

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

FROM THE CHAIR

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One of the first major tasks I undertook when I became chair of the department in August was to coordinate the itinerary for the site visit by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) team, which occurred in November. The site visit is an important part in the process of reaccrediting our master's program. The PAB requires that the site visit team meet with many different people to get their perspectives on the department. As part of the team's visit, I had to arrange a meeting between the team and a half-dozen non-alumni employers of URPL students and graduates.

This actually turned out to be a rewarding experience for me. Every employer I contacted responded with great enthusiasm, how they would be honored to have a small role in the reaccreditation of the master's program. I was overwhelmed by the respect and support that these influential people have for the students, alumni, and programs of URPL. Their feedback confirmed in my mind URPL's ranking as one of the nation's top planning programs in the recent *Planetizen* survey. Good work to all of you! We should know the results of the reaccreditation process next spring.

I also want to take this opportunity to point out two ways you can keep in touch with what is happen-

ing in the department. One is visiting the URPL Web site, which now has a slightly different address, urpl.wisc.edu, though the old address will still get you to the same place. A feature we've added to the Web site is a direct link to the online giving program of the University of Wisconsin Foundation. We have a new link on the Web site entitled "Supporting the Mission of URPL." You can find the link on the left column on the home page, or you can access the page directly at urpl.wisc.edu/giving.php. This program allows you to donate to three funds for the department: the general departmental Fund, the Born Environmental Stewardship Fund (established upon Steve Born's retirement from the department), or the Jerome Kaufman Scholarship Fund (established when Jerry retired from the department). Your contributions to the department are critical to support the ongoing good work of the department.

The second way is to attend the American Planning Association's 2009 National Planning Conference in Minneapolis. URPL will be hosting an alumni reception in the Minneapolis Hilton (the Conference Hotel) on Monday, April 27, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Look for the room location in the final program for the conference. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, I would be remiss not to thank Jim LaGro for all his hard work for the department during his six-year tenure as chair.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to wish you all the best for the holiday season.

URPL TOP-RANKED IN NATIONAL SURVEY

In May 2008 *Planetizen*, www.planetizen.com, released its 2009 Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs. URPL ranked highly in a number of categories. It ranked:

- among the best programs nationally in the areas of environmental planning, land use planning, and real estate development;
- 6th, based on the assessment of practitioners;
- 13th, based on the assessment of planning educators;
- and 17th overall, putting it among the top 25 programs nationally that they profiled.

While there are concerns for the methodology used for the rankings (and thus the ultimate ordinal listings), we believe that the overall conclusion that URPL's programs are among the country's best speaks well of the goals, direction, and traditions of URPL.

We look for the continued support from our alumni, friends, and campus administrators to keep URPL's place among the top-ranked programs, and to further build upon our strengths.

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Alfonso Morales and the Market and Food Systems class at the Growing Food and Justice Initiative Conference in Milwaukee.

STUDENTS IN THE FIELD

New Orleans

Several URPL students are collaborating with Bring Back the Bayou in this semester's Water Resources Practicum. The current project examines wetland restoration in the Holy Cross neighborhood, in the Lower Ninth Ward (L9) of New Orleans. However, the broader purpose of Bring Back the Bayou is to encourage students interested in environmental issues to use their skills in underserved communities.

Bayou Bienvenue sustained severe damage as a result of Hurricane Katrina, but the residents of Holy Cross hope to restore the cypress swamp to provide better protection for the L9 against future storms, and also as a potential ecotourism destination. The seven URPL graduate students contributing to this project are involved in many facets of the restoration effort, including community surveys and outreach, transportation planning, food systems, and land use issues.

Several participants traveled to New Orleans over spring break, and each will spend at least a month in the L9 during the summer to implement and continue their extensive projects. For more information, please visit the course Web site at: <http://bringbackthebayou.rso.wisc.edu>.

Chicago

URPL 761 Central City Planning students took field trips to Milwaukee and Chicago to visit a variety of planning organizations and community based organizations.

In Milwaukee, presentations at Walnut Way, Menomonee Valley Partners, and Masterlock covered economic development from the perspectives of business, neighborhood, and nonprofit entity.

In Chicago, presentations from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the City of Chicago, the Resurrection Project, and others covered a variety of planning problems, which were supplemented by a tour led by URPL graduate John LaMotte.

Milwaukee

Alfonso Morales, who is teaching Markets and Food Systems for the fall 2008 semester, won a course development grant and used the funds to subsidize conference registration fees for his class to attend the Growing Food and Justice Initiative Conference, sponsored by Growing Power in Milwaukee. Alfonso and students took copious notes for a further discount! Among the many activities offered, they chose to tour the Growing Power urban farm. CEO Will Allen is a new Mac Arthur "Genius" Fellow, and he generously gave his time and resources to the conference.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2008!

On Saturday, May 17, with their family, friends, and department faculty in attendance, the members of the UW–Madison URPL Class of 2008 received their well-deserved diplomas. The Class of 2008 featured a wide variety of planning specializations, with areas of expertise including community development, food systems, transportation, finance, urban design, environmental planning, urban revitalization, and sustainable development.

We welcomed back one of our own, URPL alumnus John LaMotte, to speak to the graduates about the opportunities that await them in professional practice. Mr. LaMotte is the cofounder and principal at the Lakota Group, Inc., a Chicago planning firm. In his words to the Class of 2008, he attributed much of his success to lessons he learned in the classrooms of Old Music Hall, under the direction of “Sergeant Huddleston” and other faculty. He encouraged the graduates to use their knowledge to move beyond passive roles in the decision-making processes to achieve positions of positive and proactive influence.

The ceremony also featured graduate Paul Hampton and Professors Harvey Jacobs and Jim LaGro. Professor Hampton highlighted the diversity of talents and expertise among the graduates. Professor Jacobs shared his confidence in the intelligence (and employability!) of the class, and Professor LaGro conferred their degrees.

The members of the Class of 2008 will begin their careers across the map—Madison, Chicago, Austin, Baltimore, northern California, Tibet, and beyond. We congratulate them on their graduation and wish them the best of luck in the future!

URPL AND THE 4TH JOINT CONGRESS OF ACSP AND AESOP

In July, the 49th Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, the annual professional meeting for planning faculty, met in Chicago with the Association of European Schools of Planning, holding its 4th joint congress since 1991. The following is a list of the URPL faculty and students who attended, and the titles of the papers or structured roundtable discussions they lead.

Professor Emeritus Jerome Kaufman held a roundtable titled “What’s Food Got to Do With It? On Teaching Planners About Food Systems,” which included URPL PhD alumnae Assistant Professor Samina Raja, now at the University of Buffalo.

Professor Harvey M. Jacobs presented “An Alternative Perspective on U.S.–European Property Rights and Land Use Planning: Differences without any Substance.”

Assistant Professor Asli Gocmen presented “Conservation Subdivision Design: A Magical Bullet to Environmentally Sensitive Development?”

Assistant Professor Alfonso Morales presented “Regulating the (Street) Markets.”

Senior Scientist Susana Lattarria-Cornhiel presented “Microfinance and Household Welfare in India and Malawi.”

Doctoral student Adam C. Mednick presented “Predicting the Impact of Land Use Change on Stormwater Runoff: An Evaluation of GIS- and Web-Based Community Planning Tools.”

WSPA NEWS

The Wisconsin Student Planning Association (WSPA) is constantly exploring ways to strengthen its relationship with the local professional community. Its members believe that an improved “town and gown” relationship is mutually beneficial. They seek to expand their professional development opportunities by networking with community planning practitioners. Conversely, they would like input from the professional community on how they can best have a positive role in the community. Please contact Andy Obernesser (obernesser@wisc.edu), or Josh Clements (jrclements@wisc.edu) with suggestions and ideas.

As always, WSPA encourages you to submit full-time, part-time, internship, or volunteering opportunities to URPL by emailing Pat Cantrell at pacantre@wisc.edu.

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.

Testimonial

Next year will mark exactly 50 years since I arrived in Madison—by train, would you believe? Now in retirement, yet still involved, I make an effort every second year to offer a more substantial contribution to the department’s permanent funds that support student programs and URPL activities. For me, it is a way to acknowledge the good years at Wisconsin: two graduate degrees, forty-two years with the faculty, thirty-five years of continuous teaching of Environmental Management—the first UW course to incorporate “environment” in its title. Early students still recall how those experiences permanently changed their lives. Supporting today’s student programs is a good way to show a bit of appreciation for the significance of those years and the rich cultivation of ideas that laid the foundations for programs that continue today.

*Herman Felstehausen,
Professor Emeritus*

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CHECK OUT**OUR WEB SITE**

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

FACULTY NEWS

Harvey Jacobs receives the Order of the Academic Palms.

On March 27, 2008, **Professor Harvey M. Jacobs** was knighted by the French government. He was awarded an L'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of the Academic Palms), rank Chevalier (Knight). Harvey received the award for his co-leadership of the project "Environmental Policy, Land Use and Conservation Biology in Franco-American Perspective," a collaboration between the University of Wisconsin–Madison and l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Montpellier, France, under funding from the Franco-American Cultural Exchange Foundation for French-American Academic Partnerships.

The Palmes Académiques dates to 1808, and is one of the world's oldest civil awards. L'Ordre des Palmes Académiques was initiated by Napoleon to honor eminent members of the University of Paris. In 1866, the scope of the award was widened to include major contributions to French national education, including by those who are not French citizens. The Palmes recognizes dedication and accomplishment in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and research.

In April **Professor Harvey M. Jacobs** was an invited speaker at the annual meeting of the American Planning Association in Las Vegas, Nevada. He shared the podium for the Bettman Symposium session on the topic "Private Property Rights, Today and Tomorrow," presenting "Property Rights Conflicts in American Historical Perspective."

In June he presented the introductory talk to the invitational, international conference titled "Land Policies and Property Rights," held by the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy in Cambridge,

Massachusetts and "U.S. Private Property Rights in International Perspective."

In September he was invited by the Chazen Museum of Art on the UW–Madison campus to present a talk in the series "In My View: UW Faculty Interpretations of Artworks," where, non-art faculty comment on one or more pieces in the museum's permanent collection. Harvey's talk, "Man, Nature and Machine," contrasted views of nature—the managed, agricultural landscape, and the industrial landscape as depicted by American and Russian painters in the 1930s and 1940s.

And in October Harvey continued his and the department's long-standing relationship with the International Center for Land Policy Studies and Training in Taiwan by serving as a one-week lecturer for its six-week short course on land policy for sustainable rural development. He also accepted an invitation to lecture to the Institute of Natural Resource Management at the National Taipei University on the topic "Policy and Principles of Land Use and Environment Management."

Professor Emeritus Jerry Kaufman received the first-ever Outstanding Site Visitor for 2008 award from the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). The award was based on a survey of the chairs of all accredited planning programs and all members of the PAB's site visitor pool. In receiving the award, the PAB stated: "We would like to celebrate your long-standing commitment to the advancement of planning education as evidenced by your work on ten site visit teams from 1984 through 2006."



Is he coming or going? Professor Marcouiller confirms his presence in Hell — a rural town in Norway that hosted the important “Blues in Hell” music festival. Elusive Canadian Leon Redbone was the event headliner, which also featured notable Scandinavian musicians. Music festivals are common cultural tourism venues throughout Europe, and are important components of the Norwegian multifunctional rural landscape.

Professor Dave Marcouiller is on sabbatical and he and his family are busy exploring the people and landscapes of Norway. His hosts are the faculty of Economics and Management at Høgskolen i Nord Trøndelag in Steinkjer, which is the micropolitan hub of a mainly rural farming region in central Norway. His tasks while in Norway expand on previous work in leisure science, tourism planning, and multifunctional rural landscapes. With colleague Knut Ingar Westeren, he is developing and delivering a short-course for municipal officials on cultural tourism planning while conducting festival and events research. In addition to cultural tourism topics, Professor Marcouiller is also building upon previous work on use interaction-compatibility, multifunctional (joint) production regimes, and income distribution. He is working on several manuscripts for submission as journal articles, book chapters, and monographs.

The Marcouiller clan will be in Norway until early January, but Dave will return next summer to help with a research project that examines an event in honor of the Norwegian literary figure Olav Duun. This three-day cultural festival, titled the “Duun-stevnet på Gjøa,” takes place within the deeply rural fishing hamlet of Fosnes on the small

remote island of Jøa. As the boyhood home of Olav Duun, this coastal landscape is widely thought to represent the “fairytale” within which many of his novels are set and provides an excellent example of the “experience-scape” approach to tourism planning.

Stay tuned to future issues of this newsletter for a description of additional internationally-focused leisure science and multifunctional rural landscape work to be conducted by Dave during the second half of his sabbatical.

Assistant Professor Alfonso Morales has been awarded a Population Health Course Development grant by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars program at the UW–Madison Department of Population Health Sciences. He will use the grant to develop a four- to six-week component of URPL 590, Markets and Food Systems, focused on the reciprocal relationship between food system planning and public health, specifically how food systems interventions can improve the health conditions of urban residents.

Alfonso organized and presented at a session on street markets at the 2008 APA National Conference in Las Vegas and presented similar work focused on zoning and markets at the meetings of the Upper Midwest Regional APA Conference in Madison. In terms of economic development, he is on the board of EDCO Ventures, a nonprofit organization creating innovative companies and significant living wage jobs in economically distressed areas. EDCO initiated its first four businesses during 2008. Finally, the October issue of *Planning* magazine included his brief “Two Cents” essay—planning issues the next President might consider.

Professor Brian Ohm was recently appointed by the Wisconsin Legislature to serve on the Joint legislative Council Special Committee on Regional Transportation Authority. The committee is directed to review and provide recommendations on how to create a statutory framework enabling local governments to create regional transportation authorities, including funding mechanisms, the method of creation, membership, scope of authority, and the types of transportation services that the authority could administer. The Committee is comprised of legislators and citizen representatives of various interest groups. The committee will present its recommendations to the Legislature in 2009.

Brian also authored a “friend of the court” brief on behalf of the American Planning Association and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association in a significant case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, *Wisconsin Realtors Association v.*

URPL FACULTY LECTURE SERIES

The 2007–08 Faculty Lecture Series continued with four lectures in the spring semester. Lecturers and lectures included:

- ◆ February 7—Senior Scientist Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel: “Is Micro-Credit the Magic Bullet for Low-Income Households? Some Evidence from Malawi”
- ◆ March 6—Assistant Professor Kurt Paulsen: “The Effects of Land Development on Municipal Finance: Theory and Empirics”
- ◆ April 3—Assistant Professor Ken Genskow: “Social Indicators for NonPoint Source Water Quality Planning and Evaluation”
- ◆ April 24—Assistant Professor Asli Göçmen: “Challenges to Effective Use of GIS in Planning: The Case of Public Planning Agencies in Wisconsin”

Papers prepared by presenters to accompany their presentations can be found on the URPL Web site at urpl.wisc.edu/papers.

Town of West Point. The case challenges the authority of local governments in Wisconsin to impose temporary moratoria on subdivisions/land divisions while a community prepares an update to its comprehensive plan. A copy of the brief is available on APA's Web site: www.planning.org/amicusbriefs/pdf/wisconsinrealtors.pdf.

In June, Brian presented his research on Great Lakes coastal protection ordinances at the 21st International Coastal Society Conference in Redonda Beach, California. The research resulted in the publication *Protecting Coastal Investments: Examples of Regulations for Wisconsin's Coastal Communities*. The publication is available as a downloadable PDF at aqua.wisc.edu/publications/PDFs/ProtectingCoastalInvestments.pdf, and was funded by a grant from the National Sea Grant Law Center. David Hart, of the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute was a coprincipal investigator on the project.

Assistant Professor Kurt Paulsen has completed a research report on multi-jurisdiction comprehensive planning efforts in the state of Pennsylvania. The report was prepared for 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, a smart growth advocacy organization. The report, titled "Plan Regionally, Implement Locally: An Evaluation of Multi-municipal Planning and Implementation in Pennsylvania," examined 172 multi-municipal planning efforts since the "Growing Smarter" legislation in 2000. The report provides summaries of the legislation, evaluation of planning and implementation efforts, and recommendations to improve practice in Pennsylvania. The report summary is available at www.10000friends.org/growth/mmp/#planregionally.



Dr. Susana Lastarria-Cornhiel received the first Annual UW–Madison Outstanding Women of Color Award in April 2008. Dr. Lastarria, a senior scientist in URPL and

a native of Peru, shared this award with five other women on the UW campus. Testimonials for the award noted her long-standing and ground-breaking work connecting land rights and women's rights in the developing world through applied research in Central and South America, Africa, and the former

Soviet Union, and her influence on institutions such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank.

In October, Susana made a presentation to the World Bank on the findings of three case studies that examined the social development impact of rural finance institutions in Malawi, Andhra Pradesh (India), and Kyrgyzstan. The presentation concluded her research project where she had been the principal investigator for the World Bank.

ALUMNI NEWS

All of you appreciate news of your former classmates. This column works because you send in news about yourself. Don't be shy! Let us hear from you—about professional achievements and personal transitions. Send information to Pat Cantrell at pacantre@wisc.edu for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Alumni are listed in ascending order of graduation date, with the most recent at the bottom of the column.

Judith Adler (MS '75) retired as senior planner for the City of Janesville, Wisconsin, after 29 years of service.

Gene R. Rankin (MS '75) retired as director of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Board of Bar Examiners in January 2006. He now practices a modicum of business law from home. Since retirement he has embarked on several major sailing trips and races, including a trip through the Mediterranean from Greece to France in May 2006, a transatlantic journey in January 2007, and a trip through the South China Sea from Hong Kong to the Philippines in March 2008.

Andy Lewis (MS '82), a state community development specialist with the University of Wisconsin Extension's Center for Community and Economic Development was recently awarded the 2008 National Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP). The National Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor conferred by NACDEP and recognizes one community professional in Wisconsin for career achievement. Lewis received the award at the National Convention in Indianapolis on September 18, 2008. Among Professor Lewis's significant accomplishments, he codeveloped "First Impres-

sions," which is a community assessment and improvement program that has been utilized by more than 500 communities across the U.S. and Canada.

Shant Agajanian (PhD '83), Joshua Tree, California, retired after a 37-year career in planning research, teaching, and public education.

Jonathan Bartz (M.S. '83) has been named president of Martenson & Eisle, Inc., a planning and engineering firm based in Menasha, Wisconsin.

Marcel Acosta (MS '86) has been named executive director of the National Capital Planning Commission, the federal government's central planning agency for the District of Columbia and surrounding region. He has been at NCPC since 2001, after serving as senior vice president of planning and development for the Chicago Transit Authority. Marcel notes that he is "always happy to talk to URPLs about career opportunities in the Washington, DC, area, and they can monitor our vacancy announcements at www.ncpc.gov."

Elaine (Middleton) Wijnja (MS '93) is a planner with the Office of Policy Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, for the State of Massachusetts. She comes to this new position after many years working with the City of Somerville, Massachusetts.

Branden Born (MS '98, PhD '03), an assistant professor in the Department of Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington in Seattle, received the 2007–08 Lionel Pries Award from the College of Architecture and Urban Planning. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching and is awarded by vote of the students of the college.

Michael Koles (MS '98) the University of Wisconsin Extension community resource development agent in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, recently reported on several items of note. The Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan, which he assisted in preparing, won an award at the 2008 Midwest Planning Conference from the Wisconsin chapter of the American Planning Association. In addition, he received the mid-career award from University of Wisconsin Extension, Wisconsin Extension Education Community Development Association. As he notes, "it seems funny to be 'mid-career' and only in my thirties; I suppose mid-life crisis is next."

Stephanie J. Weigel (MS '02) is a regional land use planner for the Sonoran Institute, where she works on open space protection in the fragile desert environment of the Morongo Basin in California. The Sonoran Institute's mission is "to inspire and enable community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of western North America." While she misses Madison (especially the bike trails, lakes and music), she reports that she enjoys learning about new places, and living near the Joshua Tree National Park.

Judith Ruetsche (MS '06) writes, "for over two years I am working in Switzerland as a planner. In the beginning things were a bit difficult, as I had to readjust to the Swiss lifestyle, which is not bad, but sometimes a bit complicated." Judith had two internships (in the planning department in the Kanton of Zurich and ecoptima, a private planning firm in Bern) and has now secured what she describes as "a great planning job" at ERR Raumplaner in St. Gallen.

Andrew Fielding (MS '07) writes, "since graduation I've been working at the Wisconsin Historical Society in the Historic Preservation Office. There I was helping to write content for a homeowner's guide to old house maintenance, understanding, and preservation, and administering the Historic Homeowner's Tax Credit Program, a program that encourages preservation via providing financial incentives for good preservation practices. In early August I started a position in the City of Madison's Zoning Department as an inspector, where I will work closely with the zoning code and insuring compliance."

Kristy SeBlonka (MS '07) has had an excerpt of her master's thesis published as Issue 141 of *Downtown Economics*, the regular publication of the Center for Community and Economic Development of the University of Wisconsin Extension. The "Role of Cooperatives in Community Economic Development" can be accessed at www.uwex.edu/CES/cced/downtowns/ltb/documents/DE0508.pdf.

Jon Clevenger (MS '08) is working with the National Equity Fund in Chicago as an asset management analyst, managing the Fund's Minnesota and Wisconsin affordable housing portfolio.

Katie Davis (MS '08) has taken a position as a legislative program analyst at the State of Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau. In this position, she will be assisting with performance audits of various state departments and programs.

Sarah Elliott (MS '08), who was awarded the 2008 AICP Outstanding Student Award by the faculty, has taken a position at MSA Professional Services (an engineering, architectural and planning firm) based in their Madison office, with a focus on sustainability planning.

Adam Goodberg (MS '08) won a 2008 summer Foreign Language Area Studies grant. He studied intensive Tibetan in Madison in the SASLI program for Southeast Asia Languages. In October, he and his partner, whom he met in Moldova in the Peace Corps, begin a six-month stay in India. They will teach English to young monks in Darjeeling for two months before attending the famous Monlam ceremony in Bodhgaya. Later, they will spend ten weeks studying at the Karmapa International Buddhist Institute in New Delhi.

Paul D. Hampton (MS '08) continues in his position as economic analyst ("but really I am a community development planner") at Vierbicher Associates, Inc. a team of engineers, planners, community development specialists, surveyors, GIS specialists, water resources and environmental scientists in Madison.

Bill Holloway (MS '08) has taken a position as a transportation analyst with Cambridge Systematics in Austin, Texas, where he will work in their freight product line.

Tanya Krzeminski (MS '08) has taken a position with the consulting firm Schreiber Anderson Associates in Madison. She reports that her initial projects will include working on the Waushara County Wisconsin multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan, the Town of Lodi Wisconsin's Smart Growth Plan, and Safe Routes to School projects.

Sara Mosser (MS '08) is currently working for Geographic Resource Solutions, a small firm in Arcata, California, that specializes in GIS consulting and image processing and classification. She is involved in a vegetation classification and mapping project for Redwood National Park and Lassen Volcanic National Park. She is also working with CSX Railroad to transition their historical rail line

and yard data to a digital, interactive format. Sara has also accepted a part-time lecturer position at Humboldt State University in California (her undergraduate alma mater), in their undergraduate program in Natural Resources Planning and Interpretation. She will teach a course titled Introduction to Natural Resource Planning. She says that they were "specifically interested in me as I bring a MS degree in planning as well as teaching experience in a classroom setting; they want someone that brings excitement and energy to the field of planning and can get students motivated to follow this course of study."

Amy Seeboth (MS '08), who received the 2008 Jessica Bullen Award for Community Service from the faculty of the department, has accepted a position as an Associate Planner with the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, where she will be working on comprehensive plans, Safe Routes to School planning, and economic development planning. She notes that from her perspective Platteville (where she will live) "is looking good; they recently opened an indoor farmers' market... I will have access to natural foods!"

In Memoriam

Tim Dienger (MS '01) died in July. Tim, 31, was the town administrator of his hometown, Onalaska, Wisconsin. Tim took the position after working in Portage, Wisconsin, and Green River, Wyoming. In returning to Onalaska, he came to serve as the town's first full-time administrator. He leaves an immediate family of his wife Jennifer and two young children, Kealan, 6, and Finola, 3.

Garden Dedicated to Former URPL Student

The Jessica Bullen Orchard & Quiet Garden has been dedicated to the memory of **Jessica Bullen** (MS '05). Jessica Bullen was the former treasurer of Quann Community Garden, and a biking, gardening, and community activist in the Madison area. She died on July 3, 2005, from injuries sustained in a bicycle crash. She had recently finished her URPL degree, and received the Outstanding Student of the Year award. The garden dedicated to Jessica is a triangle of land across the gravel road from the community gardens.

URPL WORKSHOP EFFORT RECEIVES WAPA AWARD

The Fall 2007 URPL Workshop, which produced the Jefferson County, Wisconsin, Farmland Preservation Report (profiled in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue of *Connections*) earned a student project/paper award from WAPA—the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association. The award was presented at the Upper Midwest APA Conference, held in Madison in September.

Assistant Professor Kurt Paulsen, who coordinated the workshop, offers his congratulations to the students for all their hard work, and extends a special thanks to UW Extension educator Steve Grabow for his support throughout the project and his excellent letter of support in nomination for the award.

STUDENTS PREPARE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CITY OF MADISON CORRIDOR

Students in Professor Jim LaGro's URPL 601 Site Planning class this past spring worked with the City of Madison to develop planning and design guidelines for the University Avenue corridor. The guidelines provide a policy framework to guide future infill and redevelopment within the corridor to ensure that changes within and adjacent to the corridor are attractive, sustainable, and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of residents, workers, and visitors to the corridor and its adjacent neighborhoods. The project is available online at urpl.wisc.edu/people/lagro/courses.php.

URPL VISITOR

In April, Assistant Professor Claudia Trillo at the Università Degli Studi Di Napoli Federico II, Naples, Italy, and a visiting Fulbright Senior Researcher at San Diego State University, spent several days in the department. She delivered a lecture on her Fulbright research—"Implementation of Smart Growth at a Regional Level: The Case of San Diego"—participated in URPL classes, and met with members of the faculty and professional community to learn about Wisconsin's approach to smart growth.

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