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## UGSG Calls for...Board Nominations

The Urban Geography Specialty Group Nominating Committee, chaired by Pastchairperson Elizabeth Burns (Arizona State U.) and including Susan Brooker-Gross (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U.) and Michael Webber (McMaster U.), is soliciting names of UGSG members to be considered for nomination to the 1984-85 UGSG Board of Directors. Two nominations for the position of Vicechairperson and six nominations for the three two-year terms starting in 1984 must be made by the Nominating Committee before the end of the year. If you have suggestions, call collect to Elizabeth K. Burns at (602)-965-7167 or write to her at Department of Planning, Arizona State U., Tempe, AZ 85287. She would like to have suggestions by 15 December 1983. The names and biographical information of all candidates will be included with the election ballot in the next (February 1984) issue of the UGSG Newsletter.

UGSG members may also nominate candidates to the Board of Directors by petition. Members desiring to do so should send the nomination signed by at least 20 current UGSG members to the secretary-treasurer (Randy Smith, Dept. of Geography, Ohio State U., Columbus, OH 43210) by 31 January 1984.

## ...Dissertations

The first UGSG dissertation competition was held in 1983 and resulted in the naming of two winners, Susan Christopherson and Shaul Krakover. Christopherson's dissertation on "Family and Class in a New Industrial City" was completed at the U. of California-Berkeley with Allen Pred as major advisor. Krakover's dissertation on "Spread of Growth in Urban Fields, Eastern United States, 1962-1978" was completed at the U. of Maryland with Derek Thompson as major advisor. Books were donated to the winners by John Wiley and Sons.

Competitors for the 1984 award now are sought. They must have completed their doctoral degrees in geography between 1 January 1983 and 1 January 1984, and their dissertations should emphasize some aspect of urban geography. The candidate or their dissertation advisor should send one copy of the dissertation and the dissertation abstract to Marilyn Brown (Dept. of Geography, 220 Davenport Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801) no later than 1 February 1984. The dissertation award will be given to the applicant(s) whose dissertation is judged to be outstanding in the field of urban geography. The dissertations will be reviewed by Brown, Eric Moore, and Edward Muller. The winner(s) will be notified prior to the AAG meeting in Washington so that an award presentation can be made at the 1984 UGSG Annual Meeting. Books again will be awarded to the winner(s) by John Wiley and Sons.

## Lewis Calls for Info on Neighborhoods

Sherman Lewis (California State U.-Hayward) is interested in modern neighborhoods as whole systems, with particular attention to comparing a prototype suburban neighborhood of 10,000 people with a prototype "pedestrian neighborhood" which excludes personal vehicles, has average three-story building height, car park on the edge, transit within, about 50 units to the acre, and also 10,000 people. He wants to model the prototypes on national averages as much as possible and analyze travel times; land, energy, resource, and pollution consequences; economic and social features; and feasibility for certain older central city neighborhoods. He seeks help for an inventory of dense neighborhoods in medium to large cities. Dense means above 50 people per gross acre or 20 units per acre, preferably covering 50 acres or more and averaging two- to five-story construction. They may include substantial commercial and industrial employment and are likely to include local commerce on ground floors along a main street. Census tract information or street boundaries would be very helpful. What is their potential for pedestrianization? The census shows some tracts have middle class median incomes and a majority of households with no vehicle available. Send responses to: Sherman Lewis, 2787 Hillcrest Ave., Hayward, CA 94542 or call (415)-538-3692.

## UGSG Plans 7 Washington Sessions

Bob Lake (Rutgers U.) has announced plans for seven sessions that the UGSG will sponsor at the AAG Meeting in Washington next 22-25 April. The sessions include five devoted to presentation and discussion of research and two roundtable discussions. The UGSG also will hold its Annual Meeting and the annual meeting of its Board of Directors in Washington.

"Specialized Urban Communities: The Evolution of the Cultural Mosaic" is a session organized and chaired by Peter Muller (U. of Miami). Papers will be given by James Vance (U. of California-Berkeley), "Urban Social-Geographic Processes Re-examined"; Muller, "The Maturing Mosaic Culture: Some Recent Metropolitan Evidence"; Charles Longino, Jr. (U. of Miami), "Lifestyle and Environment: Processes Selecting Retirement Community Populations"; Patricia Gober (Arizona State U.), "Retirement Communities and the Urban Cultural Mosaic"; and Marilyn Brown (U. of Illinois), "The Changing Pattern of Suburban Stratification". Risa Palm (U. of Colorado) will serve as a discussant at this session.

Gordon Clark (U. of Chicago) has organized and will chair a session on "Intra-Urban Mobility and Public Policy", featuring papers by David Hodge (U. of Washington), "Metropolitan Variations in Intra-Urban Migration Rates"; Michelle Behr (Arizona State U.), "Residential Mobility and Neighborhood Change in a Suburban Context"; and Robert Lake (Rutgers U.), "Public Policy Influences on Black Residential Mobility". Staff members of the Office of Policy Development and Research of the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development will react to the papers.

Bob Lake has organized and will chair a session on "International Approaches to Urban Policy", including papers by Larry Bourne (U. of Toronto), "Urbanization, Urban Systems, and Urban Policy in Comparative Perspective"; John Mercer (Syracuse U.), "Comparative Urban Research: Issues and North American Illustrations"; Jerzy Regulski (Institute of Economic Science, Polish Academy of Sciences) and Joanna Regulska-Poniz (Rutgers U.), "Eastern and Western Approaches to Urban Policy Evaluation"; and Randy Smith and George Demko (Ohio State U.), "Urban Growth, Spatial Structure, and Urban Policy". Discussant will be John Western (Temple U.).

Allen Scott (U.C.L.A.) has organized and will chair two sessions on "Departures and Continuities in Urban Theory". The first will include papers by Andrew Sawyer (U. of Sussex), "Urban Space: Abstract and Concrete Research" and Shoukry Roweis (U. of Toronto), "Foucault, Politics, and Territorial Analysis". The second will have papers by Peter Saunders (U. of Sussex), "Whither Urban Studies: The Development of a Sociology of Consumption" and Nigel Thrift (Australian National U.).

A roundtable discussion on "Progress Toward a National Urban Policy" has been organized and will be chaired by Gordon Clark. Participants will be members of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council Committee on a National Urban Policy, who will offer background statements on the committee's work and an overview of its recent reports and recommendations. Other panelists will include representatives from the NAS, the federal government, and academic institutions.

A panel discussion on "Research Needs of the Federal Government" has been organized and will be chaired by Marilyn Brown. Panelists include Richard Mudge (Principal Analyst, Congressional Budget Office), Daniel Garnick (Deputy Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U. S. Dept. of Commerce), Katherine Nelson (Economist, Office of Economic Analysis, U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development), and Larry Long (Director, Center for Demographic Studies, U. S. Bureau of the Census). They will discuss the government's need for research in the subfields of urban geography, including housing, economic development, transportation, migration, and demographic processes.

## Census Bureau Issues New "Product Primers"

The U. S. Bureau of the Census has published three more instructional aides to help college instructors, students, and researchers use the 1980 census products. Entitled "Census '80: Product Primers", each one includes an introduction, exercises, and technical notes about the featured product.

Primer 5 introduces "General Population Characteristics", PC80-1-B. Age, sex, marital status, Spanish origin, and household relationship are some of the population items that this report covers. One exercise introduces the concepts of race and Spanish origin and the other shows how to derive such measures as family composition and size.

Primers 6 and 7 feature the two microfiche products that offer complete count and sample estimate data for small areas. When used together, these extracts from Supplementary Tape Files (STFs) 1 and 3 yield over 200 tables of data for areas as small as enumeration districts and block groups. Primer 6 features the complete-count data found on STFs 1A and 1C microfiche; Primer 7 uses a similar format to show sample estimate data found on STFs 3A and 3C. Each primer includes exercises that show how to derive new variables from these rich resources and facsimiles of the fiche frames so that you can see exactly what data they offer. Primer 6 also includes a detailed exercise on the geographic hierarchy. Without this understanding, users cannot locate data on these fiche for a specific area.

Product Primers are for sale at \$1 each (25% discount for orders of 100 or more to a single address) from Customer Services (Publications), Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. To receive examination copies, write to the College Curriculum Support Project, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

# Washington Guidebooks Reviewed

In anticipation of the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Washington D.C. next 22-25 April, the following description of guidebooks to the Nation's Capital have been reproduced with permission from *American Urban Guidenotes* (Vol. 3, No. 3, October 1983), pp. 10-11. *American Urban Guidenotes* is published quarterly and includes descriptions and reviews of architectural guidebooks and related publications. Upcoming issues include features on guides to cities, especially New York (3:4); a survey of books dealing with the history or travel and guidebooks and guidebooks dealing with American lodging and restaurants (4:1); guidebooks to Texas (4:2); guidebooks to North Carolina and the Southwest, HABS at 50, and small town and state guidebooks (4:3); and early American guidebooks and guidebooks to Virginia (4:4). Single copies are available for \$3; four issue subscriptions are \$10, and eight issue subscriptions are \$19 from American Urban Guides, Box 186, Washington, D.C. 20044.

## GUIDES TO A CAPITAL CITY

In this issue of *Guidenotes* focused on *guides to America* it seemed appropriate to also report on guidebooks to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. In recent years the attractions of Washington have grown and the number and variety of guidebooks have increased to tell the story. Washington has an unusual image problem. The city as a place and some of its major buildings are extremely well known throughout the country, indeed the world. Yet the image is limited to these symbols such as the Capitol, the White House, the monuments, museums and the cherry blossoms. The rest of the city, the real city, is unknown to many visitors. Even some parts of the city are little known by local residents. Mayor Marion Barry has launched a *Washington is a Capital City* campaign to make the other attractions of Washington more well known.

Washington is one of the major guidebook cities of the country. Today we believe that New York City leads in the number and variety of guidebooks, with Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles in the race for second place. Washington has the usual national orientation and general guidebooks, including *Fodor's Washington, D.C.*, *Frommer's Washington, D.C.*, *Photographing Washington, D.C.* (an Amphoto Travel Guide), *Flashmaps Instant Guide to Washington*, a recent (1982) *I Love Washington Guide* by Marilyn J. Appleberg, and a recent (1983) *500 Things to Do in Washington for Free* by Brian Cox (New Century Publishers). Most of these guidebooks are updated on a regular basis. The National Geographic Society recently published a new map, *Tourist Washington* (\$1.00). An *Access Guide* to Washington is being prepared.

There are now two current general guidebooks to Washington.

**The Walker Washington Guide.** John and Katherine Walker. 1983, revised edition. 1981. 288 pages. \$4.95. Gude Press. Bethesda, Maryland.

**The Walker Washington Guide** is the granddaddy of current guides, having been on the market in various editions since 1983. That's a long time for a local guidebook. Over 275,000 copies have been sold since 1983. It is a relatively simple guidebook with straight forward information. Perhaps that is part of its success. Maps and drawings by Stephen Kraft help make the city understandable. An inexpensive format keeps the price low.

**Washington, D.C.: The Complete Guide.** Judy Duffield, William Kramer and Cynthia Sheppard. 1982. 380 pages. \$8.95. Random House. New York.

**Washington, D.C. The Complete Guide** has a somewhat cleaner sophisticated appearance. It makes maximum use of graphic symbols, perhaps more than in almost any other guidebook we have seen. Places of interest are arranged by area, which is useful and easy to understand. There are some general maps in the front of the guide, but more detailed maps of each area would have been useful. Chapters cover history, shopping, dining and hotels.

## HISTORIC WASHINGTON

**The WPA Guide to Washington, D.C.** Federal Writers' Project, new introduction by Roger G. Kennedy. 1942, Reprint 1983. 872 pages. \$9.95. Pantheon Books. New York.

The Washington WPA guide has a unique history. The Project officials wanted it to be the first published guide in the American Guide Series, but Vardis Fisher completed and published the Idaho guide first in early 1937. **Washington: City and Capital**, printed on heavy paper by the Government Printing Office, was published in the Spring of 1937. It weighed 5.5 pounds. The background essays and the tour information contained very useful information but its size and weight made it unusable except as a reference work. Five years later (1942) a smaller and revised guidebook, **Washington, D.C.: A Guide to the Nation's Capital**, was published. It was edited by Merle Colby and sponsored by George Washington University. It is this guide which Pantheon Books has now reprinted as part of its current program of selective WPA guide reprints. Roger G. Kennedy, Director of the National Museum of American History, provides a short but useful introduction of the changes in Washington in the past 41 years.

**Washington Past and Present: A Guide to the Nation's Capital.** 1983. 143 pages. \$4.50. Available from the United States Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20515.

This revised book with many beautiful photographs is really more a background reference work than a true guidebook. It provides a good historical overview of the evolution of the center of the city, with limited attention to outlying neighborhoods.

**Mr. Lincoln's City: An Illustrated Guide to the Civil War Sites of Washington.** Richard M. Lee. 1981. 175 pages. \$12.95. EPM Publications. McLean, Virginia.

The Civil War was a pivotal time in the development of Washington. The city in effect became a large army camp, a staging area for the army movements into Virginia. The capital city was surrounded by a ring of forts for protection (many of which are park sites today). This guide provides a base for understanding the city of that time, and exploring the features from that era that still remain.

**Washington Itself: An Informal Guide to the Capital of the United States.** E.J. Applewhite. 1981. 349 pages. \$15.50. Alfred A. Knopf. New York, New York.

**Washington Itself** is the most interesting guide to Washington to appear in some time. In truth, this is not so much a guide to walk the streets with as a delightful background book to dip into and to savor. Applewhite has written a very personal evaluation of Washington buildings and places. Many guidebooks look at buildings only from the outside, but Applewhite describes important interiors, and goes further to describe what happens, or has happened, within those buildings. It is likely that this guide will become one of those classics of urban description. Fine line drawings by Fred Greenberg complement the text.

## THE DESIGN OF WASHINGTON

Washington has a physical character unique among American cities, the result of the original L'Enfant Plan (1791) and its evolution over time, the height limit, monumental buildings, and large park areas. The city's neighborhoods and new features such as the Metro subway system provide other attractions. The visitor will want to explore this unique urban environment.

**A Guide to the Architecture of Washington, D.C.** is the AIA architectural guidebook (1974. McGraw-Hill). The guide is out-of-print but still available in some bookstores.

**The Landscape Architecture of Washington, D.C.: A Comprehensive Guide.** James Matthew Evans, ASLA. 1981. 144 pages. \$8.00. Landscape Architecture Foundation, 1717 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

There are only a few landscape architecture guidebooks in the United States. We are fortunate to have this one for Washington, where landscape design is such an important feature of the city. This guidebook covers the monumental landscapes in the center of the city, as well as outlying parks and gardens. Maps and photographs illustrate these sites. Landscape architect Evans provides short but useful descriptions.

**Washington on Foot: 23 Walking Tours of Washington, D.C., Old Town Alexandria, Virginia and Historic Annapolis, Maryland.** Allan A. Hodges and Carol A. Hodges, editors for the National Capital Area Chapter, American Planning Association. First edition, 1976, Second edition, 1980. 202 pages. \$8.95. Smithsonian Institution Press. Washington, D.C.

The first edition of this guide was published for the 1978 American Institute of Planners/National Planning Conference in Washington and subtitled *A City Planner's Guide to the Nation's Capital*. The Smithsonian Institution Press dropped that subtitle but the content remains the same. The line drawings and maps by Fred Greenberg are especially good, and the descriptions for the walking tour deal with architectural, urban development and planning features of the city. For the visitor interested in obtaining an urbanistic understanding of the city, this guidebook is a useful tool. A new edition is in preparation.

One of the most important programs in Washington is the revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House. The recent opening of the Pavilion at the Old Post Office and other projects now underway signal a new era for this historic avenue. The free brochure, **A Walker's Guide to Pennsylvania Avenue** provides a glimpse of this future. Write: Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, 425 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

For continuing information, **Design Action** is a quarterly publication dealing with the architecture and landscape of Washington and nearby areas. Write: **Design Action**, National Building Museum, Room 122, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 (\$10/year).

## SPECIAL GUIDEBOOKS

One of the unusual guidebook characteristics of Washington is the number of very good, attractive, and relatively inexpensive guidebooks to important buildings, including the Capitol, the White House, and the Supreme Court. The latest special guidebook of this type is the **Guide to the Library of Congress**, by Charles A. Goodrum. 1983. 128 pages. \$5.95. Available at the Library of Congress or by mail (\$2.00 additional for postage) from: Library of Congress, Information Office, Box A, Washington, D.C. 20540.

**Natural Washington.** Bill and Phyllis Thomas. 1980. 218 pages. \$6.95. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. New York.

One of the unique features of Washington is the juxtaposition between the formal man-made city and the parks and open spaces, even wild places, which extend into the city or are located nearby. This well designed guidebook outlines a wide range of parks and open spaces in the city and places within fifty miles in adjacent Maryland and Virginia.

**The Washington, D.C. Art Review: The Art Explorer's Guide to Washington.** Frank Getlein and Jo Ann Lewis. 1981. \$8.95. Vanguard Press.

Over the last several decades Washington has become one of the great art centers of the world, both in terms of more and better national galleries and the increase of private galleries. This guidebook provides the art lover with an overview of 16 public galleries and museums and some 70 private art galleries.

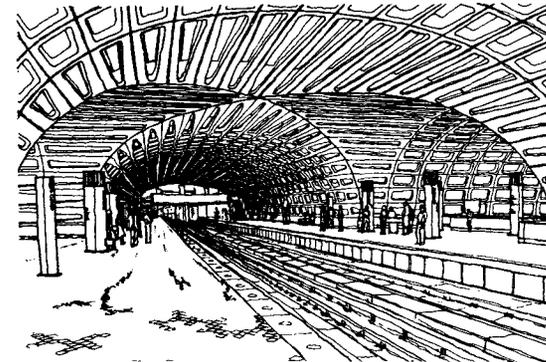
**The Outdoor Sculpture of Washington, D.C.** James M. Goode. 1974. 384 pages. \$15 cloth, \$8.95 paperback. Smithsonian Institution Press. Washington, D.C.

Washington has more than its share of Civil War generals on horseback decorating its squares and circles, but there is much other sculpture, including an increasing amount of contemporary work. James Goode's guide is one of the best of the outdoor sculpture guides to American cities.

**One-Day Trips through History: 200 Excursions within 150 Miles of Washington, D.C.** Jane Ockershausen Smith. 1982. 335 pages. \$9.95. EPM Publications, 1003 Turkey Run Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.

**Fairs and Festivals: A Smithsonian Guide to Celebrations in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.** Elizabeth Rees Gilbert, Peter Seitel, editor. 1982. 160 pages. \$4.50 Smithsonian Institution Press. Washington, D.C.

One of the advantages of Washington for the resident and the visitor is the proximity of historic and scenic attractions within a few hours of the city. The mountains are to the west, the Chesapeake Bay and the beaches to the east, Baltimore forty miles north, and Tidewater Virginia to the south. **One-Day Trips** provides a summary guide to many of these points of nearby interest. **Fairs and Festivals** provides a guide to the increasing number of festivals and celebrations in the city and nearby areas.



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