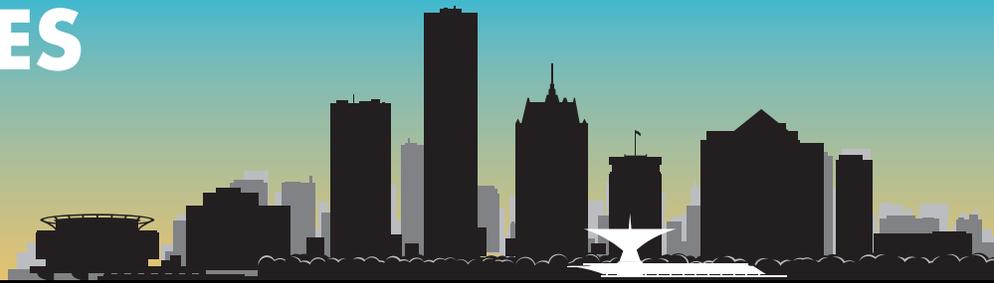


# URBAN STUDIES UPDATE



Fall 2013

Newsletter for Alumni and Friends - 50th Anniversary Issue

## Director's Letter

As I begin my second year as Director of Urban Studies Programs, I am so grateful to our alumni, faculty, and students for all of the support you have given me over the past year. Outgoing director Amanda Seligman has been extremely generous with her time, as have our stellar staff members – Associate Director Jamie Harris and Program Associate Carrie Beranek.



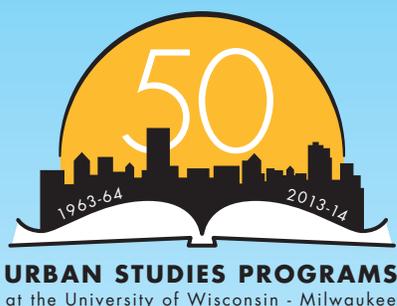
Two of my central goals over the last year have been to raise the visibility of Urban Studies and to create a plan to strengthen our graduate program. We attracted hundreds of university and community members to our programs this past year, and held two of them at city hall, which you will see detailed in this newsletter. And we are undertaking several efforts to strengthen graduate studies.

In addition to a recruitment plan, we are creating new recruitment materials, embarking on an exchange program with University College Dublin, and meeting student technology needs with a new suite of computers. Our graduate students are doing remarkable research, and I will be looking for your help in the near future, as we launch new efforts to support their work.

I am very excited about the slate of programs we are developing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Urban Studies at UWM. As a resident of Milwaukee with two children in Milwaukee Public Schools, I am deeply committed to this year's theme "City As Solution: Building the New Urban Agenda." My volunteer work to strengthen public schools, and fair housing as a tester for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, along with my academic work as a public historian who directs the March On Milwaukee Civil Rights History Project ([www.marchonmilwaukee.uwm.edu](http://www.marchonmilwaukee.uwm.edu)), all comes out of the belief that our cities need to be viewed as the answer to issues of sustainability, housing, education, jobs, health, transportation, and segregation. The research and work of our extraordinary faculty, students and alumni provide the context, the data, and the blueprint to create those solutions. And Urban Studies plays a vital role at UWM by anchoring the university in its mission to "meet the diverse needs of Wisconsin's largest metropolitan area."

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in person at our April anniversary weekend to celebrate USP@50! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Jasmine Alinder, Director, Urban Studies Programs



### SAVE THE DATE(S) FOR USP@50

### CITY AS SOLUTION : BUILDING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

USP is turning 50, and we want you back on campus to help us celebrate! Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, we are planning an anniversary reunion weekend. In addition, we will have events throughout the year. See next page for more details or visit [www.usp50.uwm.edu](http://www.usp50.uwm.edu) for a complete list of activities and programs. If you would like to help with planning, we would love to have you join the planning committee. Please contact us with any questions.

# USP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Visit [usp50.uwm.edu](http://usp50.uwm.edu) for event information

## **Join Us for an Alumni Reunion and Conference Weekend, April 25-26, 2014**

We will be holding a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala and Conference in the UWM Student Union. **Please save the date and plan to attend!** In addition to honoring and showcasing the important contributions of our alumni, this year's conference will feature panels of faculty, students, practitioners, and alumni around several critical topics.

### **Please update your records and send us your stories and photos – go to [usp50.uwm.edu](http://usp50.uwm.edu)**

As part of our planned Urban Studies Alumni Reunion we would like to highlight the important work and contributions of our alumni as well as collect and share stories from your time at UWM. Please visit the USP50 page of our website and click on the link to the alumni update form. If you have stories or photos to share, you can upload them there. We will collect these for display at our 50<sup>th</sup> Gala dinner.

### **Mentorship Program to be Launched**

As part of our USP 50th Anniversary celebration – specifically during the spring reunion and conference – we will be launching a new Mentorship Program to match alumni with current Urban Studies students. If you would like to participate, please let us know on the alumni update page. You do not have to be located in Milwaukee to help us mentor students.

### **USP Oral History Project in the Works**

As one of a few programs in the U.S. funded through the Ford Foundation to address urban problems, we plan to use this reunion and conference weekend to begin the process of developing an oral history archive. We'd like to hear from you during your stay.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Please join us for the 7th annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit, November 14, 2013, from 3:30 - 6:30 at the Edith S. Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive, Milwaukee Wisconsin. This year's topic is "Life After Vouchers: Expansion, Accountability & Outcomes." A distinguished panel will discuss new research on the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the recent expansion of school vouchers statewide, and legislative efforts to create accountability measures for all schools that receive public funding. A reception will follow the panel discussion and Q&A.



## **1963-2013**

Urban Studies is one of the oldest graduate programs at UWM, and an early pioneer in urban affairs.

The Master's program that was housed in the Department of Urban Affairs at UWM, was founded in 1963 with a Ford Foundation grant, at a time when scholarship on cities and urban development was seen as critical in the context of the civil rights movement and urban decline and crisis.

The doctoral program that followed was created in 1977 as an interdepartmental PhD degree, formerly named Urban Social Institutions. The program assumed that in order to examine complex urban problems, students must be literate in a variety of urban-focused disciplines.

In the mid-1980s, both degrees were folded into the Urban Studies Programs. In total, more than 600 MS degrees and 100 PhDs have been awarded.

We consider this celebratory year of events and reunions as a chance to reflect on the past accomplishments of our alumni and faculty, as well as look forward to the future of urban studies as a field. We will continue to question how best to meet the challenges facing urban communities in the U.S. and around world in the years ahead.



## Spring 2013 Urban Studies Spotlight Students

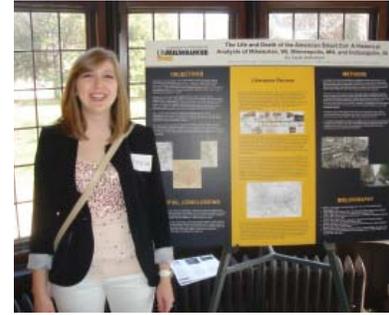
**Kayla Reithmeyer, BA '13**

**Major: Urban Studies, Minor: Architecture, Certificate: Urban Planning**

As a recent graduate of the Urban Studies program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I can attest to the program's strength as a multi-disciplinary program.

Before college, I knew little about the urban world but quickly fell in love upon moving to Milwaukee. While it took several majors before I settled on Urban Studies. I truly found my passion within the major. I not only learned about the urban realm but also everything that goes along with it – economics, planning, geography, sociology and much more.

In a world that is quickly urbanizing, I find it is this multi-disciplinary approach that will stick with me in my future endeavors as an urban planner. I recently accepted a teaching assistantship at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Urban Planning program where I plan to pursue a dual Master's in Urban Planning and Transportation engineering. With these degrees I hope to work as a transportation planner, with a focus on rail and sustainable transit.



**Leila Saboori, MS '13**



I received my Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Shiraz University and worked as an architect in Iran. After I moved to the United States and settled in Milwaukee, I joined the Urban Studies Program (USP) at UWM to pursue my educational goals.

USP opened an entirely new world to me and presented me with many new ideas. I benefited from the interdisciplinary approach in the Urban Studies Program and I believe being trained in such an environment has strengthened my ability to view and understand urban issues from different perspectives. My Master's thesis involved an examination and evaluation of New Urbanism's role in revitalization of downtown Milwaukee. The city has embraced New Urbanism for about twenty years, and city leaders have strongly supported New Urbanist planning, as they attempt to remake the downtown as a center of cultural and economic wealth. Their efforts have promoted the city's unique advantages such as the river and traditional architectural heritage. However, they have been unable to completely implement the city's plan for many different reasons; the city has not been able to implement its transportation plan and the city leaders believe that is a huge impediment to the further growth of the city. Milwaukee has also greatly suffered from social and economic problems, which, I argue, cast doubts on the link between the built environment and social life.

**Mike Ford, PhD '13**

I have enjoyed my experience in the Urban Studies Program at UWM from day one. The multi-disciplinary nature of the program helped me to find new ways to approach research questions, exposed me to valuable material I would never have otherwise seen, and most importantly surrounded me with always interesting (and helpful) students and faculty. All of these things, as well as the many teaching and research opportunities provided by USP, helped me finish my dissertation on school board governance and make me successful on the academic job market.

My dissertation, in which I used survey data from six strategically chosen states to connect school board governance with district level academic outcomes, found that boards that engage in strategic planning, view their superintendent as a collaborator, mitigate conflict, and perform better on academic attainment indicators. I conclude that traditionally-elected school boards can and do influence academic outcomes, meaning, improving school board governance is a legitimate approach to improving academic achievement levels.

This fall I began teaching graduate and undergraduate students in a tenure-track position in Public Administration at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. I have no doubt that the training provided by USP will continue to serve me well as I further develop as a teacher and researcher.





## News about our Students - From the Associate Director



*Jamie Harris, Associate Director and Undergraduate Studies Coordinator*

This fall semester we welcome 5 new Master’s students and 4 new PhD students, and our undergraduate major continues to grow with 18 new declarations last year.

Please join me in congratulating our Urban Studies grads:

Majors: Tyler Armbruster, Shannon Boone, Craig Cebulla, Jesse Clark, Jeremy Lucas, Diarulo Madison, Billie Myhra, Alexandra Polzin, Courtney Recob, Kayla Reithmeyer (see spotlight), Scott Weyand, and Amanda White.

Graduate Programs: Leila Saboori (see spotlight) completed her Master’s degree, and Drs. Ryan Anderson, Michael Ford (see spotlight), and Claudia Rostka were awarded the PhD.

In our newsletter, we highlight some of the accomplishments of our students over the last academic year.

### Town Planning Internship in Tena, Ecuador

This last summer, majors Samantha Fleischman and Rebecca Arnold, and Urban Studies alumnus Anthony Stein (BA '12), joined other students to participate in an internship in town planning in Tena, Ecuador, organized through the UW-Green Bay Department of Urban and Regional Studies. For Anthony (Tony), this was his second summer in the program.

The internship revolved around town planning or the “Buen Vivir” plan, which states it is designed to “eradicate poverty, promote sustainable development, and equitable (re)-distribution of resources and wealth.” The first of a three-year project, the team’s goal was to create parish profiles of the surrounding rural communities and depict the availability of services and amenities such as municipal garbage services, electricity, piped water, transportation and accessibility, and technological and communicative connections.

Samantha (Sami) says, “The time that we spent in Ecuador was not only a great working opportunity, but was a wonderful experience in general. We were able to see firsthand a different culture and way of life. We were able to explore the Amazon and grew friendships with the locals. Tony and myself even became particularly close with a community just outside of Tena, and were invited back to give English lessons. Visiting Tena was an eye-opening experience, and offered a bit of fulfillment knowing that we were able to play an active role towards achieving Buen Vivir.”



*Current major Sami Fleischman (in hat) and USP BA Alumnus Tony Stein (standing)*

### Local Internship Aims to Improve College Graduation Rates

Ben Schroeder, 2012-13 CUIR Undergraduate Research Fellow and Urban Studies Major, describes his internship in his own words:



Last fall I had the opportunity to work as a research assistant at UWM’s Center for Urban Initiatives and Research (CUIR). My assignment involved performing research for the Greater Milwaukee Committee’s Talent Dividend initiative, which seeks to increase the attainment of college degrees in the region. My responsibilities included phone interviews with guidance counselors in Milwaukee-area high schools, navigating the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey data, and maintaining a list of scholarships for aspiring college students from underrepresented backgrounds. The best part of my experience was spending one day as a career coach at Riverside University High School, where I helped freshmen map out their career goals and answered questions about higher education. I will spend next spring studying at Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, supported by a scholarship from the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD). I look forward to receiving a German perspective on the issues and concepts I’ve learned about in my Urban Studies courses at UWM.



## **Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project Collects Agriculturists' Life Stories**

Urban Studies Major Alex Hagler along with students from UWM and other UW schools participated in The Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project, an initiative from UW-Whitewater's Public History program. It is a joint effort that includes students and faculty from UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Oshkosh. USP Director Jasmine Alinder is leading the UWM team.

Alex describes his experiences:

The goal of the project is to collect and create oral histories from farmers and other individuals related to agriculture in Wisconsin in order to understand how farming relates to race, ethnicity, and community development. The coolest part of the project is that it is community-based, meaning we aim to collect the life histories of everyday community members in our local areas. Just the other day, I went down to my local cooperative and interviewed a man who has been organizing farmers markets in Milwaukee for the past 10 years. It was fun learning about his life story and all that he has experienced, but it is the fact that his life story relates to a larger narrative of Wisconsin's community development that is probably the most rewarding part of our project.



*Alex Hagler (center with sunglasses on head) and Urban Studies Director Jasmine Alinder (second from left) with the participants from the Wisconsin Farms Oral History Project*

## **Capstone Course and Poster Presentation a Highlight for Seniors**

A highlight of the year was the annual capstone seminar poster session at the 18th Annual Student Forum.

The capstone seminar is the culminating course of the major that students take in their senior year. In the seminar, students examine closely what it means to be an urbanist and to work in an interdisciplinary field, and they develop a research project which they present during the spring conference. For undergraduates, this is often their first experience presenting research in an academic setting. The opportunity to interact with and discuss their research projects with graduate students, faculty, and alumni at one event enriches the experience for our majors.



*Shannon Boone presents her capstone poster*



*Capstone seminar students with Dr. Harris (in front of window)*



*Jesse Clark discusses his poster with Master's student, Joy Neilson*



## New and Noteworthy from our Students



Jenny Cadenas (left), Maria Cadenas and Alejandra

Ph.D. candidate **Jenny Cadenas** recently married Maria Cadenas, her long time partner and the co-parent of their daughter, Alejandra, in Santa Cruz, California.

Urban Studies major **Matthew Leser** received a \$15,000 award from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies in federal Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship for intensive study of Brazilian Portuguese and Latin American Area Studies in 2013-14.

Doctoral student **Kari Smith** received an award for outstanding conference paper from the Association of European School of Planning (AESOP) Young Academics Network. Her award entitles her to free access to an online journal and an opportunity to work on a paper/booklet with an academic from AESOP.

Doctoral student **Danielle Romain** coauthored a publication with Tina Freiburger entitled, “Prosecutorial discretion for domestic violence cases: An examination of the effects of offender race, ethnicity, gender and age,” *Journal of Criminal Justice Studies*, 26:3, 289-307.

PhD candidate **Deborah Blanks** accepted a clinical assistant professor position in the Department of Education Policy and Community Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

## Alumni Updates

**Tyler Armbruster (BA ‘13)** had a letter to the editor published in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* “Take cars off W. Wisconsin Ave,” (7/16/2013) regarding converting W. Wisconsin Ave. to a pedestrian mall similar to Nicollet Ave in Downtown Minneapolis.

**Dr. Mark Braun (PhD, ‘99)**, was recently promoted to the rank of full professor at SUNY-Cobleskill by SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher. You can read his recent review in the April 2013 edition of *The American Historical Review* on pages 547-48.

The May, 2013 issue of the *Journal of Urban Affairs* (Volume 35, Issue 2, pages 131–152), has an article authored by two PhD alumni who are both faculty members at the University at Buffalo, **Drs. Robert Silverman (PhD, ‘97) and Kelly Patterson (PhD, ‘02)**. The article focuses attention on shrinking cities and an analysis of vacant homes from 2008-2010 in Buffalo.

**Dr. Michael J. Lorr (PhD, ‘12)** coauthored and published an article titled: “More Than Just a Soundtrack: Toward a Technology of the Collective in Hardcore Punk” in the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, June 2013 42: 320-346.

**Dr. Mike Ford (PhD, ‘13)** recently accepted a tenure track assistant professor position in the Department of Public Administration at UW-Oshkosh.

**Dr. Ryan Anderson (PhD, ‘13)** recently accepted a tenure track assistant professor position at Winona State University in the Department of Criminal Justice.

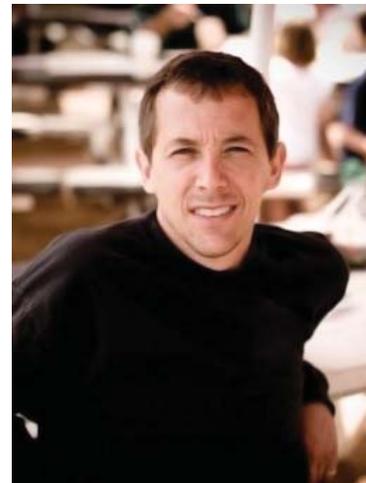


## Scott Greer Awards

### Postgraduate Contribution to Urban Affairs Award

For the last 25 years, **Dr. Michael Martin (MS '95, PhD '03)** has dedicated himself to the betterment of low-income persons in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. He has worked for Milwaukee County, the Social Development Commission and the City of Milwaukee. In his current position as a Senior Community Planning and Development Representative with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Martin oversees \$75 million dollars of Community Planning and Development funds that includes the City of Milwaukee.

Since receiving his PhD in 2003, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning and a Lecturer at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UWM. In 2007, his dissertation on Latino Residential Segregation was published by Routledge Press. His most recent academic focus has been on the social, economic and physical development of Latin American cities and U.S. barrios. He recently led a study abroad class to Havana, Cuba, for UWM's School of Architecture and Urban Planning.



*Dr. Martin received his Master's degree in Urban Studies in 1995 and his doctoral degree in 2003 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

### Postgraduate Contribution to Urban Affairs Award

**Aaron Wolfe-Bertling (MS '79)** has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to progressive civic values reflected in an accomplished career revitalizing central cities. Over his career he has built and renovated more than six hundred units of mixed income housing, generating over \$100 million dollars of public-private investment, creating shelter and jobs for thousands of poor and working class residents, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

His accomplished career has taken him from Milwaukee and Beloit, Wisconsin, to Ogden Utah, to his current position in Covington, Kentucky, where he directs the Community Housing Resource Group, a consortium of Covington's Housing Department and Housing Authority. Wolfe-Bertling began his professional career in Milwaukee as a community organizer with the East Side Housing Action Committee or ESHAC. During

his tenure, ESHAC became Milwaukee's largest and most sophisticated Community Development Corporation, launching innovative projects like a nonprofit realty firm, neighborhood newspaper, a small business association, and the Locust Street Festival. His more recent accomplishments include overseeing the building and renovation of more than 400 homes and streamlining the management of nearly 2,000 publicly assisted housing units in Covington, Kentucky.



*Mr. Wolfe-Bertling received his Master's degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1979*

### Ronald Smith received this year's Scott Greer award for Outstanding Research in Urban Studies.

Ron is a doctoral student in Urban Studies. He graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in professional communication from Marquette University. Four years later, he earned a Master's in Leadership Studies at Marquette.

In his full-time professional life, Ron serves as an assistant managing editor at the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, where he works regularly as the Page One editor. He also leads the copy desk that enforces editing standards for the Pulitzer Prize-winning news organization. A lifelong journalist, Ron has also worked at the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday* and *The Oregonian* in Portland.



*Ronald Smith is a current doctoral student in Urban Studies*

**Jenny Cadenas** received the **USP Dissertation Research Grant Award** for her research on urban agriculture in Milwaukee.



# Urban Studies Events Round Up

## Frank Zeidler Commemoration at City Hall

The Urban Studies Programs held a breakfast reception event at Milwaukee City Hall on September 20, 2012, to celebrate the opening of “Advancing Human Progress: Frank P. Zeidler’s Vision for Milwaukee.” Mayor Tom Barrett and Aldermen Robert Bauman and Nik Kovac spoke at the event, along with Zeidler’s daughter Jeanne Zeidler, former mayor of Williamsburg, Virginia.



The exhibit examined the life and ideals of former Milwaukee Mayor, Frank P. Zeidler, an influential urban leader during a critical period in the city – 1948-1960. Viewers of the exhibit were shown Zeidler’s concepts of urban governance, urban sprawl, “Sewer Socialism,” housing, transportation, civil rights, and civil defense. Mayor Barrett also proclaimed September 20th Frank P. Zeidler Day, on what would have been his 100th birthday.



Urban Studies director Jasmine Alinder with Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Aldermen

## As Goes Janesville Screening and Panel Discussion

On Wednesday, November 28, 2012, nearly 300 people turned out for an Urban Studies Programs’ reception, screening, and panel discussion for the new documentary film, As Goes Janesville.

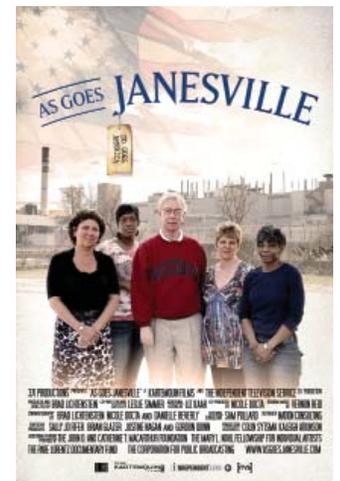
The film focuses on the impact of the closing of the Janesville General Motors plant, following the lives of laid off workers, city and private sector business leaders trying to spur a recovery, and a state politician seeking to protect workers’ rights and find common ground with political opponents.



John Drew, Pat O'Brien, Marc Levine, Eve Hall, and Brad Lichtenstein

The panel that followed the screening was moderated by filmmaker Brad Lichtenstein and included: John Drew, UW Regent and regional representative of the UAW; Dr. Eve Hall, President and CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Milwaukee; Dr. Marc Levine, Professor of History and Urban Studies, Senior Fellow and Founding Director of UWM’s Center for Economic Development; and Pat O’Brien, Executive Director of the M7 and President of the Milwaukee Development Corporation. Panelists addressed a number of issues raised in the film such as Janesville’s Common Council \$9 million financial package designed to lure Shine Medical Technologies to the city, and broader questions over which economic development strategies make the most sense for industrial rust belt cities in the absence of a national industrial policy or state and federal urban economic development initiatives.

Discussion also focused on questions over union jobs and recent political changes in the state such as the severe curtailing of collective bargaining for public sector workers and the Governor’s pro-business stance, and whether one or the other is likely to better promote jobs, living wages, and urban revitalization. On the following day, Thursday, November 29, students from several classes including Urban Studies 250: Exploring the Urban Environment, met with the filmmaker to discuss the issues raised in the film and the art of documentary filmmaking.





## Panel on the Foreclosure Crisis at City Hall



On February 1, 2013, over 100 people braved the sub-zero temperatures to attend an Urban Studies Programs' reception and panel discussion titled "Urban Housing, Neighborhood Vitality, and the Foreclosure Crisis" in Milwaukee's City Hall Rotunda.

Panelists addressed several questions including:

- Is home ownership still a part of the American Dream?
- Can neighborhoods that have suffered the effects of multiple foreclosures and condemned homes rebound?
- Can Milwaukee avoid the path of other cities like Detroit and Cleveland and keep its housing stock occupied and its neighborhoods strong?



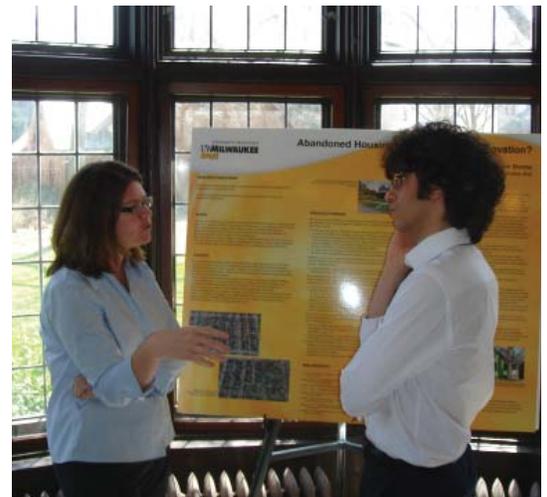
Panelists included Art Dahlberg, Commissioner, Department of Neighborhood Services, City of Milwaukee; Nik Kovac, Third District Alderman, City of Milwaukee; Anna-Marie Opgenorth, Executive Director, Historic Milwaukee, Inc.; and Dr. **William Tisdale (MS Urban Affairs '89)**, Urban Studies Alumnus and President and CEO, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council.

Dr. Amanda Seligman, Associate Professor of History and Urban Studies at UWM moderated the panel discussion, and Professor Jasmine Alinder, Director of Urban Studies, gave the introductory remarks. The catalyst for the panel was an exhibition on Milwaukee's Thurston Woods neighborhood, which was created by UWM students last summer in a class taught by UWM Architecture Professor Arijit Sen. The exhibition was on display and both Professor Sen and longtime Thurston Woods resident Mavis McCallum spoke at the event.

## 18th Annual Student Forum – April 27, 2013

Last spring's student forum demonstrated how important it is to bring different generations from the USP community together to exchange ideas. Graduate students presented papers across six sessions drawn from urban history, economics, and architecture. Undergraduate students from the Senior Capstone Seminar presented their posters. Current and emeritus faculty attended as discussants and audience members. And, a number of alumni, including our two Scott Greer award winners were on hand to give their own unique perspectives.

Dr. Sylvia Dominguez, from Northeastern University, gave the keynote address drawing from her most recent book, *Getting Ahead: Social Mobility, Public Housing and Immigrant Networks* (New York University Press, 2011), and met with students and faculty over three days.





## Faculty News

**Jasmine Alinder** published “Underexposed: The Controversial Censorship of Photographs of U.S. War Dead,” in *Outrage! Art, Controversy and Society*, Eds. Richard Howells, Judith Schachter and Andreea Ritivoi. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2012; “Camera in Camp: Bill Manbo’s Vernacular Scenes of Heart Mountain,” in *Colors of Confinement: Rare Kodachrome Photographs of Japanese American Incarceration in World War II*, Ed. Eric L. Muller. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press and the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, 2012, 82-101. *Colors of Confinement* was just named the winner of the Joan Patterson Kerr Award from the Western History Association; and “Turning Students into Historians,” blog entry for TeachingHistory.org, about working with high school students on Milwaukee civil rights history. <http://teachinghistory.org/nhec-blog/25782>, January 29, 2013; co-edited volume with A. Aneesh, Daniel Sherman, and Ruud Van Dijk, *The Long 1968: New Perspectives*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013.

**Amanda Seligman** and **Margo Anderson** were awarded a \$250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for their Encyclopedia of Milwaukee project. Dr. Anderson was also named a UWM Distinguished Professor.

**Amanda Seligman**, former USP Director, received the Best Article Published in 2011 Award from the Urban History Association in Fall 2012, for her article: “‘But Burn – No’: The Rest of the Crowd in Three Civil Disorders in 1960s Chicago,” *Journal of Urban History*, 37(2): 230-55.

**Marcus Britton** was interviewed for the Brian Lehrer Show on CUNY-TV in New York in response to his piece in the *Atlantic Cities* titled, “How Residential Mobility Patterns Perpetuate Segregation.” May 28, 2013.

**Jennifer Jordan** presented a paper titled “Eating Biodiversity: The Changing Fates and Meanings of Apples, Tomatoes, and other Heirlooms” at the New School for Social Research Sociology Student Conference on the Politics of Materiality, New York, 2013.

**Paru Shah** was recently appointed to the Shorewood School Board.

**Kristin M. Sziarto** along with co-authors Anna Mansson McGinty (Geography and Women’s Studies), and Caroline Seymour-Jorn (Comparative Literature) published an article entitled “Researching within and against Islamophobia: A collaboration project with Muslim communities,” *Social & Cultural Geography*, DOI:10.1080/14649365.2012.733406.

**William Velez** reviewed *The Selma of the North: Civil Rights insurgency in Milwaukee*, by Patrick D. Jones, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010, in *City & Community*, 2013, Vol. 12, No. 1: 84-86.



Paru Shah



## In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Dr. Tomás Garrett-Rosas on January 6, 2013.

Tomás completed his PhD in Urban Studies in 2012 and had just accepted a tenure-track position in the Sociology Department at UW-Whitewater where he had been teaching a number of classes.

Tomás worked very closely with USP Professor William Velez who wrote, “Tomás Garrett-Rosas was an amazing young man. In my many years at UWM, I have seen very few young men with such intelligence, not only in terms of academics, but in terms of relating to people and helping people. In social intelligence, he was a unique individual and was able to inspire people, especially young people.”

Tomás had been in the McNair program, which has named a scholarship in his honor for research that focuses on social justice and community outreach.

The USP community will dearly miss Tomás, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family.



## **Thank You Friends for supporting Student Research**

All of us in Urban Studies would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our donors whose gifts go directly to supporting graduate student research.

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And, alumnus Dennis Kocher and his wife, Marj, owners of Goblets by Marj, who once again kindly donated beautiful hand-painted goblets as gifts for the winners of the Scott Greer awards.

A sampling of student research and conference papers which was supported by our Friends includes:

- Ph.D. candidate Joshua Lang attended the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Conference in San Diego, November 15-18, 2012. He co-presented a poster titled “The Influence of Personal Norms and Dyadic Relationships on the Decision of Family Members to Assume and Retain the Caregiving Role: Implications for Practice and Policy.”



- Doctoral student Kari Smith attended the 43rd Conference of the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) in San Francisco, California, April 3-6, 2013. She presented “The Wall, the Door, and the Key? Exploring Resilience as a Theoretical and Practical Concept in Understanding and Managing Urban Social Problems.” She also presented at the 2012 Association of European School of Planning (AESOP) Young Academics Annual Meeting hosted by the University of Natural Resources & Life Sciences in Vienna, Austria (February 26 – March 1, 2013), and at the Joint AESOP / ACSP Congress from July 15-19, 2013 in Dublin, Ireland.

Francisco on April 3-6, 2013. She presented a paper from her dissertation research, entitled, “From Foodies to Food Justice: Gender, Race, Class, and the Commons of Urban Agriculture in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.”

- At the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, doctoral student Danielle Romain presented “Chivalry Revisited: The Effects of Gender on Charge Reduction in Domestic Violence Cases.”
- Master’s student Mehdi Nejatbakhsh attended the Urban History Association (UHA) conference in New York City in October, 2012. He presented “Different Structures, Different Fragmentations: Comparing How Political Fragmentation in Metropolitan Areas Has Emerged and Been Treated in Milwaukee and Tehran.”
- The Urban Affairs Association, the major professional organization of urbanists in the United States, is housed next to Urban Studies now. This year’s conference in San Francisco provided an opportunity for several additional students to present their research: Scott Letteney, Mike Ford, and Neal Johnson all presented papers, while Gestina Sewell helped out during part of the conference in exchange for travel and lodging accommodations. Next year’s conference will be in San Antonio, Texas.



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