Season’s greetings to you all!
This has certainly been an eventful year for URPL. Interest in URPL remains strong. We had 215 applicants for fall admission to URPL’s two programs (176 applicants for the master’s program and 39 applicants to the Ph.D program). This is the highest number of applicants to URPL in recent memory! All these applicants kept Alice Justice, our admissions coordinator, pretty busy.

URPL strives to have an entering class of 20–25 students for the master’s program and one or two for the PhD program every year. We had 24 new master’s students and three new PhD students enter the programs this fall. Admission remains highly competitive and we continue to attract very strong students from a variety of backgrounds. Among the 24 students, five are from China.

The past six months have also been eventful because of two events that bought many URPL alums and friends of the URPL back to campus. On August 31, the department helped sponsor an event honoring the work of Jerry Kaufman. On November 12 the department sponsored a dinner honoring Jack Huddleston following his retirement from the department. Read more about these events inside.
HONORING THE WORK OF JERRY KAUFMAN

On Sunday, July 31, and Monday, August 1, URPL helped sponsor a symposium honoring URPL Emeritus Professor Jerry Kaufman’s significant contributions to community food systems planning. The symposium began Sunday evening with a musical program featuring the Kaufman family and the Madison Yiddish Choir that Jerry and his wife, Judy, helped establish. The music was followed by a wonderful dinner featuring locally grown foods. The evening ended with an inspiring talk by Will Allen, the founder of Growing Power, based in Milwaukee, entitled “Thoughts on Growing Power and Jerry Kaufman’s Influence.”

Will Allen has accomplished some pioneering achievements in urban agriculture. In 2010, he was recognized by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

The following day, the symposium brought together numerous colleagues and former students of Jerry’s. Former URPL faculty member Marcia Caton Campbell, now with the Milwaukee office of the Center for Resilient cities, talked about the evolution of the food system in community planning. URPL Emeritus Professors Beth Howe, Jack Huddleston, and Steve Born offered a retrospective on Jerry as a colleague and as an agent of change. Several URPL PhD graduates who have gone on to become leaders in food systems planning—Branden Born, Samina Raja, and Martin Bailkey—also spoke on food systems planning. They were joined by former URPL Visiting Professor Kami Pothukuchi, now at Wayne State University, and URPL’s Alfonso Morales, who also offered their perspectives.

The event was held in UW–Madison’s beautiful new Union South which replaced the old Union South, helping to transform the southern end of campus.

A POSTSCRIPT ON JERRY KAUFMAN’S HEALTH STATUS

Two days after the Good Food for All event, Jerry had a CAT scan to assess the effect the four chemotherapy treatments he had received. As predicted by his oncologist, the possibilities were three: either the tumor shrank (the best-case scenario), got bigger (the worst-case scenario), or stabilized in size. After the CAT scan results came in, Jerry’s oncologist came into the small room where Jerry’s wife and two children also sat with a wide smile on his face. He told them that the CAT scan showed “phenomenal” results. Jerry’s tumor not only had shrunk in size by 64 percent, but he was now in the top 1 to 2 percent of all cases that had a similar diagnosis of stage 4 lung cancer. So in addition to the wonderful Good Food for All event in his honor came this unexpected and wonderful health news. A month later, another CAT scan was done showing additional shrinkage of the tumor. As Jerry reports, he’s not out of the woods yet, but there’s clearly been considerable improvement since early April 2011 when he was initially diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DECEMBER GRADS!

URPL had five students graduate in December—Glen Halstead, Troy Mag-gied, Katie Paterson, Benjamin Wendt, and Seungmo Yang.

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

HUDDLESTON’S RETIREMENT EVENT

On the evening of Saturday, November 12, more than 130 of Jack Huddleston’s friends, family, colleagues, and former students gathered at the Pyle Center on the UW–Madison campus to honor Professor Huddleston’s retirement from the university this past May. The event featured a dinner and program that recognized the contributions that Jack has made over his 34 years of teaching at URPL. Many attendees reflected on the impact that Jack has had on their lives. They also shared humorous stories of memorable events from being in Jack class and Jack’s years of international work.

Jack thanks those who attended the event honoring his years of service to the university.

URPL’S VISITING SCHOLARS

Professor Shang Tiancheng (URPL Visiting Scholar) presented a poster on a financing model of energy performance contracting based on surplus emission quotas and restrictive conditions at the IEEE Energy Tech Conference held at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.
URPL WORKSHOP ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

By Laura Detert (MS Candidate)

This fall UW–Madison Urban and Regional Planning students are getting planning experience around sustainability and renewable energy as part of the 2011 Planning Workshop (URPL 912). The 16-week course provides students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the real-world practice of professional planning, funded by a HUD Sustainability grant won by a partnership between Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development (SW Badger), Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC), and UW–Extension. The project is examining renewable energy opportunities in nine counties in Southwestern Wisconsin. This year’s students will ultimately help decision-makers identify communities within southwestern Wisconsin that have potential to engage in renewable energy projects with the goal of long-term economic development.

Southwestern Wisconsin is primarily rural with a large dairy industry and picturesque rolling hills. Communities have long histories within the region, creating a wide range of political and economic views. Platteville, Monroe, Dodgeville, and New Glarus are all located within the region. La Crosse, Wisconsin, the largest city within the study area, has a population just over 51,000. There are several renewable energy projects currently in the region. The Montchevré goat cheese manufacturing plant in Belmont, Wisconsin, is an example of a biodigester that takes food processing waste and turns it into methane gas that is burned onsite to create usable electricity. This technology is often called a “biogas system.” In the case of Montchevré, electricity created by the biogas system is used to power more than 200 homes in the Belmont area and up to 80 percent of the internal company energy needs. The partnership with Belmont extends the life of the wastewater system and enables the company to easily meet its permitting requirements for waste treatment. The larger-scale Montford Wind Energy Center also serves as a model. Located in Iowa County between Montfort and Cobb, the Montfort Wind Energy Center produces 30 megawatts of power—enough to power 9,000 homes—through 20 wind turbines centered in a cornfield. These and other pioneering energy projects are important components of an overall approach to development through renewable energy.

Students in the Planning Workshop are using geographic, social, and economic factors to determine for which communities renewable energy projects can become reality. Solar, wind, and biological energy are technologies being considered, and will be assessed on their possibility given the resource abundance and constraints in the region. The project partners hope to encourage entrepreneurial opportunities and investment in renewable energy that will lead to job creation and a net increase in regional energy production. Economic growth is the primary objective, though other issues tied to renewable energy, such as environmental quality and energy independence, will not be ignored as potential motivators to implementation and community support. In addition, data from the plan will eventually be incorporated into a larger nine-county regional plan for sustainability that is funded in part through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Sustainable Communities Grant program, led by Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

Students are receiving instructional support from Professor Morales, Ela Kakde, who is the course project assistant (funded by a Morgridge Center grant), and many practitioners in the fields of renewable energy and energy policy, business development, geographic information systems (GIS), renewable energy technologies, and public speaking. The department wishes to acknowledge all these experts for their time:

- Gary Radloff, Interim Director and Midwest Energy Policy Analysis Director with the Wisconsin Bioenergy Initiative
- Tim Baye, Professor of Business Development at UW–Extension
- Laura Brown, CNRED agent
- Andrew Held, Director Feedstock Development at Virent Energy
- James Schneider, Blue Chip Training
- Paul Putnam, CNRED UWEX
- Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of New North, Inc.
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- Andrew Dane, SEH Consulting
- Matt Kures, UWEX for Center of Community and Economic Development
- Gregory Nemet, assistant professor at the La Follette School of Public Affairs
WSPA DOINGS

By Adam Levine (MS '12 Candidate)

The Wisconsin Student Planning Association (WSPA) has enjoyed a busy start to the fall semester. One of our goals as an organization is to help students in the department become familiar with the city of Madison. Beyond simply learning their way around town, students in URPL benefit from engaging in local planning-related debates, controversies, and initiatives. With this in mind, WSPA organized a student-led bicycle tour of the city that visited noteworthy local sites of current planning interest, such as the Edgewood Hotel, Union Corners, and Monona Terrace.

WSPA also facilitates social interaction among URPL students as well as with other departments in the university. This semester, we have hosted a number of happy-hour events around Madison, as well as a hard-fought kickball game against our rivals in Public Policy. After jumping out to an early lead, URPL ultimately lost 11–10 on a contentious play at home plate. Despite the tough loss, we look forward to more opportunities to network with associated departments, as well as a rematch and a chance at redemption. We might have to pick a new sport though, as it’s getting a little cold for kickball. Ice hockey anyone?

This semester, WSPA has also been working to create opportunities for students to interact with professors and practitioners outside the classroom. We are hosting a series of conversations between students and individual professors at the Memorial Union Rathskeller. We kicked off the series with Professor Brian Ohm in November; he talked about efforts to weaken Wisconsin’s comprehensive planning law. These events provide an opportunity for students to learn about their professors’ specific research and interests in an informal setting. Next year, we will also be hosting networking and professional-development events in which students will be able to interact with alumni and learn about their career choices. If you are interested in participating in these events in any capacity, please contact Adam Levine at aalevine@wisc.edu.

JOIN URPL’S “LINKEDIN” SITE

The department has launched a networking group for alumni, faculty, students and friends of the department on the professional networking site “LinkedIn.” Alumni can (re)connect with friends, colleagues and faculty. The group can be found at: www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=& gid=3342766 or by searching “Wisconsin urban planning” on the LinkedIn site.
Assistant Professor Ken Genskow presented a paper entitled “Agency as Catalyst: Wisconsin’s Basin Partnerships” and a poster session entitled “Social Indicators for Nonpoint Source Management” at the 17th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management held in Madison.

Assistant Professor Asli Gocmen presented her paper “Land Use Regulations: Barriers to Successful Implementation of Conservation Subdivision Design” at the recent Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

Professor Harvey Jacobs began the summer by serving as a resident Fellow at ZiF—Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Germany)—a semi-autonomous body of the University of Bielefeld, for the period mid-May through June. His participation was part of a research group on “The Road to Global Social Citizenship? Human Rights Approaches to Global Social Policy.” He was one of eight international colleagues, and the only American invited participant. His research focused on the role of private property in a 21st century conceptualization of human rights.

In October, Harvey served as the John Bousfield Distinguished Visitor in Planning at the Program in Planning and Urban Design, Department of Geography, University of Toronto, Canada. His Visitorship included a two-week residency during which he gave a university-wide lecture, two department lectures, and consulted on curriculum and future accreditation for the program.

As in 2010, Harvey was part of a U.S. group that in November conducted a training seminar for a delegation from the Ministry of Land and Resources, People’s Republic of China; the seminar was organized by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Harvey helped to open the first day of the one week program with two lectures on the planning and legal aspects of property rights in the U.S.

Harvey’s recent publications include: “What Role for Privately Owned Land?” ZiF-Mitteilungen 3, 2011: 26–27 (from his German residency).

Professor Dave Marcouiller presented recent work on rural amenity-based development and served as a U.S. delegate to the World Planning Schools Congress in Perth, Australia. This summer’s event, hosted by the University of Western Australia, marked the third gathering of leading academics representing the nine associations of planning schools throughout the world and was organized by the Global Planning Education Association Network (GPEAN).

In June, URPL graduate student Austin Outhavong (MS ’11), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources planner Jeff Prey, and Professor Marcouiller presented a coauthored paper on incorporating public health and wellness into outdoor recreation planning at the 17th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management held in Madison.

Associate Professor Alfonso Morales’ research on marketplaces and urban agriculture has been featured on NBC Nightly News and in Scientific American (September 2011). He is project co-investigator of a $5 million USDA grant to study community and regional food systems. His recent publications include “Public Markets: Prospects for Social, Economic, and Political Development.” Journal of Planning Literature 26(3): 3–17, and “Satiating the Demand: Planning for Alternative Models of Food Distribution,” with Lindsey Day Farnsworth, in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development 2(1). He advises the UW Slow Food student community and recently gave lectures at the Center for the Elimination of Health Disparities at the University of Illinois Chicago, and at the Taubman school at the University of Michigan.

Assistant Professor Kurt Paulsen is a coauthor of two forthcoming articles. “Process and Outcomes in Collaborative Watershed Partnerships: Evidence from the Philadelphia Region” is forthcoming in the Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, while “Not in My Watershed! Will Increased Federal Supervision Really Bring Better Coordination Between Land Use and Water Planning?” is forthcoming in the Journal of Planning Education and Research. Professor Paulsen presented his research paper “The Evolution of Relative Suburban Housing-Unit Diversity” at the annual Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning conference in Salt Lake City.
**ALUMNI NEWS**

Ellen M. Bassett (MS ’89, PhD ’01) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at the School of Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.

Merritt Bussiere (MS ’88) is the research director for Pittsburgh UNITED, a coalition of community, labor, environmental, and faith-based organizations in the Pittsburgh region that develops joint campaigns around large development and redevelopment projects receiving large public subsidies. According to Merritt, “The coalition asks: What are the community benefits to be realized in exchange for the public subsidies? Do the projects provide family-supporting jobs? Are there building trade apprenticeship programs for local youth? How will environmental impacts be minimized? Are green infrastructure and smart growth approaches maximized? Some of the community benefits sought are more narrowly focused to individual projects.” Pittsburgh UNITED is an affiliate of the national Partnership for Working Families.

Mary Edwards (PhD ’97) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

Bill Holloway (MS ’08) and Rachel Jacques, now Rachel Jacques Holloway (MS ’08), moved back to Madison a year ago and were married in July. Bill worked as a freight transportation analyst at Cambridge Systematics’ Austin, Texas, office between June 2006 and November 2008. In November 2008 he began working as a transportation policy analyst at the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI) at the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) at UW–Madison. Rachel started work as a community planner at the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) in June.

Scott Janowiak (MS candidate) was awarded the 2011 Andrew Muzi Yellow Jersey Fellowship, in large part for his work with the City of Madison and Madison B-cycle, in which he helped implement Madison’s new bike-sharing service.

Richard D. Margerum (PhD ’95), associate professor and department head in the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon, is the author of a new book, *Beyond Consensus: Improving Collaborative Planning and Management,* from MIT Press.

Michelle Stahlhut (MS ’05) reports that she and Andrew Perlstein (MS ’05) are expecting a baby in February. Earlier this year, they returned to the U.S. after living in China for two years, where Andrew was doing PhD research. Michelle says that post-URPL, she worked three years for the City of San Jose, California, doing implementation and then green building policy. In China, she studied Mandarin full-time and got to tag along on a lot of planning trips around the country with Andrew during his research process. Michelle now works for the San Francisco Planning Department (she says “the zoning code here is unbelievably complex!”).

Miles Toder (PhD ’86) gave a talk to URPL students in September entitled “Continuous Change and Improvement: Some Lessons from Contemporary International Development Planning.” Toder is acting director of the United States Agency for International Development Mission to Indonesia (USAID) United States Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Jane Zheng (MS candidate) is working as an independent researcher at the China Research Center in Sydney, Australia, and will return to the UW to complete the program next year.
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