

**Letter from the Chair, Winter 2012**

As an urban geographer, I have always found the ever-rotating location of the AAG annual meeting to be a particular joy and source of inspiration. Each place, during or after the meeting, brings new ideas or questions to consider, through the lens of a given city. As we prepare to gather in New York City, this is more true than ever, as I think about Occupy Wall Street and the various occupations and presences it continues to inspire around the world. Thinking beyond Occupy activism to the Arab Spring movements, ongoing protests against policy change in the name of 'austerity' and more, urban spaces have been center stage in a host of recent struggles to renegotiate citizen-state relations, class relations, and the meanings and consequences of economic 'crisis' and 'recovery'. There is much for geographers to understand about the urban social, political, and economic significance of these struggles. The work many of you will present at the meetings stands to help us move forward in this challenge, so I am especially looking forward to the meeting this year.

Looking ahead to Urban Geography Specialty Group activities, I would like to extend special thanks to the UGSG Board members. Their preparation for the meeting has included reading submissions to our 2012 awards competitions (award winner details appear in this edition of the newsletter, and will also be announced at the meeting).

The Specialty Group is sponsoring a busy slate of activities at the annual meeting. Please see later pages in the newsletter for a listing of UGSG-sponsored sessions. We look forward to seeing you at the Urban Geography Plenary Lecture on Sunday, February 26 (12:40, Morgan Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hilton) where Professor Anna Secor (University of Kentucky) will give a lecture entitled "Topological City". We're delighted to also welcome two outstanding discussants in this session, Professors Lynn Staeheli (Durham University) and Jennifer Fluri (Dartmouth College). This annual plenary lecture would not happen without the significant time and effort of Bob Lake, on behalf of *Urban Geography*. Thank you, Bob! The next evening, please join us for the UGSG Business Meeting on Monday, February 27, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Central Park East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sheraton).

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At the AAG, we will welcome newly elected board members beginning two year terms:

**Vice Chair:** Deborah Martin (Clark University)

**Regular Board members:** Sara Metcalf (SUNY-Buffalo), Kate Driscoll Derickson (Georgia State University), Hongmian Gong (CUNY-Hunter College), Sandra Zupan (University of Kentucky).

**Student Board members:** Carolina Ana Sternberg (University of Illinois), Nazgol Bagheri (University of Missouri-Kansas City)

I'd also like to thank our outgoing board members Julie Cidell (University of Illinois), Eric Boschmann (University of Denver), and Katherine Hankins (Georgia State University) for their service to the specialty group over the past two years. This is my last newsletter as the UGSG Chair, so I'll conclude by welcoming our incoming Chair, Kevin Ward, and thanking all those who have helped out with UGSG business and activities over the past two years. In particular, I'd like to extend my thanks to Christy Jocoy, our treasurer, Josef Eckert, our webmaster and electronic voting organizer, and Nathan Clough, who organizes UGSG newsletters. Your time and attention to all these details have been tremendously important in the past two years, and I am grateful.

Warm wishes to all,

Sarah Elwood  
Seattle, WA  
February 2012

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations and welcome to the new UGSG  
Board Members:**

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Kate Driscoll Derickson of Georgia State University  
Hongmian Gong of CUNY Hunter College  
Sandra Zupan of the University of Kentucky

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## IN CONVERSATION

With Bill Lindeke

### **Experimental Cities: DIY, Pop-Up, and Temporary Design**

Anyone who hasn't been to New York City in the last few years will immediately notice a few changes to the urban landscape. Most obviously, Broadway Avenue, New York's "main street," has a whole new look and feel around Midtown Manhattan. The Bloomberg Administration, led by his controversial transportation Commissioner, has been transformed into a pedestrian landscape, accomplished by removing a lane of auto traffic and replacing them with sidewalk café accoutrements. That feat alone should seem astounding to anyone who remembers what the street was like before. There are also a whole new network of bicycle lanes, and a new bicycle sharing system is set to launch this summer.

While the changes that have taken place in Bloomberg's are part of a larger project with problematic neoliberal class ramifications [1], the actual process by which the Broadway redesign took place represents an intriguing new way of implementing changes to the built environment. Instead of an expensive, grand plan involving large-scale public investment and heavy machinery, the NY DOT initially transformed Broadway through a series of small gestures, describing the changes to the public as part of a trial, or an experiment [2]. At first, the city used only the bare minimum of infrastructure – just a few concrete barriers and some moveable furniture – to demarcate and reconfigure the street. After receiving largely positive feedback from the business community and many users along Broadway, renowned Commissioner Janette Sadik-Kahn officially made the redesign permanent.

The Broadway redesign, at least in its initial stages, shares a common approach with parallel trends in artistic and architectural attempts to transform public space. For example, the Broadway redesign mimics at a larger scale the successful Park(ing) Day movement, where parking spots are temporarily "reclaimed" for the public realm, transformed through a few key elements into public space, parks, theater, and many other creative ideas. The initial stages of the Broadway redesign displayed a similar simple elegance. By moving a few concrete planters and sprinkling places like Times Square with a few chairs, the city created a dynamic new public space with laughably minimal investment.

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### **Urban Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting**

Monday, 2/27/2012,  
from 8:00 PM - 9:00  
PM in Central Park  
East, Sheraton Hotel,  
Second Floor

Particularly in an era of economic hardship, when every level of government seems to be struggling with deep and consistent budget problems, temporary, experimental, and short-term projects are becoming far more commonplace. Other examples come from Baltimore and the Twin Cities, where “pop-up urbanism” has become a new way of describing short-term leases on empty storefronts that are consciously created as experimental (and even playful) ways to approach economic revitalization. Yet another example are the “sunday streets” or *cyclovia* events taking place in increasing numbers of US cities, where streets are temporarily closed to traffic and given over to a variety of public uses such as cycling, exercise, play, or old fashioned strolling.

There are downsides to these experimental urbanist approaches. For example, the pedestrian spaces along the new Broadway Avenue are hardly aesthetically appealing. Compared to a classic public square from an older European city, or even a compared to a newer public space that was built deliberately from scratch, the street lacks the kinds of detail and amenities that have long been the staples of good placemaking. Instead, the new Broadway still feels like a street for cars, almost eerie in their absence.

Yet, at the same time, perhaps experimental urbanism can begin to address some of the longer-term challenges that have plagued urban planning since the days of Robert Moses. By crafting changes to the built environment as experiments, urban design begins to seem like a more playful realm. Streets become alive with new possibilities that, because they’re short term, don’t carry with them the large institutional overhead that has long plagued the slow-moving, top-down apparatus of traditional city planning. As the example of flash mob advertising suggests, these new approaches that I’m terming “experimental urbanism” are certainly not immune to commodification by capital and state power. But perhaps experimental urbanism, by opening up possibilities for public space, can broaden the range of conversations taking place about our cities and streets. The example of Broadway proves that, given the right political and economic circumstances, changes that seemed unimaginable may be possible.

#### Refs

[1] Brash, J. (2011) *Bloomberg’s New York: Class and Governance in the Luxury City*. Athens: University of Georgia Press.

[2] Lee, J. 8. (2009) “Sturdier Furniture replaces Times Square Lawn Chairs.” New York Times. City Room. August 17, 2009.

Don’t miss the **Urban Geography Specialty Group Plenary** Session at the 2012 AAG

Robert Lake and Sarah Elwood will introduce the author, **Anna Secor** of the University of Kentucky, who will give a paper entitled **“The Topological City”** With discussants Jennifer Fluri of Dartmouth College and Lynn Staeheli of Durham University

The session will be held Sunday, 2/26/2012, from 12:40 PM - 2:20 PM in Morgan Suite, Hilton NY

## **New Books:**

Bourne, L.S, T. Hutton, R. Shearmur and J. Simmons eds. 2011. *Canadian Urban Regions: Trajectories of Growth and Change*. Toronto. Oxford University Press.

Chronopoulos, Themis. 2011. *Spatial Regulation in New York City: From Urban Renewal to Zero Tolerance*. Routledge Advances in Geography Series. New York: Routledge.

<http://themis.slass.org/spatial-regulation-in-new-york-city.html>

Darden, Joe T. and Thomas, Richard Detroit: Race Riots, Racial Conflict and Efforts to Bridge the Racial Divide (forthcoming in 2012). East Lansing: Michigan State University Press

Derudder, Ben, Michael Hoyler, Peter Taylor, and Frank Witlox eds. 2012. *International Handbook of Globalization and World Cities*. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA. Edward Elgar.

Volkan, Aytar and Jan Roth. 2012. *Selling Ethnic Neighborhoods: The Rise of Neighborhoods as Places of Leisure and Consumption*. New York. Routledge.

## **Announcements:**

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) has recently opened a project office in Los Angeles <http://www.regionalstudies.org/pdfs/USPR.pdf> and is rapidly developing in north America. This collaboration offers unique opportunities to engage in a wider international discussion regarding regional planning issues and will provide direct access to various partnerships within both organizations. Additionally, the partnership will extend the reach of cutting-edge US research, allowing for greater distribution of scholarship and aiding emerging scholars in their academic careers.

The UCLA-based US team is currently exploring avenues by which American scholars can more effectively access and utilize the RSA's many academic assets. RSA-USA aims to provide scholars, especially early-career individuals, with increased opportunities for research funding and publication. As research and conference funding is becoming increasingly challenging to secure, RSA-USA hopes to increase opportunities for scholars at all levels, thereby advancing both their careers as well as cutting-edge scholarship at the institutional level. We are also going to be at the next AAG where we have co-organized 9 sessions on "Evolutionary Economic Geography, Agglomeration and Geographies of Knowledge" plus the *Regional Studies* lecture.

We think that a stronger presence of the Association in north America can be of mutual benefit in taking forward the research and knowledge exchange

opportunities in the fields of regional studies and regional science and we look forward to further opportunities of collaboration.

Kind regards,

Cristina Comunian  
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Regional Studies Association

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Regional Studies Association International Conference  
Call for Papers

***Networked Regions and cities in times of fragmentation: developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places***

13–16 May 2012, Delft University of Technology, Delft, Netherlands  
Extended deadline for submitting your abstracts 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Regions and cities are increasingly interdependent; economically, socially and environmentally. They are, for example, becoming more reliant on interregional flows of trade, labour and resources. Patterns of interactions between regions are experiencing rapid changes as a result of dramatic shifts in production and consumption patterns, advances in communication technologies and the development of transport infrastructure. These changes pose many challenges for the analysis and management of regions. They are also leading to new patterns of activities and relationships and new forms of clustering and networking between regions. At the same time, regions are becoming increasingly fragmented in many ways; economically, socially, environmentally and also politically. Classic forms of government based on clear cut arrangements between administrative levels, policy sectors and the public and private domain are no longer sufficient. The governance of regions faces multi-level, multi-actor and multi-sectoral challenges. New spatial interactions at new scales demand new approaches for consultation and coordination. More flexible ('softer') forms of governance are beginning to emerge which seek to work around traditional governmental arrangements. The result is a complex pattern of overlapping governance and fuzzy boundaries, not just in a territorial sense but also in terms of the role of both public and private actors. These new arrangements pose many as yet unresolved dilemmas concerning the transparency, accountability and legitimacy of decision-making. The 2012 RSA conference in Delft provides a timely opportunity for participants to come together and reflect on the various strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities of networked cities and regions within these different contexts of fragmentation.

For detailed information visit [www.regionalstudies.org/events/2012/May-Delft/](http://www.regionalstudies.org/events/2012/May-Delft/) or write to Elizabeth Mitchell [elizabeth.mitchell@regionalstudies.org](mailto:elizabeth.mitchell@regionalstudies.org)

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Regional Studies Association Global Conference, in partnership with the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Call for Papers

***Sustaining Regional Futures***, 24-26 June 2012, Beijing Conference Center, Beijing, China

Extended deadline for submitting your abstracts 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012

RSA global conference *Sustaining Regional Futures*, will address some of the biggest issues facing regions and sub-national areas around the world, gateways are being organised on the causes and implications of different patterns of regional development. They are dedicated to assessing the forms and successes of regional policies in managing regional disparities; establishing basic public services; supporting endogenous growth and the comparative advantages of regions; promoting regional competitiveness and sustaining harmony between the economy, society and the environment. Papers on each of these themes are encouraged - on different countries' and regions' experiences, and on comparative studies.

Papers on aspects of social justice, territorial politics, governance, and peripheral and marginal regions are also welcome to address what has been happening in these times of rapid national growth and global upheaval. Additional topics in which we particularly encourage contributions are city-regions, spatial planning and analysis which may look at the position in China but which may focus elsewhere.

Debate and discussion, contrast and comparisons are essential to the success of Regional Studies Association conferences and to academic endeavour.

Critical analyses and sharing of experiences in all these topic areas will ensure the Beijing conference achieves the aims that the Regional Studies Association and its partners have set out for it.

For detailed information visit <http://www.regionalstudies.org/events/2012/June-Beijing/> or write to Jimmy Ancheta Jr. [jimmy.ancheta@regionalstudies.org](mailto:jimmy.ancheta@regionalstudies.org)

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## **RSA Early Career Grant Scheme**

Deadline for application 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012

This award is open to individual applicants in their early career - researchers who have been awarded a PhD within five years. Applicants must be based within an eligible higher education institution (HEI) and must be a current, early career member of the Regional Studies Association and remain member throughout the duration of the grant (applicants can apply and become members at the same time). The grant is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. The value of the grant is up to £10,000 (approx \$ 16,000). The award has a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply. For further details visit <http://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/earlycareer.asp> or write to [rsa@regionalstudies.org](mailto:rsa@regionalstudies.org)

## **UGSG Sponsored Sessions at the 2012 AAG in New York City 2/24-2/18/2012:**

"Cities and Sexualities" by Phil Hubbard: Author meets Interlocutors

'Urban Areas: Impact of extreme weather events

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 1

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 2

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 3

(Im)Mobilities of Dwelling: Places and Practices 4

30 years after Not On Our Street': Is NIMBY still relevant to urban/social geography?

Author Meets Her Critics: Kristina Gibson's Street Kids, Homeless Youth, Outreach and Policing New York's Streets

Author-Meets-Critics: Building Globalization: Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China

BitCity: Data, Technology and Understanding the City

BitCity: Data, Technology and Understanding the City II

Bloomberg's 2030 Plan for New York City

Capital Cities 1: Politics, History and Culture

Capital Cities 2: Visuality, Ruins and Nostalgia

CGSG Marquee Address: Julian Brash on Bloomberg's New York

Changing Patterns of Segregation in Europe and the United States 1

Changing Patterns of Segregation in Europe and the United States 2

Children and the Environment 3: Environmental Perception & Experience

Children and the Environment 4 - Environmental Barriers and Facilitators

China's New Dynamics of Urbanization, Migration, and Labor Market Reform: I

China's New Dynamics of Urbanization, Migration, and Labor Market

Reform: II  
China's Shifting Urban-Rural Interfaces: II  
Connections among Environmental Stewardship and Land Cover in  
Urban Ecosystems  
Contemporary North American Suburbanisms: Concepts and Metrics I  
Contemporary North American Suburbanisms: Concepts and Metrics  
II  
Contemporary North American Suburbanisms: Concepts and Metrics  
III  
Contemporary Transformations in Public and Market Housing I  
Coupled Socio-Ecological Systems in Urban Environments - Session 1  
Coupled Socio-Ecological Systems in Urban Environments -2  
Court Geographies  
Crisis, protest and participation  
Critical Geographies of Education III: Neoliberal Education in the City  
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Cultural and Historical Geographies of Intra-Urban Mass Transit III  
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Cultural and Historical Geographies of Intra-Urban Mass Transit V  
Developing a Conceptual Framework and Best Practices for  
Community Geography Research and Pedagogy 1: A Focus on University-  
Community Partnerships  
Developing a Conceptual Framework and Best Practices for  
Community Geography Research and Pedagogy 2: Community Geography as  
Critical Geography  
Developing a Conceptual Framework and Best Practices for  
Community Geography Research and Pedagogy 3: A Focus on Local  
Knowledges  
Developing a Conceptual Framework and Best Practices for  
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Disqualified places: practices and representations  
Disqualified places: practices and representations  
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Electric Vehicles  
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Competitive Economies I

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Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Prosperity: Creating Competitive Economies IV

Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Prosperity: Creating Competitive Economies V

Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Prosperity: Creating Competitive Economies VI

Ethnic Geography Specialty Group Distinguished Scholar Lecture: Wei Li

European Initiatives in Sustainable Development: What Limits Transferability to the US?

GaWC's Interlocking Network Model - Foundations, Applications, and Critiques - 1

GaWC's Interlocking Network Model - Foundations, Applications, and Critiques - 2

GaWC's Interlocking Network Model - Foundations, Applications, and Critiques - 3

Geographies of Media I, "The Vanishing City" (2009): New York Gentrification, Globalization, and Documentary Film

Getting Around: Transportation and the Built Environment

Growth and Change in Small Urban Areas I: Understanding the Dynamics of Space and Society

Growth and Change in Small Urban Areas II: Understanding the Dynamics of Space and Society

HONORING JAMES O. WHEELER, SESSION I: INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION GEOGRAPHY

HONORING JAMES O. WHEELER, SESSION II: CORPORATE GEOGRAPHY

HONORING JAMES O. WHEELER, SESSION III: URBAN GEOGRAPHY

HONORING JAMES O. WHEELER, SESSION IV: REMEMBRANCES OF COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS

Housing, Land and Urban Transformation in China I

Housing, Land and Urban Transformation in China II

Housing, Land, and Urban Transformation in China III

Informal urbanism

Innovative Approaches to Urban Education and Pedagogy: The New School Experience

International immigrant centralities in urban contexts: spatial dynamics and social processes.

Japanese Cities in Global Networks I  
Japanese Cities in Global Networks II  
Japanese Cities in Global Networks III  
Japanese Cities in Global Networks IV  
Japanese Cities in Global Networks V  
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Labour and the City II: Work, Employment and Urban Life  
Land Use Conflicts I: Political Ecology and Planning  
Land Use Conflicts II: Rural-Urban Contention  
Land Use Conflicts III: Urban Development Tensions  
Land Use Conflicts IV: Natural Systems and Land  
Mappings II: Embodied Memory, Everyday Life, and The City  
Migration of Professionals and the City - Mobility, Locality and  
Identities of Expatriates and the Global Elite: 1  
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New Geographies of Publics, Spaces and Politics (3)  
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and regional organizing I  
New organizing: Constraints, opportunities and contestation in local  
and regional organizing II  
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SPECULATIONS  
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Nighttime Infrastructural Landscapes and Spatialization  
Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 1 - Geographies of  
Difference  
Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 2 - Rationalities, Logics,  
Practices  
Opening the Black Box of 'Creative' Policies 3 - New Paths of Creative  
Development  
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market  
Reimagining affordable, sustainable settlements: (ii) community-led  
alternatives  
Reimagining settlements

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Remote Sensing of Urban Forest and Ecology  
Security, Dissent, and Urban Politics  
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Situating Urban Sustainability in the Context of Urban Theory and  
Policy II  
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SLEUTH Symposium II: After 15 years with the SLEUTH model, what  
we've learned and where we're headed  
SLEUTH Symposium III: After 15 years with the SLEUTH model, what  
we've learned and where we're headed  
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Social Justice on the Move: Transportation, Equity, and Environment  
Suburbs and densification: local resistances and dynamics of change  
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The Experiences of Immigrants in Urban Areas in U.S. and Canada  
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Urban self-organization - Empirical and theoretical lessons from the  
"globe of everyday life"  
Urbanization and Climate Change: A Challenge to Urban Sustainability  
Urbanizing South Asia: Problems and solutions  
Whither the countryside?: Reports on the urban/rural divide in China

## **UGSG Awards for 2012**

Urban Geography MA Fellowship: Elyse Gordon, The University of Washington.

\$350. Title: *Knowing the City: The Impact of Community Garden Programs on Young People's Urban Understanding and Experience in Seattle, Washington*

Urban Geography Ph.D. Fellowship: Christina Tenemos, Simon Fraser University.

\$500. Title: *Geographies of Harm Reduction: Exploring global-relational assemblages of cities, social movements, policy networks and health practice*

Graduate Student Paper Competition:

Winner: Natalie Koch. The University of Colorado, Boulder. \$200. Title: *A model for Astana? The politics of building Kazakhstan's new capital*

Honorable Mention: Matthew Anderson, The University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. Title: *Chicago's Evolving Redevelopment Governance and the Politics of "Roll-With-It" Neoliberalism*

Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Competition:

Winner: Charlotte Fagan. Macalaster College. \$100. Title: *New Urbanism and Feminism: Exploring Design as a means of Empowerment*

Honorable Mention: Andra Palchik. Macalaster College. Title: *Reworking Detroit: Examining The Detroit Works Project as an Urban Right-Sizing Effort in the Context of a Racially Segregated, Post-Industrial City*

Best Dissertation Award:

Winner: Daniel Novick Warshawsk. The University of Southern California. \$400.

Title: *FoodBank Johannesburg, State, and Civil Society Organisations in Post-Apartheid Johannesburg*

Honorable Mention: Michele Buckley. Oxford University. Title: *Locating*

*neoliberalism in Dubai: migrant workers and class struggle in the autocratic city*

*UGSG Membership Information*

- **UGSG Membership:** \$7 with AAG membership; student membership is free.
- **Address and e-mail changes** of UGSG members should be sent to: [address@aag.org](mailto:address@aag.org), where a master membership list is maintained.
- **To subscribe to URBGEOG**, the UGSG's discussion forum and listserv, follow these instructions: [1] Send an e-mail message to [listserv@listserv.arizona.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.arizona.edu) with no subject line, and include the following message, with appropriate name changes: **subscribe urbgeog firstname lastname** [2] Make sure to disable automatic e-mail signature functions [3] You will be sent an automated message that provides information on how to post to the list and how to unsubscribe, etc.
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