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Letter from the Chair:

Long-range Planning II

Long-range planning for the UGSG, initiated last April in Detroit, is moving ahead. A critical part of this effort is to ensure that the preferences, priorities, and expectations of UGSG members are reflected in the planning process.

This Newsletter contains a brief questionnaire that seeks your evaluation of several potential UGSG activities being considered by the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC). Use the survey form to rate these activities and to indicate your interest in participating in them. Your responses will provide the LRPC with the information it needs to develop its recommendations and present the report in time for the AAG meetings in Minneapolis.

The activities under review by the LRPC involve a direct UGSG role in research, policy, review, and publication. The extent, organization, and implementation of such activities can clearly be specified in many different ways. How, and indeed whether, we do this depends on the will (and the willingness) of UGSG members.

Please use the questionnaire to make your feelings known. We'd be glad to hear any other comments or suggestions you'd like to make. Contact me or any other member of the LRPC: Marilyn Brown (Oak Ridge); Don Dahmann (Census Bureau); Dave Hodge (U. of Washington); Ted Muller (Pittsburgh); Randy Smith (Ohio State).

We'll look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Lake, UGSG Chairperson

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Nominating Committee Report

The UGSG Nominating Committee has forwarded to the Board of Directors a slate of nominees for positions on the UGSG Board. The Nominating Committee was chaired by Roman Cybriwsky (Temple University) and included Michele Behr (Northern Illinois University) and Dennis Dingemans (University of California-Davis). Candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the 1986 election are:

Chairperson:

Peter O. Muller (University of Miami)

Vice-chairperson:

Paul Knox (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

Randy Smith (Ohio State University)

Board Members:

Thomas Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota)

Susan Christopherson (UCLA)

Kevin McHugh (Arizona State University)

Geraldine Pratt (Clark University)

Victoria Rivizzigno (University of South Alabama)

Chairperson and vice-chairperson serve one year; board members serve two years. UGSG members may nominate candidates by petition for all positions. Petitions must be signed by at least twenty current members of the UGSG and must be received by 15 February 1986 by the current UGSG chairperson, Robert Lake (Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903).

Thanks....

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Dissertation Competition

The Urban Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers announces its Fourth Annual Dissertation Award for Recent doctoral dissertations in urban geography. Dissertations addressing any aspect of urban geography and submitted for a degree awarded during the 1985 calendar year are eligible. Winning dissertations in the competition's first three years have addressed questions pertaining to the spatial structure of local labor markets, the territorial expansion of urban settlement, a comparative analysis of historic districts, family and class in a new industrial city, and relationships between home ownership and political orientation and activism.

The winner of the UGSG Dissertation Award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Minneapolis, MN (4-7 May 1986) and will receive a selection of books courtesy of John Wiley and Sons. The dissertation review committee is composed of H. Briavel Holcomb (Rutgers), Neil Smith (Columbia), and its chair, Donald C. Dahmann (U.S. Bureau of the Census).

Individuals wishing to enter the competition should send one copy of their dissertation and a dissertation abstract to: Dr. Donald C. Dahmann, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Entries must be received by 1 January 1986.

UGSG Sessions for Minneapolis

The program is set for the UGSG sessions for the AAG Annual Meetings to be held 4-7 May 1986 in Minneapolis. UGSG program coordinator Eric Sheppard has scheduled eleven UGSG sponsored sessions for the meetings. Other sessions of interest to urban geographers will be described in future newsletters as program details become available.

Session 1: new Departures in Urban Morphology Chair: James E. Vance, Jr. (UC-Berkeley)

"Urban land and social process in Boston and Omaha, 1630-1930" Michael P. Conzen
"Corporate capitalism and the rise of the high-rise office building" Gunter Gad and Deryck Holdsworth
"Building form, social class, and micro-morphology: the American residential hotel, 1880-1930" Paul Groth
"The arrival of multi-family housing in middle-sized cities" Larry R. Ford
Commentator: Wilbur Zelinsky (Pennsylvania State)

Sessions (cont.)

Session 2: The Downtowns of the Outer Suburban City and the Metropolitan Employment Mismatch Organizer and Chair: Peter O. Muller (University of Miami)

"The Maturing Metropolitan Economy: Emerging Suburban Business Centers and Employment Implications" Truman A. Hartshorn
"A Comparative Analysis of Suburban Downtowns in Metropolitan Houston and Philadelphia" Peter O. Muller
"Suburban Centers--A Federal Research Perspective" John B. Fieser
Discussant: Thomas J. Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota)

Session 3: Location, Organization, and Technical Change Organizer: David Selwood (North Texas State) Chair: Andrew J. Mair (Ohio State)

"Manufacturing Services" Susan Christopherson and Michael Storper
"Automation, Skill, and Back Office Location" Kristin Nelson
"Office Labor Process Changes" David Selwood
Discussant: Allen J. Scott (UCLA)

Session 4: Public Policy and Urban/Industrial Processes Chair: John Paul Jones (San Diego State)

"The estimation of Residential Property Values in the Presence of Property Tax Capitalization" Paul Burnham
"On Measuring the External Control of Regional Interindustrial Transactions" Randall W. Jackson
"Private Demand-for and Public Supply-of Industrial Revenue Bonds" Andrews J. Krmenc
"The Nested Logit Model and the Analysis of Industrial Location" Tony Dignan

Session 5: The Spatial Organization of the State in Metropolitan Areas Organizer and Chair: Kevin R. Cox (Ohio State)

"The New Spatial Politics and Juridical Fragmentation in Metropolitan Areas" Kevin R. Cox
"Fiscal Strain and the Spatial Fragmentation of Local Government in the United States" Andrew E. Jonas
"South Africa: An Historical-Materialist Analysis of Changing Metropolitan Political Structures" Jeffery J. McCarthy
Discussant: John A. Agnew (Syracuse University)

Session 6: Approaches to Urban System Dynamics Organizer: W. Randy Smith (Ohio State); Chair: Michael P. Conzen (University of Chicago)

"Industrial Concentration in U.S. Cities, 1860-1880" David R. Meyer
"The Workforce in Canadian Cities: Structure and Change" John U. Marshall
"National Economic Policies and Uneven Development" Victoria A. Lawson
" 'Dominance' in an Urban System" W. Randy Smith

UGSG LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE -- MEMBER SURVEY

This survey will guide the Long-Range Planning Committee in preparing its recommendations for UGSG goals and activities for the next several years. Please add any other comments or suggestions on a separate sheet, and **return the questionnaire by January 15th.**

Please evaluate the following proposed activities, where (1) indicates activities the UGSG should definitely undertake and (5) indicates those the UGSG should definitely avoid. Also indicate those activities in which you would actively participate.

<u>THE UGSG SHOULD:</u>	Priority					<u>I would</u>	<u>I would</u>
	High		Low			<u>parti-</u>	<u>coordi-</u>
						<u>cipate</u>	<u>nate</u>
(A) <u>RESEARCH:</u>							
1. Sponsor development of a major research project	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
2. Sponsor development of several smaller research projects	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
3. Facilitate research by individual members	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
4. Establish a research development committee in the UGSG	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
(B) <u>POLICY REVIEW:</u>							
5. Prepare formal reviews of government policy documents	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
6. Disseminate policy reviews at annual meetings	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
7. Disseminate policy reviews in journals	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
8. Disseminate reviews as "white papers"	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
9. Distribute reviews to Congressional committees, government agencies	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
10. Distribute reviews to news media	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
11. Establish a policy review committee in the UGSG	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
(C) <u>PUBLICATIONS:</u>							
12. Sponsor publication of a monograph on the status of urban geography	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
13. Sponsor publication of monograph(s) on substantive research topics	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
14. Publish a UGSG discussion papers series	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
15. Organize special issues of journals	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
16. Develop an urban geography bibliography	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
(D) <u>OTHER:</u>							
17. Establish a syllabus exchange	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
18. Establish a job information exchange	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
19. Develop teaching materials	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
20. Examine ways of increasing student interest in urban geography	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
21. Facilitate student participation in the UGSG	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
22. Other _____	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____
23. Other _____	1	2	3	4	5	_____	_____

PLEASE USE THIS SIDE FOR COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS. THEN FOLD, SEAL, AND
RETURN BY JANUARY 15, 1986 TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. THANKS.

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Sessions (cont.)

Session 7: Socialist Ideology and the City, I

Organizers: G.J. Demko and J. Regulaska; Chair: Joanna Regulaska

"Socialist Ideology and Its Impact on Urban Processes" G. Demko and J. Regulaska

"Changing Spatial Patterns in the Soviet City" R.A. French

"Changes in Settlement Structure and Urban Development in the GDR" W. Berentsen

"Hungarian Urbanization and Socialist Ideology" D. Danta

"Political Ideology and Urban Development in China" C.P. Lo

Discussants: I. Szelenyi and C.D. Harris

Session 8: Socialist Ideology and the City, II

Organizers: G.J. Demko and J. Regulaska; Chair: Joanna Regulaska

"Urban Development Under Socialism--the Polish Experience"

J. Regulaska

"Lower Order Settlements in Socialist Societies" R.J. Fuchs

"State Ideology and Vietnamese Cities" N. Thrift

"Territorial Strategy and City-Countryside Relations in Cuba"

D. Slater

Discussants: I. Szelenyi and C.D. Harris

Session 9: Urban Restructuring, I

Organizers: N. Smith and E. Sheppard; Chair: E. Sheppard

"The Production of Consumption: Mega-communities of Southern California" S. Ruddick

"The Pro-growth Coalition and Downtown Restructuring" H. Leitner

"Community Response to Downtown Redevelopment" R. Cybriwsky

Discussant: N. Smith

Session 10: Urban Restructuring, II

Chair: N. Smith

"Self-help Low Income Housing Strategies in Boston" L. Chatterjee

"Gentrification and Gay Community Development" L. Knopp

"Employment Restructuring and Spatial Polarization of the Montreal Labor Force" D. Rose

Discussant: E. Sheppard

Session 11: Author Meets the Critics

Organizer and Chair: Robert Lake (Rutgers)

The book to be discussed is Profit Cycles, Oligopoly, and Regional Development by Ann Markusen.

Panel: Gordon Clark (Carnegie-Mellon)

John Rees (Syracuse)

Edward W. Soja (UCLA)

Rodney A. Erickson (Penn State)

Discussant: Ann Markusen (UC-Berkeley)

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