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Letter from the Chair

The 1987 lineup of UGSG sessions for the Portland AAG meeting is complete. We are indebted to Joanna Regulska for an outstanding organizational job, and the ten sessions scheduled span the diversity of our subdiscipline. In order to sustain this quality in the future, it is already appropriate to begin planning for the 1988 Phoenix meeting. Anyone interested in volunteering as a program coordinator or as a special session arranger should contact me this winter so that we can begin finalizing plans at the Portland board meeting. As this Newsletter reports, a number of UGSG initiatives are underway, and we invite your participation in as many of these activities as possible. We particularly encourage you to contribute to this Newsletter in order to help it become a primary forum for the exchange of current information and new ideas. Please plan to attend as many UGSG functions as possible in Portland. Although the meetings will run in an unfamiliar sequence from mid-week through the weekend, our activities should not be hard to spot in the preliminary and final program. My fellow officers and board members join me in extending a special invitation to attend the Board of Directors meeting, which will also be listed in the program. A final note: remind colleagues and students to become UGSG members so that 1987 will become our biggest year yet. And please do not hesitate to contact me on any specialty group matter.

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Nominating Committee Report

The 1987 Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of candidates for positions on the UGSG Board of Directors.

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The Nominating Committee was chaired by Robert W. Lake (Rutgers Univ.) and included Dennis Dingemans (Univ. of California, Davis) and Kristen Nelson (Univ. of California, Berkeley). 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 1987 by the current UGSG chairperson, Peter Muller, Department of Geography, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Phone: (305) 284-4087.

Thanks...

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Dues Reminder

UGSG members are reminded that in order to keep your membership in the specialty group you must designate the UGSG on your AAG membership renewal form each year. Do not confuse the specialty group codes with the area codes or the topical specialty codes. We receive a rebate from the AAG only for those who have paid their dues by January 1, 1987.

Fifth Annual Urban Geography Dissertation Award

The UGSG of the AAG announces its Fifth Annual Dissertation Competition for recent doctoral dissertations in urban geography. Dissertations addressing any aspect of urban geography and submitted for a degree awarded during the 1986 calendar year are eligible. Previous winning dissertations have examined the spatial structure of local labor markets, the casual poor in Third World cities, family and class in a new industrial city, historical districts, the role of 19th century political machines in building urban infrastructure, and the relationship between home ownership and political sentiment.

Individuals submitting dissertations are strongly encouraged to present a paper at the annual meeting of the AAG. The winner will be announced at the AAG meeting in Portland, where he/she will receive a selection of books courtesy of John Wiley & Sons. The dissertation review committee is composed of Susan Christopherson, Janet Washbon, and Neil Smith (Chair).

To enter the competition please send one copy of your dissertation and a dissertation abstract to: Neil Smith, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Entries must be received by January 1, 1987.

1987 Portland Meetings

The Urban Geography Speciality Group has organized a number of sessions for the AAG meetings in Portland, Oregon. The following sessions have been submitted:

1. "Authors Meet the Critics: Clark, Gertler, and Whiteman's Regional Dynamics"
 Organizer and Chair: Robert W. Lake, Rutgers University
 Participants: Robert A. Beauregard, Erica J. Schoenberger, Edward J. Malecki, Neil Smith
 Discussant: Gordon Clark
2. "Housing, Class and the City"
 Organizer: Neil Smith, Rutgers University
 Chair: Erica J. Schoenberger
 Participants: Sallie A. Marston, Vera Chouinard, Leyla Vural
 Discussant: Joanna Regulska
3. "Cycles of Urban Restructuring"
 Organizer: Neil Smith, Rutgers University
 Chair: Joanna Regulska
 Participants: Andrew Mair, Robert Beauregard, Philip Cooke
 Discussant: Mickey Lauria
4. "The Corporate City"
 Organizer and Chair: James O. Wheeler, Univ. of Georgia
 Participants: Robert A. Harper, David R. Meyer, Milford B. Green, James O. Wheeler

5. "Breakfast Meeting for Geographers Doing Research or Applying Their Skills in the Suburbs"
Organizers: Thomas J. Baerwald, Science Museum of Minnesota and Glenn R. Miller,
Bridgewater State College
6. "Territory and Reproduction I"
Sponsored by UGSG and Society and Space
Organizer and Chair: Jennifer R. Wolch, Univ. of Southern California
Participants: Michael Storper, Shoukry Rowels, Glenda Laws
7. "Territory and Reproduction II"
Sponsored by UGSG and Society and Space
Organizer: Jennifer R. Wolch, Univ. of Southern California
Chair: Michael J. Dear
Participants: Ruth Fincher, Adam Moos, Dana Cuff
8. "The Regional Structure of Apartheid"
Sponsored by the Africa Specialty Group and UGSG
Organizer: John Pickels, West Virginia Univ.
Chair: Anthony Lemon
Participants: David M. Smith, DeWitt Davis, Jonathon Crush
Discussant: Michael Watts
9. "Industrialization and Urbanization: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives"
Sponsored by Socialist Geographers and UGSG
Organizer and Chair: Neil Smith, Rutgers University
Participants: Richard Walker, Philip Scranton, Ira Katznelson
Discussant: Ed Soja
10. "Race Ethnicity, and Residential Patterns"
Sponsored by Population Speciality Group and UGSG
Organizer and Chair: Hazel A. Morrow-Jones, Univ. of Colorado
Participants: Hazel A. Morrow-Jones, Holly J. Myers-Jones, Claudia Daly,
Thomas D. Boswell
Discussant: Robert W. Lake

If you have any questions concerning the UGSG sessions please contact: Joanna Regulska, Department of Geography, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Phone: (201) 932-4018 or 4103.

UGSG's Policy Review Committee

Paul L. Knox has agreed to chair the Policy Review Committee, which was established by Robert W. Lake during the annual meetings in Minneapolis. The objectives of the committee are:

- to identify the implications of particular policies in terms of urban change
- to identify associated research opportunities
- to draw attention to geographical implications overlooked/misinterpreted by policy documents.

Two themes have been identified for immediate attention, and working groups have been established within the Committee in order to coordinate activities. One group, led by Tom A. Clark (Univ. of Colorado, Denver) will review the forthcoming President's Report on National Urban Policy. The other, led by Jennifer Wolch (Univ. of Southern California), will review policies relating to homelessness.

More working groups will be established as new policy documents/issues are identified. Membership to the Committee is open to all UGSG members. Please contact Paul Knox at the Urban Affairs Program, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061. Phone: (703) 961-7506.

Call for Papers: The Post-Reagan Years

The editors of Growth and Change are planning a special issue for January 1988 on the Reagan years and the impact of those years on the nation's future economy and policy agenda. They invite papers on domestic policy issues, including infrastructure, deregulation, housing, taxation, environmental quality, welfare programs, and intergovernmental transfers and intergovernmental organizational relationships. Interested authors should write to the editors about their ideas. Send queries to: Merl M. Hackburt or Stanley D. Brunn, editors, Growth and Change, 301 Mathews Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0047.

Research Fellowships/Associateships for Urban Geographers

The American Statistical Association/NSF/Census Bureau research program is currently seeking applicants for 1987-88 fellowships and associateships. The program brings economists, statisticians, and other social scientists to the Census Bureau to do research in a wide variety of areas related to Census Bureau methodology or data. Possible areas for research include (but are not limited to):

Social and Demographic Studies

- demographic and economic linkages
- international demographic and socioeconomic analysis
- analysis of biases and errors in demographic estimates
- survey of income and program participation

Economic Measurement and Analysis

- economic studies of the manufacturing and service sectors

Statistical Methodology and Computing

- time series analysis
- survey methodology
- geographic issues for current surveys focusing on: (1) what geographical units are best for measuring various sub-national social, economic, and demographic phenomena; and (2) how the Census Bureau can most effectively incorporate such results into its survey programs to produce more useful sub-national data.

Geographers are encouraged to participate in this program. Recognized researchers and graduate students may apply. Applications are due January 1, 1987 for fellowships, and February 15, 1987 for associateships. Additional information can be obtained by writing to: Arnold Reznick, Coordinator, ASA/NSF/Census Research Program, Bureau of the Census, SRD Room 3514-3, Washington, D.C. 20233. Phone: (301) 763-3846.

1986 Books of Interest

Book of World City Rankings: The Quality of Life and Work in Over 100 Urban Centers, by John Tepper Marlin, Immanuel Ness, and Stephen T. Collins. Free Press.

Capturing the Horizon: The Historical Geography of Transportation, by James E. Vance, Jr. Harper and Row.

Cities in Stress: A New Look at the Urban Crisis, edited by Mark Gottdiener. Sage Publications, Urban Affairs Annual Reviews, No. 30.

Cities of the Prairie Revisited: The Closing of the Metropolitan Frontier, by Daniel J. Elazar, Rozann Rothman, Stephen L. Schechter, Maren Allen Stein, and Joseph Zikmund II. University of Nebraska Press.

The Emergence of Los Angeles: Population and Housing in the City of Dreams, 1940-1970, by Bernard Marchand. Pion (Methuen).

The Evolution of Spatial Policy: A Case Study of Inner-Urban Policy in the United Kingdom, 1968-1981, by P. Lawless. Pion (Methuen).

Gentrification of the City, edited by Neil Smith and Peter Williams. Allen and Unwin.

The Geography of Urban Transportation, edited by Susan Hanson. Guilford Press.

Housing and the Homeless, edited by Jon Erickson and Charles Wilhelm. Rutgers University, Center for Urban Policy Research.

Housing Vouchers: A Comparative International Analysis, by E. J. Howenstine. Rutgers University, Center for Urban Policy Research.

Industrialization and Urbanization in Latin America, by Robert N. Gwynne. Johns Hopkins University Press.

International Handbook on Land Use Planning, edited by Nicholas N. Patricios. Greenwood Press.

Land Use and Urban Form: The Consumption Theory of Land Rent, by Grant I. Thrall. Methuen Ltd.

Metropolitan America: Urban Life and Urban Policy in the United States, 1940-1980, by Kenneth Fox. University Press of Mississippi.

The Myth of the North American City: Continentalism Challenged, by Michael A. Goldberg and John Mercer. University of British Columbia Press.

Power and Place: Canadian Urban Development in the North American Context, edited by Gilbert A. Stelter and Alan F. J. Artibise. University of British Columbia Press.

Production, Work, Territory: The Geographical Anatomy of Industrial Capitalism, edited by Allen J. Scott and Michael Storper. Allen and Unwin.

Regional Dynamics: Studies in Adjustment Theory, by Gordon L. Clark, Meric S. Gertler, and John Whiteman. Allen and Unwin.

The Shaping of America: A Geographical Perspective on 500 Years of History. Volume I: Atlantic America, 1492-1800, by Donald W. Meinig. Yale University Press.

Slums and Slum Clearance in Victorian London, by J. A. Yelling. Allen and Unwin.

Suburban Gridlock, by Robert Cervero. Rutgers University, Center for Urban Policy Research.

The Take-off of Suburbia and the Crisis of the Central City, edited by Gunter Heinritz and Elisabeth Lichtenberger. Franz Steiner Verlag.

Technological Change, Industrial Restructuring, and Regional Development, edited by Ash Amin and John B. Goddard. Allen and Unwin.

Technology, Regions and Policy, edited by John Rees. Roman and Littlefield.

The Twentieth-Century American City, by Jon C. Teaford. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Uneven Development, by Neil Smith. Basil Blackwell.

Urban Neighborhoods: Research and Policy, edited by Ralph B. Taylor. Praeger.

The Urban Pattern: City Planning and Design, by Arthur B. Gallion and Simon Eisner. Van Nostrand Reinhold Co.

World Patterns of Modern Urban Change: Essays in Honor of Chauncy D. Harris, edited by Michael P. Conzen. University of Chicago, Department of Geography, Research Paper No. 217-218.

Young Urban Geographers at Ohio State

This and future issues of the UGSG Newsletter will report on urban geography research being conducted by graduate students. This issue's student column focuses on research at Ohio State, and was submitted by Kim England --Ed.

Frank Borgers is currently interested in urban social movements and urban restructuring in the United States. In his masters research paper he is attempting to integrate this literature with concepts from social theory. Kim England is presently working on her dissertation, which explores the suburbanization and feminization of clerical work. Part of her research involves conducting interviews with both employers and female clerical employees in Columbus. In addition to her dissertation, Kim is also examining the role of gender in educational attainment, labor force participation, and wages in developing countries. Cindy Fan is currently working on development inequalities among countries. She is using expanded "rank-size" functions to investigate the temporal dynamics of inequalities, and is attempting to develop a generalized measure of inequality. Changes in airline service to smaller U.S. cities in a deregulation environment is the topic of Andy Goetz's dissertation research. He has found that the majority of small "non-hub" cities have been losing air service since 1978, including 114 (21%) with a complete loss of service. Small cities in the West and South have been harder hit by service reductions and withdrawals than cities in the Northeast. Andy Jonas is conducting research on urban fiscal stress, the general obligation municipal bond market in the United States, and annexation policy in Columbus. He is also interested in the politics of urban economic development. Andy Mair is continuing work on his dissertation, the theme of which is the spatial politics of urban economic growth policies, especially the way in which territorially defined collectives are pitted against each other in conflicts over the location of investments. He maintains his interests in the politics of homelessness and the impacts of welfare policies on local labor markets. Gerald Mills (Urban Climatology) is examining the transportation of heat into/out of street air volumes. His work focuses particularly on the role of airflow as a means of transportation. The results of Gerald's research will indicate the extent of "coupling" between the air sitting over the city and the air enclosed by the street. Kavita Pandit's research involves the investigation of sectoral changes in employment during economic development. Besides Third World demographic and urbanization processes, her interests include the use of mathematical modeling and simulation techniques in geographic research. Enid Wray is interested in socialist-feminist studies, particularly in relation to housing, employment, and day-care. The topic of her masters research paper is informalization, especially in regard to the impact upon gender roles and the gender division of labor. Jenny Zorn is investigating the changing patterns of women's participation in the U.S. labor force. She is focusing her research on gender wage gaps and occupational sex segregation.

Urban Geographers Make Headlines

Grant I. Thrall (University of Florida) was a recent guest columnist for the Gainesville Sun (10/18/86). He discusses the problems associated with providing open space in growing communities. Grant notes that, "our present strategy of adding needed public park space after private and public investment has occurred lacks vision." He suggests that revenue can be raised if the city council legislates impact fees on the construction of each new dwelling and commercial property. Urban geographer Jeanette Rice, who works for a San Antonio real estate investment company, was featured in a Miami Herald (8/10/86) UPI article. Using the tools and theories she learned in graduate school, she examines demographic, economic, and environmental patterns to identify potential growth areas in cities. The business world is largely ignorant of urban geography, she notes, but "we sometimes facetiously say we're coming out of the closet." Also featured in the article is AAG Executive Director Robert T. Aangeenbrug, who describes the growth in urban geography since the 1960s. A two hour interview with UGSG Chairperson Peter O. Muller forms much of the background material for the cover article on commercial growth in suburbs in the October Atlantic Monthly. Peter is identified as one of the early observers of the urban-village phenomenon in the article "How Business is Reshaping America". He is also quoted in an article in the October issue of United Magazine, which documents changes in the scale of suburban office and residential centers.

Call for Titles on the Impact of the Automobile

UGSG members are invited to submit references to books and articles dealing with the impact of the automobile upon American society for an annotated bibliography to be published in 1988 by Greenwood Press. The work entitled, The Automobile: A Reference Guide, will be a comprehensive compendium of research on the social, economic, and political impacts of the automobile upon American history and culture. The author, historian Michael L. Berger (Division of Human Development, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD 20686), encourages the submission of lists of articles and books UGSG members may have put together as well copies of any publications.

Your Newsletter

Published a book lately? Changed your address? Have a note of interest? You can now send it 'express' to the editor via BITNET (address: GEG172@UKCC). Or send it the old fashioned way to: John Paul Jones, III, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506. Phone: (606) 257-6950.

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