

URBAN STUDIES UPDATE

Fall 2018

Newsletter for Alumni and Friends

Director's Letter

Greetings Everyone!

As I write this letter, it is midsummer in Milwaukee. After a chilly start to the summer, the warm weather seems to finally be here to stay, and I find myself wishing I had more time to spend outdoors to enjoy it. It has been a busy summer for me, mostly involving putting the final touches on a book manuscript due to my publisher by September 1. Students sometimes wonder why faculty don't have more availability for advising and committee work during the summer. For many of us, it's because only during the summer do we have extended periods of uninterrupted time to focus on research and writing. Sometimes that's what is needed to do good work (although some of us are better at multitasking than others – I wish I were one of them).

As director of both USP and the Center for Economic Development this year, I have found myself spending more time on campus this summer than usual. One benefit of this is that I have more opportunities to chat with USP faculty and students about their work. It's always impressive and inspiring to hear about all the projects members of the USP community are involved with. We encourage our students to use Milwaukee as a laboratory for their research, and they are doing so in many ways – by examining the problem of lead water pipes in inner-city neighborhoods, in studies of food security and community gardens, in research on services for prisoners in the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility, and in studies of abandoned property and foreclosures, just to name a few. It is a privilege to be involved with a program that plays such a prominent role in furthering the engagement mission of UWM.

A few highlights from this past year:

I'm excited to report that our exchange program with University College Dublin is officially up and running. By the time you read this newsletter, USP doctoral student **Toni Johns** and USP undergraduate major **Fiona McGilligan** will be settling in to their new digs in Dublin, where they will spend fall semester studying urbanism in Ireland (see page 2). We look forward to hearing all about their experiences and adventures when they return next winter.

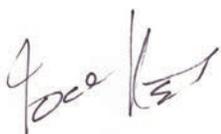
USP was well represented at the Urban Affairs Association annual meeting this spring in Toronto. Along with several USP faculty members, seven of our graduate students attended the conference and presented papers. Our thanks to UAA director **Margaret Wilder** for once again providing conference waivers for our students and faculty. Also of interest, former USP and sociology professor **Greg Squires** (now at George Washington University) received a lifetime achievement award at the conference, one of only a very few that the UAA has awarded.

This year we said farewell to two faculty members who have been key members of the USP community for many years. **Marc Levine** retired in January, and **Margo Anderson** in May. Both are former directors of USP, and Marc was also the director and founder of the UWM Center for Economic Development. To say that they will be missed is a gross understatement. We are sorry to see them leave, but we thank them for their many contributions and wish them the best in retirement.

We are in the midst of planning events and activities for next year, including the Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit (Nov. 15), the Fall Lecture (Oct. 19), and the annual Student Research Forum (May 3). You'll be receiving more information about these events in the upcoming weeks, so please stay tuned.

My thanks to everyone who has written checks to USP during the past year. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to award dissertation fellowships to a number of exceptional students. As always, we truly appreciate your support!

Joel Rast



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Program News and Student Updates from the Associate Director

This fall semester Urban Studies undergraduate major **Fiona McGilligan** and doctoral student **Toni Johns** will be the first two students to participate in the newly created exchange program between the Urban Studies Program at UWM and the University College Dublin's (UCD) School of Geography and School of Planning and Environmental Policy (see photo below).



Jamie Harris, Associate Director and Undergraduate Studies Coordinator

Undergraduate News

Undergraduate major **Graciela Herrera-Hernandez** was involved in organizing a community event last summer to keep crime down and unite the neighborhood that was reported in the Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service. <https://bit.ly/2NVcOIT>

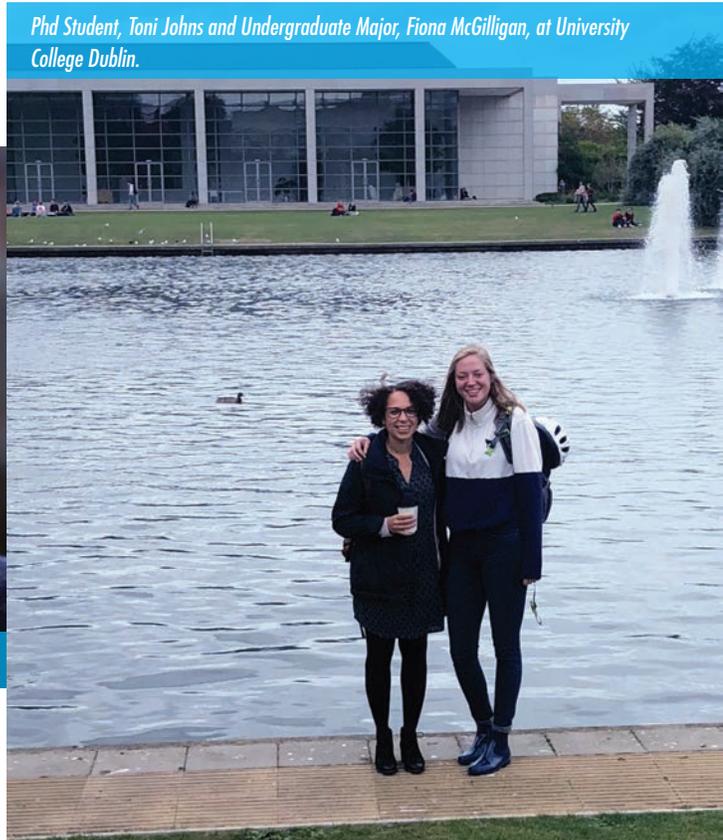
Please join me in congratulating our Urban Studies Major (BA) and Certificate Grads!

- Stacy Balkowski**, Certificate
- Melissa Beyhaghi**, Major
- Anna Botsford**, Major (graduated Summa Cum Laude)
- Dakota Crowell**, Major (graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors degree)
- Casey Holahan**, Major
- Patricia Lee**, Certificate
- Trevor Jung**, Major (graduated Cum Laude)
- John Mesch**, Certificate
- Aaron Miller**, Major
- Nataley Neuman**, Certificate
- Justin Vilar**, Major

A video spotlight of Urban Studies undergraduate major **Dakota Crowell** was shown at this year's spring graduation ceremony. <https://youtu.be/bbpuyJlabAY>



Dakota Crowell via YouTube



Phd Student, Toni Johns and Undergraduate Major, Fiona McGilligan, at University College Dublin.



Graduate News

In spring of 2018, four women earned their doctorate in Urban Studies, which is a significant milestone for USP and the campus as a whole (see their dissertation titles and advisor's names listed below; one of the four graduates was also interviewed on channel 58 CBS news that can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ICJPqO>)

Congratulations to our Urban Studies Master's and PhD Grads

Master's in Urban Studies

Peter Burress (advisor: Paru Shah), Thesis Title: "Fourth Wave Student Development: Constructing Student Affairs-Driven Spaces that Deliver Knowledge and Tools for Effecting Social Change"

Nick DeMarsh (advisor: Joel Rast), Paper Title:

"Resourcing Communities in a Neo-Liberal, Climate Changed World: A Triple Bottom Line Analysis of Entrepreneurial Urban Agriculture in Milwaukee"

Jamison Ellis (advisor: Ryan Holifield), Thesis Title: "Measured Expectations: An Examination of Urban Agriculture Development and Operations in Milwaukee, WI"

Isabella Rieke (advisor: Ryan Holifield), Thesis Title: "The Invisible Crisis: Framing the Remediation of Milwaukee's Lead Laterals"

Stephanie Stilwell (advisor: Arijit Sen), Paper Title: "Revitalizing Vacant Homes and Properties Through Homeownership: A Case Study in Sherman Park"

PhD in Urban Studies

Deborah Blanks (advisor: Jenna Loyd), Dissertation Title: "Project Central Voice: Assessing the Congruency between Milwaukee's African American Perspectives and Community Development Block Grant Practices"

Heather Duncan (advisors: Amanda Seligman & Stacey Oliker-Emerita), Dissertation Title: "The Mothers of Family Place: The Role of Trust and Support Among Homeless-Mother Families"

Patricia Torres Najera (advisor: Kristin Sziarto), Dissertation Title: "We Were the Outsiders and Treated as Such: Community Activism and the Intersections of Ethnicity, Gender, Class and Race among Latinas in Milwaukee"

Kari Smith (advisor: Joel Rast), Dissertation Title: "Sheltering Opportunity: City Planning and Housing in Chicago, 1909-1941"



Prof. Anne Bonds, Dr. Kari Smith, Prof. Kristin Sziarto, Dr. Patricia Torres Najera, Dr. Deborah Blanks, Prof. Jenna Loyd, and Prof. Joel Rast.

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 support graduate student research.

Dr. Patrick Ashwood (PhD '91)

Jeff Eagan (MS '78)

Dr. Barbara Hewins-Maroney (MS '71)

Edmund T. Mazur, Jr. (MS '72)

Sheila Payton (MS '71)

Kenneth E. Robinson (MS '80)

Dr. Linda F. Scheible (PhD '91)

Barry (BS '63) and Belinda Tate



Graduate News (cont.)

Incoming Students:

This Fall semester we welcome six new Master’s students (Dameon Ellzey, Jennifer Luken, Kayla Naus, Kelly Marie O’Brien, Nelson Sederstrom, and Sally Svetic) and two PhD students (Sai Sun, and Vijaya Tamla Rai). You can see their short bios below.

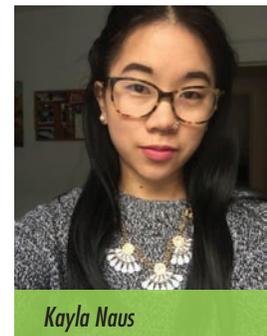
Jennifer Luken (Master’s Student)



While serving in the U.S. Air Force for eight years, I continued my education in a very non-traditional manner. I was a weather forecaster in the military and received a BA in Natural Science and Mathematics at Thomas Edison State University. Knowing early on that science and math weren’t my passions, I was quick to switch gears when I transitioned to civilian life this January. I completed undergraduate coursework at UW-Milwaukee as a Community Engagement and Education major before making the final jump into a graduate program. I have had experience working with diverse teams and cultures, and I have seen issues that urban communities face across the country. I hope to gain a greater understanding of these issues and make a positive impact on my community. I am very excited to be a part of this team and look forward to starting in the Fall!

Kayla Naus (Master’s Student)

I’m a Wisconsin-native who enjoys reading, volunteering, and being involved in my community. My undergraduate experience at the University of Wisconsin - Madison paved the foundation for my commitment to public service. As a Community and Nonprofit Leadership major, courses were centered around community-based research. This experience demonstrated the importance of shared decisions, shared ownership, and learning from everyone involved based on their experiences, not their title or level of education. After graduating, I served with AmeriCorps VISTA and ventured to Albany, New York, to work with the Boys & Girls Clubs. I decided to continue my education to equip me with the tools to advocate and support unheard voices. My interests include understanding Milwaukee’s history and how it has contributed to today’s issue of mass incarceration. Ideally, this will include community-based research and giving a voice for those who are directly affected by mass incarceration. At UWM, I am also a project assistant with the Urban Affairs Association and am excited to be involved with an organization that seeks to build a more just and sustainable world through urban research and action.



Kelly Marie O’Brien (Master’s Student)



I come to UWM from Chicago, where for the past four years, I’ve been working in the arts at the University of Chicago. Born and raised in Niagara Falls, New York, I graduated from Fordham University in 2013 with a BA in American Studies. Following graduation, I pursued a U.S. Fulbright Student research grant in Montréal, Canada, on the transnational subculture of graffiti and street art. Though I began the Fulbright firmly rooted in the art historical perspective of graffiti, I ultimately focused my research on how public art, legal and illegal, invigorates the community by transforming the street into a place of action rather than a transitory space. In the MS Urban Studies program, I am eager to continue this research through the lens of urban gentrification. [Kelly is also a Distinguished Graduate School Fellow this year and a Teaching Assistant for the 2019-20 academic year.]

Nelson Sederstrom (Master’s Student)

I have decided to pursue my Master’s in Urban Studies after finishing my undergrad with a Journalism major (also from UWM). After spending much of my free time exploring, learning, experiencing and digesting everything it means to be in an urban environment, I realized I had my passion, I had just not put “pen to paper” in the academic sense. Some (lol) of my areas of interest include cycling or transit without a personal car/vehicle, architecture / utilization / preservation of aging structures, zoning laws as they interact with the first amendment and finally, various aspects of public city inner health, particularly rising HIV rates. During times between studying at the university while in Mexico City, I taught myself to become fluent in the Spanish language. I’ve been abroad a fair amount, and I love Mexico City, but Milwaukee is the only place I am proud to call home—at least in this country! I also love to play chess, tennis, soccer, cycle, cook, travel, or anything to do with history, maps or outer space. Arf!





Graduate News (cont.)

Sai Sun (PhD Student)



Sai Sun

I am a Chinese Urban Planner who loves playing piano, painting, skiing, and traveling. I started exploring urban studies at the University of Sydney in 2012 after receiving my bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture in China. My master's thesis examined the neighborhood changes influenced by cultural diversity within Central Sydney. By now, I have been working in Shanghai for nearly four years and the projects I participated in explored smart growth strategies for cities in Southeast China. I was also acting as an editor of a magazine for young planners, which enables me to interact with more practitioners and broaden my horizons. I am glad to be a member of the Urban Studies Program at UWM which has interdisciplinary urban research resources. I plan to further my research on land use and transportation planning. Specifically, I will focus on social travel demands and metropolitan spatial structure. [Sai will also be working as a PA in Urban Studies.]

Sally Svetic (Master's Student; BA Alumna)

I am a Milwaukee native who enjoys exploring our many beautiful neighborhoods! In the Spring of 2017 I received a double major in Urban Studies and Women and Gender Studies from UWM. Since graduating, I have found inspiration in the urban landscapes all around me, and have been eagerly awaiting my return to the UWM Urban Studies Department. I am interested in studying strong communities especially providing the tools residents need, and assisting them in identifying and celebrating their assets. I will be placed with the City of Milwaukee's Department of City Development for my MIED Fellowship, and look forward to building bridges between my scholarship and the many resources DCD has to offer. [Sally is one of this year's MIED fellows.]



Sally Svetic

Vijaya Tamla Rai (PhD Student)



Vijaya Tamla Rai

I am from Kunakharka, a small village in mid hills of eastern Nepal. When I first came to Kathmandu, the capital city, I became dazzled by the buildings, the street lights, and the automobiles. My childhood discovery of utopia in Kathmandu turned out to be dystopia when April 2015's devastating earthquake hit Nepal. Together with the fall of the iconic tower Dharahara, the lives of nine thousand people and invaluable loss to property were claimed. In Kathmandu, from riches to poor, people took asylum on the streets as the streets were readily available open spaces. However, even from such plight, inequalities were expanding, and consequently my interest in urban inequality and poverty emerged. I have earned a Bachelor's in Humanities and Social Sciences (2009) from Tribhuvan University, a Master's in Environment Education and Sustainable Development (2013) and Master of Philosophy in Development Studies (2018) from Kathmandu University. Some of my earlier research works are : 'Cock-a-doodle-do: a climate change alarm' and a case study on women vendors selling panipuri on the streets. Finally, I am excited to pursue my doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and begin the new chapter of my life as a curious mind hoping to illuminate the realities of urban inequality, poverty and injustice through academic research endeavors rooted in Milwaukee, but also connected to emerging cities like Kathmandu. [Vijaya will also be working as a PA for the Graduate School].

Congratulations!!

Urban Studies doctoral student Tathagato Chakraborty (on left) and Sejuti Mukherjee were married in Kolkata, India on June 18, 2018.





Alumni News

Undergraduate Alumni News

Jacob Balistrieri (BA '17) is the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Public Space Operations Coordinator.

Jessica Helgesen (BA '12) is the Environmental Health Coordinator and Communication Lead at US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Border Office.

Trevor Jung (BA '17) is the new Community Engagement Coordinator for Visioning Racine and was also appointed by the Mayor to the Planning Commission for the City of Racine.



Trevor Jung

Jeremy Lucas (BA '13) is Senior Budget & Management Analyst for the Milwaukee County Dept. of Administrative Services.

Harrison O'Brien (BA '16) is an Economic Support Specialist at Waukesha County Health and Human Services and current MS student in Urban Studies.

Graduate Alumni News



Kimberly (Stephenson) Triplett

Shannon Kelly-Fong (MS '14) is a Senior Policy Analyst at City of Lakewood, Washington.

Joy Nielson (MS '17) is a Program & Policy Analyst – Advanced at the Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections.

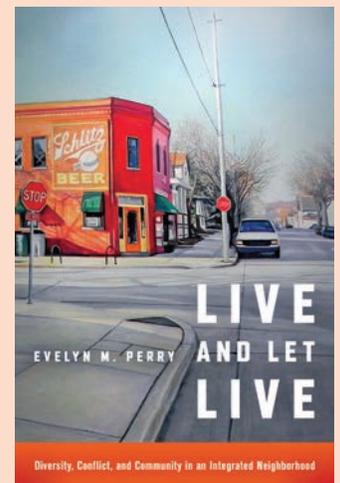
Sierra Starner-Hebron (MS '16) is an Economic Development Specialist for the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development's Commercial Corridor Team.

Alex Snyder (MS '16) is a Planner for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Kimberly (Stephenson) Triplett (PhD '10) recently received her tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the Dept. of Social Work and Urban Studies at Tennessee State University.

Save the Date: Urban Studies Fall Lecture Coming Up!

Please join us for the Urban Studies Fall Lecture, which will be held on Friday, October 19 at 3:30 pm in Greene Hall. Our speaker is Dr. Evelyn Perry, who is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Rhodes College, and the author of *Live and Let Live: Diversity, Conflict, and Community in an Integrated Neighborhood* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017). As an urban ethnographer, Perry is particularly drawn to the messy places where differences meet. Her book *Live and Let Live* – recipient of the Jane Jacobs Urban Communication Book Award – sheds light on the everyday processes of negotiating difference in a racially and economically mixed neighborhood. She details how residents maintain relative stability in their community without insisting on conformity, challenging widely held assumptions about what “good” communities look like. Light refreshments will be served following the talk. This event is free and open to the public.





Alumni Spotlight:

Evan Hietpas, BA in Urban Studies '18



The relationship between natural systems and the built environment has always been fascinating to me, but at the beginning of my college career I didn't know how that interest could translate to a particular degree. Over time, I came to the conclusion that an Urban Studies major would give me the flexibility to take a wide range of courses in topics that I was interested in such as: urban agriculture, geographic information systems, and urban planning. In my senior year, I completed an internship with the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO). This was a great experience to learn more about how city governments strive to develop solutions to urban environmental problems. During my internship, I was primarily involved with ECO's "Water Centric City" initiative. I gathered data on green infrastructure projects, updated the City's green infrastructure map, and had the opportunity to represent ECO at several community events. The combination of my internship and my coursework has directed me to search for a career in urban planning. My capstone research project focusing on brownfield redevelopment has inspired me to work towards sustainable urban development in the future.

Evan Hietpas

Jamison Ellis, Master's in Urban Studies '18

When applying for graduate school I found myself choosing between continuing my education in history, or expanding my academic focus and entering the Urban Studies Program. Two years ago I made the jump into Urban Studies; I could not be happier with my decision. As a continuing UW-Milwaukee student, USP allowed me to work with many of the same history professors I had developed strong connections with as an undergraduate, and to create new working relationships with professors in geography and sociology. The interdisciplinary readings and discussions I have had with professors and peers over the last two years have greatly influenced my worldview and the work I have done while in school, including my thesis research. My thesis explored the developmental and operational strategies of urban agriculture organizations, and how these strategies are perceived by various actors living near and operating within agriculture sites. This research reflects some of the frameworks and ideas I learned from many wonderful people during my time in USP.



Jamison Ellis

My plan for the future is to return to academia after a year-long hiatus. This fall I will be applying to history PhD programs primarily on the east coast. I believe that the valuable lessons I learned while in urban studies will make me a better historian when I return to my first love: archival research. I hope to incorporate the valuable lessons I've learned in this program into future historical research I conduct related to urban environments.

Deborah Blanks, PhD in Urban Studies '18



I entered the Urban Studies' PhD Program to increase my theoretical understanding of how issues of poverty, race, and oppression intersect to impact the African American community. My professional experiences in the public, private and nonprofit sectors sparked my interest in further investigation of these dynamics. The Urban Studies Program curriculum grounded my knowledge in scholarship, advanced my research capacity, and increased my commitment to use my voice for positive change.

For my dissertation, I investigated how systems of oppression operate in a government funded Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) delivered in Milwaukee's African American community. I utilized community-based participatory research, engaged African American residents as researchers, interviewed African Americans to gain their perspectives, and compared empirical and historical data with CDBG program data. I was guided and supported by my committee chair, Prof. Jenna Loyd, who engaged me in discussions about critical race theory, the role of framing, and the importance of counter knowledge in understanding how systems of oppression function.

Deborah Blanks

Having defended my dissertation, I have started a nonprofit organization to support administrative and management capacity building in small nonprofits, especially Black organizations, working to improve our community. I plan to rewrite my dissertation as a book manuscript for publication. The Urban Studies Program faculty and staff provided an environment highly conducive for achieving my goals.



Urban Studies Awards

We are Pleased to Announce the 2018 Urban Studies Award Winners

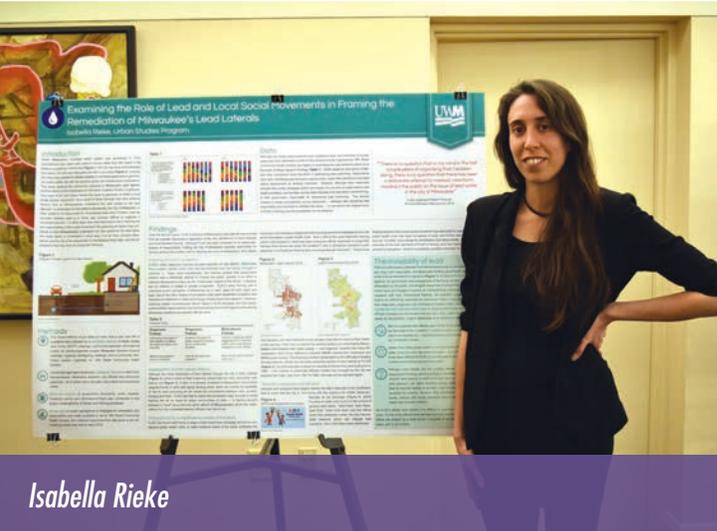
Christina Theobald, BA student (and now alumna) in Urban Studies, won the Undergraduate Best Poster award for her poster: “Creatives in the City: Examining the Relationship between Art, Place, and Development.”

Isabella Rieke, MS student (and now alumna) in Urban Studies, received the Graduate Best Poster award for her poster: “The Role of Lead and Local Social Movements in Framing the Remediation of Milwaukee’s Lead Laterals.”

Thomas (Tony) Gentine, PhD student in History, received the Urban Studies Award for Best Paper for “Contesting the Flow of the Milwaukee River.”



Christina Theobald



Isabella Rieke



Tony Gentine

Save the Dates:

The 2018 Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit is Coming Up Soon!



Please join us for the 12th Annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit. This year’s Milwaukee Summit theme will be: **Immigration and the City: Immigrants’ Rights, Advocacy, and Milwaukee’s Immigrant Communities in the Trump Era.** The Milwaukee Summit will include a discussion of current immigration policy and rights movements in metro Milwaukee from a distinguished panel of community leaders and policy experts. The event will be held in the UWM Student Union Alumni Fireside Lounge on Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 5:30 -7 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information and updates, check our website: <http://uwm.edu/urban-studies/category/milwaukee-summit/>

The 24th Annual Student Research Forum



Please join us for the 24th annual **Urban Studies Student Research Forum** which will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019, from noon to 6 pm in the Golda Meir Library Conference Center (4th floor of library). This event will include a lunch and poster session, paper roundtables, awards ceremony, and a keynote address and reception. Stay tuned for more details.

<http://uwm.edu/urban-studies/category/student-forum/>

2017-18 Major Events Recap

2017 Fall Lecture focuses on overdevelopment in Chicago



Dr. Rachel Weber

Do you remember the Great Recession ten years ago this month, and some of the leading causes of the housing bubble and crash? And more importantly, are those practices and policies continuing? **Dr. Rachel Weber**, who is Professor of Urban Planning and Policy and a Faculty Fellow at the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago, gave last year's Fall Lecture in Urban Studies that was held in Greene Hall, and addressed those questions and many others in her presentation. The title of her talk, "When and Why Do We Overbuild? Lessons from Chicago," examined the main arguments and findings on the "financialization" of urban development from her latest book, *From Boom to Bubble: How Finance Built the New Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2015), which received the 2017 Best Book in Urban Affairs award from the Urban Affairs Association.

Urban Studies Summit on Housing examines fair housing, eviction, and Housing First programs in Milwaukee County

On Nov. 16, a packed crowd of students, faculty and community members attended Urban Studies Programs' annual Henry W. Maier State of Milwaukee Summit in the Alumni Fireside Lounge. This year's Milwaukee Summit theme was: **Far from the American Dream: Milwaukee's Fair and Affordable Housing Crisis**, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the *March on Milwaukee*. A diverse panel addressed a variety of issues from the continuing lack of affordable housing in Milwaukee's suburbs, current efforts to reduce evictions and promote home ownership in Milwaukee, to the launching of a 'housing-first' policy in Milwaukee County for addressing homelessness, and understanding the history and human toll of neighborhood change from the ground up. Panelists included:

- » James Mathy, Milwaukee County Housing Division
- » Raphael Ramos, Legal Action Eviction Defense Project
- » Kori Schneider Peragine, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council
- » Professor Arijit Sen, UWM Architecture and Urban Studies Programs
- » Rebecca Stoner, ACTS Housing

Webclips of the event can be viewed at <http://uwm.edu/urban-studies/henry-w-maier-state-of-milwaukee-summit/>

Panel talk





Urban Studies' 23rd Annual Student Research Forum took place on April 28th and showcased student research with poster and paper sessions, a panel on environmental justice and a keynote address on gentrification in Chicago.

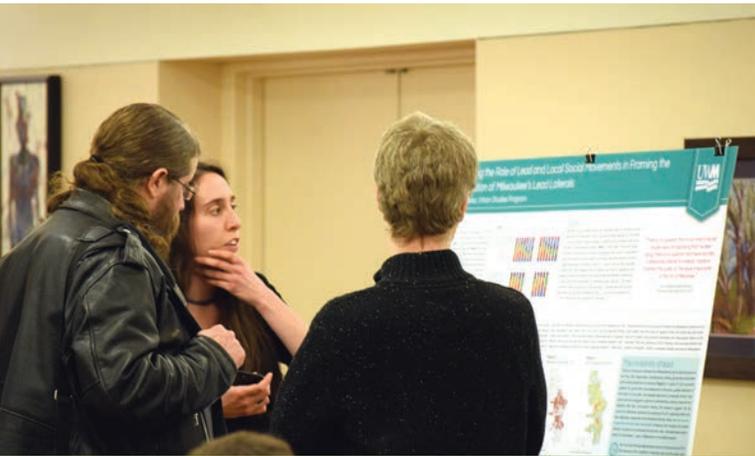


Dr. Janet L. Smith

Part of the afternoon event included a **Panel on Environmental Justice** drawn from two new courses: Freshwater 650: *Water and Environmental Justice*, and Architecture 790: *Practicum in Buildings-Landscapes-Cultures*. Panelists included: Professors Ryan Holifield (Geography and Urban Studies) and Arijit Sen (Architecture and Urban Studies) and some of their students from the two classes (Angeline Koch, Michelle Soderling, Gonçalo Borges, Katherine Kocisky, and Mania Taher). Holifield and Sen started off the panel by discussing different approaches for examining environmental justice cases and how to frame those case studies, with students presenting on the different cases around Milwaukee such as the I-94 expansion or Waukesha's return waste water plan.

This year's keynote speaker was **Dr. Janet L. Smith**, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is co-director of the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Smith is the co-author (with John Betancur) of the book, *Claiming Neighborhood: New Ways of Understanding Urban Change* (University of Illinois Press, 2016),

which examines neighborhood change in relation to accumulation patterns and creative destruction tendencies across the city. The title of her talk: "Who Can Live in Chicago (or any city)?" focused on these processes and redevelopment pressures that make cities unaffordable and lead to gentrification. A reception followed the address.



MS student Isabella Rieke with Profs. Britton and Holifield



Graduate students socializing



Panelists: Prof. Holifield, Prof. Sen, and PhD students Gonçalo Borges and Kat Kocisky



Urban Studies major Justin Vilar presenting his poster



Faculty News

History and Urban Studies Distinguished Professor **Margo Anderson** was interviewed on NPR's *All Things Considered*, discussing the history of the citizenship question on the US Census.

<https://bit.ly/2xRQgQl>

Is your ZIP code your destiny? In a recent article in the *UWM Report*, Associate Professor **Marcus Britton** (Sociology and Urban Studies) discusses his research in the study of neighborhoods and the influences of Milwaukee's segregation on education and poverty as well as a comparison to other cities' efforts to combat segregation.

<https://uwm.edu/urban-studies/is-your-zip-code-your-destiny-marcus-britton-featured-in-uwm-report/>

Best wishes to Associate Professor **Don Green** (Sociology and Urban Studies) who retired this last year.

Professor Emeritus **Marc Levine** was interviewed by the PBS NewsHour for the Sept. 6, 2018, edition regarding workers and employment in Wisconsin. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-wisconsin-is-trying-to-head-off-a-major-worker-shortage>

A recent article in the *UWM Report*, "How do we talk to children about race? UWM researcher offers advice," focuses on Associate Professor **Erin Winkler's** (African and African Diaspora Studies and Urban Studies) research and work with children and teachers over the years on the topic of race. <https://uwm.edu/news/talk-children-race-uwm-researcher-offers-advice/>

We Wish You the Best in Your Retirement!



Prof. Marc Levine

There are two retirements in USP this year that are especially significant. History and Urban Studies Professor **Marc Levine** and History and Urban Studies Distinguished Professor **Margo Anderson** retired this last year.

Both are well-respected and highly-published and cited urban scholars and both were integral to USP's formation and growth as a newly merged MS and PhD program in the mid-1980s. They both directed the MS and PhD programs at different times and advised and chaired dozens of student theses and dissertations. Both taught a number of the core and elective courses for USP over the years: Margo as a quantitative historian often taught methods courses and brought urban history to life in 982 and 984 seminar projects. Margo could always be counted on to bring a historian perspective to any conversation, whether the topic was UWM, the City of Milwaukee, or just about any subject. Her encyclopedic knowledge of the institutional history of UWM was well known and often sought after in the Faculty Senate, University Committee, and other shared governance bodies where she served.

Marc developed and taught for many years the legendary

History 404 course: *Big City Life*, that was based off the HBO series, *The Wire* (the first in the nation and beating out latecomer adopters like Harvard, as he would happily point out. Take that Harvard!). His work as Founding Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Economic Development had an important impact in shaping public policy in the dozens of reports and studies that CED commissioned on such topics as black male joblessness, transit, workforce and economic development among others – studies that were often picked up by the local and national media.

Marc and Margo have both been so central to the program, it is frankly hard to imagine USP without them. We wish them both well in their retirement, and thank them for their many years of scholarship, teaching, and service to USP! Be sure to read the Scholar Profile interviews in the 2018 and 2019 Fall issues of *e.polis* that examine their long and illustrious careers.



Prof. Margo Anderson



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