

# AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Hello**

I am the new editor of your *Newsletter*. I hope that I can follow John Paul's example in producing a useful document. I will need your help, though — UGSG officers will be supplying me with material that relates to the business and records of the specialty group, but I would like to carry as much **news** and **commentary** as possible. Please don't wait to be asked, bribed or blackmailed! Opinion, information on grants, funding opportunities, workshops, urban geography/geographers overseas, etc. will all be welcome. The copy deadlines for future issues will be:

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*Paul Knox*

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### **Student Column**

#### **Urban Planning Students at the Ohio State University**

City and Regional Planning students at Ohio State are working toward either a Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) or a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning. There are approximately 100 students in the program, representing many foreign countries as well as much of the United States. Some of the projects these students are involved in are described in this column. Many of the major projects are performed in class, others relate to the Journal published by

the department, and the remainder are original research contributions.

Students in Professor Dale F. Bertsch's General Urban Plan course prepared plans for two communities in the Central Ohio area. Two groups of fifteen students worked on the plans, which involved public input, mapping, research, interviews with public officials, public presentation of the plan, and the final plan report to the communities. One plan was for a small town and one for a large portion of a county. The Urban General Plan class undertakes these community plans as the major class project each time the course is offered.

Four students in Professor Ken Pearlman's special law seminar recently revised several sections of a local community's city zoning code. Those portions revised included housing, impact fee assessment, planned unit development, and historic preservation.

Another group of students is actively involved in the Journal of Planning Literature. The Journal is intended to be a comprehensive reference on current literature in city and regional planning. The students who work on the Journal write abstracts and publish notes on topics of particular interest. David Betz is preparing a paper on nonpoint source pollution. Jean Carter Ryan is writing an article on impact fees. A paper on the homeless mentally ill by Mary Wenning has recently been completed. Manuscripts on the impacts of changes in women's societal roles on planning (Julie Gafford), minimizing the hazardous waste stream (Sally Giese Knight), zoning and the first amendment (Joseph Rossi), geographic information systems (Tapas Das), and the high technology-university partnership (John Magill) are also being prepared. All of these papers are intended for publication in the Journal.

The doctoral students pursue supervised research toward their dissertations. Two examples of current research projects are those by Jung Yong Sung and Varkki George. Jung Yong Sung is investigating new methods of measuring traffic congestion's impact on modal choice. Varkki George is experimenting with the application of computers to planning problems.

*Kevin Wheeler*

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## **The 3rd International Asian Urbanization Conference**

The 3rd International Asian Urbanization Conference will be hosted by Delhi University in early January, 1991. The first conference was held at The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio in 1985 and the second one was in Nanjing in 1988. An organizing committee has been formed for the 1991 Conference with the following officers: Patron, Dr. Moonis Raja, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University (DU); Chairperson, Dr. R.P. Mishra, Head of the Department of Geography, DU; Vice-Chairpersons, Dr. Ashok K. Dutt, Professor of Urban Studies/Geography at The University of Akron, USA, Dr. Kundu, Professor, Regional Development Center, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Dr. Ramachandran, Professor of Geography, DU and Dr. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Professor, Regional Development Center, JNU. Other members of the Organizing Committee are from different organizations in Delhi. In addition, a Steering Committee with members from all over the world also has been formed. Like the 1985 and 1988 Conferences, the 1991 Delhi Conference will hold paper sessions and special topic symposia on various aspects related to the urbanization of Asia. Selected conference papers will be published. For details write to Dr. Surinder Aggarwal, Secretary-General, Asian Urbanization Conference, Department of Geography, Delhi University, Delhi, India or Dr. Ashok K. Dutt, Professor of Geography/Urban Studies, The University of Akron, Akron, OH USA, 44325-5005.

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## 1990 IBG: Glasgow, Scotland

The next annual conference of the Institute of British Geographers in Glasgow in January 1990 will include a session on 'Theoretical Developments in Urban Geography.' Anyone interested in participating should contact Peter Jones at the Department of Geography, Thames Polytechnic, Bexley Road, London SE9 2PQ, England.

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## 86th Annual Meeting of the AAG—Toronto, Ontario

Thursday April 19—Sunday April 22.

Planning for the UGSG sessions at the 1990 AAG is well underway. A number of sessions have already been proposed; some are essentially complete, others a call for papers. The Program Committee has decided that two themes will be highlighted at the conference and request that all specialty groups fit some of their sessions to these themes. The themes are: "Sharing the North American Continent" and "Sharing the Global Village."

Sessions already proposed are listed below but there is still time to organize new sessions. The deadline for all submissions to the AAG Central Office is *September 22nd*, so entire sessions should be squared away significantly ahead of this date. The UGSG session organizers (Neil Smith, David Ley) are collating members' sessions and will allocate sessions to the two themes when we have a clearer picture of the sessions being sponsored. For information, to set up a session, or to secure sponsorship, call or write either of the organizers:

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University of British Columbia  
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If you have a specific interest in any particular session, contact the organizers directly.

### Proposed Sessions

1. *Cleveland's Civic Vision 2000: Planning for the Future* Organizer: Harry Margulis, Cleveland State University

Hunter Morrison, Director of City Planning  
Robert Brown, Citywide POLan Project Manager  
Richard Shatten, Executive Director, Cleveland Tomorrow Inc.  
Frank Pietravoia, Chief City Planner

(co-sponsored with Applied and Regional Development and Planning specialty groups)

2. *Gender and the City*  
Organizers: Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt

Geraldine Pratt, University of British Columbia  
David Hodge, University of Washington  
John Paul Jones, University of Kentucky, and Jan Kodras, Florida State  
Susan Hanson, Clark University

(co-sponsored with Industrial Geography)

3. *Value and Change in the Built Environment*  
Organizer: Bob Beauregard, Rutgers University

Bob Beauregard, Rutgers University  
Helga Leitner, University of Minnesota  
Neil Smith, Rutgers University

(co-sponsored with the Socialist SG)

4. ***The Underclass***  
Organizer: Eric Sheppard, University of Minnesota (Bitnet EQJ 6139@UMNACVX)  
Call for Papers
5. ***Industrial and Regional Development in California***  
Organizer: Allen Scott, UCLA  
Call for Papers
6. ***Author Meets Critic***  
Organizer: Neil Smith, Rutgers University  
  
Ed Soja, 'Postmodern Geographies'
7. ***The Changing Social Geography of the Canadian City***  
Organizers: Larry Bourne, University of Toronto, and David Ley, University of British Columbia
8. ***Native Americans in the City***  
Organizer: Neil Smith, Rutgers University  
Call for Papers

Toronto will mark the first meeting where AAG funds are available to sponsor outside guests (non-geographers) to present quasi plenary lectures on topics related to ongoing geographic research. This is an exciting initiative. Guests must be sponsored by at least three specialty groups. As a result, we have sent invitations to two potential guests: Kate Stimpson, a literary critic, who co-edited *Women and the American City*, and who is currently Dean of the Graduate School at Rutgers University (co-sponsored with Socialist and Geographic Perspectives on Women); and Edward Said, Professor of English at Columbia University and widely renowned political writer (co-sponsored with Political and Socialist). The Program Committee apparently makes the final allocation of funds so their participation is not yet assured.

*Neil Smith*

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**UGSG member** John Fieser of the Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce, is preparing a paper for the Toronto meetings on black long-duration unemployment in the US. He would like to know if any UGSG-sponsored sessions are being organized that could accommodate such a paper. He can be reached at (202) 377-5353.

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## Nominations for the UGSG Board

The Nominating Committee has put forward the following names. *Additional nominations* should be sent to Susan Hanson (Clark University) with 20 signatures of UGSG members and a one-paragraph bibliography by September 15.

<i>Chair</i>	Neil Smith (Rutgers)
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	John Paul Jones III (University of Kentucky) Eric Sheppard (University of Minnesota)
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Mary Beth Pudup (West Virginia) Joanna Regulaska (Rutgers)
<i>Student Board Members</i>	Kris Monzel (Ohio State University) Melissa Gilbert (Clark University)
<i>Board Members</i>	Nancy Ettlenger (Ohio State University) Diane Whalley (North Texas State University) Tom Kontuly (University of Utah) Kim England (Miami University of Ohio) Kavita Pandit (University of Georgia) Kevin McHugh (Arizona State University)

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## UGSG Business Meeting Minutes

Baltimore, Maryland  
March 21, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Hazel A. Morrow-Jones Chair for 1988-1989.

1. The Minutes of April 6, 1988 Business Meeting have been approved.

2. The election results were announced. The new officers elected are: Susan Hanson (Chair), Neil Smith (Vice-Chair), David Meyer, Valerie Preston and Martin Cadwallader (new Board Members), George Towers and Steve Holloway (Student Members). The chair expressed thanks to outgoing Board members Larry Ford, Joanna Regulska and Damaris Rose and to the past Chair W. Randy Smith. Joanna Regulska was asked to serve an additional year in her capacity as Secretary/Treasurer to which she agreed.
3. Joanna Regulska circulated the treasury report, which indicated an initial budget of \$914.94, which, with the AAG rebates for 1987 of \$381.00 and for 1988 \$512.10 and interest earned of \$54.95 totalled \$1,862.99. The payments included newsletter costs (\$259.69), sponsorship of 5 non-AAG members at the annual meeting (\$75.00) and other annual meeting related expenses (\$21.50). The remaining balance is \$1,506.80.
4. The new committee appointments for 1989-90 are: *Nominating Committee*: Hazel A. Morrow-Jones, Mary Beth Pudup and Damaris Rose; *Dissertation Committee*: Meric Getler and Sallie A. Marston; *Coordinators of the 1990 UGSG sessions in Toronto*: David Ley and Neil Smith.
5. Extended thanks were given to John Paul Jones, Newsletter editor for the last three years, for his excellent work. Paul Knox agreed to take the editorship of the Newsletter for the next term.
6. Susan Christopherson, the chair of the Dissertation Award Committee, announced that this year 8 dissertations were received. The committee decided to two awards this year. The winners are: Alan MacFerson, University of Buffalo and Andrew Mair, University of West Virginia. As in the past, the awards will be provided by Wiley and Sons.
7. A letter from Gary Gaile and Cort Wilmott, editors of the volume on Geography in America, was received. It expressed thanks to Martin Cadwallader, Andrew Kirby and Sallie A. Marston, the editors of the chapter on Urban Geography.
8. Further discussion focused on the several items raised at the Specialty Group Chair's meeting:
  - a. In response to the request by specialty groups to AAG to collect dues, UGSG expressed no desire to participate in such arrangements.
  - b. Next year's annual meeting, which will take place in Toronto, will have two main themes: "Sharing the North American Continent" and "Global Village". It was suggested at the meeting that UGSG should mark its presence in plenary sessions by organising one or two panels and also by inviting to them scholars from other disciplines.
  - c. The question about the number of the Specialty Groups which can be checked on the annual registration form has been raised. Members attending the meeting felt that it should be permissible to check off on the annual form at least three specialty groups.
  - d. The issue of scheduling of the sessions at the annual meetings was raised again and distress was expressed with regard to the conflicts that the existence of numerous concurrent sessions presents for the participants.
9. Other Business:
  - a. A motion has been passed that "Urban Geography Specialty Group demands an annual AAG membership directory with phone numbers and addresses, BITNET and FAX numbers, which will be clearly distinguished from the graduate directory".
  - b. John B. Fieser from the U.S. Department of Commerce announced that during the last funding cycle three projects submitted by geographers were funded. He encouraged further submissions by geographers. He discussed in detail the process of proposal submission and the evaluation. Anyone interested should contact him at Research Division, EDA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Rm 7866, Washington, D.C. 20230. Phone (202) 377-4085.
  - c. John Adams, University of Minnesota brought to the attention of the participants the funding possibilities for geographers through Fulbright lecture awards in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. He strongly encourages greater participation of geographers. Anyone interested in details can contact John in Minnesota.

The meeting was attended by 54 members and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

*Joanna Regulska, Rutgers University.*

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