

## Upcoming Events

### Urban Studies 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Student Forum

Saturday, April 30th, 2016  
UWM Alumni Fireside Lounge

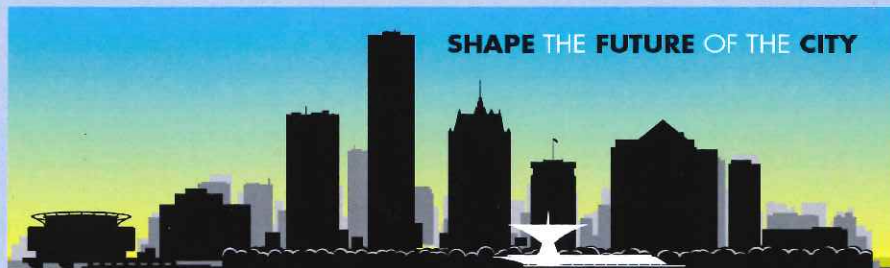
*e.polis*

Urban Studies Online Student Journal

<http://www.urbanstudies.uwm.edu/epolis>

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2016

All Events  
Free & Open to the Public



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CITY

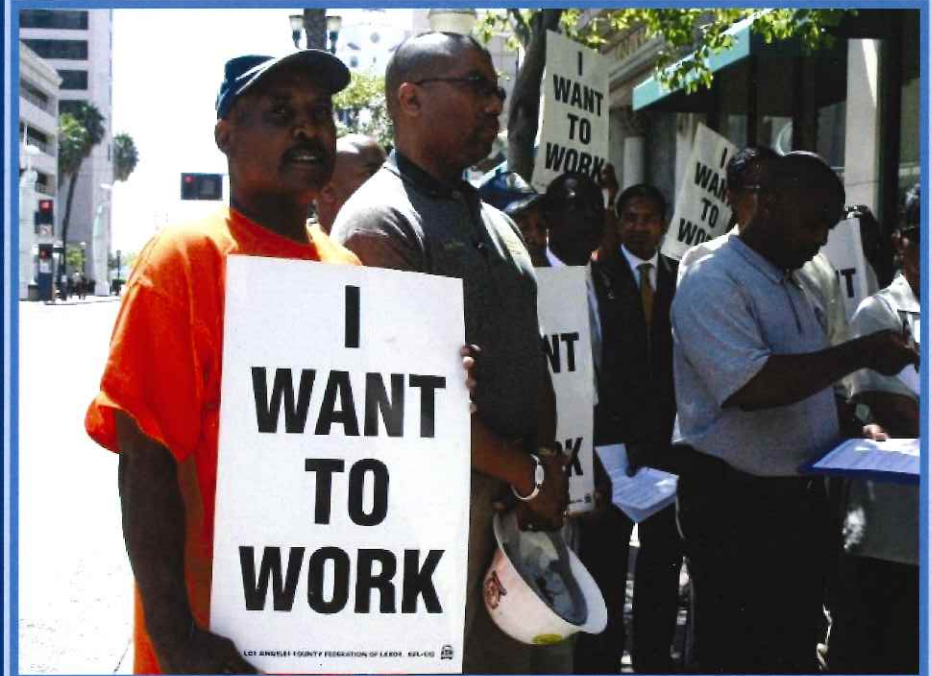
# URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

DOCTORAL    MASTER'S    BACHELOR'S    CERTIFICATE

the Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit

## **Inequality** in Milwaukee:

how big a problem is it and what can be done about it?

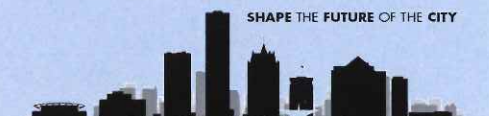


Thursday, November 19, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

UWM Hetter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN  
**UWMILWAUKEE**

College of Letters & Science  
Urban Studies Program



SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CITY

# URBAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

DOCTORAL    MASTER'S    BACHELOR'S    CERTIFICATE

## Summit Schedule

### 4:00 - Welcome and Introductions - Living Room

Welcome: Joel Rast - Urban Studies Director

Introduction: Johannes Britz - UWM Provost

### 4:15 - Panel Discussion - Living Room

*Inequality in Milwaukee: How Big a Problem Is It and What Can Be Done About It?*

Moderator: Joel Rast

Panelists: David Bowen

Sheila Cochran

Dale Kooyenga

Marc Levine

Timothy Sheehy

### 5:30 - Question and Answer Session - Living Room

### 6:00 - Reception - Dining Room

## Thank You

Sponsored by Urban Studies Programs, Henry W. Maier Funds, Center for Economic Development, and UWM College of Letters and Science.

## Introductory Remarks

### Johannes Britz

Dr. Britz is Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor in the School of Information Studies at UW-Milwaukee. Prior to becoming Provost, he served as Dean of the School of Information Studies.

Dr. Britz holds two doctoral degrees from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is co-editor of the International Review of Information Ethics (IRIE) and serves on the editorial board of a number of academic journals. He is a member of the advisory board of the International Research Foundation for Development and a member of national and international committees in higher education and the South African Academy for Science and Art.

Dr. Britz has a specific interest in social justice and information poverty and works primarily in Africa on these topics.

## Moderator Profile

### Joel Rast

Dr. Rast is an Associate Professor in Political Science and Urban Studies at UW-Milwaukee, specializing in urban development and politics. He is the Director of Urban Studies Programs and the former director of the Center for Economic Development at UWM.

## Panelist Profile

### **David Bowen**

Representative David Bowen was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2014; he serves on the Assembly's Committees on Corrections, Small Business Development, Transportation, and Workforce Development. As a first generation American and the son of Jamaican immigrants, he was born and raised on Milwaukee's North Side, attended Milwaukee Public Schools, and was an honors graduate of Bradley Tech High School. He went on to study Educational Policy and Community Studies at UW-Milwaukee. Prior to coming to the Assembly, he also served on the Milwaukee County Board as Supervisor for the 10th District. He is also a former Program Director for Urban Underground's youth leadership program, a National AmeriCorps Service Alum, a two-time graduate of the AmeriCorps program Public Allies, and a Legacy Foundation Youth Activism Fellow. As a state legislator, he remains focused on such areas as: Violence Prevention, Criminal Justice Reform and Creating Alternatives to Incarceration, Raising Wisconsin's Minimum Wage to a level that lifts full time workers out of poverty, and Milwaukee's Economic Development and Job Growth.

### **Sheila Cochran**

Sheila Dianne Cochran is a proud member of the United Auto-Workers and has been since joining the UAW Local 438 in 1979. She served her union for many years as an activist and officer and in many other various ways. She currently is the Chief Operating Officer of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council, the largest Central Labor body in Wisconsin. She is the first

## Panelist Profile

African American woman elected to this position. Mrs. Cochran is a trade unionist and community activist who diligently works on improving the lives of those who have no voice or choose not to use their voice. Mrs. Cochran has served and continues to serve a variety of organizations including the Milwaukee Fair Housing and Employment Commission, the Fair Lending Coalition and the Milwaukee Jobs Initiative. She was a member of the task force on Technical Education and Training and was an advisor on the Minimum Wage Advisory Council in 2004. She serves on the boards of the United Way of greater Milwaukee, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP), Big Step, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, and was involved in the Workers' Rights Board hearings held in Milwaukee. In 2009 the Milwaukee Business Journal named Mrs. Cochran one of Milwaukee area's 100 most influential people in its Power List.

### **Dale Kooyenga**

Representative Dale Kooyenga was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2010; he serves as Vice-Chair on the Committee on Finance as well as the Joint Committee on Finance. He began his career as a Certified Public Accountant at KPMG where he was in the assurance practice for ten years. During his career in public accounting, he worked with Wisconsin's largest manufacturing, health care, financial services and nonprofit organizations. In 2005, he enlisted in the United States Army alongside his two brothers. In 2008, he was called to serve in Iraq under the command of General David Petraeus and was awarded the Bronze Star for his

## Panelist Profile

service. Representative. Kooyenga has been Wisconsin's legislative lead on the most recent Wisconsin tax reforms and a number of other legislative priorities. Today, he remains a Captain in the United States Army Reserve, owns a small business, and is most proud of his roles as a husband and father. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Brookfield with their four children. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Marquette University.

### **Marc Levine**

Dr. Levine is professor of History, Economic Development, and Urban Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he is the founding director of the university's Center for Economic Development. He also holds visiting professorships in Urban Studies and Geography at the l'Universite' du Que'bec (INRS-UCS, Montreal) and L'Universite' de Paris-Nanterre, and has served as an economic policy adviser to the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress. He is the author or co-author of four books and numerous academic papers and newspaper columns, on topics such as state and local economic development policy, cultural diversity and the economy, inequality in regional labor markets, race and joblessness, and the impact of university research commercialization on city economies. Among his most recent studies: *Is Wisconsin Becoming a Low-Wage Economy?*; *The Skills Gap and Unemployment in Wisconsin: Separating Fact from Fiction*; *Race and Mail Employment in the Wake of the Great Recession*; and the *False Promise of the Entrepreneurial University*. His latest study, on racial inequality and segregation in Milwaukee in comparative perspective, will be released in November, 2015.

## Panelist Profile

### **Timothy Sheehy**

Timothy Sheehy is president of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce. Prior to being named president in 1993, he was responsible for economic development, governmental affairs and other MMAC operations. He has leadership positions on two MMAC subsidiaries: as president of the Regional Center, LLC, and as board member of the Milwaukee Development Corporation. Sheehy chairs the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation and TechStar Holdings, Inc., and is past chair of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. He is treasurer of Summerfest, and also serves on the boards of Milwaukee College Prep, Rocketship Charter School, Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, Schools That Can Milwaukee, Teach of America, Milwaukee Charter School Advocates, Milwaukee Succeeds, Partners Advancing Value in Education (PAVE), and School Choice Wisconsin. He is a past recipient of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Internship, a Ford Foundation Fellow on Regional Sustainable Development, a graduate of the Institute of Organization Management and is a certified chamber of commerce executive. Sheehy graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor's degree in political science and was a member of UW's baseball team.