interaction” were accepted for publication in the *Journal of Parks and Recreation Administration* and *CAB Reviews* respectively.

Professor Marcouiller looks forward to returning to UW–Madison this summer. In particular, he is excited about presenting his fall semester course on regional economic problem analysis (URPL/LAF/Econ 734); this time with new sections on developmental dilemmas of rural multifunctional landscapes and resource dependency.

Assistant Professor Alfonso Morales received a grant from the Lincoln Land Institute to investigate the role of public markets in “race to the top” economic development. He was also invited to speak at the Project for Public Spaces Conference on Markets in April and delivered a university lecture and a conference keynote address at Berlin



In the French Alps, rural multifunctionality varies by season. While farming, slow foods, and bucolic rural landscapes characterize warm weather regional assets, the winter months revolve around activities associated with les sport d’hiver (winter sports); in particular, le ski alpin (downhill skiing). Here, Professor Marcouiller (right) and 2002 URPL graduate Dr. Jean Christophe Dissart (left) visit the Vercors ski station Corrençon at Villard-de-Lans with Dr. Isabelle Frochot (center), a distinguished scholar at the Université de Savoie who is internationally known for her tourism marketing research on skiing experiences and wine tourism.

Technical University in May.

Following Jerry Kaufman’s example, Alfonso Morales led URPL 761 Central City Planning students on a tour of Chicago and Milwaukee. In Chicago, students visited Chicago Metropolitan Agency on Planning, the City of Chicago, J Freed and Associates, the Resurrection Project, and the Lakota Group. John La Motte of Lakota led a terrific tour of several central Chicago planning-related sites.

Alfonso also recently published “Zoning for Public Markets,” with Gregg Kettles, in *Zoning Practice*. He also published “A Social Currency Approach to Improving the Health Related Quality of Life for Migrant Workers,” in the *Journal of Southern Rural Sociology*, 24:1 92–112.

Professor Brian Ohm completed his service on the Wisconsin Legislature’s Joint Legislative Council Special Committee on Regional Transportation Authorities. The proposed legislation developed by the Committee to enable the creation of regional transportation authorities in Wisconsin is available at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/study/2008/RTA/files/0063_2.pdf.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Osh (Barbara) Andersen (MS '02) was awarded her PhD in environmental science from the University of Idaho in fall 2008. She has been working as a consultant with the Bicycle & Pedestrian Program of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and will be starting as a consultant with Wageningen University's Land Use Planning Group.

Lisa (Roden) Clemens (MS '80) is director of investor relations with Cargill, Incorporated in Minneapolis.

Todd Dary (MS '96) is a senior planner and development of regional impact coordinator for Sarasota County, Florida.

John Dewolfe (MS '93) is director of real estate with Kimco Realty Corporation in Rosemont, Illinois. He is currently working on asset management and redevelopment of existing and neighborhood shopping centers in the Midwest. John also writes that he is happy to network with students and alumni.

Teresa Gillotti (MS '06) is a community and economic development educator with Michigan State University Extension.

Bob Graham (MS '67) is the community development director with the City of Albert Lee, Minnesota.

Joan Huston (MS '08) is a planner with the Borough of Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Hickory Hurie (MS '78) retired from his job as the CDBG coordinator for the City of Madison and is now working with a new consulting group, Community Planning and Development Advisors in Madison.

Paul Kachelmeier (MS '85) is the planning and community development coordinator for the City of Monona.

Larry Keating (PhD '78) retired from teaching at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta and was appointed an emeritus professor. His academic work focuses on community development corporations, fair housing, and poverty issues.

Rich Kedzior (MS '02) returned to Madison after six years undertaking property development in Chicago. Last December he took a position as a planner with TranSmart Technologies, a transportation planning and engineering firm in Madison. Current projects include highway corridor studies and park-and-ride planning for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. He has enjoyed seeing numerous URPL alumni and faculty since his return to Madison.

Colin Kelly (MS '06) has taken a new position with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as principal recreation planner in the Division of Parks and Trails. He is coordinating the development and implementation of strategic plans, master plans, environmental review documents, and legislative studies for state recreation facilities. He is currently writing a master plan amendment for the Root River State Trail in southeastern Minnesota, and helping to facilitate the merger of the former divisions of Parks and Recreation and Trails and Waterways. When he's not in the office, he can usually be found recreating in nearby state and county parks, or paddling the St. Croix River.

Matius Krisetya (MS '96) is working as deputy director for the American Friends Service Committee in Indonesia. His work is managing local non-governmental organizations spanning the breadth of the eastern coast of Aceh. Most of his work has been in community development for post-conflict and post-tsunami recovery. He writes: "We are moving towards addressing the more larger issue of conflict. How can civil society be effective in an environment that is not always that conducive to dialog and debate?"

Thomas H. Logan (MS '66) is semi-retired but still serves as president of Logan Street Associates, Ltd. in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kate Nardi (MS '98) is currently working as the homeownership coordinator for the Dane County Housing Authority. She is involved in bringing resources to Dane County to assist homeowners to keep their homes and prevent foreclosure.

Andrea Olson (MS '92) is a principal with InterPlan in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tim Prior (MS '08) is currently working as the city planner for the City of Franklin, Indiana.

Jamie Radel (MS '05) is currently working as the economic development associate for the City of Roseville, Minnesota. Jamie reports that when she was hired, the focus of her job was to assist with city efforts to facilitate brownfields redevelopment. She notes that over the last two and a half years, it has been interesting to see how the U.S. Supreme Court's *Kelo v. City of New London* decision and the subsequent state legislative reaction and general public reaction to the decision have affected the city's abilities to participate in redevelopment activities. The retraction of the city's redevelopment efforts along with the slowing of the economy has caused her to shift gears. She now coordinates special projects such as the update of the city's 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the update of the city's zoning code and other official controls. She works for Community Development Director Pat Trudgeon, another UPRPL alum.

Dan Rolfs (MS '01) is a community development project manager with the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mary Ellen Ross (MS '70) is director of human resources at CAMBA, a social services agency in Brooklyn, New York. CAMBA has approximately 125 funded programs and a staff of 1,200.

Richard G. Rubino (PhD student from 1986–88) retired from Florida State University in Tallahassee and is now professor emeritus of urban and regional planning. He recently coauthored a book titled *Lessons Learned? The History of Planning in Florida* published by Sentry Press in Tallahassee (2008).

Heather Stewart (MS '06) is a planner with the Agnew Beck planning consulting firm in Anchorage, Alaska.

Brittany VandeBerg (MS '09) will be attending the University of Toronto's Geography PhD program in the fall. She will be working toward a PhD in urban geography.

Charles Wade (MS '01) is a senior transportation planner with TransSmart Technologies in Madison.

Laurence A. Wilbrandt (MS '76) is a practicing attorney running his own law firm with one other attorney in Crystal Lake, Illinois. He has been in private practice for 24 years. Before becoming an attorney, Laurence was a planner for nine years with three different towns in Illinois.

In Memoriam

James A. Johnson (MS '72) died on July 1, 2008. Jim began his career as a forester with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He later served as the planning director for the Walworth County Planning and Zoning Department where he developed and administered a nationally recognized land use and development program that became the forerunner of the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program. Jim then directed the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program and later became director of the Bureau of Land and Water Resources at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection. He retired in 1990 to become a consulting forester.

Jerry C. Vogt (MS '88) passed away on February 15, 2009 after the specially adapted van he was driving hit a tree on the East Side of Madison. An article that appeared in the

February 17, 2009 edition of the *Wisconsin State Journal* called Jerry "a gentle but effective advocate for people with disabilities—and a hero to many of them."

Vogt, 60, of Madison, was paralyzed after a spinal cord injury at age 21. Following graduation from URPL, Jerry ran his own business, Achievement through Disability Awareness (ADA), focusing on solutions to physical access in housing, commercial facilities and businesses. He served on the Madison Commission for People with Disabilities, the Wisconsin Use Board and the board of Economic Benefits Through Individual Disabled Employment (EBTIDE). He also taught sensitivity training to Madison taxicab and van drivers and co-taught occupational therapy students at Madison Area Technical College.

The full article about Jerry that appeared in the *Wisconsin State Journal* is available at www.madison.com/wsj/mad/latest/438855.

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