

# Urban Studies Programs Newsletter

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From  
Our  
Director



Amanda I. Seligman  
Director, Urban Studies Programs

Dear Urban Studies Community,

As I write this, the campus is remarkably calm and quiet—and warm. I can see blooming trees and the vibrant blue of Lake Michigan out my window. Quite a change from our academic year, which felt frenetically busy (and cold, since we are still located in Milwaukee). As I discovered when I wrote our annual report, in addition to our regular “big three” events—the fall social and lecture, the “State of the City” Summit, and the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Student Forum—we hosted several workshops, ran a

conference on Milwaukee Metropolitan History, sponsored a new course based on the HBO series *The Wire*, appointed Graduate Teaching Fellows, welcomed three new colleagues to the faculty, and created an Honorary Fellows program that will allow doctoral alumni to continue their research agendas. And, of course, we kept up with the usual business of teaching and research.

Of this year’s events, the one I am most excited about is the series of new workshops that we launched this spring. We have already given one workshop about constructing an academic CV and are planning a regular rotation to include planning and writing a dissertation, publishing, and the job market. We hope that these workshops will serve the dual functions of professionalizing our students and building our community.

Our students continue to

conduct fascinating research for their theses and dissertations. You can find a list of our recent graduates and their projects inside this newsletter. Thanks to donations from friends of the Urban Studies Programs, we were able to support two current doctoral students’ dissertation research. Although our donations have been down in the past year, my dream is to expand this research fund to sponsor master’s students’ projects as well.

If you would like to know more about what is happening with the Urban Studies Programs, I would be happy to send you a copy of the annual report. You can also follow us on Facebook—there is a button on the USP homepage.

No wonder campus is so quiet now! Everyone is resting up for another busy year.

Sincerely,  
Amanda I. Seligman

Upcoming  
Events

#### Fall Social

October 1, 2010

Keynote:

Raquel O. Rivera Pinderhughes

#### 5th Annual

Henry W. Maier

State of Milwaukee Summit

November 11, 2010

Topic: Transportation

#### 16th Annual Student Forum

April 2, 2011

Keynote:

Don Mitchell



Jamie Harris  
Associate Director

## Urban Studies Major and Certificate News

\*The major in Urban Studies continues to grow; this last year 18 students declared urban studies as their major (a 100% increase from the previous year).

\*Two new graduates in the Major: Mark McComb (Urban Studies and Geography), and Drew Carlson (Urban Studies—see his undergrad spotlight on page 4).

\* Six students declared, and two students completed their undergraduate certificate in urban studies this

year.

\*A new undergraduate capstone course is being developed this coming academic year to run in the spring of 2012. This course will give seniors in the major an opportunity to develop an urban-focused research project and to explore in a seminar setting many of the methodological and theoretical issues that come to bear on conducting research on cities.

\*This year, Urban Studies will participate in the UWM Open House event on October 29th and 30th.

## 5th Annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit

Join us this November for a very timely Milwaukee Summit on Public Transportation. The Milwaukee Summit was conceived to be a forum that brings together experts from government, nonprofits, and academia to discuss pressing issues that Milwaukee and the region face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The fifth annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 with a focus on Public Transportation and Urban Development in Milwaukee and across the region. As most of us are well aware, the city of Milwaukee and the metro region as a whole have struggled for more than several decades to develop regional transit initiatives and to adequately manage and maintain existing transit systems. Still, many exciting possibilities are on the horizon: over the last few years, a Milwaukee to Kenosha commuter rail line has been building momentum, and this last year the state secured stimulus funding for a high speed rail line from Madison to Milwaukee/Chicago. And the recent freeing up of the \$91.5 million earmarked over a decade ago for public transit (with \$55.5 million going to the city for a street car line, and \$36 million to the county for a Rapid Bus Transit system) have made a street car line in Milwaukee a real possibility.

However, as this year's failure to create a dedicated funding source and regional transit authority for the county bus system reminds us, the outcome of these initiatives remains uncertain. Add to it this year's gubernatorial race which has brought many of these transit debates front and center, and you have the makings for a pivotal moment in public transportation history.

Public transportation cuts across many substantive areas in urban studies from economic development and urban infrastructure, to social equity and access to employment, sustainable design and greening cities, as well as regionalism and metro-wide planning and growth—all critical issues that our distinguished panel will investigate and debate. The panel for this year's Summit includes Dr. Joel Rast, Assoc. Prof. of Urban Studies and Political Science and Director of the Center for Economic Development; Rob Henken, President of the Public Policy Forum; Jacky Grimshaw, Vice President for Policy, Center for Neighborhood Technology; and a fourth panelist yet to be named. The Milwaukee Summit will be held at the Hefter Conference Center, at 3271 N. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, from 3:30 – 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2010. A reception will follow the panel presentation and discussion.

## 2009 Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit: Public Education in Milwaukee at a Crossroads...



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Director of Urban  
Studies Programs

Last year's Milwaukee Summit dealt with public education in Milwaukee, an important and timely subject matter given recent calls for mayoral control of the school district in the lead-up to the event, along with the Obama administration's *Race to the Top* funds competition, the retirement of the district's Superintendent and the search for his replacement, as well as a series of recent reports of MPS that questioned the school district's fiscal and organizational soundness and documented continued racial disparities in student achievement. Our distinguished panel that addressed many of these concerns included Dean Alfonzo Thurman, UWM Professor of Administrative Leadership; Dr. Peter Blewett, Director and Vice President, Milwaukee Public School Board; Ms. Anneliese Dickman, Research Director, Public Policy Forum; Dr. Daniel Grego, Executive Director, TransCenter for Youth, Inc.; and Dr. William Velez, UWM Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies. The entire program was recorded and can be accessed at: [http://www4.uwm.edu/lets/urbanstudies/events/maiersummit/maiersummit\\_nov09.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/lets/urbanstudies/events/maiersummit/maiersummit_nov09.cfm). A copy of the program has also been donated to the UWM's Golda Meir Library.



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Administrative Leadership



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Research Director Public  
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Dr. Peter Blewett  
Director and Vice President  
Milwaukee Public School  
Board

### H O N O R A R Y F E L L O W S H I P S I N U R B A N S T U D I E S

This year USP launched an Honorary Fellows Program. This program allows USP doctoral alumni to make use of university services and facilities such as email and library in order to revise their dissertations for publication. The first Honorary Fellow is Dr. Phyllis M. Santacroce, who teaches at Nicolet High School in Glendale. For more information on applying to be an Honorary Fellow, email the USP Director at [seligman@uwm.edu](mailto:seligman@uwm.edu).

The **16th annual Urban Studies Student Forum** will be held on April 2, 2011. Professor Don Mitchell, Distinguished Professor of Geography, Syracuse University, will be the Keynote Speaker. Please consider joining the Student Forum organizing committee this fall semester to help plan a great conference. Contact Mary Hoehne for details ([mrhoehne@uwm.edu](mailto:mrhoehne@uwm.edu)).



Jodi Kessel Lyon

**On the Thesis...** **Jodi Kessel Lyon** completed her Nonprofit Certificate in May 2009 and Urban Studies Master's Degree in August 2009. Her thesis was entitled "From Marriage to Divorce in the Suburbs: How Are Single Mothers Explaining Their Life Changes?" In it, Jodi questions the suburban ideal of intact families that includes a

husband, wife, and children. Her study focused on single mothers living in a specific suburban community, who spent some of their married years in that same suburb but are now divorced and single. The purpose of this paper was to explore the experiences and thoughts of these women and mothers who didn't meet the definition of the "suburban family" and how they cope with being unlike their neighbors. The research explored questions such as: Are these single suburban mothers more stable than their urban and rural counterparts? Do these women have a higher level of education and consequently greater job opportunities? Are these women recipients of regular spousal and child support? And how are suburban divorced women

adapting to their single status?

**Where Are You Now?** Jodi was hired in a new position of Business Manager with the SOS Center at 4620 W. North Avenue in July 2009 and was promoted to Executive Director in March 2010. "UWM and the Urban Studies Program along with the Nonprofit Program prepared me extremely well to work for a nonprofit in Milwaukee. Working for a smaller nonprofit that doesn't have specialized departments allows me to call on everything I learned in college to do my job, from the accounting classes to the history of Milwaukee to the urban social structure and the internal structure of the city."

**On Urban Studies...** "What I like most about the Urban Studies Program is the broad range of areas of study. Going into the program I wasn't working in a particular field and didn't have a specific job or field I was trying to get into and the program opened my eyes to all the possibilities before me. I found I thoroughly enjoy archival research and may get into that sometime in the future. And now I know how I can research the history of the approximately 100 year old building the SOS Center owns! Being able to...think outside the box and know how to problem solve was just the beginning. The Urban Studies Program was a perfect fit for me and is a hidden gem at UWM."

## Undergraduate SPOTLIGHT



Andrew (Drew) Carlson

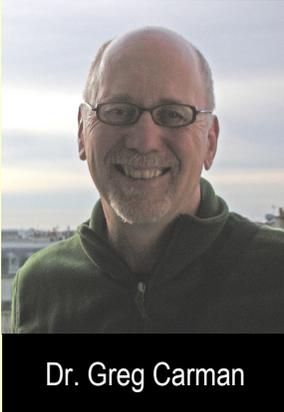
This year's major graduate spotlight is **Andrew (Drew) Carlson**. Drew grew up in a small northern suburb of Minneapolis, but "always felt like life gained enrichment through the urban experience." He viewed the major in urban studies to be important both personally and professionally: "With an increasingly urbanized world population, I felt a strong understanding of urbanism was important. I wanted to comprehend the problems facing our cities,

so I could understand the solutions to these problems."

During his last semester as part of his major, Drew took an internship course where he worked with the Sierra Club and became involved with administering the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding program, a program created as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. "I experienced firsthand how

are addressed, as well as how energy efficiency and conservation strategies are implemented." One exciting moment came at a Sierra Club publicity event staged at Bradford beach and highlighting the Gulf oil spill. Drew was interviewed by WDJT-58 about the spill that was later broadcast on the 5 p.m. news. Upon reflection he commented: "I saw how a relatively small group of people could spread a message through grassroots organizing and staging media events."

**G R E G C A R M A N  
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D O C T O R A L S T U D E N T**



Dr. Greg Carman

**Greg Carman** graduated with a Ph.D. in Urban Studies in May 2010. His major emphasis was race, class, gender, and ethnicity.

Greg is a 1972 graduate of UWM, majoring in History. He received a J.D. from Marquette University Law School in 1979 and spent the next 21 years as a local government lawyer in

Appleton, Wisconsin. He received his M.A. in History from UWM in 1999 and started his Ph.D. work during the fall semester of 2000. He is married with three grown children, all college graduates.

**On the Dissertation**

Greg's dissertation, "Wall of Exclusion: The Persistence of Residential Racial Segregation in

Metropolitan Milwaukee" (Major advisor: Amanda I. Seligman), addresses the history of segregation in Milwaukee. Drawing on census data, an overview of suburban zoning codes, an analysis of state laws regarding annexation and incorporation, and oral history interviews, Greg's dissertation argues that a lethal combination of virulent racism, economic and social discrimination, and institutional barriers contributed to residential racial segregation in metropolitan Milwaukee.

**On Urban Studies:**

"I was very happy with the Urban Studies Program because of its interdisciplinary approach to urban issues. For the first time, I was immersed in sociology and geography, especially the spatial analysis that is crucial to understanding the growth and development of cities. While my dissertation is firmly grounded in historical research, it was certainly informed by the other regimens."



**Robert Samuel Smith**  
**Associate Professor**  
**of History**

Robert Smith holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Bowling Green

State University. His research interests are in the fields of African American history, Civil Rights, Legal History, and Race and Law. His teaching areas are African American history, Civil Rights history, U.S. Legal history, African Americans and Law, and General African American Diaspora Studies.

**Grace L. Chikoto**

**Assistant Professor of Political Science**

Grace Chikoto holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy from Georgia State University – Georgia Institute of Technology; an MPA (Nonprofit Management) also from Georgia State University, and a Bachelor of Arts with Education (Honors) in History and Music from Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Her publications include "Legislative Influences on Performance Management Reform" (with Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux) (2008) *Public Administration Review*, 68 (2). Her research interests lie in the interactions between government and NGOs. She is currently working on research on the relationship between government funding and NGO autonomy, as well as the politics of government funding tools and their influence on NGOs.



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**Genevieve G. McBride**

**Associate Professor of History**

Genevieve McBride holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research interests are in American history, Midwestern history, reform movement history, African American history, women's history, and media history. Her teaching areas are American history, Midwestern history, reform movement history, women's history, and media history.



## 2010 Student Forum



**D. Bradford Hunt**  
Associate Professor  
Roosevelt University

This year's **15th Annual Student Forum: The Changing City**, took place on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a record turnout. Seventeen students from Urban Studies, Geography, Architecture, Urban Planning, and History presented papers across a variety of urban-themed sessions. This year's format was somewhat different as the conference culminated with a dual keynote presentation: Associate Professor D. Bradford Hunt and Documentarian and Filmmaker, Ronit Bezalel, discussed recent developments with public housing in Chicago.



**Ronit Bezalel**  
Documentarian

Prof. Hunt provided some of the historical background, drawing on his award-winning book, *Blueprint for Disaster: The Unraveling of Chicago Public Housing* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 2009), while Ms. Bezalel showed clips from her most recent documentary that details the physical and social transformation of Cabrini-Green in Chicago. Following the keynote presentation, a panel of Urban Studies faculty and students provided some of the local context on public housing and continued the discussion of restructuring public housing.

### e . p o l i s

The e.polis editorial board has been hard at work on the next issue expected to come out sometime this fall. The next issue will include one USP scholar profile, an interview with historian Brad Hunt, and last year's Student Forum Key-note speaker, and Scott Greer Alum award winner, Jeff Eagan, as well as several articles and book reviews, so stay tuned!

The current board includes graduate students: Rebecca Nole, John Standard, Megan Zienkiewicz, Michele Radi, Michael Ford, and Mary Hoehne, along with Kristin Sziarto and Jamie Harris as ejournal advisors. If you are interested in joining the board, or submitting a paper, contact Mary Hoehne, ([mrhoehne@uwm.edu](mailto:mrhoehne@uwm.edu)) or go to: <http://www4.uwm.edu/lets/urbanstudies/epolis/>

#### Fall Social 2009

The USP fall social, held in September 2009, featured a lecture by Prof. Louise Nelson Dyble of Michigan Technological University. Her talk was entitled "Structural Shadows: Golden Gate Bridge Suicide and the Institutions of Regionalism in Metropolitan America."

### Giving to Urban Studies

If you are interested in making a gift to the Urban Studies Program and our students or would like more information, please contact Christina Makal, Development Director for the College of Letters and Science: [cmmakal@uwm.edu](mailto:cmmakal@uwm.edu) or (414) 229-4963. If you would like to make a gift online, please visit our giving website: [http://www4.uwm.edu/give\\_to\\_uwm/makegift/](http://www4.uwm.edu/give_to_uwm/makegift/).

Designate your gift to the College of Letters and Science and make sure that you indicate the area of Urban Studies where you would like to direct your gift. Those areas include:

**Urban Studies General Fund:** supports all aspects of the program and awards, especially student research  
**Mayor Henry W. Maier Chair:** supports research, seminars, lectures and all other aspects of program support

## Scott Greer Awards

This year's award committee review of nominations for the two Scott Greer alumni awards as well as for the selection of outstanding urban research award for a graduate student paper was no easy task, given the number of strong candidates. In the case of the student paper award, the committee decision ended in a tie for two papers, one a student in urban studies, and one from architecture (see page 8).

**Mr. Jeff Eagan** is the recipient of the "Scott Greer Award for Postgraduate Contribution to Urban Affairs."



Mr. Eagan is currently a Senior Program Manager in the White House Council on Environmental Quality, assisting the Federal Environmental Executive in "greening the government." Previously, he served as a Program Coordinator for the US

Department of Energy (DOE), most recently promoting sustainable environmental and energy practices for their Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance with a special focus on electronics stewardship or "green computing." Earlier in his career, he helped pass and administer the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program Act, a four billion dollar entitlement to provide compensation and health care to DOE workers sickened by exposure to dangerous substances in the production of nuclear weapons. Mr. Eagan received the 2008 DOE CIO Managerial Excellence Award, the 2009 DOE Health, Security, and Safety Achievement Award, and most recently the 2010 Fed 100 Award for government-wide leadership. In Washington D.C., prior to his federal service, he was Executive Director of the Long Term Care Campaign, Field Director of the National Council of Senior Citizens, and Health Care Lobbyist for Public Citizen and Ralph Nader. Earlier in Wisconsin, he served as Executive Director for the East Side Housing Action Coalition (ESHAC), the Allied Council of Senior Citizens, and Citizen Action of Wisconsin. Mr. Eagan received his Master's degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in 1978. In the tradition of the late Distinguished Professor Scott

Greer, Mr. Eagan, by his work and leadership in the community, embodies the highest goals of the Urban Studies Programs.

**Dr. John Hagedorn** received the Postgraduate Achievement in Advancing Understanding of Urban Social Institutions award. Dr. Hagedorn is Professor of Criminology, Law, and Justice at the University of Illinois - Chicago and past Senior Research Fellow at the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois - Chicago.



Dr. Hagedorn has been studying gangs and violence for the past twenty-five years and is the author of many books and articles on the subject. His books include: *A World of Gangs: Armed Young Men and Gangsta Culture* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008) and *People & Folks: Gangs, Crime, and the Underclass in a Rustbelt City* (Chicago: Lakeview Press, 1998). He is co-editor of *Female Gangs in America: Essays on Girls, Gangs, and Gender* (Chicago: Lakeview Press, 1999) and edited *Gangs in the Global City: Alternatives to Traditional Criminology* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2007). He was a Visiting Fellow at the UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy in 2007, the Social Science Research Council Working Group on Youth in Organized Violence, 2004 - 2005, and a Great Cities Scholar, University of Illinois - Chicago, 2000 - 2001 & 2006. In addition, he created the website, [www.gangresearch.net](http://www.gangresearch.net) and currently teaches courses on gangs. He has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Hans Mattick Award for Distinguished Contributions to Criminology and the University of Illinois - Chicago Teaching Recognition Award. In 2000, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UWM Alumni Association. He received his doctorate in Urban Studies in 1993 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In the tradition of the late Distinguished Professor Scott Greer, Dr. Hagedorn, by his scholarship and leadership, has truly demonstrated the spirit of the Urban Studies Programs.

## Scott Greer Awards



**Sara Khorshidifard** received the "Scott Greer Award for Outstanding Urban Research" for her paper: "Genuine, Protean, Ad Hoc Public Spaces: Patogh-Space Networks of Tehran." Sara is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UWM. She holds a continuous Master in Architecture and also has a Master of Arts in Landscape Architecture from Tehran University. Her overarching research concentration is on "urban public space theory and design" and "place-making." Her Ph.D. dissertation introduces "protean space" metaphor as creative, genuine, and democratic network of socially constructed public spaces in cities and inquires about the possibility of the role(s) that architects, urban planners and designers as well as landscape architects can play in the creation of these "protean spaces."

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**Nichole Yunk** received the "Scott Greer Award for Outstanding Urban Research" for her paper: "Non-Urgent Pediatric Emergency Department Visits: A Qualitative Analysis of Caregiver and Physician Perspectives." Nichole is an Administrator at Wisconsin

Community Services, a large non-profit agency in Southeastern Wisconsin that works with persons who are involved in, or at risk for involvement in, the criminal justice system. Nichole actively participated in the reauthorization of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 as a National Field Organizer for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Washington Legislative Office from 2005 to 2006, and served as the Youth Affairs Director for the ACLU of Wisconsin from 2000 to 2005, where she directed statewide public education programs and provided advocacy to Wisconsin youth. She holds her Master of Science degree in Urban Studies and Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Africology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Winners of the Scott Greer Awards again took home beautiful hand-painted goblets donated by alumnus Dennis Kocher's business, **Goblets by Marj**. Thank you, Dennis and Marj!

At the USP Forum this year, two current doctoral students received research awards funded by alumni donations. These awards, made on a competitive basis, help students defray their research expenses. **Michele Radi** is working on a dissertation documenting the history of Mt. Sinai Hospital. **Karen W. Moore** is studying the history of early 20<sup>th</sup> century transit policy in Milwaukee.

### A B I G T H A N K Y O U T O O U R D O N O R S

Patrick G. Ashwood	Brian F. O'Connell
Pauli Taylor-Boyd	Robert Silverman
Robert Brunner	Nancy C. VanMeter
Ronald M. Buege	Harry M. Weiner
James J. Eagan	Steven R. Yaffe
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# TRAVELING GRADS

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Thanks to the Henry W. Maier Fund, the Urban Studies Programs are able to offer our graduate students some money to underwrite their travel to professional conferences where they are presenting their work.

**FROM JOHN STANDARD:** I would like to thank the Urban Studies Program for the financial support to attend my first Urban Affairs Association meeting this past April in Honolulu. As one can imagine, cost of travel for the conference from Milwaukee was quite high. Thankfully, the generosity of the Program allowed me to enjoy this wonderful experience.

I was fortunate to have a poster accepted of research that I have in progress regarding residential and school segregation. It was a great opportunity to discuss my work with scholars studying similar problems and to get ideas to improve my scholarship. Additionally, it was a chance to hear about other urban research that was being conducted around the world. Finally, it was wonderful to meet and reconnect with people in the field, as well as to get to attend and support the presentation of a fellow USP student, Mary Hoehne. Overall it was an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am grateful for the support to attend.

**FROM MARY HOEHNE:** I had the wonderful opportunity to present a paper on the Northwest Side Community Development Corporation at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) annual conference in Honolulu, Hawaii this spring. The conference was a fantastic experience because I met many others with research interests in economic and community development. I also had the opportunity to meet many experts in the field whose work I admire and books I own in my personal collection.

Attending a conference allows students to network and meet people in their fields of interest socially and to make true connections. The UAA hosted several receptions and tours that promoted mingling with the other presenters. I found these outings the most memorable because when one spends hours with people on a tour bus there is a unique chance to chat and really get to know people whose work one admires.

The three-day conference is packed with panels and papers and once again this provides the students with more opportunity to seek their special areas of interest and hear about the research in their field. I found this motivating because listening to other's describe their research brings the research field to life.

The discussion periods after the presentations were enlightening because I discovered even the most respected researchers are frustrated and experience dead ends when looking for information.

The USP **Graduate Teaching Fellows** program gives our doctoral students the opportunity to teach undergraduate courses in the Urban Studies. Fellows are selected annually on a competitive basis and are expected to teach two sections of USP 360, "Perspectives on the Urban Scene: Subtitle," one in the fall and one in the spring. In 2010-2011, Mr. Michael Lorr will be teaching "Green Cities and Environmental Justice" and "Global Cities," both fully online courses. Ms. Jenny Cadenas will be teaching "You Are Where You Eat: Urban Food Geographies" and "Urban Agriculture."

## Share Your Story

As an alumnus of the College of Letters and Science, Urban Studies Program, we would love to hear from you. It is so valuable to be able to share with our current students how UWM has impacted the successful life and career of an alumnus like you. For more information on connecting with Urban Studies and UWM please contact **Christina Makal**, to share your story about UWM: [cmmakal@uwm.edu](mailto:cmmakal@uwm.edu) or (414) 229-4963. Also, please view our alumni website: [www.alumni.uwm.edu/](http://www.alumni.uwm.edu/)

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

## Doctoral Degrees Awarded

- Ruben Anthony:** Major Professor: Joseph Rodriguez  
Dissertation: "An Analysis of The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Strategies to Increase the Number of Disadvantaged Workers and Businesses on the Marquette Interchange Construction Project"
- Greg Carman:** Major Professor: Amanda I. Seligman  
Dissertation: "Wall of Exclusion: The Persistence of Residential Racial Segregation In Metropolitan Milwaukee"
- Phyllis Santacroce:** Major Professor: Amanda I. Seligman  
Dissertation: "Rediscovering the Role of the State: Housing Policy and Practice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1900-1970"
- Kimberly Stephenson:** Major Professor: Stephen Percy  
Dissertation: "Can Governments Mandate Citizens' Voice?: A Case Study in Transportation Policy"
- Matthew Wagner:** Major Professor: Joel Rast  
Dissertation: "Why Some Cities Succeed More than Others at Black Entrepreneurship: An Analysis of Variables Predicted to Impact Rates of Black Businesses"

## Master's Degrees Awarded

- Wes Albinger:** Major Professor: Douglas Ihrke  
Thesis: "Major Factors Which Influence the Success of Individual and Family Counseling Programs and Their Implications for Measurement of Program Performance: An Analysis of Policy Options for United Way of Greater Milwaukee"
- Leah Fochs:** Major Professor: Margo Anderson  
Thesis: "Turning Off the Red Light: The Culture of Tolerance and the Unofficial Regulation of Prostitution in Milwaukee under Mayor David S. Rose, and the Official Closing of the River Street Vice District"
- Celeste Jantz:** Major Professor: William Velez  
Thesis: "An Analysis of Lending Discrimination in Milwaukee: Before and After the Housing Crash"
- Jodi Lyon:** Major Professor: Stacey Oliker  
Thesis: "From Marriage to Divorce in the Suburbs: How Are Single Mothers Explaining Their Life Changes?"
- Melissa Mann:** Major Professor: Douglas Ihrke  
Thesis: "An Exploratory Analysis of Historic Preservation Policy as an Economic Development Tool for Small Cities and Villages Located in Wisconsin"
- Barbara Wise:** Major Professor: William Velez  
Thesis: "Chapter 220: The Compromise to Integrate"
- Mary Witte:** Major Professor: Christopher DeSousa  
Thesis: "Social Outcomes of Selected Brownfield Redevelopments in the Brewers Hill/Harambee Neighborhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin"
- Nichole Yunk:** Major Professor: Ann Greer  
Thesis: "Non-Acute Pediatric Emergency Department Visits: A Qualitative Analysis of Caregiver and Physician Perspectives"

# Tid - Bits

**Congratulations to us!** On behalf of USP, Director **Amanda Seligman** accepted a Merit Award from the Milwaukee County Historical Society. The award recognizes the Conference on the History of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area that Seligman and **Prof. Margo Anderson** organized in October 2009. Seligman and Anderson were also awarded a UWM Graduate School Research Growth Initiative Award totaling more than \$149,000 to plan an *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*.

In the NEWS: USP Master's Student, **Liis Palumets'** photo made the *Journal-Sentinel* December 7, 2009, while getting fitted for a bicycle.

**Associate Professor Cary Gabriel Costello** (formerly Carrie Yang Costello) announced his new name and gender transition in fall 2009. Congratulations, Cary!

**Ruben Anthony**, a USP Ph.D. Candidate and WIS DOT Deputy Secretary, was featured on the March 10, 2010 UWM website (Today@UWM).

THE BABY CORNER:  
New additions to the USP Family

The **Britton** Family's son - Nathaniel Robert Britton  
The **Bonds-Coffey** Family's daughter - Eliza Claire Bonds-Coffey  
The **Rast-Draper** Family's daughter -Yan Mu Draper  
The **Smith** Family's son - Micah Elijah Smith

Congratulations to doctoral student **Qiang Zhou**, who is co-author of "Location Decisions and Network Configurations of Foreign Investment in Urban China," which appears in the May 2010 issue of *The Professional Geographer*. The lead author on this article is former USP faculty member Y. H. Dennis Wei.

Congratulations to doctoral student **Tomás Garrett**, who won a prestigious Advanced Opportunity Award from the UWM Graduate School.

Congratulations to **Assistant Professor Ryan Holifield**. He will be a fellow at the Center for 21st Century Studies during the 2010-2011 academic year.

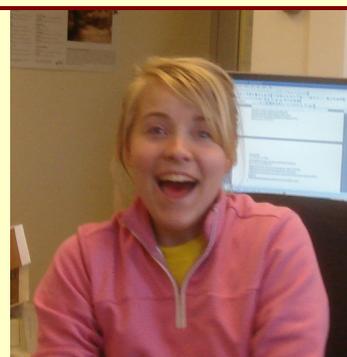
Congratulations to **Professor Margo Anderson** for being one of this year's UWM Research Foundation Senior Faculty award recipients.

MS student **Andy Krystowiak** completed an internship with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, working on bike access to urban thoroughfares.

Congratulations to **Professor Stephen Percy** for being named acting Dean of the new School of Public Health.

## THANK YOU AND GOOD-BYE

THANK YOU to student worker **Jessica Helgesen** for her hard work and friendly face. Jess will be studying abroad in Chile. We will miss her happy face. Good Luck in all your endeavors...





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 Please Charge my Visa/MasterCard (circle one)  
 Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- Please Start my Electronic Fund Transfer at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for a total annual gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I have enclosed a voided check (required), I understand that the amount indicated above will be deducted directly from my checking account on or near the 10th of every month until my pledge is completed.  
 My (or my spouse's) employer will match this gift, and I have enclosed the appropriate matching gift form.

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