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Schedule of UGSG Sessions and Meetings in San Antonio

The UGSG will sponsor five sessions at the AAG meetings in San Antonio next month. In addition to three research paper sessions, two sessions will provide UGSG members and other interested participants with an opportunity for informal discussions while eating breakfast. The first of these informal sessions will be Tuesday 27 April from 8:00 to 9:40 a.m. and is titled "Roundtable Discussion: Competing Theoretical and Cross-Cultural Approaches in Urban Geography". This gathering has been organized by Bob Lake and will be moderated by John Adams. Among those geographers who will provide short statements outlining their concerns and observations about current and future directions of the discipline are John Agnew, Brian Berry, Michael Conzen, Kevin Cox, Roman Cybriwsky, Michael Dear, Reginald Golledge, Chauncy Harris, Truman Hartshorn, Richard Morrill, Peter Muller, Risa Palm, Allen Scott, James Vance, James Wheeler, and Maurice Yeates. Copies of these statements should be available for distribution at the session. Following presentation of these opening statements, all in attendance will be able to participate in a wide-ranging discussion.

The second informal session will be Wednesday 28 April from 8:00 to 9:40 a.m. It will be "A Meeting with San Antonio Planners". This session has been organized by Tom Baerwald and will feature short presentations by Daryl Engel and other staff members of the San Antonio City Planning Department. They will emphasize their work in land use planning, plan development changes, and downtown and neighborhood redevelopment efforts. Following their presentations, they will chat informally with participants. At both the roundtable discussion and at the meeting with San Antonio planners, coffee and rolls will be available.

The three paper sessions will be held throughout the day on Tuesday 27 April. The first session will be from 10:00 to 11:40 a.m. "Inner City Neighborhood Development" has been organized and will be chaired by James Mulvihill. It will include papers by Briavel Holcomb and David Wilson, "Public vs. Private Sector Residential Revitalization: Contrasting Spatial Processes"; J. Harold Leaman, "Responses of Financial Institutions to Neighborhood Pressures in Philadelphia"; and Bonnie Loyd, "The Prospering of San Francisco's Gay Neighborhoods". Truman Hartshorn will serve as a discussant at this session.

The second paper session, "Urban Public Services: Geographic Implications of Contemporary Policies" will be on Tuesday 27 April from 1:00 to 2:40 p.m. It has been organized by Murray Austin and Rex Honey and will be cosponsored by the Political Geography Specialty Group. Austin will serve as chair. Speakers include John Agnew, "Federal Policy and the Possibility of Urban Triage"; Christopher Smith, "The Urban Services Paradox: Shrinking Supply in Times of Rising Demand"; Carol Ulch, "Decision Rules and Multiple Decisions in Public Facility Location"; and Harry Margulis, "Regional Housing Mobility: Lessons Learned from the Section 8 Existing Housing Program in Cuyahoga County". Rex Honey and Jennifer Wolch will be discussants at this session.

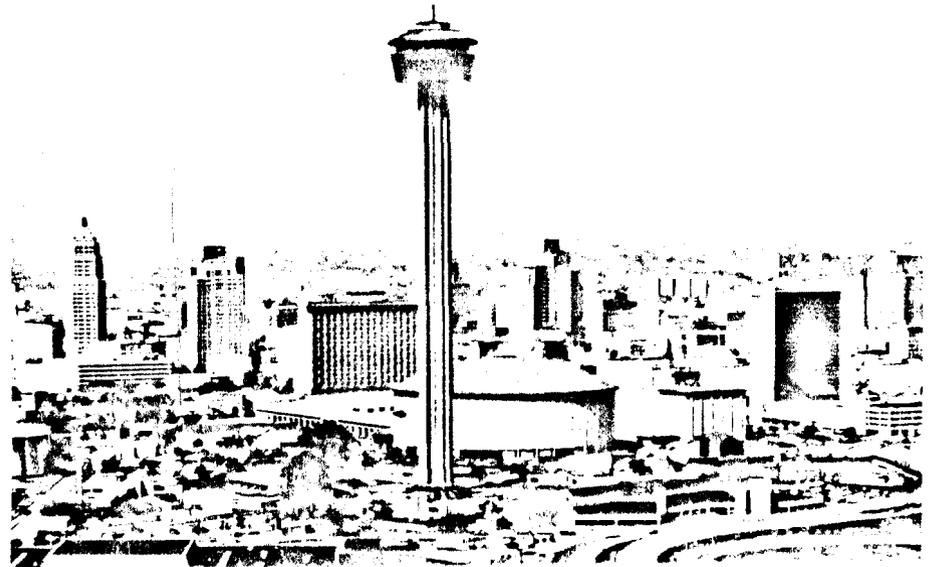
The final UGSG-sponsored paper session, "Access to Urban Housing in the 1980s", will be on Tuesday 27 April from 3:00 to 4:40 p.m. It has been organized by David Ley and will be chaired by David Hodge. Speakers will be John Adams, "The Meanings of Housing"; Larry Bourne, "Access to Housing: Concept and Empirical Reality"; and Frederick Stutz and Arthur Kartman, "Access to Urban Housing: Geographical Variations in Housing Prices". John Mercer will be a discussant at this session.

The San Antonio meeting will also be the scene of the annual board of directors and business meetings of the UGSG. The Board of Directors will meet on Sunday 25 April from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Convention Center Room C. All UGSG members are welcome to sit in on the Board meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of the UGSG will be Monday 26 April from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Marriott Hotel Room Alamo E. Agendas for both meetings will be available beforehand from Tom Baerwald, who will be staying at the Hyatt, or Betsy Burns, who will be at the Menger.

UGSG Election Ballots Attached

The ballot for the UGSG Board of Directors election is included in the last page of this Newsletter. Brief biographical statements of each candidate for Vicechairperson and the at large board positions are also included. In addition to the five positions to be filled in this election, four persons will remain on the board: Thomas Baerwald, who will become Pastchairperson, and Chauncy Harris, Truman Hartshorn, and Bonnie Loyd, who will serve the second year of their two-year terms.

The UGSG By-Laws stipulate that election ballots are to be tallied by the UGSG Secretary-Treasurer. Because this year's Secretary-Treasurer, David Hodge, is a candidate, the UGSG Board has named Truman Hartshorn as acting teller. All ballots should be mailed directly to him and should be mailed so they are received by 14 April 1982.



Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting

The Urban Land Institute held its Fall Meeting in Philadelphia on 12-15 November 1981. Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries) provided a detailed summary of many of its sessions, from which the Newsletter editor has gleaned the following highlights:

The ULI meeting's theme might be paraphrased as "The Times They Are A'Changin'". The scenarios predicted in recent years have come to pass. The field of real estate financing has been restructured, as lenders have become partners with developers, and individual entrepreneurs have become "merchant-builders". The members of the New Community and Large Scale Development Council can be characterized as gloomy about today, cautious about tomorrow, and optimistic about the long-term future. Sample comments included:

The single family residential market is dead. The only sales are due to corporate transfers, which are dropping in number, and to retirees, which are limited to specific geographic areas.

The multi-family rental market continues in the doldrums, but the forecast is bullish. Construction of rental units is projected wherever the threat of rent control is absent.

Commercial and industrial sales have been strong; however, there is uneasiness regarding sales in 1982-83. An overhang of office space is foreseen.

Because of financing costs, many projects are not viable. In industrial ventures, therefore, developers have been chasing high-tech, research-oriented firms. These users can outbid distribution and warehousing companies.

The real estate industry is in better shape today, comparatively, than in 1974-75. Even though the developer "pie" is getting smaller, staying power has increased significantly with lenders as partners.

Among other sessions and trips at the ULI, Roger reported there was lively discussion about the future of ULI, with the debate breaking down into two camps: those wanting "nuts and bolts" and those favoring research and education. This division should strike many in the AAG as familiar, although the ULI, being an organization of practitioners, is more inclined toward pursuing the "applied" course than the "academic".

The next ULI meeting will be in Denver on 19-22 May 1982.

UGSG CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Following are short biographical statements of all candidates for the UGSG Board. The statements are in substantially the same form as they were submitted to the Newsletter editor. Statements were based on a request by the editor for information on (1) current activities and research (including recent publications), (2) service to the UGSG, AAG, and other organizations, and (3) plans for the UGSG if elected.

Vicechairperson (1 Elected)

David Hodge

Associate Professor and Associate Chairperson, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle.

Current Activities and Research: "My major research activity at the moment is an NSF-sponsored project to determine and evaluate the geographic components of mass transit subsidies. Results of this study are of practical importance in that they provide a new base for interjurisdictional pricing schemes, and of theoretical importance in that they demonstrate how the spatial organization and interdependencies of urban structures distribute the public investment. I am also continuing research on inner-city revitalization with special attention focused on the issue of displacement both at the local level (as a consultant to the Seattle Mayor's Office) and at the national level. Finally I am involved in a project with Avery Guest (Sociology, U. of Washington) to study intra-urban migration. Using data from the 1974-1977 individual SMSA Annual Housing Surveys, we are investigating structural determinants of the volumes and types of migration within and between central cities and suburbs for a number of social groups."

Service: Board member and secretary-treasurer of the UGSG (1981-82); Member of the U.S. Directorate for the U.N. Man and the Biosphere Program, Panel 11, Urban Ecosystems (1980-82).

Plans for UGSG: "The principle goals of the UGSG should be the stimulation and coordination of exchange between urban geographers. The UGSG Newsletter and UGSG-sponsored sessions at the annual AAG meetings are especially important to these goals and merit considerable attention. These devices help us overcome the unavoidable delays between the actual doing of research and the publication of results. On a more philosophical level I am anxious to encourage more introspection, more critical evaluation of ideas and methods, within the UGSG. These are difficult economic times in which social sciences in general are being challenged to defend their existence. We need to consider critically, and to articulate, the goals, perspectives, and contributions of urban geography. Such introspection (which can be undertaken in the Newsletter and better in meetings at the annual AAG convention and special issues of relevant journals) will result in a clearer image of our discipline and even more importantly will lead to the emergence of an agenda of questions and issues to be addressed by the UGSG membership. I view such discussions as the number one priority of the Urban Geography Specialty Group."

Roger Zanarini

Director, Real Estate Research and Planning, Upland Industries Corporation, Omaha, NE.

Current Activities and Research: Chairman, Real Estate Development Advisory Committee, Denver Union Terminal (18.5-acre major redevelopment project in downtown Denver); Member, Environmental Subcommittee, Long Beach International Coal Project (objective is to obtain all necessary permits and clearances to allow construction of a 20 million ton/year coal export terminal in Long Beach, Calif.); Chairman, Real Estate Advisory Committee, Kansas City Terminal (58-acre adaptive reuse and commercial development project in Kansas City, Mo.); Responsible for the production of the long-range strategic plan of Upland Industries Corp. (real estate subsidiary of Union Pacific Corp.); and conducting numerous feasibility studies, property acquisition reports, land use master plans, and annexation and rezoning efforts.

Service: Member of the Board of Directors of the UGSG (1981-82); Chairman, AAG Geography and Business Committee (1977-79); Services to the Profession Task Force (evaluation of current AAG services regarding job placement, research coordination, and educational affairs) (1977-78); Organizer, Applied Geography Special Interest Group (1979-80); College of Mines Advisory Board, U. of Idaho, Moscow (1976-82); Geography Advisory Board, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U. (1975-77); Chairman, Land Inventory-Urban and Special Environment Applications Survey Group, Evaluation of EROS Program for NASA (1975-76); Administrative Board, Remote Sensing Quarterly (1975-82); Editorial Board, Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Geographical Journal (1976-82); Local Arrangements Committee, URISA Regional Geoprocessing Workshop, Omaha (1979); Executive Group, New Communities Council, Urban Land Institute (1978-82); Member, American Planning Association, American Economic Development Council, Wyoming Planning Council, and American Geographical Society.

Plans for UGSG: "It would be my goal to continue the fine work that has already been done to make the UGSG an outstanding special interest group. It would be my intention to promote relevant paper sessions and panel discussions at national meetings. I would

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also strive to foster a link between private sector geographers and those in the public and academic sectors. I would hope to represent the UGSG membership at professional meetings (both geographic and non-geographic) and at invited lectures at various universities."

Board Members (3 Elected)

Marilyn Brown

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Current Research and Activities: Current research is funded by an NSF grant and is titled "The Diffusion of Residential Energy Conservation Measures in an Urban Area"; Recent publications include "Attitudes and Social Categories: Complementary Explanations of Innovation Adoption (in Environment and Planning A, 1980), "Community Need: Its Measurement and Incidence" (with A. M. Isserman in Papers of the Regional Science Association, 1980), "Do Central Cities and Suburbs Have Different Dimensions of Need?" (in Professional Geographer, 1980), "Innovation Diffusion and Entrepreneurial Activity in a Spatial Context: Conceptual Models and Related Case Studies" (with L. A. Brown and S. Craig in Research in Marketing, 1980), "The Impact of Behavioral Geography on Diffusion Research" (in K. R. Cox and R. G. Golledge, eds., Behavioral Problems in Geography Revisited, 1981), "The Cognitive Maps of Adolescents: Confusion About Inter-town Distances" (with M. J. Boardway in Professional Geographer, 1981), and "A Typology of Suburbs and Its Public Policy Implications" (in Urban Geography, 1981).

Service: Regional representative, AAG Committee on the Status of Women in Geography (1980-83); Director, AAG Environmental Perception Specialty Group (1981-83).

Plans for UGSG: "Blocked" UGSG paper sessions at the national meetings, such that whole mornings or afternoons can be devoted to paper presentations; Continuation and possible expansion of what has been a very informative UGSG newsletter; Creation of a UGSG dissertation or paper competition for doctoral students, with a possible nominal monetary award."

Roman Cybrlwsky

Associate Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Current Activities and Research: Currently Visiting Scientist at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Harrisburg. Current research is on neighborhood change, CBD economic trends, and urban social conflict. Recent articles on gentrification and displacement, historic preservation, and downtown revitalization plans.

Service: Local coauthor (Philadelphia), AAG Comparative Metropolitan Analysis Project (mid-1970s); Local Arrangements Committee, 1979 AAG Meeting in Philadelphia (in charge of field trips); Reviewer of papers for AAG publications.

Plans for UGSG: "I am especially interested in improvement of undergraduate teaching in urban geography and am an advocate of well-designed class field trips and tours. A manual of suggested field activities would be a benefit to urban geography instructors. I am also interested in expanding opportunities for funded research by geographers in areas of public urban policy."

David Meyer

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies Department of Sociology, and Associate Member, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Current Activities and Research: Study of banking and the southern system of cities; Study of the emergence of the American manufacturing belt in the 19th century.

Service: Member, Nominating Committee, New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society (1975-77).

Plans for UGSG: "Interested in organizing sessions on the United States system of cities dynamics. Encourage sessions at the AAG which involve both sociologists and geographers who are working on similar topics."

Eric Moore

Professor of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Current Activities and Research: Assessment of relocation impacts of community development block grant programs (while affiliated as a research associate with the Univ. of Pennsylvania); Study of impacts of demographic change on planning and policy at the local level; Design of information systems for management and planning (recent publication on "Residential Mobility and Public Policy" with W. A. V. Clark).

Service: AAG Remote Sensing Committee (1970-72); American Public Health Association, Housing Committee (1971-72); Gerontological Research Council of Ontario (1980-83); Has done many reviews for NSF, Canada Council, and Social Science and Humanities Research Council.

Plans for UGSG: "My main interest would be in promoting, through related journals and conference sessions, the links between urban research and public policy, particularly at the local level."

Candidate Statements (Cont.)

James Mulvihill

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, California State College, San Bernadino.

Current Activities and Research: "Current research focuses on urban revitalization and neighborhood planning; presently looking at commercial revitalization in Anaheim, Calif. Most recent publication is a co-authored article, "Assessing the Locational Attributes of Housing for the Elderly," in the *Journal of Geography*."

Service: Member, UGSG Annual Meeting Program committees (1980-82); Member, Advisory Committee, Regional Education Service Agency for Appalachian Maryland (ARC) (1977-79); Participant, AAG Project on Teaching and Learning and Graduate Geography (1976-77); Urban Planning Advisor, Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Government of Guatemala.

Plans for UGSG: "During the past three years, the UGSG has made an excellent beginning, particularly given the size and diversity of its membership. I not only want to see that momentum continued, but I also want to develop ways to encourage the more active participation of as many of those members as possible. I also want to see the UGSG establish contacts with organizations that share common interests, for example, the special interest divisions within the APA."

Robert Sinclair

Professor, Department of Geography, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Current Activities and Research: Studies of intrametropolitan aspects of industrial decline, change in urban settlement systems on an international level, and ramifications of some recent General Motors plant location decisions.

Service: Past chairman, AAG East Lakes Division; Present member, IGU Commission on National Settlement Systems.

Plans for UGSG: "My aim would be to strengthen the UGSG's role as the profession's dominant forum for urban geographers, by (a) promoting more cooperative research by scholars in different metropolitan areas of the country, (b) encouraging more studies of an international nature within the UGSG activities, and (c) continuing the San Antonio National Meetings format, with its inclusion of informal discussion sessions and activities, as well as topical paper sessions."

PUBLICATIONS

The Ghetto: Readings with Interpretations

Joe Darden (Michigan State U.) has edited a recently-published volume, *The Ghetto: Readings with Interpretations*. The book is designed for undergraduate and graduate students in urban and minority studies; urban geographers will also find it of interest. The readings are organized in three parts. The first part examines the concept and origin of the ghetto; the second traces its spread; and the third searches for alternative solutions to the problems of ghettos. The book is published by the National University Publications division of Kennikat Press. Orders for the book, which is priced at \$19.50 clothbound and \$9.95 paperback, may be placed with Kennikat Press, 90 S. Bayles Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

Perspectives in Urban Geography

C. S. Yadav (Dehli Univ.) requests contributors to an international series on *Perspectives in Urban Geography*. This series will be published by Concept Publishing Co. of New Dehli, India. Concept has already published a three-volume set on *Recent Trends and Concepts in Geography* (edited by R. B. Mandal), a five-volume set on *Perspectives in Agricultural Geography* (edited by Noor Mohammad), and *Perspectives in Geomorphology* (edited by H. S. Sharma).

Perspectives in Urban Geography is expected to include not less than 50 volumes. In addition to Yadav, the project staff includes David Dickason (Western Michigan U.) as project consultant. The staff is interested in articles on a broad range of topics, and has outlined as major themes the following: Concepts, Theories, and Models; Urban Systems; Comparative Urbanization; Spatial Interaction; Urban Environment; Dynamics of the City System; The City in Transition; Behaviour and Perception; Policies and Urban Planning; World Metropolises; and India. The deadline for submission of articles to the project is 31 July 1982. Persons who ant to submit articles or who want more information on the project should write C.S. Yadav, Project Director, *Perspectives in Urban Geography*, C-37 Bali Nagar, New Dehli 110015 India.

Concept Publishing is also compiling a volume on *Who's Who of Geographers in India*, which was scheduled for release in January 1982 at the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI).

Papers from Johns Hopkins U. Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research

The Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research at Johns Hopkins U. publishes a series of occasional papers and other publications, many of which are of interest to urban geographers. Among the occasional papers that have been published in the last three years are: Marsha R. B. Clark, "Local Economic Development: Baltimore SMSA", A Report to the Task Force on State Economic Development, 72 pp. (June 1979), \$6.00; Allen C. Goodman and Richard Weissbrod, "Housing Market Activity in South Baltimore: Immigration, Speculation, and Displacement", 75 pp. (June 1979); \$3.00; Robert Makofski and Henry Henderson, "A Preliminary Assessment of Short Term Parking and Institutional Requirements for Atlantic County, N. J.", 61 pp. (August 1980), \$6.00; Gail Garfield Schwartz, "Growth Potential in Maryland", 90 pp. (July 1981), \$5.00; Ralph B. Taylor, Sidney N. Brower, and Whit Drain, "Toward a Neighborhood-Based Data File: Baltimore, A Map of Baltimore Neighborhoods", 29 pp. (October 1979), \$8.00; and Jan Van Weesup, "The Sponsors of Condominiums in Large U.S. Cities", 26 pp. (May 1981), \$2.00.

Additional publications of the Metro Center include: John Dyckman and Jack Fisher, "The Changing Metropolitan Economy of the 1980s", Conference Proceedings of the 10th International Fellows Conference, 80 pp. (December 1980), \$8.00; Allen C. Goodman and Jack Fisher, "Proceedings of Transportation Freight Service Conference, Mid-Atlantic Region", Papers and proceedings of a conference held in Baltimore, MD, 15 October 1980. (January 1980), \$6.00; Allen C. Goodman and Rachel T. Talalay, "Ten Years of Population Change in the Baltimore Urbanized Area: Census Note 1", (May 1981), \$5.00; Katharine Lyall, "Financial Deregulation: Issues and Implications for Maryland", Proceedings of a conference on "Deregulation of Financial Institutions and the Realities and Impacts of Interstate Banking" held in Baltimore (May 1981), \$5.00; and Ralph Taylor and Rachel Talalay, "Baltimore Neighborhoods in 1980: A Decade of Population Change: Census Note 2" (July 1981), \$5.00.

These publications and a list of other papers issued by the Metro Center are available from the Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218. Interested persons may also be placed on the center's Newsletter mailing list; a \$20.00 donation is suggested.

Man and the Biosphere-11

David Hodge (U. of Washington), a member of the U. S. directorate of the UNESCO-sponsored Man and the Biosphere program, section 11, has provided a report of recent activities of that section:

"The Man and the Biosphere (MAB) program was designed by UNESCO to encourage and foster scientific study of significant physical and social phenomena common to nations throughout the world. The MAB-11 panel, "Integrated Ecological Studies of Human Settlements", is clearly of interest to urban geographers. The directorate of the U.S. MAB-11 has been meeting periodically to discuss ways in which to encourage multi-disciplinary integrative approaches to urban problems and have scheduled an invited conference on "Ecological Approaches to Urban Development Issues" for May 1982. Dr. Jean-Marc Choukroun, Social Systems Science Department, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104, is serving as the conference coordinator. The conference is described as follows:

"Urban development proceeds as a consequence of population growth, shifts of employment from agriculture into manufacturing and services, and increases in real income resulting from economic development. Thus there is a social ecology in urban space which presses upon the environment and affects the natural ecology of all non-human physical and biological terrestrial processes. This conference represents an effort to open a more productive discourse between the analyses of these two ecologies, in the broad framework of systems approaches, and to begin to provide a means whereby the long- and short-term consequences of development trends and decisions can be evaluated with both ecologies in view."

A Note from the Editor

Although the UGSG Newsletter has never lacked for material to bring UGSG members up-to date on UGSG activities and items of interest to urban geographers, the editor and other members have sensed that there is still much more that could be included. News of new publications is sporadic, for example; we should be including regular updates of recently published articles, monographs, and books, as well as short reviews. Previews and follow-up reports of conferences and meetings would also add immeasurably to the awareness of UGSG members of important developments in urban research and affairs.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, we will include reports from a number of UGSG members about activities of international organizations that are conducting urban research. Any person who has been active in an international research project or organization is invited to submit a short report of its recent activities or future plans. Other news notes and other bits of information are also invited. Send items for publication (or direct inquiries) to: Thomas Baerwald, Editor, UGSG Newsletter, Geography Dept., Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, MN 55101.

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