

A newsletter for alumni and friends of the DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
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FROM THE CHAIR

James A. LaGro, Jr.



In this issue of *Connections*, you can read about the events we are planning to commemorate the career of Professor Steve Born, who is retiring in January of 2005. Yes, it's hard to believe, but our silver-tongued colleague is finally calling it quits. Of course, we still hope to wrangle Steve into the classroom for a few guest lectures, and possibly even another course...before he grows too accustomed to tranquil days on dusty trails and trout streams.

URPL's excellence in teaching, research, and planning-related outreach is very much a function of our human resources. And I am excited to report that we are currently conducting a national search for an assistant professor position in planning and geospatial information systems. We expect to interview finalists in the spring, and fill the position by the start of the 2005 fall semester. The selected candidate will develop and teach two new courses on the theory and

application of geospatial information systems in urban and regional planning. The new faculty member will also conduct research in this area, and serve as a statewide geospatial Extension specialist.

We are also fortunate, this semester, to have a very qualified adjunct faculty involved in our instructional program. Sandra Pinel (a current URPL Ph.D. student with many years in practice) is teaching *International Development Planning* and David Boyd (a seasoned Madison-area planner) is teaching *Central City Planning*. Next semester, we will hire experienced practitioners to teach two or three additional planning courses. Funding for our adjunct faculty is provided by both the CALS and L&S college administrations.

Beginning with this issue, we are recognizing the generosity of those who have recently made gifts to URPL. We sincerely appreciate this support of our students and programs.

Finally, please consider contributing items for our "Alumni News" column. I invite you to send your news or comments to me at: jalagro@wisc.edu.

Happy holidays!

CONFERENCE ON NATURAL AMENITIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT—A SUCCESS!

While many communities in the United States are experiencing depopulation and economic decline, others are experiencing rapid in-migration and its resulting demands for residential, retail, and service sector development. In the latter, we suggest that much of this growth is due to the presence and use of amenity resources. Increasingly, arguments examining the course of community vibrancy focus on the importance of amenities. Community change is increasingly dependent on available resource endowments and the manner in which these resources are utilized within a context of "quality-of-life". Amenities act to support much of this rather nebulous yet important feature of community life.

This set of issues provided the context for an international conference held in Madison earlier this year organized by Dave Marcouiller, rural sociologist Gary Green, and agricultural economist Steve Deller. Professor Marcouiller and Graduate Students Bimal RajBhandary and Greg Clendenning were in attendance along with Dana Jensen and J.C. Dissart, recent alumni of the department. Greg, Dana, J.C. and Dave presented papers on current research to an audience

including prominent U.S., French, and German scholars. The papers are in the process of copy-editing and will serve as the basis for a forthcoming edited volume published by Edward Elgar ... stay tuned for its release anticipated in mid-2005.

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STEVE BORN RETIRING!

After more than 30 years with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning and University of Wisconsin–Extension, *Steve Born* is finally ready to retire and chase fish around the world. Many of you remember taking Steve's regional planning course (with its humongous reader!) or his water resources institutions and policies course (with his endless supply of interesting "war" stories). Many more of you will remember Steve as the advisor that wouldn't let you coast or as the tireless promoter of URPL (both as a faculty member and as Chair).



While Steve is "officially" retiring in January 2005, we are planning a two-day symposium and retirement banquet in Steve's honor on April 15 and 16, 2005 here in Madison.

The symposium, entitled "Environmental Planning: Roads Traveled and Pathways to the Future" will be held on the Madison campus April 15 and 16 and will feature guest speakers from around the world and many former colleagues, students and friends. A retirement banquet will be held Friday evening, April 15, at the Frank Lloyd Wright

Monona Terrace Convention Center to honor Steve and his many accomplishments.

We hope you can attend either or both events. More detailed information on the planned events and information on how to register are available through the URPL website <http://www.wisc.edu/urpl/BornRetirementEvents>

Space is limited for both events so we hope you will register as early as possible. Those without Web access can contact Ms. Pat Cantrell in the URPL office at 608 263-2627. *We hope to see many of you in April!!!*

URPL'S COMPUTER LAB

Earlier this fall, we completed the expansion of our computer lab (within the former URPL library). Due to our limited space in Music Hall, we made the difficult decision to reduce our library's collection of books, reports, and journals. Many of these publications were transferred to Memorial Library; others were moved to a second floor conference room in Music Hall.

The URPL library still holds a substantial collection of planning books and journals. But the library is now sharing space with 20 networked Dell PCs, giving our students "in-house" access to a suite of office software, as well as email and the Internet. This instructional lab is also equipped with software for mapping, spatial analysis, and

other planning-support functions. Funding for the computers, furniture, and electrical work was provided by grants from the College of Letters and Science and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Doris Fischer (M.S. 1978)

For the last seven years, Doris L. Fischer has worked on planning issues in Madison County, Montana, a rural county in southwest Montana not too far from Yellowstone National Park. Doris was the first planner ever hired by Madison County. Prior to her tenure at Madison County, Doris worked as a city/county planner in Missoula, Montana, as a recreation planner at Yellowstone National Park, and as a planner with the Northwest Regional Plan Commission in Wisconsin.

Madison County is located in an amenity rich area of Montana with high quality fishing streams, pronghorn, and a large ski area. Managing growth around the Big Sky Ski Area keeps Doris busy. In addition to the everyday development review process, Doris has been working on developing a watershed land use ordinance. Madison County has no existing zoning ordinance, so the enactment of this watershed ordinance is a major step forward.

While studying planning in URPL, Doris never imagined herself as a land use planner in Montana. In fact, her sights were set on a career in Wisconsin on planning issues outside of the land use arena. But she fell in love with Montana while vacationing in the West. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Doris's time at URPL has served her well throughout her planning career. She feels fortunate for her exposure to a wide breadth of planning through the department. Additionally, her studies instilled a strong commitment to public process and being sure that citizens have opportunities to be a part of it—shaping the future of their communities, however urban or rural they may be.

VISITING PROFESSOR FROM UNIVERSITY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN

Prof. Rafael Crecente Maseda of the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain (in northwestern Spain, in the state of Galicia) visited URPL during October and November 2004 under the sponsorship of the Galician government and hosted by Harvey Jacobs. Prof. Crecente teaches and undertakes research in the areas of Spatial-Regional Planning, Land Tenure and Land Management, GIS, and Rural Development. This is Prof. Crecente's second visit to UW-Madison; in fall 2003 he was in residence at the Land Tenure Center. In addition to his visit to Madison, Prof. Crecente has undertaken international research, technical assistance and visits in Ecuador, Bolivia, Germany and Norway. Prof. Crecente has recently initiated a laboratory at his university analogous to the Land Information and Computer Graphics Facility (LICGF) at UW. Together with colleagues he is in the beginning stages of formulating a new Ph.D. program in planning. While at URPL Prof. Crecente sat in on classes and met with faculty to discuss the structure of the new Ph.D. program.

NORWAY PH.D. STUDENT VISITS URPL

Trond Langeland, a Norwegian Ph.D. student, is visiting URPL for the fall semester. Trond is a student at Stavanger University College Norway. He comes to URPL on the recommendation of his Ph.D. advisor, Prof. Kjell Harald Olsen, who spent the 1998-1999 academic year on sabbatical in URPL. During this, his first trip to the U.S.,

SYMPOSIUM ON WISCONSIN PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

URPL co-sponsored (with the Law School and the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, as well as an array of nonprofit organizations) an evening symposium in October entitled "Whose Water is It? The State of Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine." The well-attended event focused on Wisconsin's Public Trust Doctrine, which has been one of the strongest in the nation. Under the doctrine, the state holds the beds of navigable waters in trust for all its citizens, and is obliged to protect public rights in navigable waters (as well as shore lands). While the subject was water, keynoter Prof. Eric Freyfogle (University of Illinois) focused his remarks on property rights issues, leading to some lively discussion about property owners' rights for maintaining the ecological health of their lands in exchange for the state's commitment to enforce their rights. Panelists focused remarks on the recently enacted "Jobs Creation Act," which environmental interests contended created no jobs and subverted the public trust. The symposium was organized by Prof. Steve Born.

Trond is using the time to work on data analysis and writing for his dissertation, a study of road safety policies in Norway. He has his master degree from an interdisciplinary safety program called Societal Safety and Resilience Management from Stavanger University College. Harvey Jacobs is Trond's sponsor during his stay.

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

LISTSERV/CHATROOM

Would you like to have access to a listserv/chatroom serving alumni? Let us know your opinions on the issue by filling out the "Keep Us Posted!" form in Connections and returning it to URPL. The Alumni Advisory Committee will explore the issue further based on your responses.

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAVE OUR ALUMS GONE??

URPL does not have current information for the following alumni. Do you know where they are? If so, please let us know or have them contact the Department. Thanks.

A

Khalid R. Mahdi Al-Samarraie (MS 1975)
Warren T. Anderson (MS 1967)
Robert M. Arnstein (MS 1973)
Arsegianto (MS 1984)

B

Autumn A. Baker (MS 1992)
Sujit Banerji (MS 1968)
Isaac Barrow (MS 1999)
Isabel Katherine Benziger (MS 1971)

C

Juan Carlos Crespo (MS 1983)—Bolivia

E

Dean R. Evans (MS 1960)

F

Regina Kirk Francis (PhD 1981)
Tetsuya Fukunaga (MS 1992)

J

Muhamadou L. Jeng (MS 1984)
Malcolm L. Johnson (MS 1970)

L

Winston (Wen-Tsuen) Lee (MS 1969)

M

Kok Hoi Mak (MS 1976)
Charles J. McCarthy III (MS 1996)
Valorie L. Monk (MS 1977)
Faith L. (Cholvin) Morello (MS 1983)

R

Kenneth F. Reinert (MS 1968)
Thomas W. Rodda (MS 1968)
Marc M. Rueter (MS 1972)

S

Jacob Segal (MS 1965)
Ian D. Shimmin (MS 1989)—Australia
Chiifen (Sophia) Su (MS 1989)

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Please help! We are trying to modernize and update our alumni data. Your email address will help us keep track of you and facilitate communication when you want to contact your fellow alums.

Have you moved? Yes No

When did you graduate from URPL? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Where are you working? _____

Title: _____

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Any comments or news to share?: _____

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