

# AAG Urban Geography Specialty Group

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### Letter from the Chair

The next few weeks represent the busiest period of the year for the UGSG. First, in this issue of the Newsletter you are asked to vote for Officers and members of the Board of Directors, which will include students for the first time. The Board plays an important role in the UGSG, so I urge you to support it by voting. With the AAG meetings being held earlier this year, we are asking that you return your ballots by the first week of April, so that new Board members can be announced at the Business Meeting in Phoenix. Please take time to vote today.

Second, at the annual meetings the UGSG is sponsoring (or co-sponsoring) a large set of paper/panel sessions. On behalf of the Board, I extend my thanks to the organizers and participants for their work. As usual, we hope that you will be able to attend our annual Business Meeting. This year the AAG has scheduled all Business Meetings on the day before the regular sessions begin. Our meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 5 p.m. Although this is very early in the program, I hope that you will be able to put this hour-long meeting on your schedules now.

With those procedural matters addressed, let me conclude on a more personal note. For the past five years I have been associated with the UGSG in various capacities. I have learned that the level of commitment by our more than 500 members is very strong. It can be seen in willingness to serve on Committees, to participate in our annual meetings, to contribute to our Newsletter, and to express views about our activities to Board members. I have been contacted by many of you and I appreciate your input. By all standards we are a very strong Specialty Group, and on behalf of the Board I thank you for your continued support.

W. Randy Smith

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**1988 Phoenix Meeting Schedule**

The dates and times of this year's UGSG contributions to the Phoenix meeting are given below. Remember - it's never too early for urban geography!

**Wednesday, April 6**

**3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Executive Board Meeting. Chair: W. Randy Smith.

**5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Business Meeting. Chair: W. Randy Smith.

**Thursday, April 7**

**6:50 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.**

Special Breakfast Meeting for Geographers Doing Research or Applying their Skills in the Suburbs. Organizers: Glenn R. Miller (Bridgewater State) and Thomas J. Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota). Chairs: Glenn R. Miller, Thomas J. Baerwald.

**7:50 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Who Will Mind the Baby? Spatial Implications of Child-Care**

Co-sponsored by the Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group. Organizers: Enid Wray (Ohio State Univ.) and Kim England (Ohio State Univ.). Chair: Enid Wray (Ohio State Univ.). "Child-Care: The Spatial Context," Enid Wray (Ohio State Univ.). "The Day Care Centre - A Neighborhood Resource for Whom? The Case of Montreal's Old and New 'Inner City'," Damaris Rose (Univ. of Quebec) and Nathalie Chicoine (Univ. of Montreal). Discussant: Ruth Fincher (Univ. of Melbourne).

**9:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Foundations for National Urban Policy**

Organizers: Thomas A. Clark (Univ. of Colorado, Denver) and Paul Knox (VPI & SU). Chair: Paul Knox (VPI & SU). "National Urban Policy: Antecedents and the Search for Purpose," Thomas A. Clark (Univ. of Colorado, Denver). "Alternative Urbanized Area Criteria for the 1990 Census," Nancy Torrieri and Robert Durland (U.S. Bureau of the Census). "Long Duration Unemployment in the U.S.: 1976-86," John B. Fieser (U.S. Dept. of Commerce). "Striking a Balance: Regional Equity in Turbulent Times, the Regional Transportation Authority of Northeast Illinois Experience," Nancy J. Obermeyer (Univ. of Maine).

**1:40 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.**

**National Urban Policy: Prospects for the Urban Underclass**

Organizers: Thomas A. Clark (Univ. of Colorado, Denver) and Paul Knox (VPI & SU). Chair: Thomas A. Clark (Univ. of Colorado, Denver). "The Geography of Isolation: Spatial Perspectives on the Underclass Debate," Mark A. Hughes (Princeton Univ.). "The Good City: Vulnerable Households in the American Urban System," Paul Knox (VPI & SU). "The Rental Rehabilitation Program: Impact Targeting for Upgrading and Revitalizing Neighborhoods," Harry Margulis (Cleveland State Univ.).

**3:40 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.**

**Perspectives on the Teaching of Urban Geography**

Panel Discussion. Organizer and Chair: W. Randy Smith (Ohio State Univ.). Panelists: Truman Hartshorne (Georgia State Univ.). Maurice Yeates (Council on Ontario Univ.) Stanley D. Brunn (Univ. of Kentucky). Larry Ford (San Diego State Univ.). W. Randy Smith (Ohio State Univ.).

**Friday, April 8**

**7:50 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**Problems of Method and Theory in Comparative Urban Research**

Panel Discussion. Organizers: Joanna Regulska (Rutgers Univ.) and Paul Knox (VPI & SU). Chair: Paul Knox (VPI & SU). Panelists: Brian Berry (Univ. of Texas, Dallas). Ronald J. Johnston (Univ. of Sheffield). John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.). Joanna Regulska (Rutgers Univ.). Ivan Szelenyi (City Univ. of New York).

**9:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Contemporary Issues in Factorial Ecology**

Co-sponsored by the Mathematical Models and Quantitative Methods Specialty Group. Organizer and Chair: Eugene D. Perle (Wayne State University). "Factorial Ecology of Canadian Prairie Cities," Wayne K. D. Davies (Univ. of Calgary). "Urban Factor Structure and Urban Spatial Geometry," Kent P. Schwirian and Kasinee Leamrasamee (Ohio State Univ.). "Residential Structure of Metropolitan Toronto, 1951-81," Robert A. Murdie (York Univ.). "Comments on Equivalence Between Ghetto and City Ecological Structure," Eugene D. Perle (Wayne State Univ.).

**Urban Development in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union**

Co-sponsored by the Soviet and East European Specialty Group. Organizers: Robert Gohstand (California State Univ., Northridge), Yuri Medvedkov (Ohio State Univ.), Darrick R. Danta (California State Univ., Northridge). Chair: Dean S. Rugg (Univ. of Nebraska). "Hierarchies in Soviet Urban Growth and Urban Pathologies," Olga L. Medvedkov (Ohio State Univ.). "Spatial Polarization within Soviet Urban Society," Yuri Medvedkov (Ohio State Univ.). "Zagreb's Changing Urban Periphery," Thomas M. Poulsen (Portland State Univ.). "Housing Inequalities Under Socialism: The Case of Poland," Kazimierz J. Zaniewski (Univ. of Wisconsin, Oshkosh) and Zlatko Pepeonik (Univ. of Zagreb). "Planning Perspectives in Dunaujvaros," Darrick R. Danta (California State Univ., Northridge).

**Racism: Segregation, Housing and Politics: I**

Organizer: John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.). Chair: Harold Rose (Univ. of Wisconsin- Milwaukee). "Socioeconomic Status, Residential Segregation and Minority Group Suburbanization," Joe T. Darden (Michigan State Univ.). "Neighborhood Disruption and Forced Relocation in Inner City Columbia, South Carolina," John F. Jakubs (Univ. of South Carolina). "The Gentrification of Paradise," Gerald A. Thomas (Univ. of Kentucky). Discussant: John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.).

**1:40 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.**

**Territorial Politics and Fiscal Policy I**

Co-sponsored by the Political Geography Specialty Group. Organizers: Andrew Jonas (Ohio State Univ.) and Helga Leitner (Univ. of Minnesota). Chair: Andrew Jonas (Ohio State Univ.). "The Fiscal Crisis and Territorial Politics," Andrew Jonas (Ohio State Univ.). "Class Capacity and Structural Constraints in Hazardous Waste Siting Conflicts," John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.). "Local Economic Development Policies and the Inter-Urban Competition for Commercial Real Estate Investment," Helga Leitner (Univ. of Minnesota). Discussant: Mickey Lauria (Univ. of New Orleans).

**Racism: Segregation, Housing and Politics: II**

Organizer: John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.). Chair: Harold Rose (Univ. of Wisconsin- Milwaukee). "Challenging the Geography of Racism in the U.K.," Deborah A. Phillips (Leeds Univ.). "Street Life: The Politics of Carnival," Peter Jackson (Univ. College, London). "Ethnicity and Political Mobilization: A Review and Critique of Contemporary Approaches," Sallie A. Marston (Univ. of Arizona). Discussant: John Mercer (Syracuse Univ.).

**3:40 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.**

**Territorial Politics and Fiscal Policy II**

Co-sponsored by the Political Geography Specialty Group. Organizer and Chair: Andrew Jonas (Ohio State Univ.). "State Policies and the Restructuring of Hospitals in New York City," Sara McLafferty (Hunter College). "On British Local Government and the Necessity of the Local State," Ronald J. Johnston (Univ. of Sheffield). "Fiscal Incentives for Territorial Advantage in Metropolitan Areas," Rex Honey (Univ. of Iowa). Discussant: Kevin R. Cox (Ohio State Univ.).

**The Location of Management Functions I**

Organizer and Chair: James O. Wheeler (Univ. of Georgia). "Economic Restructuring and the Changing Geography of Corporate Control," Eric S. Sheppard (Univ. of Minnesota), Franz Toedling and Gunter Maier (Wirtschaftsuniversität, Vienna). "Corporate Hierarchies and Conflict Markets: Emergent Structures in Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States," David Cooperman (Univ. of Minnesota) and Paul Plummer (Univ. of Minnesota). "The Canadian Venture Capital Industry: A Regional Perspective," Milford B. Green (Univ. of Western Ontario) and Rod B. McNaughton (Univ. of Western Ontario). "The Spatial Distribution of Decision Making in Divisionalized Companies," Diane J. F. Martz (Univ. of Saskatchewan) and R. Keith Semple (Univ. of Saskatchewan).

**Saturday, April 9**

**7:50 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**State and Institutional Involvement in Urban Redevelopment**

Co-sponsored by the Socialist Geography Specialty Group. Organizer and Chair: Leyla Vural (Rutgers Univ.). "Local Social Relations and the UDAG Program: Lewiston, Maine," Richard Kujawa (Univ. of Iowa). "Disinvestment, Reinvestment -- Agents of Change in the Gentrification of Hoboken, New Jersey," Tanya Steinberg (Rutgers Univ.). "Indicators of Disinvestment and Reinvestment in the Gentrification of the Lower East Side," Neil Smith (Rutgers Univ.), Betsy Duncan (Columbia Univ.), and Laura Reid (Rutgers Univ.). "Class, Sexuality and the Urban Landscape: Gay Males and Gentrification in a New Orleans Neighborhood," Lawrence Knopp (Univ. of Iowa) and Mickey Lauria (Univ. of New Orleans).

### **The Location of Management Functions II**

Organizer and Chair: James O. Wheeler (Univ. of Georgia). "Headquarters Location, Urban Dynamics and the International Industrial System," R. Keith Semple (Univ. of Saskatchewan). "Countries, Corporations, and Management," Robert A. Harper (Univ. of Maryland). "Acquisition Fields and Market Coverage in Interstate Banking," Dennis Lord (Univ. of North Carolina-Charlotte). "Recent Changes in World Banking Centers," James O. Wheeler (Univ. of Georgia).

**9:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

#### **UGSG Contribution to "Geography in America"**

Organizers: Cort J. Willmott (Univ. of Delaware) and Gary L. Gaile (Univ. of Colorado). Chair: W. A. V. Clark (UCLA). "Trends in Urban Geography," Sallie A. Marston (Univ. of Arizona), Andrew M. Kirby (Univ. of Colorado), Martin Cadwallader (Univ. of Wisconsin).

**1:40 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.**

#### **Working Women: Spatial Implications of Women's Work**

Co-sponsored by the Geographical Perspectives on Women Specialty Group. Organizers: Kim England (Ohio State Univ.) and Enid Wray (Ohio State Univ.). Chair: Kim England (Ohio State Univ.). "Privatization in the Health Service: Restructuring Women's Employment in Britain," Linda McDowell (Open Univ.). "Pink Collar Ghettos in Suburban Columbus," Kim England (Ohio State Univ.) "A Women's Place? - Research Strategies in Revealing a Geography of Motherhood," Isabel Dyck (Simon Fraser Univ.). "Female Literacy in India: The Urban Dimension," Saraswati Raju (Nehru Univ.). Discussant: Vera Chouinard (McMaster Univ.).

#### **Marginally Subsistent Populations Downtown**

Co-sponsored by the Specialty Group on Aging and the Transportation Specialty Group. Organizer: Fred P. Stutz (San Diego State Univ.). Chair: Stuart Aitken (San Diego State Univ.). "The Overlooked World of Elderly SRO Tenants," Paul Rollinson (Southwest Missouri State). "SRO Elderly Poor after CBD Renewal" Fred P. Stutz (San Diego State Univ.). "Prioritizing the Needs of Low Income People: Views of Care Receivers, Providers, and Funders," Bill Leon (Univ. of Colorado). Discussant: Jennifer Wolch (Univ. of Southern California).

**3:40 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.**

#### **Changing Patterns in Contemporary American Metropolises**

Organizer: Thomas J. Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota). Chair: Robert Sinclair (Wayne State Univ.). "Housing Patterns in Contemporary Suburban America," Hazel Morrow-Jones (Univ. of Colorado). "Sales Patterns in Major American Retail Centers, 1963-82," Thomas J. Baerwald (Science Museum of Minnesota). "Ethnic Neighborhoods and Banner Streets," Larry R. Ford (San Diego State Univ.) and Susan Hardwick (Cal State Chico). Discussants: Robert W. Lake (Rutgers Univ.) and Peter Muller (Univ. of Miami).

#### **The Geography of Urban Waterfronts: The Need for Models**

Co-sponsored by the Coastal and Marine Specialty Group. Organizer: Niels West (Univ. of Rhode Island). Chair: Gerald H. Krausse (Univ. of Rhode Island). "Industrial Change, Water-Dependency and the Character of Urban Waterfronts," Robert F. Goodwin (Univ. of Washington). "Redesign and Reuse of Urban Waterfront Areas in California," Joseph Petrillo (San Francisco, CA). "Geography and the Cruise Ship Port Selection Process," Bruce E. Marti (Univ. of Rhode Island). "Conflict Identification and Conflict Management in Waterfront Land Use Decision Making," Roger R. Stough (Indiana Univ., Indianapolis) and Ming Shen Wang (Sun-Yat Sen Univ.). "Defining the Downtown Waterfront," Gerald H. Krausse (Univ. of Rhode Island).

## Election of Officers

The ballot for election of UGSG officers is included in this newsletter. Please mail your ballot to W. Randy Smith, Department of Geography, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210. Ballots must be received by April 4.

The following biographical information has been submitted by the candidates.

### Chairperson

#### Hazel A. Morrow-Jones

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Professional Staff Member, Population Processes Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. Teaching and Research Interests: My teaching interests include world regional geography, regional development, urban, population geography, and residential mobility. My current research activities involve urban residential land use, housing life cycles, the housing of subgroups of the population (especially subgroups defined on the basis of race, gender, and age), and the homeless. Recent Accomplishments: NSF grant on race and housing; completion of a HUD funded study on first time home buyers; organization of a workshop on teaching world geography for the NCGE national meetings in 1985; invitation to submit progress reports on the geography of housing to Urban Geography; paper presentation at the International Conference on Housing Policy in Gavle, Sweden. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: UGSG Board member 1984-1987; Nystrom Awards Committee 1981-82; three AAG special sessions organized; member UGSG policy group; Vice-Chairperson of UGSG 1987-88. Objectives in Serving as UGSG Chairperson: To focus on recognition of the contributions of urban geography among non-geographers. I think this can be accomplished through some of the activities we have already undertaken, including long range planning, policy review activities, and an emphasis on improving the teaching of urban geography. I hope to foster discussion of ways to extend these and other efforts.

### Vice-Chairperson

#### Susan Hanson

Current Position: Professor, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University. Teaching and Research Interests: urban geography, social geography, gender issues, research methods, transportation. Current Research: I am currently involved in a large research project with co-investigator Geraldine Pratt, investigating women's employment at the intra-urban scale, with a focus on the geographic factors that contribute to occupational segregation. This project is funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Geographic Society. Articles reporting on this research will appear in Environment and Planning B, Society and Space, and Urban Geography (March 1988). I am also working, with co-investigator Jim Huff, on a project focusing on repetition and variability in travel behavior. Recent articles, published or in press, appear in The Professional Geographer, Transportation, Environment and Planning A, Geographical Analysis, and Urban Geography. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: editor of the Annals, AAG 1984-87; co-editor of the Annals, AAG 1981-84; associate editor of The Professional Geographer 1977-81; member, Publications Committee 1988-90; Board of Directors, Transportation Specialty Group 1982-84; National Councillor 1981-84; Chair, Committee on the Status of Women in Geography 1980-83; Chair, AAG Nominating Committee 1979-80. Objectives in Serving as UGSG Vice-Chairperson: The success of the UGSG has sprung from the energy and enthusiasm that members have brought to the many different UGSG programs; I assume that this source of success will continue. My main goal is, quite simply, to see that the UGSG continues to provide a forum for lively discussion and debate for all urban geographers; the primary means of accomplishing this goal is to ensure a continuation of the many excellent and innovative UGSG sessions planned for the annual meetings each year. The UGSG should aim to ensure the exchange of ideas across the different interest groups that have sprung up within urban geography.

**Michael Storper**

**Current Position:** Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles. **Teaching and Research Interests:** Teaching: political economy of urbanization; industrialization and regional development; technological change and urbanization; labor and industrial location. Research: relationship between industrialization and urbanization at inter- and intra-metropolitan scales; development of methods of political-economic analysis in geography. Currently carrying out research on the impact of the shift from mass production to flexible production methods on industrial location and urbanization patterns. **Recent Accomplishments:** publications include Production, Work, Territory (Allen and Unwin, 1986, co-editor); Industrialization: The Territorial Foundations of Capitalist Growth (Basil Blackwell, 1988 forthcoming, co-author), and recent articles in Society and Space, Annals, AAG, Economic Geography, and Urban Geography. Forthcoming articles in Industrial and Labor Relations Review and the Cambridge Journal of Economics. Recently involved in planning the new Social Science Research Council Committee on Entrenched Urban Poverty. Fulbright research fellowship to Brazil in 1986 and ongoing work in Brazil. **Objectives in Serving as UGSG Vice-Chairperson:** Strengthen interdisciplinary connections by encouraging UGSG members to set up sessions which mix geographers with sociologists, historians and others; encourage people from other disciplines to invite geographers to their meetings; encourage UGSG to set up analytically-rigorous but policy-oriented sessions on urban issues at AAG meetings; work with journals such as Urban Geography, Society and Space, and Regional Studies to publish special issues which highlight the best work of urban geographers on specific topics.

**Board of Directors****Diana DeAre**

**Current Position:** Demographer, Journey-To-Work and Migration Statistics Branch, Bureau of the Census. **Research Interests:** population distribution, small town growth and decline, regional development, the rural and farm populations, and residential mobility. **Recent Accomplishments:** articles on urbanization and urbanized areas in Scientific American and American Demographics; 1980 Census subject report on the rural and farm-related population; annual reports on the farm population; census contact person for questions about urban and rural data from censuses and surveys. **Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG:** editorial board, Annals, AAG 1985-87. **Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board:** to increase interchange regarding geographic concepts like metropolitan-nonmetropolitan and urban-rural and their research applications; to work towards integrating geographic and demographic traditions in research on urban areas.

**Marie Howland**

**Current Position:** Assistant Professor, Institute for Urban Studies, University of Maryland. **Teaching and Research Interests:** Teaching: economic development, regional economics, urban economics, location theory. Research: urban labor markets, industrial change, worker displacement, the response of local economies to national business cycles. **Recent Accomplishments:** Plant Closings and Worker Displacement: The Regional Issues (Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 1988 forthcoming); "The Effect of Business Cycles on Metropolitan Suburbanization," in Journal of Urban Economics (co-authored with George Peterson, 1988); "Plant Closures and Worker Displacement," in Journal of Planning Literature (1988); plus other articles in Environment and Planning A, Regional Studies, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Economic Development Commentary, Journal of Planning Education and Research, and Growth and Change; Chair, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges committee to formulate a national urban economic development policy. **Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board:** to promote the exchange of knowledge between the fields of urban and regional planning and urban geography.

**Andrew Kirby**

**Current Position:** Associate Professor of Geography, UC Boulder. Beginning fall, 1988, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Regional Development, University of Arizona, Tucson. **Teaching and Research Interests:** political geography, notably the evolution of the local state, and the economic and political development of rapidly growing cities. Teaching interests overlap, although I also

regularly teach a graduate class in the history and philosophy of Geography. Recent Accomplishments: In 1987, I continued to add to the links between geography and other disciplines by giving papers at the American Political Science and American Historical Association meetings, and by joining the board of Urban Affairs Quarterly. I was funded, with a colleague in political science, to establish an urban curriculum on the Boulder campus. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: Board member of the IBG Urban Geography Study Group and the AAG Political Geography Specialty Group; Co-author of the chapter on urban geography for the Geography in America project. Objectives in Serving on the UGSG Board: In seeking election to the board of the UGSG, I have three aims: first, to increase links between urban geographers and other urbanists, both via journals (as a board member of both Urban Affairs Quarterly and Cities), and meetings (such as the Urban Studies Association); second, to maintain and strengthen links between the UGSG and other specialty groups, such as political geography; and third, to help consolidate the position of the UGSG as one of the more dynamic specialty groups within the AAG.

#### David Ley

Current Position: Professor and Acting Head, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia. Teaching and Research Interests: urban geography, social geography, particularly inner city issues; social and cultural theory and the city. Recent Accomplishments: Award for scholarly distinction, CAG 1988; elected Councillor of CAG 1985-88; Killam Senior Fellowship 1985-86; two books and 26 papers since 1983 including articles published in Annals, AAG, Canadian Geographer, Economic Geography, Journal of Historical Geography, Society and Space, Urban Geography, and Urban Studies. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: editorial board, Annals, AAG 1982-85; board member of UGSG 1981-82. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: Advancing scholarship in urban geography, with particular reference to new theoretical directions; creating a more coherent research community; liaising more effectively with non-academic practitioners.

#### John Mercer

Current Position: Associate Professor and Graduate Advisor, Department of Geography, Syracuse University. Teaching and Research Interests: urban and political geography, housing, comparative urban studies. Recent Accomplishments: City in Cultural Context (co-authored); The Myth of the North-American City (co-authored); New Perspectives on Race and Housing in Britain (co-edited); NSF grantee 1985-86; Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Urban and Community Studies, Univ. of Toronto, and Center for Housing Research, Univ. of Glasgow. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: policy consultant, AAG Comparative Metropolitan Analysis Project 1972-74; Director, Central Data Analysis, AAG Comparative Metropolitan Analysis Project 1972-73; Board of Directors, Political Geography Specialty Group 1982-84. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: To foster connections and exchanges with urban 'specialty' or interest groups in other countries; to increase the interaction between the UGSG and urban scholars in other disciplines; to maintain the high level of activity achieved by the UGSG to date.

#### Erica Schoenberger

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, John Hopkins University. Teaching and Research Interests: interests in the intersection between processes of technological change, changes in the international competitive environment and the changing geography of production at various spatial scales; exploring the dynamics of international manufacturing investment, particularly cross-investments among advanced industrial areas; examining how competitive strategies and technological change are connected in the context of particular sectors (electronics, autos) and their changing spatial characteristics. Recent Accomplishments: helped to set up an international research center (based in Northern France) devoted to the comparative study of the impacts of industrial decline and structural change in traditional industrial areas; received research support from both the NSF and the Centro di Formazione e Studi per il Mezzogiorno in Italy. Prior Service to the AAG/UGSG: membership in the AAG's International Action Committee; Nystrom Awards Committee for the meeting in Phoenix; Local Area Committee for the 1989 annual meeting in Baltimore. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: I think that the UGSG can help foster a climate of encouragement for inter-disciplinary study (within and outside of geography), for collaborative work, and for the development of theoretical and



analytical approaches that are often viewed as unconventional. I think that it can also help to maintain and strengthen a tradition of concern for questions of social justice at a time when these questions appear to be ranked quite low on the public and political agenda.

### Student Members of the Board of Directors

#### Susan Elliott

Current Position: Ph.D. student, Department of Geography, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Teaching and Research Interests: urban social geography; social and planning policy issues; housing special populations. Recent Accomplishments: "Bless this House: Municipal Impediments to the Establishment of Group Homes for Ex-Offenders in Residential Neighborhoods", Working Paper No. 24, Brock University, Institute of Urban and Environmental Studies, St. Catharines, Ontario; social and public policy committee, Ontario Public Health Association. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: to represent both student and Canadian interests on the UGSG Board; to become actively involved in urban and social planning policy issues; to participate in conference and research organization.

#### David J. Organ

Current Position: graduate student in MA/PhD program, Department of Geography, University of California, Berkeley. Teaching and Research Interests: urban and historical geography as it relates to African and Native American settlement patterns and communal organization; the residential segregation and social stratification of ethnic minorities, women and working class peoples in the United States; pre-colonial African social and political organization. Recent Accomplishments: co-authored chapter entitled, "Housing, Race and Class: The Government's Creation of Truxton, Virginia, an all-Black Model War Worker's Town," for Race, Class and Urban Social Change (forthcoming, 1988); paper by this title to be delivered at 1988 AAG meeting; paper entitled, "Pre-Colonial Perspectives on the European Partition of Africa," in Mapping Colonialism (forthcoming 1988); instructor and curriculum co-designer of a pilot course entitled, "Critical Reading and Study Skills in the Social Sciences," for UC, Berkeley's Department of Education; since 1984 editor-in-chief of African Perspectives, a journal of UC, Berkeley's Department of Afro-American studies. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: to offer new insights and fresh perspectives, efficacious critical analysis and a sincere pedagogical zeal regarding the overall aims, purpose and objectives of the UGSG as it presently exists and could be transformed in the subsequent year.

#### Susan Ruddick

Current Position: Ph.D. student, Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of California, Los Angeles. Teaching and Research Interests: housing; homelessness; the residential construction industry; urban political geography and the local state; social policy for youth and women. Recent Accomplishments: "Structuralism, Realism and Urban Theory," paper presented at the AAG annual meeting, Detroit; "The Production of Consumption: Master Plan Communities in Southern California," paper presented at the AAG annual meeting Minneapolis; "Cooperative Housing and Decentralized Health Care in Quebec," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, (1983, with Ruth Fincher); review of Geography and Gender: An Introduction to Feminist Geography, in Cahiers du Geographie du Quebec, 1987; review of The Social Production of Urban Space, by M. Gottdiener, in Economic Geography, forthcoming; chair of Ph.D. student association at Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning, UCLA 1984-86. Objectives in Serving on UGSG Board: to increase student participation in UGSG; to encourage further efforts in policy review emanating from the efforts of the Long Range Planning Committee of the UGSG, and especially to promote further policy statements in the areas of homelessness and in social policy for youth and women.

#### Tanya Steinberg

Current Position: Ph.D. student in the Department of Geography, Rutgers University. Teaching and Research Interests: urban geography, especially disinvestment and reinvestment in inner-city areas and the implications for public and private institutional intervention. Recent Accomplishments: "Disinvestment, Reinvestment -- Agents of Change in the Gentrification of Hoboken, New Jersey," to be

presented at the AAG meeting in Phoenix; "Staten Island as a Navy Homeport: A Case of Locational Conflict," presented at the Middle States AAG, New York City, 1986; "Hoboken, New Jersey: A Community in Transition," and "Megalopolis: Twenty-Five Years After," presented at Rutgers Association of Geography Students Conference, 1987; helped organize Rutgers Association of Geography Students Conference. Objectives in Serving on the UGSG Board: In the AAG we need better lines of communication between both students and professors and between students from different universities for the exchange of information, ideas, questions or grievances. Students should have a greater role in AAG decision-making processes. My involvement in the UGSG would be focused on providing a forum for a more active student voice.

### Enid Wray

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## Guest Editorial

### Urban Geography: Space and Place

Urban geography has become unnecessarily and unwisely dichotomized. While urban geography has a rich tradition of studying the morphology and landscape of places, this tradition has all but disappeared in most recent works aimed at developing theoretical structures on which to base an understanding of the spatial arrangement of society. Geographers who study houses publish in Landscape while those who study housing publish in Antipode (an exaggeration but you get the picture). I feel we should work toward achieving greater interaction between these two schools of thought. Two possible areas of research which could benefit from merged efforts include (but are not limited to) the development of theory dealing with urban decline and the development of theory dealing with urban regeneration. Under the first heading we could lump most of the processes relating to the standard models of city structure -- invasion and succession, ghettoization, land-rent gradients, devalorization, etc. As Firey pointed out early as 1947, sentiment and symbolism can play a role in modifying change in the "inner city" since some places evolve differently than others. Geographers interested in places and landscape are in a position to explain why neighborhoods differ and to do so in a systematic, theory-building way.

For example, while the ecological approaches to urban change postulated various stages of neighborhood growth and decline, not all houses and neighborhoods age at the same rate and some do not age at all. Houses built during the boom of the 1880's, for example, rarely included such infrastructural elements as indoor plumbing, wiring, central heating, "modern" kitchens and bathrooms, and informal living areas. In addition, they were built in an imposing, detailed, elegant, and somewhat fussy architectural style soon associated with the "ancien regime".

With the tremendous technological break-throughs of the early 1990's as well as the tremendous social and aesthetic changes of the pre-WWI era, these houses seemed hopelessly antiquated by the late 1920's. Formal houses built when people relied on servants to clean and to do basement canning were inappropriate in an age of suburban bungalow and clean craftsman imagery.

When the Depression brought deferred maintenance and WWII brought a housing shortage, many Victorian neighborhoods were subject to conversion to boarding houses and multi-unit rentals. Difficult

to heat, maintain, and clean, many such houses were kept as rentals during the period of massive migration of Southern Blacks and Whites to Northern cities during the 1950's.

By the 1950's, it seemed that Burgess, Alonso, Hoyt, etc. were right, the wealthy had opted for space and the old "inner city" filtered down towards slum conditions. More recently, Marxist theories of investment (and disinvestment) have tended to confirm inner city decline. But is such decline inevitable? Do processes of urban decline work independently of time, place and architecture? Most agree that the older models of city structure were embedded in, and illustrative of, a particular historical era but we have not used this enlightenment to direct our understanding of change in specific neighborhoods. For example, many neighborhoods of craftsman/vernacular bungalows built in the 1920's have had very different histories than their Victorian predecessors -- they have not shared the stages of neighborhood growth and decline once assumed to be universal. There are many reasons for this including post-zoning construction, post-technological leap construction (so that they include wiring, plumbing, drive-ways, etc.), locations further removed from downtown encroachment, and relative newness during the Depression era of deferred maintenance. Also, they were built for informal life without servants and in styles (Spanish, Tudor, etc.) of proven staying power. Most were easy to maintain -- paint, re-roof, etc.

Many of the neighborhoods from the late 1920's have not filtered down but have remained quite similar in status over six decades. Geographers, especially cultural geographers, have longed mapped housetypes (and barn types, etc.) but rarely have these studies been done in conjunction with the socio-economic context of the city. We need to understand the role played by architectural/landscape boundaries in historical decisions to redline, ghettoize, redevelop, etc., in addition to simply classifying neighborhoods on the basis of income (wealth). Place matters. We need theories which not only explain why cities have declined in general but why some kinds of places have declined and others have not and we need not be afraid to discuss capital flows and architectural styles in the same paragraph.

Concern for landscape and architecture is perhaps even more important in studies of urban revitalization (gentrification, etc.). While it may be true that gentrification can be explained in a macro sense by such things as the return of capital to the city because of a widening rent gap, demographic changes leading to an increase in the number of small households, and changes in the occupational structure of cities, it is still useful to develop theories which explain more specifically why gentrification occurs where and when it does. Once again, place matters. Building types which go through a particular set of stages may be ready for gentrification sooner than other types, i.e. because they have plumbing, etc., the price may have bottomed out, or because they are stylistically ripe for an aesthetic revival. Certain housetypes may be just the right size for the latest urban pioneers while others have to wait for condo conversion techniques. Obviously, neighborhood morphology (the relationship between houses and parks, stores, bus routes, an emerging CBD or other employment center) should also be considered in addition to architecture as important aspects of place. Universal processes may indeed be impacting cities but just where and how they impact them is often the stuff of landscape geography. Let's work together.

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