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## Letter from the Chair

This newsletter should arrive as many of you are wearily drawing the teaching term to a close. However, I ask you to consider adding some of the following tasks to your 'to do' lists. **Task Number 1: for those of you teaching urban-related courses, please encourage your students to submit papers to the Glenda Laws essay competition.** Is there an essay among those that you have received over the last year that really stands out? Undergraduate students in particular probably need some fairly direct and strong encouragement to submit their work to the undergraduate student paper competition and are unlikely to know about the competition or even of the specialty group's existence. The competition, named in memory of Glenda Laws, provides a wonderful opportunity to honor Glenda's commitment to undergraduate students, and encourages students to imagine themselves as 'real' researchers, possibly with a future in geography. (Last year's winner is presently applying for graduate school in geography). Competition guidelines are included in the following pages.

Deadlines are also fast approaching for competitions that recognize the excellence of graduate student work in urban geography. **Task Number 2: advisors and instructors, please encourage your students to submit their work to these paper competitions.** Competition winners will be recognized at the awards banquet in Philadelphia and the specialty group is committed to helping get these papers published in *Urban Geography*. Publication in *Urban Geography* is an extraordinary opportunity and should not to be missed.

**Task Number 3 on your 'to do' list includes voting on future members of the Specialty Group Executive Board.** Short biographies of election candidates are included in the following pages and should help with your decisions. Thanks to all of those who have agreed to become board-candidates and to Judith Kenny for assembling this excellent slate of contenders. **Please return the ELECTION BALLOT to me (by post or email) by January 30, 2004.**

And, finally, on my 'to do' list, **I would like to thank Yu Zhou and David Prytherch for coordinating the specialty group sponsored sessions for the Philadelphia meetings.** Details about our sponsored sessions will appear in our next newsletter (arriving to you shortly before the AAG).

Wishing you the best for the holiday season and the new year.

## Geraldine Pratt

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## **From the Editor**

Hi all. I also wish you happy holidays and hope that your end of term is restful one. However, before you take that much needed break, please note the following items.

**1) The format of the letter has changed** to better accommodate those of you who simply read the letter without printing it out. Hopefully, you'll find the new format easier to view in it's simple up & down scrolling format.

**2) This is reminder about your membership changes. Please contact the AAG, at [address@aag.org](mailto:address@aag.org) with address or e-mail changes.** Instead of maintaining a separate member database, I contact the AAG for an updated membership list every time I send out a newsletter.

**3) The urbgeog listserv and the UGSG membership list are two separate entities.** Anyone can become a listserv reader; Urban Geography Specialty Group Members have joined with us when they become members of the AAG. UGSG dues are \$7 in addition to the AAG membership. Student membership is free. While of some of the information passed around on the urbgeog listserv also appears here in the newsletter, the newsletter often contains additional items not circulated on the internet. The newsletter also provides a collection of related urban geography information that would be time consuming to compile from the various listservs.

**4) There are two ways to subscribe the urban geog listserv.** (This should tide you over until you receive your next newsletter.)

a. Provide subscription information at following url:

**<http://listserv.arizona.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=urbgeog&A=1>**

or

b. Send an e-mail to [listserv@listserv.arizona.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.arizona.edu) with the following as the only line in the body of the message: **subscribe urbgeog Firstname Lastname** Substitute your first name for *Firstname*. Substitute your last name for *Lastname*.

NOTE: If you have a signature file that gets appended to each and every e-mail message you send, you have two options when sending listserv commands. One, temporarily disable this facility when you send listserv messages or two, include the command, **end**, in the body of the text as the last command. The listserv will disregard all lines in your message after this command. For example, I could join the listserv with the following commands in the body of an e-mail:

**subscribe urbgeog Margaret Hudson  
end**

Thanks. I hope you find this letter helpful and please don't forget to vote.

Margaret Hudson  
Newsletter Editor  
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## **Student Paper Competitions**

### **Dissertation Competition**

**Deadline: January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

The UGSG Dissertation Award Committee solicits submissions of dissertations for the **2003 UGSG Dissertation Award**. The winner of the award will receive **\$250**. The dissertation must have been completed during the 2003 calendar. Dissertations submitted for awards with other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. **Send one copy to each of the two judges: Professor Geraldine Pratt**, Department of Geography, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2 – [gpratt@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:gpratt@geog.ubc.ca); and **Professor Barney Warf**, Department of Geography, Florida State University - [bwarf@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:bwarf@garnet.acns.fsu.edu). Professor Pratt requests a paper copy, while Professor Warf will accept an electronic submission. When submitting theses to Professor Warf, applicants are responsible for ensuring that their attachments are virus free & that their messages are clearly labeled (in the subject line) as a submission for the UGSG Phd dissertation competition. **Please contact Geraldine Pratt, [gpratt@geog.ubc.ca](mailto:gpratt@geog.ubc.ca) with questions.**

### **Masters Thesis Competition**

***Deadline: January 30th, 2004***

The UGSG Dissertation and Masters Thesis Awards Committee solicits submissions of theses for the **2003 UGSG Masters Thesis Award**. The winner of the award will receive **\$150**. The thesis must have been completed during the 2003 calendar year. Theses submitted for awards with other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. **Send one copy to each of the two judges: Professor Geraldine Pratt**, Department of Geography, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2 – gpratt@geog.ubc.ca; and **Professor Steve Holloway**, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602, holloway@uga.edu. Judges request that you send a paper copy to each. Please contact **Geraldine Pratt, gpratt@geog.ubc.ca** with questions.

### **Student Paper Competition**

***Deadline, February 13th, 2004***

The Student Paper Competition Committee solicits submissions. This award goes to the best paper on any aspect of Urban Geography given by a student at any professional meeting in the 12 months preceding (and including) the Philadelphia AAG conference. Preference will be given to fully developed academic papers. The winner of the award will receive **\$75** and an invitation to submit the paper to *Urban Geography*. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCarthy, lmccarth@uwm.edu.

**Send one copy to each of the judges, to arrive no later than February 13th, 2004: Dr. Linda McCarthy**, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201 lmccarth@uwm.edu; **Dr. Larry Ford**, Department of Geography, San Diego State University, San Diego, California 92182, larryf@mail.sdsu.edu; and **Dr. Scott Salmon**, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, salmons@newschool.edu. Judges are prepared to accept electronic submissions, but applicants are responsible for ensuring that their attachments are virus free (no surer way to put off a judge!) & that their messages are clearly labeled (in the subject line) as submissions for the UGSG student paper competition.

### **UGSG Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award**

***Deadline, February 13th, 2004***

Please encourage your students to consider submitting papers to the **Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper competition**. This award goes to the best paper on an urban geographic topic written by an undergraduate student, **regardless of membership in the AAG or participation in the 2004 Meetings**. The winner of the award will receive \$50. Papers submitted for awards to other AAG-affiliated organizations are not eligible. If you have any questions please contact Linda McCarthy, lmccarth@uwm.edu.

**Send one copy to each of the judges, to arrive no later than February 13th, 2004: Dr. Linda McCarthy**, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201 lmccarth@uwm.edu; **Dr. Larry Ford**, Department of Geography, San Diego State University, San Diego, California 92182, larryf@mail.sdsu.edu; and **Dr. Scott Salmon**, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, salmons@newschool.edu. Judges are prepared to accept electronic submissions, but applicants are responsible for ensuring that their attachments are virus free (no surer way to put off a judge!) & that their messages are clearly labeled (in the subject line) as submissions for the UGSG Glenda Laws Undergraduate paper competition.

## **Getting There : Student Travel Support**

The UGSG has a small amount of money available to support students presenting on urban topics at the Philadelphia AAG. **Individual travel awards are \$75**, and are intended to support presentations on topics related to the urban focus of the specialty group. To apply, send a short letter stating your degree program, your institutional affiliation, and your goals and purposes in attending the conference. Also include a copy of your abstract and a copy of your conference registration information. Send materials to: **Elvin Wyly**, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, 1984 West Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2 Canada. Email submissions may be sent to ewyly@geog.ubc.ca. The deadline for receipt of applications is **January 30, 2004**, and awards will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.

## **News, Awards Received, Calls for Papers, & Research Updates**

### **About the Geography in America Timeline:**

#### **From Geraldine Pratt:**

I have received the invitation (reprinted below) from Donald Dahmann for submissions to the GEOGRAPHY IN AMERICA TIMELINE. As a specialty group, we have not contributed submissions. If anyone is interested in writing a submission on behalf of the specialty group, please contact me so that I can coordinate these. Geraldine Pratt (gpratt@geog.ubc.ca)

#### **From Donald Dahman:**

I recently received several information requests from primary and secondary school teachers concerning items on the TIMELINE – evidence that the word has spread to another group that the TIMELINE provides the gateway to information on geography in the United States. The TIMELINE is one of several centennial celebration projects of the Association of American Geographers – it includes original research on numerous aspects of geography in this country, with topics ranging historically from initial geographic exploration of regions of the country to contemporary geographic information systems. It also includes entries, such as ones for academic departments, that enable users to contact 'real' geographers, an opportunity most Americans have missed. **Now is the time for Specialty Groups to provide information on the achievements in their topical domains (not on the Specialty Group per se)**, both to complete the record of accomplishment in American geography and to provide the opportunity for cyberspace explorers to discover the achievements in all varieties of geography practiced in the United States.

As editor and because my name is on the TIMELINE website, I have received requests ranging from researchers conducting field research in the Pacific region to European academic scholars to an 'inner-city' elementary school teacher here in the United States. **Lots of people are seeking geography; this is the opportunity to demonstrate the accomplishments of American geography!** Take a look at the TIMELINE for items that have already been included and for the format of entries. Use the information listed below to spur your thinking as well.

**The accomplishments of most scholarly specialties in geography are not now included.** I know that some Specialty Groups have been preparing their own timeline of accomplishments. For those groups, the time has arrived to prepare TIMELINE entries and forward them to me. The GEOGRAPHY IN AMERICA TIMELINE will continue to be maintained and to evolve after the upcoming AAG centennial meeting in Philadelphia, but the time to become part of it is now! I am at—email at ddahmann@yahoo.com, telephone at 703-765-3584, postal service at 1914 Martha's Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22307. View the GEOGRAPHY IN AMERICA TIMELINE via the AAG website or directly at – [home.gwu.edu/~icheung/gat/gat.html](http://home.gwu.edu/~icheung/gat/gat.html)

### **IDEAS FOR RESEARCH-TRADITION ENTRIES**

Provide details and include references that will be useful to both geographers and others wishing to learn about geography's contributions:

- First research article devoted to topic is published
- First book devoted to topic is published
- First book used in courses addressing topic is published
- First academic program is created, or doctoral dissertation granted, in topic
- Major research effort is undertaken, including researchers involved
- Major discovery, invention, or research finding is announced
- Research turns in a new direction as the result of some event
- Journal devoted to topic begins publication
- Important impact of research is experienced by society
- URL for any linkages to material on the internet Full bibliographic citations (so others can explore further)

I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible,

Donald C. Dahmann

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## **Awards Received**

**Mei-Po Kwan** of Ohio State University has been awarded a \$54,000 grant by the Mershon Center of OSU for a study entitled "The Cultural Politics of Homeland Security: Negotiating Muslim Identities after 9/11." The project seeks to understand how American Muslims negotiate their religious identities in the hostile urban environment in the U.S. after 9/11. Meanwhile, Mei-Po is also continuing her research on the impact of Internet use on women's daily lives and gender division of domestic labor. This project is supported by a \$200,000 grant from the Information Technology Research Program (ITR) of the National Science Foundation.

## **Research Updates**

**Research-in-Progress--Barry Wellar.** After a number of "exploratory" presentations and publications on the purposes and parameters of an Urban Sustainability Index (USI), and the assembly of a large and growing body of documentation on the topic, USI research is now in the (index) design and specification phase. I would welcome exchanging views and materials with researchers engaged in any aspects of index-related research in general, and urban- and regional-oriented index research in particular Professor Barry Wellar Department of Geography University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Office Tel: 613/562-5800 x 1065; WSI Lab Tel: 613/562-5800 x 1043, Office Fax: 613/562-5145, Office E-mail: wellarb@uottawa.ca URL: <http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~wellarb>.

## **Call for Abstracts: paper session on ' States, cityregions, and geographies of social reproduction' IGU/RGSIBG Conference, Glasgow, 15-20 August, 2004**

**Conveners: Dr. Andy Jonas (Hull University) and Dr. Kevin Ward(Manchester University)**

**E-mail contact: A.E.Jonas@hull.ac.uk**

An emerging body of academic and policy literature has made strong claims regarding the emergence of new economic territorialities in and around city-regions. These include so-called global city-regions, which occupy focal points in global and trans-national networks of production, exchange, and consumption, as well as places lower down in the urban hierarchy that have been strategically selected as drivers of regional economies. In both cases, such city-regions may be subject to powerful forces of urban-regional agglomeration and growth around clusters of work in the ' new economy' and leisure spaces. However, the same competitive forces that have made cityregions into exemplars of such new territorial forms have also created internal spatial contradictions and conflicts. A key contradiction is that between the continuing economic competitiveness of city-regions and sustaining conditions of social reproduction, or in other words quality of life and live ability. This contradiction is not a simple one way process whereby economic growth can be traded off against issues of territorial redistribution, equity, quality of life, and the environment. In some respects, matters of redistribution and collective provision are actively taken up and championed by proponents of city-regional growth, not least through the making of connections between economic growth, on the one hand, and quality of life, on the other. At the same time, there are profoundly problematic issues to do with under-provision, inequality, uneven development, and low environmental standards to be found within and between city-regions. These issues and their politics cannot simply be explained in terms of the failings of neo-liberal policy frameworks. Rather there is an actual politics of social reproduction including material demands for collective consumption, social movements around the living place, and the like. In this respect, the social reproduction of city-regions as functionally coherent territorial structures remains under-theorised.

The working premise of the paper session is that, instead of being symptomatic of the ' hollowing out' of the state, the emergence of city-regional forms in all likelihood both requires and depends upon state interventions. In short, there is work still to be done on understanding the causal connections and contingent circumstances linking states, city-regions, and their underlying geographies of social reproduction. Preceded by a panel discussion, the paper session will feature theoretically informed case studies of the politics of growth and social reproduction in city-regions, drawn from diverse empirical contexts and theoretical positions. **Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts of 150 words to Dr. Jonas, A.E.Jonas@hull.ac.uk, no later than 9 January, 2004.** Since space is limited, notification of acceptance will be no later than 16 January, 2004. Deadline for registration of abstracts is 31 January, 2004.

Details of registration procedures and other conference information are available on:<http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/igc-uk2004/> The panel and paper sessions have been allocated to the following time-slots: Tuesday 17 August, from 0900 hours - 1020 hours, and 1030 - 1150 hours The session is supported by the RGS-IBG Economic Geography and Political Geography Research Groups

## **Departmental Happenings**

**@ The Department of Geography, University of Cincinnati.**  
**submitted by Colleen McTague, colleen.mctague@uc.edu**

**The Department of Geography at the University of Cincinnati is participating in a new and unique interdisciplinary initiative, the Niehoff Urban Research Studio, which investigates urban issues that affect the quality of life in Cincinnati, Ohio.** The Studio endeavors to actively engage members of the community in urban problem solving efforts to meet Cincinnati's current and future needs. The Studio meets in a renovated space in the Emery Building in Over-the-Rhine, an area that receives attention both for its troublesome social and economic problems and for the excitement generated by economic reinvestment and rejuvenation. Students are encouraged to actively participate in the physical urban environment to gain a real understanding of the urban setting in a way that is not possible from abstract discussions in classrooms. The current academic focus is the intersection of food with urban quality of life issues. Some of the diverse topics that were examined in the studio are: equitable access to urban retail food stores by diverse socio-economic groups; the distribution of food stores within the physical and social urban fabric; and the role food plays in lively (or not so lively) urban public spaces.

**@ Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia,**  
**submitted by Eugene McCann, emccann@sfu.ca**

The urban geography program at **Simon Fraser University**, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada has experienced considerable growth and change recently, building upon a strong tradition of urban scholarship and pedagogy that has long tied the department to the Greater Vancouver region. Two new faculty members have joined the department this year. **Meg Holden** (Ph.D. Exp. 2004, New School for Social Research) has research interests in urban sustainable development, urban democratic policy and practices, and environmental pragmatism. **Eugene McCann** (Ph.D., 1998, Kentucky) studies the geographies of urban politics, policy, and decision-making, particularly in regard to the discourses and representational practices at the heart of struggles over place. Their interests complement the work of other urban-oriented geographers at SFU: **Nick Blomley** (law and urban property); **Suzana Dragicevic** (GIS and urban growth modeling); **Alison Gill** (tourism and planning); **Michael Hayes** (health and urban social gradients); **Jennifer Hyndman** (immigration and refugees); and **Mark Roseland** (urban sustainability).

Research and teaching in urban geography at SFU focuses on the recognition and analysis of urban processes and patterns, both contemporary and historical. The city is understood to be pivotal to social formation and transformation, and to be a concentrated site of power. The spaces and places of the city provide the context for economic transformation, social differentiation, the formation of cultural identities, political contestation, and environmental interaction. This strong departmental focus is reflected in the popularity of its urban stream within the undergraduate geography major and in the undergraduate Urban Certificate that it administers jointly with the departments of Anthropology, Political Science, and Sociology. At the graduate level, the department plays a key role in the new Urban Studies Certificate Program, which is expected to soon become a fully-fledged Master's program. This program is based in SFU's Harbour Centre campus, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver. Beyond this initiative, a number of faculty and graduate students with interests in Spatial Information Systems also draw upon and contribute to understandings of urban processes. Graduate students with urban interests benefit from the department's links to the Centre for Community Economic Development (where Mark Roseland is Director) and to the Institute for Health Research and Education (Associate Director, Michael Hayes).

Greater Vancouver is a rich and complex urban fabric in which SFU geography faculty and graduate students conduct research. The region has changed rapidly in recent decades. This change is reflected most clearly in Vancouver's rapid and massive physical development, its fast-growing population, and their increased ethnic diversity and transnational outlook. The city's attempt to rise to 'world city' status might best be characterized by its successful bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. As the city has changed, existing political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental problems have intensified while new ones have emerged. For instance, gentrification pressures in the city's Downtown Eastside have produced political activism around issues of housing affordability, homelessness, and the care of service-dependent populations. At the regional scale, suburbanization is creating pressures on public transit infrastructure, challenges for governance, and numerous other concerns. Innovative solutions to problems of environmental stress and social exclusion are being actively pursued, frequently through collaborative efforts linking city government, community organizations, business interests, Simon Fraser, and other nearby universities. For example, the city has recently opened North America's first legal safe injection site for drug users while plans for an Olympic village in the

downtown revolve around the ways in which the buildings can be subsequently used as affordable housing and to build sustainable community. These and other elements of Vancouver's urban fabric provide great opportunities for continued urban research and pedagogy in which SFU Geography will undoubtedly be involved.

More information on urban geography at SFU and on the department in general can be found at <http://www.sfu.ca/geography>.

## **Jobs in Urban Geography**

### **Post Doctoral position in the Department of Geography and Geomatics at the University of Glasgow**

You will foster research into urban public space -- in particular the role that public art and design plays in the processes of urban cultural regeneration. You will have a proven track record in research in the application of urban design, public art or cultural policy as the basis of urban renaissance. The post is available until 31 March 2007.

Informal enquiries to Professor Ronan Paddison (rpaddison@geog.gla.ac.uk) or Dr Jo Sharp (jsharp@geog.gla.ac.uk). Applications (including CV and the names and address of three referees) should be sent to Professor Ronan Paddison, Department of Geography and Geomatics, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ, quoting ref. 10292/L/A3.

**Closing date for applications: 9 January 2004**

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### **Urban Anthropologist/Urban Geographer/Urban Sociologist Position at Eugene Lang College at New School for Social Research**

Questions about the position can be addressed Scott Salmon, Chair of Urban Studies, Eugene Lang College & Milano Graduate School, New School for Social Research, room c109, 64 West 11th St., New York, NY 10011  
salmons@newschool.edu, (212) 229-5036 x2269

Eugene Lang College, a division of New School University, invites applications for a full-time faculty position in Urban Studies. We seek an excellent teacher/scholar within urban anthropology/urban geography/urban sociology or related fields. We are particularly interested in candidates whose interests focus on immigration, race/ethnicity, gender, urban cultures, urban planning and development, politics and questions of power and space. The ability to teach a basic urban research methods course would be an advantage. Ph.D. required.

Initial appointment is for a 3-year term, renewable. Candidates may be eligible for graduate-level appointments. The faculty is unranked, but we seek candidates at the level equivalent to advanced assistant or associate professor. Candidates must have a commitment to teach undergraduates in a seminar format. Send CV, cover letter, one-page statement of teaching philosophy, sample of written work, and three letters of recommendation to: Scott Salmon, Chair, Urban Studies, Eugene Lang College, 65 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10011, or e-mail to: NSUjobs@newschool.edu. Be sure to indicate search # 22378 and discipline in subject line. Only qualified candidates will be contacted. Eugene Lang College is committed to building a diverse community for learning and teaching. AA/EOE. **Applications received by January 30th will be assured of consideration;** however, all applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### **Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization at Carleton University** ***new closing date January 15, 2004***

The Canadian International Development Agency-International Development Research Centre-Carleton University-University of Ottawa Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization for the 2004-2005 Academic Year. The Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies at Carleton University and the Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa, with the support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the

International Development Research Centre (IDRC), are launching a research programme on feminist perspectives on globalization.

This **four year (2004-2008) programme** aims to attract highly qualified researchers, working on issues of globalization, within a feminist perspective, from developing countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific, to spend a research term in Ottawa, based at one of the two institutions. The "Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization" will contribute to facilitating the expansion of gender and development research at both universities, and also provide a unique opportunity for collaboration between feminist scholars in Canada and the developing world, and between North and South. The Institutes of Women's Studies will alternate in welcoming one visiting scholar per year. **Applications are invited for the Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization for the year 2004-2005. We are seeking a scholar, fluent in English (able to read, write and speak), to be based at the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies at Carleton University. (The following year 2005-2006, the visiting scholar will be based at the Institute of Women's Studies at University of Ottawa and should be fluent in French.)**

Specific areas of interest can be one of the following: agriculture, basic education, child protection, health and nutrition, HIV/Aids, information and communication technologies (ICTs), human rights, democratization and good governance, conflict and peace building, private sector development, infrastructure services (capacity building), social and economic equity, or environment and natural resource management. The duration of the Visiting Scholar's stay will be a six (6) month period within the university's 2004/2005 academic year, which runs from September 2004 to April 2005. The recipient will receive a generous stipend to cover travel, research and living expenses (including medical insurance coverage). The Visiting Scholar will have access to library services, a shared phone and computer facilities. The Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies (Carleton University) and the Institute of Women's Studies (University of Ottawa) invite applications from scholars from developing countries, both tenured and untenured faculty, and from post-doctoral, independent scholars who are pursuing critical feminist research.

**Applicants are expected to be fluent in English, to have a completed PhD, to have already published in scholarly publications, and to have a current and established research project in relation to one or more of the above-mentioned topics. Individuals pursuing a university degree are not eligible.** During their stay in Canada, the visiting scholars will pursue and present their ongoing research in conferences and seminars as requested, will generally participate in outreach activities, and will produce a paper based on their ongoing research, which reflect their time and work in Canada. It is anticipated that this research will be scholarship that promotes policy advocacy and/or furthers gender and development studies and the effective integration of gender equality in development policy and programming. Applications may be submitted in English or French, and should include (i) an abbreviated curriculum vitae (10-12 pp.), (ii) a letter of intent outlining the research to be undertaken in Canada (max. 2 pp.), (iii) a list of recent publications, (iv) the dates of the proposed stay at Carleton University, (v) and the names of two referees. Please send to: Selection Committee, Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization, **c/o Helene Boudreault**, Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's Studies, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1S5B6; Telephone (613) 520-6644; Fax (613) 562-5994; **email hboudre@uottawa.ca**. The closing date for submitting applications is January 15, 2004 (application dossiers received after this date will not be examined). The selection of the Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization will be completed by March 15, 2004. Please note that only the short-listed candidates will be contacted. **Candidates may access the following websites for additional information about the Institutes of Women's Studies at Carleton University and at the University of Ottawa. <http://www.carleton.ca/womensstudies/> <http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/womenst/eng/>**

## **Grant & Fellowship Opportunities**

### **CHATEAUBRIAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Targeted Fields - Humanities. Social Sciences. School of Arts and Architecture. School of Theater, Film, & TV.

Open To - Students Working on Doctoral Dissertation.

Citizenship - Open only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Eligibility Requirements - Must have sufficient proficiency in written and spoken French to carry out research. Currently enrolled in a PhD program.

Stipend - Monthly stipend of 1,300 Euros plus health insurance and travel expenses.

**Deadline - 1/15/2004**

Program Description - Approximately 20 scholarships for doctoral research in France in association with a French research institution or archive. Scholarships provide 9 months of support.

For More Information – contact Ambassade de France Service Culturel (SCULE) Bourses Chateaubriand 4101 Reservoir Road, NW Washington, DC 20007 (202) 944-6448 new-york.culture@diplomatie.fr  
mail To: new-york.culture@diplomatie.fr  
www.frenchculture.org/education/support/chateaubriand/index.html  
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### **CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH, W.K. KELLOG SCHOLARS IN HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAM**

Targeted Fields - Health Sciences. Life Sciences. Social Sciences. School of Law. School of Nursing. School of Public Health. Appropriate disciplines include: Economics, Epidemiology, Nursing, Social Work, Political Science, Public Health, Sociology, Psychology, or Medicine. Applicants from fields such as religion or law may also be considered if research interests in health disparities can be demonstrated.

Open To - Postdoctoral Scholars.

Citizenship - Open only to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Eligibility Requirements - Applicants must have received a medical or doctoral degree within the last 5 years.

Stipend - Stipend is \$52,500 plus benefits and a research budget.

**Deadline - 1/15/2004**

Program Description - Up to 15 awards for under-represented minority postdoctoral scholars to conduct research in health disparities or health policy. Scholars will conduct research at selected training sites.

For More Information – contact Barbara Kivimae Krimgold, Director Kellog Scholars in Health Disparities Program Center for the Advancement of Health 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20009-1231

### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (NIJ), GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Targeted Fields - Open to all fields. Interest in research on issues in crime and justice.

Open To - Students Working on Doctoral Dissertation.

Citizenship - No citizenship requirements.

Eligibility Requirements - Must have completed all doctoral degree requirements except the research, writing, and defense of a dissertation.

Stipend - Stipend of \$20,000 will be awarded for costs associated with the doctoral dissertation.

**Deadline - 1/15/2004 (and possibly 9/15/2004, please check)**

Program Description - NIJ. Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues in crime and justice. NIJ encourages diversity in approaches and perspectives in its research programs. Up to 10 awards are offered yearly.

For More Information – contact Graduate Research Fellowship Program National Institute of Justice 810 7th Street N.W. Washington, DC 20531 (800) 421-6770, www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm

## **Board Member Elections, Candidate Biographies**

### **The New Vice-Chair of Urban Geography**

#### **EUGENE MCCANN**

**Assistant professor of geography at Simon Fraser University, Canada.**

Although it breaks with tradition, we have decided to acclaim Eugene McCann as vice-president of the specialty group. Eugene has a long history of involvement with the specialty group, including editing the newsletter for 3½ years. Eugene works at the crossroads of cultural, economic and planning traditions within urban geography and thus speaks to many different perspectives within the specialty group. He received his doctorate from the University of Kentucky in 1998. His research interests are in the geographies of urban politics, policy, and decision-making, particularly in the discourses and representational practices at the heart of struggles over place. He has published in *Urban Geography*, *The Professional Geographer*, *The Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Antipode*, *Society and Space*, and *Geoforum*. He was a member of the Urban Geography Specialty Group board from 1998 to 2000 and edited the Group's newsletter from 1999 to 2002. He has also been active in organizing paper and panel sessions at AAG meetings, co-organizing fifteen in the last five years.

Thank you Eugene.

### **Board Member Candidates, 2004 – 2006 Vote for Three**

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#### **NORMA RANTISI**

**Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.**

My research interests (broadly speaking) focus on the restructuring of mature industries in urban settings and the cultural economy of cities. I recently completed my dissertation on the New York City fashion industry, examining how apparel designers have drawn on place-based institutions and organizations in New York to support their innovation process. My current research focuses on the Montreal apparel industry and on efforts by designers to draw on 'images' of the city in the marketing of products. I am also collaborating with Deborah Leslie in a study on the governance of the design sector in Montreal. For the upcoming AAG conference, Susan Christopherson, Deborah Leslie and I are organizing three sessions on the theme of "Urban Economies and Creativity." My interests in this area are also reflected in recent articles in *Regional Studies*, *Economic Geography* and a forthcoming article in the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. As a recent graduate, I am all too keenly aware of the pressures faced by graduate students and junior faculty with respect to grant-writing, publishing and teaching; as well as the critical role UGSG plays in the professional development process. If elected as a board member, I shall contribute to this role by fostering closer ties between established faculty on the one hand and students/junior faculty on the other. In particular, I would like to promote a productive exchange of resources through the listserve, newsletters and special AAG sessions. As a student of both geography and urban planning, I also appreciate the diversity of approaches and perspectives that the UGSG embodies, and would work to encourage further cross-disciplinary dialogue in future sessions and events.

#### **DAVID WILSON**

**Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.**

I'm interested in the politics, economics and spatiality of the U.S. city. I work within the tradition of political economy and social theory, centering the importance of representation and discourse in the production of urban politics and inequalities. My empirical focus for a while was Indianapolis and St. Louis, more recently I have "discovered" the chaotic beauty of Chicago. My work has appeared in *Economic Geography*, *Urban Geography*, *Political Geography*, *Professional Geographer*, *Society and Space*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Tidschrift*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Environmental Management*, *Environment and Planning D*, and *Housing Studies*. My candidacy for UGSG board is motivated by the idea of advancing the interests of younger faculty and especially graduate students in this era of uncertainty in higher education. I believe, more than ever, UGSG must find ways to highlight young scholarly activities and create opportunities for their professionalization. In this vein, I'd like to see UGSG sponsor more AAG sessions, find ways to exert influence on geography departments to hire young urban scholars, and open-up more journals to feature their essays and manuscripts.

## **OWEN DWYER**

**Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Indiana University at Indianapolis.**

At present, I'm interested in the production of public space and identity in cities, particularly with regard to memorials to the American Civil Rights Movement. I've published a number of articles and book chapters on the mutual constitution of place and memory and I'm presently at work with Derek Alderman on a book about the commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement. I teach a course in urban geography that invites students to tack back and forth between the representations of cities found in models, popular media, and their own field observations. For instance, I ask students to apply the classic spatial science urban models to Indianapolis and critically reflect on their (dis)utility in making sense of our city. Along the way we review a number of films – the usual suspects for this sort of thing: *Metropolis*, *Avalon*, *City of Hope*, *Do the Right Thing*, and, yes, *Blade Runner* (although, I've been advised to replace it with *Minority Report*) and compare and contrast these city scenes with what we've read and seen around town. The course mixes methods and media (e.g., field observations, film reviews, thematic map-making, and the now-obligatory power-point slide shows!) in order to present urban geography as a tool for thinking with (and about), not just a series of facts and models to memorize.

In addition to supporting the work that earlier board members have undertaken to advance the professional development of students and faculty, I've accepted this nomination in order to push a pet project of mine, one which I hope you'll find worthy of the specialty group's effort. If elected, I would like to explore the possibility of initiating a specialty group grant to create a web-accessible slide library of urban images. This grant would underwrite (partially, I expect) the costs associated with digitizing, annotating, and making publicly available the 35 mm. slides that many of our colleagues have used to great effect in teaching urban geography – but as of yet have not distributed in a shareable, searchable format. While I'm convinced that this slide library would be a boon, I don't possess the institutional or technical background to know how feasible this initiative is. Nevertheless, if elected, I'll give it a try ...or, perhaps better yet, someone else will!

In addition to organizing several sessions at the annual meeting of the AAG, my previous service to the discipline includes a two-year stint as the chair of the Cultural Geography Specialty Group's awards committee. I also served as a member of the Geography Student Union's politburo at the University of Kentucky.

## **SARAH ELWOOD**

**Assistant professor, Department of Geography, DePaul University, Chicago.**

My research examines the role and power of community-based organizations in altering the social, political and economic geographies of urban areas. More specifically, as a way of exploring the shifting roles of non-profit and voluntary organizations as agents of spatial, political, economic change in distressed urban neighborhoods, my work considers how these institutions use GIS and other spatial information technologies to represent neighborhood-level needs, resources, and priorities, and how they insert this knowledge into urban planning and revitalization processes. I'm particularly interested in how these and other shifts in community development practice affect the capacities of neighborhood residents and organizations to play an influential and effective role in the transformation of their communities. I've done most of my work in collaboration with organizations working in marginalized neighborhoods of US cities, and have published in urban geography and GIS journals, including *Urban Geography*, *Environment and Planning A*, *GeoJournal*, *The Professional Geographer*, *The URISA Journal*, and *Cartography and GIS*. In my teaching, I'm interested in how urban field-based activities and community service learning can be incorporated into critical pedagogies in urban geography and GIS. As board member, I'd like to contribute in ways that build on the UGSG's efforts in the past several years to expand discussion among an international community of urban geographers; to build ties between academics and community activists around shared urban interests; and to support the professional development of graduate students and early career faculty in urban geography.

## **NIK HEYNEN**

**Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.**

In the rich tradition of radical urban geography, my research interests revolve around using Marxist urban political economy to investigate the social production (and continual reproduction) of uneven urban environments, landscapes and space. Beyond conducting research, I am also very interested in teaching urban geography and urban geographers. As an active member of the UGSG for eight years, I found the group to be especially useful during my early graduate experience. The diverse range of interests by group members, coupled with the combined emphasis on research, teaching and activism, helped me understand the importance and power of urban geography. Most recently I have been active in the group through co-organizing multiple sessions at the Los Angeles and upcoming Philadelphia AAG through the sponsorship of the UGSG. I accepted this nomination because I believe in collective governance and would

like to repay my debt of gratitude to the group and its members by helping the UGSG remain an important resource for students and faculty members alike. As a board member of a community development corporation in one of Milwaukee's most "distressed" inner city neighborhoods, I have come to realize first-hand the influence active governance can have on organizations. As an enthusiastic junior faculty member, I am certain that I can contribute to maintaining the UGSG's important role in geography.

## **Student Board Member Candidates, 2004 – 2006, Vote for Only One**

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### **DANIEL TRUDEAU (for student member)**

**Ph.D. candidate in Geography at the University of Colorado at Boulder.**

In my dissertation work I am concerned with questions about how welfare state restructuring in the United States affects perceptions of immigrants' belonging and their social incorporation. My research uses non-profit organizations in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota that have been contracted to deliver social services as a case study for investigating the rise of the shadow state and its effect on citizenship. I focus on organizations that provide services to immigrants because questions about citizenship are very acute for immigrants and there are many, often restrictive, state regulations about which categories of immigrants can receive social services. As a graduate student in geography I have come to find in the UGSG a tremendous resource for professional development. As a UGSG student board member I would work to advocate and strengthen those resources. Specifically, in future annual meetings I would like to see the UGSG sponsor another informational workshop focused on the graduate student's transition from student to faculty member. I would also work to help organize a session in which journal editors, graduate students, and new faculty could meet to discuss expectations and procedures of publishing work in academic journals. Finally, I would add to previous efforts that established an on-line collection of syllabi for urban geography courses. As a first-time instructor this past fall, I learned how useful that collection is, but I believe it could use some more recent additions. I would be honored to serve as student board member for UGSG and thank you for your consideration.

### **BRENDA PARKER (for student member)**

**PhD student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.**

I have research interests in urban geography and feminist geography. For my dissertation research, I seek to complicate existing theories of urban politics by examining how urban 'neoliberalization' processes are ideologically constituted, executed, and resisted in gendered ways. I hypothesize that neoliberalism exists in hybrid form with neo-conservatism and gender regimes, in which all three embody hegemonic notions of masculinity. In this way, neoliberalism may be as much about invigorating masculinities as it is about invigorating markets. Empirically, I am investigating these propositions through a case study of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by using qualitative methods to examine how discourses and politics around economic development normalize masculine subject positions and marginalize women and minorities. Ultimately, I hope to join other researchers in articulating how attention to racialized gender can help us better analyze, understand, and improve cities. In my home department, I serve as a graduate student representative, help coordinate our women-in-geography group, and teach a course on gender and globalization. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent student interests on the UGSG board. I hope to continue and expand professional development workshops for students, and to explore ways to support under-represented students in urban studies. As urban geographers often combine research with activism and policy work, I would encourage further dialogue about how to effectively integrate these activities throughout the academic career cycle.

**Urban Geography Specialty Group  
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