

2009 AAG Las Vegas Special Issue

Letter from the Chair:

This is a fun newsletter column to write because it is devoted to the upcoming Annual Meeting of the AAG, and the awards and other activities of the Urban Geography Specialty Group in the annual meeting. First, the student awards. The UGSG has a large student component to its membership, and the student awards are a big part of what we do. As always these award decisions were difficult to make because the submissions (from the undergraduate level all the way to the dissertation) were consistently good and thoughtful, and none of the committees had an easy time making these decisions.

Glenda Laws Undergraduate Paper Award:

Anna Royar (University of Vermont)

"Ageing in a New Country: Experiences of Refugee Ageing in Burlington, Vermont, as Perceived by Service Providers"

Graduate Student Paper Competition:

Ted Rutland (University of British Columbia)

"Rent Gaps: A Genealogy of 'Best Use' and an Affirmative Critique of Neil Smith's Urban Theory"

Dissertation Competition:

Nina Martin (UNC-Chapel Hill [dissertation from University of Illinois-Chicago]).

"Community Organizations Mediating Workplace Conflicts: Power, Performance and Politics in Migrant Communities."

Urban Geography Graduate Student Fellowships:

Bjorn Surborg (University of British Columbia)

Patrick Vitale (University of Toronto)

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For the love of films...

By: joni m palmer

IN CONVERSATION

Years ago, a friend of mine who was teaching, for the first time, an introduction to the built environment course told me that she was struggling with choosing films to use in her class. She chose films she thought were relevant and even "cool," thinking that showing clips would engage the students in ways she couldn't otherwise manage to do. However, the films she chose "fell flat"—students told her they couldn't relate to the films she chose. The second time she taught the class she chose popular movies she knew the students had seen or heard of. This, she said, was much more successful.

Increasingly we (teaching classes large and small, introductory or advanced) experiment with multiple media in the classroom. Films/movies are just one of the media readily available for teaching. And, they can be a very powerful tool. With this in mind, I sent a query to the urban geography listserv a few weeks before the beginning of this spring semester ... asking for film suggestions for an urban geography (global cities) spring semester course—I received numerous responses that helped me not only select films for my course but also to compile a resource, a list of films one might use in an urban geography course. I am writing this short piece to share some thoughts about using films in urban geography courses.

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UGSG Membership Information

- **UGSG Membership:** \$7 with AAG membership; student membership is free.
- **Address and e-mail changes** of UGSG members should be sent to: address@aaq.org, where a master membership list is maintained.
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- Calls for submission and notifications of availability of the Newsletter are e-mailed to both the listserv and Specialty Group membership list. Distribution of the Newsletter is via the UGSG website. This Newsletter is currently published 3 times per year.

UGSG Website: <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/~ewyly/ugsg.html>

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The listserv as a teaching resource

First, the urban geography listserv is an invaluable teaching resource. I have been pleasantly surprised by the generosity of colleagues sharing resources, teaching ideas, and other materials. For me, this is what makes a/the listserv a productive discussion forum for urban geography faculty. The responses I received from my query were not only useful as I was deciding which films to show my class, but I also received a introduction to other members of the listserv.

Compiling the film list

Something I found useful was the fact that many people not only sent the name of a film but also noted which class they used it for, and what they “liked” about the film (and even some of the drawbacks). As well, I have received information about small films recently released and some that are currently in production. As such, the list I compiled is a wide-ranging list of films and resources, with various levels of annotation.

How do you use films in your classes?

Whether a popular movie, an art-house film or a documentary, films can make concrete the more abstract concepts we teach. Films can provide the visual and aural anchors that help students gain deeper access to the course material.

I have found that it is worth showing certain films in their entirety (or close to the entire film). For example, in an introductory human geography course (500 students) I show *City of God* over two 50-minute lecture sessions. Given the time constraint, I have had to trim the film. This film has generated intensive and productive conversation. I also, though, give students ‘film response’ sheets for all of the films I show in class—these response sheets not only help me to get a sense of whether a student is paying attention (e.g. name the city portrayed in this film) but I also ask questions that require the students to define terms, contextualize the film (historically, geographically, politically), and think a little more deeply about the relationships between people and the spaces/places they inhabit. The film is also a means by which to organize a recitation section, allowing teaching assistants to work with the students to delve more deeply into the film as it relates to the course.

Using films in large lecture classes versus seminars

The course I am teaching this semester is an advanced-level undergraduate course, so the viewing of movies is a very different affair. We are watching shorter films/documentaries, say 20 – 30 minutes in length, and clips from longer films. I have, in the past, assigned movies for students to watch outside of class but have found that we have much more productive (focused) conversation when we watch the film together. It is also a very different experience for me, being in the room with the students and seeing (hearing, too) their reactions to the film. My perceptions of a film are often different from my students (for a variety of reasons) so it is important for me to get a sense of their immediate ‘reading’ of the film—this helps me to develop questions that might best benefit the particular group dynamics.

Where you can find the film list

I have posted this list to my website, and I will continue to update it—so please send me any film suggestions and comments, as well as teaching ideas. Please see the UGSG Member Links (in the lower right corner of the UGSG website) for a link to the film list, and to other member resources:

<http://www.geog.ubc.ca/~ewyly/ugsg.html>

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Second, there are some current board members who are cycling off of the board. Steve Herbert and Eric Boschmann have done a lot as board members, and I wanted to thank them for their service. The only way the specialty group functions is with an active board of people contributing their time. So thanks again for the work. Laura Liu, whose term is up, has graciously offered to stay on for one more term, and Eric Boschmann will continue his great work as editor of the Newsletter (a position that will be separate from the board). Many thanks to Eric and Laura for continuing their work for the specialty group. Lastly, there are two new board members that I want to welcome onto the board. They are: Pablo Bose of the University of Vermont and Daniel Trudeau of Macalester College. Thanks to Pablo and Daniel for agreeing to serve on the board. Short biographies of Pablo and Daniel are printed below.

Finally, there are a set of UGSG events and activities that I wanted to call people's attention to. First, there is an amazing set of sessions that the specialty group has sponsored or co-sponsored this year (list below), and I encourage people to look over the list to make sure they don't miss things – the conference can always be a bit frenetic and overwhelming. Second, please note that the Urban Geography Specialty Group Business meeting is scheduled for: **Thursday, 3/26/09, from 11:55 AM - 12:55 PM**. It would be great to see everyone there. Finally, the Urban Geography Plenary Lecture (co-sponsored by *Urban Geography*) will be given by Abdoumalig Simone of Goldsmith's University of London, and his talk is titled, "Sustaining Cityness: Reflections on Dynamic and Problematic Diversities of Popular Quarters in Africa and Southeast Asia." The talk is scheduled for **Thursday, 3/26/09 from 3:10-4:50**. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

-James DeFilippis, UGSG Chair

NEW UGSG BOARD MEMBERS

Pablo Bose, Board Member (2009-2011)

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Dr. Pablo Bose is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Vermont and affiliated with the Global Studies, Canadian Studies, Asian Studies and US Ethnic Studies programs. His work is focused on issues of space, place and power. He has taught courses on South Asia, immigration, transnationalism, political ecology, race and ethnicity, and population displacement at UVM. Dr. Bose's current projects include a study of globalization and urbanization in mega-cities in India, a book on ethics and international development, and ongoing research into refugee resettlement and acculturation in Vermont. He won the 2007 USGS Dissertation Award for his dissertation on diasporic transnational practices and neoliberal urban transformations in Kolkata, India.

Dan Trudeau, Board Member (2009-2011)

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Dan Trudeau is an assistant professor in the Department of Geography and director of the Urban Studies Program at Macalester College. His research employs qualitative methods and examines the changing spatialities of welfare state restructuring, the cultural production of landscapes, and processes of racial segregation. His research integrates a number of different subfields of the discipline and has been published in journals that are specific to Geography (e.g., *Political Geography*, *Urban Geography*) and others that are interdisciplinary in scope (e.g., *Environment and Planning A*, *Urban Studies*).

2009 AAG – Las Vegas Sessions Sponsored by the UGSG

The following pages contain a comprehensive list of all paper sessions sponsored by the Urban Geography Specialty Group during the 2009 AAG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. They are listed in chronological order. Please consult the **Final Program** for any last-minute changes to the schedule. A special “thank you” to Board Members **Sandra Zupan and Richard Nisa** for their work in compiling this list for the Newsletter.

URBAN GEOGRAPHY PLENARY LECTURE (2009)

Thursday, March 26, 3:10p – 4:50p

Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Co-Chair: Robert W. Lake (Rutgers University)

Co-Chair: James DeFilippis (Rutgers University)

AbdouMaliq Simone (Goldsmiths College, University of London)

Sustaining Cityness: Reflections on Dynamic and Problematic Diversities of Popular Quarters in Africa and Southeast Asia

Discussant: Pablo Bose (University of Vermont)

Discussant: Cindi Katz (CUNY)

Co-sponsored by *Urban Geography* and the Urban Geography Specialty Group

Abstract

Primary attention to cities in the Global South tends to focus on how fast they are changing in terms of spectacular new projects, the remaking of city centers, the pushing out of large numbers of urban residents of all social classes, and the extent to which cities are becoming more alike through these major development projects. Alternately, the focus is placed on the poor, on massive slums, insalubrious environmental and social conditions, and the potential threats posed by impoverished and unsettled urban populations. What lags behind is attention to the continued small and medium level developments of residential and commercial districts that have occupied specific territories within cities for a long time.

While it is true that many of these districts have been effaced and remade, or remain vulnerable to such, many continue to make significant investments in upgrading local infrastructure, diversifying local economies, and renewing important social institutions that promote cohesion and a sense of belonging. These efforts are sometimes undertaken as a kind of hedge to defer their vulnerability to displacement, but more often reflect a solid confidence in the ability of these districts to remain viable parts of the urban system. Importantly, while residents living on a block or particular sub-section of an administrative district and historical neighborhood may have a lot in common based on similar levels of household income or ethnic identity, these blocks and sections are usually situated in a larger territory of often remarkable heterogeneity.

In a fundamental way, then, these districts intersect people of many different backgrounds, incomes, residential histories, aspirations, and orientations to the city. This heterogeneity, while sometimes prompting debilitating disputes and polarization, often works as a key resource to the very survival of the district. While it is true that larger numbers of residents are being pushed to the outskirts of cities or actively seeking new residential locations outside of overcrowded, noisy, and increasingly dilapidated central city areas, the capacities of residents to hang on, to undertake their own versions of remaking need to be re-explored and valorized.

Please make plans to attend the **Urban Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting**

Thursday, March 26, 11:55 am – 12:55 pm

Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1:00p – 2:40p**1102 The Geography of International Institutions and Organizations**

Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL**1:00 PM Introduction:** Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL**1:20 PM Author(s):** Paul Farmer, FAICP - American Planning Association, Vincent Goodstadt, MRTPI - Royal Town Planning Institute, *Robert Upton - Royal Town Planning InstituteAbstract Title: *Global Planners Network: a Global Response to Global Challenges***1:40 PM Author(s):** *Ronald F. Abler - International Geographical UnionAbstract Title: *Future Directions for the International Geographical Union***2:00 PM Author(s):** *Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SULAbstract Title: *The Network of the Urban Networks: The Geography of the Urban International (1851-Now)***2:20 PM Discussant:** Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL**1138 Mortgage Foreclosures I**

Skybox 210, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Daniel J. Hammel - University of Toledo; Kathe Newman - Rutgers University*Chair(s):* Jeff Crump - University of Minnesota**1:00 PM Author(s):** *Kathe Newman - Rutgers UniversityAbstract Title: *Foreclosures: From the Block to the Capital Markets***1:20 PM Author(s):** *Daniel J. Hammel - University of Toledo; Peter S. Lindquist - University of ToledoAbstract Title: *The Changing Patterns of Home Mortgage Foreclosures in Lucas County, Ohio, 1998 - 2007.***1:40 PM Author(s):** *Elizabeth Strom - University of South Florida; Steven Reader - University of South Florida; Ryan Gauvey - University of South FloridaAbstract Title: *Home Mortgage Foreclosure in the Sunbelt: The case of the Tampa Bay Region***2:00 PM Author(s):** *Jeff Crump, Ph.D. - Housing Studies Program, University of MinnesotaAbstract Title: *What's the Address? The Politics of Foreclosure Data in Minnesota***2:20 PM Discussant:** Elvin K. Wyly - University of British Columbia**1139 People, Nature & Cities: Directions of Urban Ecology for the 21st Century**

Skybox 211, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Jessica K. Graybill - Colgate University*Panelist(s):* Sarah Dooling; Jessica K. Graybill - Colgate University; Adrienne Greve - California Polytechnic State University; Gregory Simon - Stanford University**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 3:10p – 4:50p****1218 Urban Sustainable Development**

Capri 105, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Chris Mayda - Eastern Michigan University**3:10 PM Author(s):** *Chris Mayda, PhD - Eastern Michigan UniversityAbstract Title: *Site, Situation, and Water. Do they add up to a Sustainable Las Vegas?***3:25 PM Author(s):** *Robyn Lane Dennis, RLA, MA - Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies - University of Arkansas, FayettevilleAbstract Title: *Prosperity, Policy, and Perception: Economic, Environmental, and Social Drivers of Urban Water Resource Allocation***3:42 PM Author(s):** *Rami Ratvio - University of HelsinkiAbstract Title: *The search for sustainable urban mobility: travel behaviour of residents in two urban neighbourhoods in Helsinki city centre, Finland***3:59 PM Author(s):** *Bernard P Momer - University of British Columbia OkanaganAbstract Title: *Our City, Ourselves: The role of culture in sustainable urban planning***4:16 PM Author(s):** *Addison Marsh Gooding - University of VermontAbstract Title: *Urban Sustainability in Theory and Practice: Burlington, Vermont, USA***4:33 PM Author(s):** *Ann Dale –Abstract Title: *Place, Scale, Limits and Diversity***1238 Mortgage Foreclosures II**

Skybox 210, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Daniel J. Hammel - University of Toledo; Kathe Newman - Rutgers University*Chair(s):* Laura Smith - Macalester College**3:10 PM Author(s):** *Christine Drennon - Trinity UniversityAbstract Title: *Mortgage Finance and Foreclosure: the production of homogeneous neighborhoods in San Antonio***3:30 PM Author(s):** *Todd Sink - Indiana State University; Brian Ceh - Ryerson University; Joseph Koroma - Olympic College

Abstract Title: *Gentrification and HOPE VI in Chicago: Before and After the Recent Foreclosure Crisis*

3:50 PM Author(s): *Lawrence A. Brown - Ohio State University; Su-Yeul Chung - Western Illinois University; Michael Webb - Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Population Vulnerability in a Contemporary Setting: Housing Foreclosure in Columbus Ohio, 2003-2007*

4:10 PM Author(s): *Laura Smith - Macalester College

Abstract Title: *Beyond Spatial Correlation: An Alternative Method for Investigating Characteristics of Mortgage Foreclosures in the Twin Cities*

4:30 PM Discussant: Philip Ashton - University of Illinois-Chicago

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 8:00a – 9:40a

2120 Local Government Boundary Change

Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Russell M. Smith - Winston-Salem State University; Michael R. Glass - University of Pittsburgh *Chair(s):* Russell M. Smith - Winston-Salem State University

8:00 AM Author(s): *Bryan Grady - Rutgers University

Abstract Title: *Examining "The War of the Princetons": Inside the Failure of the 1996 Consolidation Referendum*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Russell Miles Smith, Ph.D. - Winston-Salem State University

Abstract Title: *Newly Incorporated Municipalities in the United States 1990-2000: Socioeconomic Differences Between NIMs and Cohort Cities*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Larry Kleitches - Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Abstract Title: *A Look at Consolidation in the United States and Canada and the Ramifications*

9:00 AM Discussant: Ron Johnston - University of Bristol

9:20 AM Author(s): *Michael R. Glass, Ph.D. - University of Pittsburgh

Abstract Title: *Making Space - Stakeholder participation in boundary change initiatives*

2143 Geographies of Canada I: The Urban Experience

North Hall N101, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): David Robertson - State University Of New York, Geneseo

8:00 AM Author(s): *Sebastien Breau - McGill University

Kenyon C Bolton - McGill University

Abstract Title: *On the Nature and Causes of Inequality in Canadian Metropolitan Areas*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Jill L Grant, FCIP LPP - Dalhousie University

Blake Laven - Dalhousie University

Abstract Title: *How private streets affect connectivity: developing new measures*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Sally Elizabeth Turner - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *Taking the 'social' out of social housing: The case of York Region, Ontario*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Sarah-Patricia W. Breen, MA Candidate - Memorial University; Kelly Vodden, PhD Candidate - Memorial University

Abstract Title: *Relationship Mapping as a tool for understanding and planning in functional regions*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Kelly Vodden - Memorial University

Abstract Title: *Understanding Canada's Rural-Urban Footprint*

2159 World Cities and Global Production Networks 1

North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Alain Thierstein - Munich University of Technology, Ben Derudder - GHENT UNIVERSITY *Chair(s):* Stefan Lüthi - Munich University of Technology

8:00 AM Author(s): *Markus Hesse - University of Luxembourg

Abstract Title: *A micro-metropolis in the global network of flows: the case of Luxembourg and "Cargolux"*

8:20 AM Author(s): Peter J Taylor - Loughborough University, Pengfei Ni - Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, *Ben Derudder - Ghent University, Michael Hoyler - Loughborough University, Jin Huang - Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication, Fengyong Lv - Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Kathy Pain - Loughborough University, *Frank J Witlox - Ghent University, Xiaolan Yang - Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication

Abstract Title: *Pathways of Growth and Decline: Connectivity Changes in the World City Network, 2000-2008*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Stefan Lüthi - Munich University of Technology, *Alain Thierstein - Munich University of Technology

Abstract Title: *Interlocking firm networks and the emerging knowledge economy - A new geography of Mega-City Regions in Germany*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Celine Rozenblat - Universite De Lausanne

Abstract Title: *Positions of World cities in the networks of multinational firms and sectorial organizational patterns in 2007*

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 10:10a – 11:50a**2207 Spatial Strategies of Indigenous Resistance II - Urban Contexts**

Royale Pavilion 2, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): RDK Herman - National Museum of the American Indian

Chair(s): Laura Smith - Macalester College

10:10 AM Author(s): *Émilie Ruffin - Université Laval - CIEQ - DIALOG - Planners Network

Abstract Title: *Urban and residential planning of Aboriginal communities in Quebec considered as spatial resistance*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Andy Hilburn - The University of Kansas

Abstract Title: *Municipal Solid Waste Management in Rural Indigenous Communities in Southern Mexico*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Arnon Ben Israel - Department of Geography, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Avinoam Meir - Department of Geography, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

Abstract Title: *Sense of place naming in the Bedouin Town of Hura - Trends in Bedouins' spatiality in the Israeli Negev*

11:10 AM Author(s): *RDK Herman - National Museum of the American Indian

Abstract Title: *Guardian Stones: Mapping Meaning in Nu'uuanu, Hawai'i*

11:30 AM Discussant: Soren Larsen - University of Missouri

2235 Publishing in URBAN GEOGRAPHY

Skybox 207, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Peter O. Muller - University of Miami

Panelist(s): Elvin K. Wyly - University of British Columbia; Susan Hanson - Clark University; Meghan Cope - University of Vermont;

John S. Adams - University of Minnesota - Minneapolis

Introducer(s): Peter O. Muller - University of Miami

2244 The Experiences of Immigrants and Refugees in Urban Areas: Canada and Europe

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan, Wei Li - Arizona State University *Chair(s)*: Stavros T.

Constantinou - Ohio State University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Justin Tse - University of British Columbia, Department of Geography

Abstract Title: *Hongkonger Imagined Geographies in a Chinese Anglican Church in a Canadian Ethnoburb*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Adam Lake - University of Oregon

Abstract Title: *Why Didn't Marseille Burn?: Segregation, Hegemony, and Identity in Marseille, France*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Stavros T. Constantinou - Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Ethnic Settlement Geography of Cyprus, 1878-1974.*

2259 World Cities and Global Production Networks 2

North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Alain Thierstein - Munich University of Technology, Frank Witlox - Ghent University; *Chair(s)*: Ben Derudder - GHENT UNIVERSITY

10:10 AM Author(s): *César Ducruet - Assistant Professor, Céline Rozenblat - University of Lausanne

Abstract Title: *Multi-level centrality and the urban hierarchy: a global intermodal approach*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Wouter Jacobs - Erasmus University Rotterdam

Abstract Title: *World Port City Networks: the Case of Rotterdam*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Heidi Hanssens - Ghent University, Ben Derudder - Ghent University, Frank Witlox - Ghent University

Abstract Title: *Managing organisational and geographical complexity: the role of advanced producer services in the Volvo Global Value Chain*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Christian Wichmann Matthiessen - University of Copenhagen, Annette Winkel Schwartz - Technical

Knowledge Center of Denmark, Soren Find - Technical Knowledge Center of Denmark

Abstract Title: *World Cities of Knowledge: Changing Research networks. An analysis based on bibliometric indicators.*

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1:00p – 2:40p**2427 GIScience and the Urban Geography of Health**

Capri 115, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Seth Spielman - Brown University; Aniruddha Banerjee - Prevention Research Center; *Chair(s)*: Seth Spielman - Brown University

1:00 PM Author(s): *Jamison F. Conley - West Virginia University

Abstract Title: *Analyzing the Shape of Disease Clusters to Hypothesize Processes of Their Spread*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Aniruddha Banerjee, PhD - Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, CA; Paul Gruenewald, PhD - Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, CA; William Ponicki - Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, CA; Andrew Treno, PhD - Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, CA

Abstract Title: *Developing a Topology for Alcohol Related Accidents and Alcohol Outlets*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Seth Spielman - Brown University

Abstract Title: *Scale, Scale-linkage and Neighborhood Effects on Health.*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Robin Timothy Flowerdew - University of St Andrews

Abstract Title: *Using Zone Design to Evaluate Neighbourhood Effects on Health*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Arnaud Banos - LIVE, CNRS/ULP, France; Elise Beck - PACTE-UJF, France; Sandrine Glatron - LIVE, CNRS/ULP, France; Pierpaolo Mudu - WHO, DCS-CPS, Italy

Abstract Title: *GIS and Health: still invaluable but insufficient tools?*

2433 Transformation of China's Cities and Regions (I)

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Fulong Wu - Cardiff University; *Chair(s):* Laurence J.C. Ma - The University Of Akron

1:00 PM Author(s): *John R Logan - Brown University

Abstract Title: *Processes of Residential Sorting by Education, Occupation and Migrant Status: The Beijing Case*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Anthony Yeh, Prof. - University of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *Urban Density in Chinese Cities*

1:40 PM Author(s): *George C. S. Lin - University of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *The myth of China's urban land development with ambiguous property rights: The tragedy of the commons?*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Si-Ming Li - Hong Kong Baptist Univ, Yushu Zhu - School of Geographical Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University

Abstract Title: *Community Type and Residential Satisfaction: a study of Guangzhou, China*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Fulong Wu - Cardiff University

Abstract Title: *Search for a new spatial fix: the limit of urban entrepreneurialism and rising city-region governance in China*

2444 The Experiences of Immigrants and Refugees in Urban Areas: United States I

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan, Wei Li - Arizona State University; *Chair(s):* Monika Stodolska - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1:00 PM Author(s): *Thomas M. Kontuly - University of Utah, Thomas N. Maloney - University of Utah

Abstract Title: *Undocumented Migrants and Immigrants in Salt Lake County 1999 to 2007: Demographics, Residence and Geographic Mobility*

1:20 PM Author(s): Jungeun Kim - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Iryna Sharaievska - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *Monika Stodolska - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Kimberly J Shinew - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Abstract Title: *Interethnic/Interracial Attitudes among Latino Residents of Urban Communities*

2459 World Cities and Global Production Networks 3

North Hall N120, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Alain Thierstein - Munich University of Technology, Stefan Lüthi -Munich University of Technology; *Chair(s):* Frank Witlox - Ghent University

1:00 PM Author(s): *Stephanie Vervaeet - Ghent University, Ben Derudder - Ghent University, Koen Vlassenroot - Ghent University, Frank Witlox - Ghent University

Abstract Title: *Neither world city nor megacity: Mbuji-Mayi (Congo) as a booming node in transnational flows*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Elisabeth Schein -, Alain Thierstein -

Abstract Title: *Urban Space of emerging Cities in the Knowledge Economy Context: Three Case Studies on the Arabian Peninsula*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Maria Gravari-Barbas - IREST

Abstract Title: *Global architects ?Implications of (st)architecture Networking and urban landscapes*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Stephen J. Ramos - Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Abstract Title: *Large-Scale Trade Infrastructure as a Territorial Structuring Mechanism: The Case of Dubai's Jebel Ali Port and Industrial Complex*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Uljana Agibetova - UMR ESO Renns University

Abstract Title: *The measurement of metropolisation: testing the method of hyperlinks notoriety on FSU area*

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 3:10p – 5:50p

2533 Transformation of China's Cities and Regions (II)

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Fulong Wu - Cardiff University; *Chair(s):* Laurence J.C. Ma - The University Of Akron

Panelist(s):

Fulong Wu - Cardiff University

Kam Wing Chan - University of Washington

Cindy Fan - UCLA

You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley

Yehua Dennis Wei - University of Utah

Anthony Yeh - University of

John Logan - Brown University

George Lin - University of Hong Kong
 Si-Ming Li - Hong Kong Baptist Univ
 Laurence J.C. Ma - The University Of Akron

2544 The Experiences of Immigrants and Refugees in Urban Areas: United States II

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan, Wei Li - Arizona State University; *Chair(s)*: James P. Allen - California State University - Northridge

3:10 PM Author(s): *Alan P. Marcus, Dr. - Towson University

Abstract Title: *(Re)Creating Places and Spaces in Two Countries: Brazilian Transnational Migration Processes*

3:30 PM Author(s): *Lei Xu - Indiana University at Bloomington, Dennis Conway - Indiana University at Bloomington

Abstract Title: *Chinese 'Trailing Spouses' as Dependents of Chinese Graduate Students in the U.S.: Their Experiences - personal travails, successes, adaptation problems, family tensions and stresses*

3:50 PM Author(s): *Zhou Yu, PhD - UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, Lanhong Nora Chiang, PhD - National Taiwan University

Abstract Title: *Identity Formation among Taiwan immigrants in the U.S.: Assimilation vs. Rising Pengtu Identity*

4:10 PM Author(s): *James P. Allen - California State University - Northridge, *Eugene Turner - California State University - Northridge

Abstract Title: *Benefits of Mapping Detailed Ethnic Change in Urban Geography*

4:30 PM Author(s): *Jennifer Hinojosa - Binghamton University

Abstract Title: *A Comparative Analysis of Vietnamese and Salvadoran Refugee Groups in Washington D.C. and Virginia, 1980-2000*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 8:00a – 9:40a

3111 Muslim Identity, Citizenship and Belonging in the 'Everyday'

Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): D. James McLean

8:00 AM Author(s): *Peter E Hopkins - Newcastle University, UK

Abstract Title: *The university campus, government policy and religious identities: the experiences of Muslim students*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Betty Lininger, Ph.D. Candidate - University of Florida

Abstract Title: *Post Migration Experience of Somali Female Refugees in the United States: A Case Study of Atlanta, Georgia*

8:40 AM Author(s): *D. James McLean - York University

Abstract Title: *Second-generation Muslims in Canada: A Framework for Exploring Geographies of Being and Belonging in Halifax, Vancouver and Toronto*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Rhys Dafydd Jones -

Abstract Title: *'Access, Ethics, and Method: methodological reflections of researching everyday Islamic practices in rural Wales'*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Banu Gokarikel - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Abstract Title: *Topographies of Citizenship in Urban Turkey: Women's Struggle against the Headscarf Ban*

3128 Diverse perspectives on spatial restrictions and mobility to work

Capri 116, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Eric Boschmann - University of Denver; Melanie Ann Rapino - University of Memphis; *Chair(s)*: Eric Boschmann - University of Denver

8:00 AM Author(s): *Melanie Ann Rapino, Ph.D. - University of Memphis

Abstract Title: *The Effect of Gender Roles on Women's Spatial Entrapment Across the U.S.*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Morton E. O'Kelly - The Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Research on Trip Distribution: Models and Applications to Irish Commuting*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Sunhee Sang - The Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Examining spatial structure of accessibility: Results from Journey-to-Work Model Disaggregated by Gender and Occupation*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Christine L. Jocoy, Ph.D. - California State University - Long Beach; Vincent J. Del Casino, Ph.D. - California State University - Long Beach

Abstract Title: *Mobility, Homelessness, and Gender: Travel among homeless adults in Long Beach, CA*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Eric Boschmann - University of Denver

Abstract Title: *"Good jobs are out there, but...": An interview-based analysis of metropolitan area employment accessibility among working poor individuals*

3133 Urbanization and Environment I

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Qihao Weng - Indiana State University, George Xian - ARTS

Chair(s): George Xian - ARTS

8:00 AM Author(s): *Francine Fangxin YI - The University of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *Towards Land-centred Urbanization in Coastal China: Land Development and Local Public Finance in Jiangsu Province*

8:20 AM Author(s): *George Xian – ARTS, Collin Homer – USGS

Abstract Title: *Updating the 2001 National Land Cover Database Impervious Surface Product to Circa 2006*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Michail Fragkias, Ph.D. - Arizona State University, *Burak Güneralp - Yale University, Michael K. Reilly, Ph.D. - Stanford University, Karen C. Seto, Ph.D. - Yale University

Abstract Title: *Global Urban Land-Use Change: A Meta-Analysis of Trends and Projections*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Jun Yang - Temple University, Huabing Huang - State Key Laboratory of Remote Sensing, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Abstract Title: *Constructing a green railway on the Tibet Plateau: Evaluating the effectiveness of mitigation measures*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 10:10a – 11:50a

3206 Neighborhood Scale Urban Research

Royale Pavilion 1, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Michael Reibel - California State University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Marcos H. Feldman - Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy

Abstract Title: *Gentrification in an Intra-City Comparative Perspective: The Socio-Spatial Contours of Change in Wynwood and Little Havana (Miami, FL)*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Shawn Landry - University of South Florida

Jayajit Chakraborty - University of South Florida

Abstract Title: *Exploring the Equity Implications of an Urban Amenity: Street Trees in Tampa, Florida*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Michael Reibel - California State University

Maira E Regelson, PhD - Perfect Market, Inc.

Abstract Title: *A Cluster Analysis of Neighborhood Racial and Ethnic Geographies in the Fifty Largest U.S. Cities*

11:10 AM Author(s): *John R. Weeks, PhD - San Diego State University; Allan G. Hill, PhD - Harvard University; Arthur Getis, PhD - San Diego State University; Douglas A Stow, PhD - San Diego State University; David Rain, PhD - George Washington University; Ryan Engstrom, PhD - George Washington University

Abstract Title: *Modeling Spatial Inequalities in Health in Cities of Developing Countries:*

11:30 AM Author(s): *Antony Chum - University of Toronto, Dept of Geography

Abstract Title: *Evictions as a form of gentrification induced displacement*

3211 Muslim Identity, Citizenship and Belonging: New Questions and Approaches for Geographers

Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): D. James McLean

Panelist(s): Anna J Secor - University of Kentucky; Banu Gokariksel - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Peter E Hopkins - Newcastle University, UK; Betty Lininger; Rachel Pain - UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM; Catherine Alexander - Durham University; Robina Mohammad - University of Plymouth; Caroline Nagel - University of South Carolina

D. James McLean

Introducer(s): D. James McLean

3233 Urbanization and Environment II

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Qihao Weng - Indiana State University, Peng Gong - University Of California – Berkeley; *Chair(s):* Cyril Wilson - Indiana State University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Cyril Oluyomi Wilson - Indiana State University

Abstract Title: *Predicting surface water quality and its relation with urban land cover changes in the Lake Calumet watershed, Greater Chicago, Illinois.*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Jun Tu, PhD - Kennesaw State University

Abstract Title: *Spatially Varying Impact of Land Use Changes on Water Quality across an Urbanization Gradient Explored Using Geographically Weighted Regression*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Qihao Weng - Indiana State University

Abstract Title: *Modeling urban heat islands and their relationship with impervious surface and vegetation abundance by using Terra's ASTER images*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Peng Gong - University Of California – Berkeley

Abstract Title: *Urbanization and rural development of China from a land use perspective*

3407 Geographical analysis of urban crime

Royale Pavilion 2, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Haifeng Zhang - University of Louisville, KY; Danlin Yu - Montclair State University; *Chair(s):* Haifeng Zhang - University of Louisville, KY

1:00 PM Author(s): *Desheng Liu - The Ohio State University

Shiguo Jiang - The Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Modeling the Spatial Distributions of Motor Vehicle Theft in Urban Landscape*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Tony H. Grubestic - Indiana University

Abstract Title: *Sex Offender Clusters: An Exploratory Spatial Analysis*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Laura Chisholm - Temple University

Jeremy Mennis, PhD - Temple University

Abstract Title: *Mapping Geographically Weighted Regression: Spatial Nonstationarity in Logistic Models of Drug-Crime Recidivating Juvenile Delinquency*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2:00p – 2:40p

3418 'Who' are the gentrifiers in contemporary urban and rural spaces 1

Capri 105, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton; Joanna Sage - University of Brighton; *Chair(s):* Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton

1:00 PM Introduction: Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton

1:20 PM Author(s): *Damaris Rose - Institut national de la recherche scientifique

Abstract Title: *Revisiting "the production of gentrifiers": a personalized historiography*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Martin Phillips - University of Leicester

Abstract Title: *Circulatory Sociologies of Rural and Urban gentrification*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Noah Quastel - University of British Columbia

Abstract Title: *Political Ecologies of Gentrification*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Joanna Sage - University of Brighton

Abstract Title: *The Complexities of Studentification and Connections to Gentrification*

3433 Comparative Urbanization Trends in the USA and China

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Qihao Weng - Indiana State University; Dale A. Quattrochi - NASA MSFC; *Chair(s):* Dale A. Quattrochi - NASA MSFC

Panelist(s):

Dale A. Quattrochi - NASA MSFC

Michail Fragkias - Arizona State University

George Xian - ARTS

Qihao Weng - Indiana State University

Yehua Dennis Wei - University of Utah

3455 Post-socialist cities: theorizing and researching multiple urban transitions

North Hall N116, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Megan Dixon - University of Oregon; Ludek Sykora - Charles University in Prague

Chair(s): Ludek Sykora - Charles University in Prague

1:00 PM Author(s): Stefan Buzar - University of Birmingham; Ioseb Salukvadze - Tbilisi State University; *Michael Gentile - University of Gävle

Abstract Title: *Post-socialist household strategies frozen in space: vertical building extensions in the urban landscapes of Skopje and Tbilisi*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Diana Ter-Ghazaryan, Doctoral Candidate - Florida International University

Abstract Title: *"For the Benefit of Yerevan's Residents": Post-Soviet Transformations and National Identity in Armenia's Capital.*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Ludek Sykora - Charles University in Prague

Abstract Title: *Multiple Transitions and Uneven Urban Development in Post-communist Cities*

2:00 PM Discussant: Craig Young - Manchester Metropolitan University

2:20 PM Author(s): *Kadri Leetmaa -

Abstract Title: *Residential suburbanisation in the Tallinn MA in the late-Soviet, transition and post-transition period: Is Tallinn "a post-communist city" or "a city"?*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 3:10p – 4:50p

3518 'Who' are the gentrifiers in contemporary urban and rural space 2

Capri 105, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton; Joanna Sage - University of Brighton; *Chair(s):* Louise Holt - Un Iversity of Reading

3:10 PM Author(s): *Thomas Doerfler - University of Bayreuth

Abstract Title: *Changing public space - How gentrification rolls up the urban sphere: Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg revisited*

3:30 PM Author(s): *Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton

Abstract Title: *Cascading expressions of urban gentrification in rural places*

3:50 PM Author(s): *Jacquelyn R. Chase - California State Unviersity, Chico

Abstract Title: *Glass Houses: Eco-Aesthetics and Modernity in a Neo-Rural Landscape of Brazil*

4:10 PM Introduction: Antony Chum - University of Toronto, Dept of Geography

4:30 PM Author(s): *Jenna D.R Truder - University of Brighton

Jenna D.R Truder - University of Brighton

Abstract Title: *'Down from London': Gentrification and Long-Distance Migration in a Global City Region*

3534 China's Urban Transformation: Theoretical and Comparative Interpretation

Skybox 206, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): George Lin - University of Hong Kong; You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley; *Chair(s):* You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley

3:10 PM Author(s): *Jinn-yuh Hsu - National Taiwan University

Abstract Title: *From Nation Building, Economic Regeneration to Flanking Governmentality: The Changing Discourses of the Community Building Project in Taiwan after the 1990s*

3:26 PM Author(s): *Choon-Piew Pow - National University of Singapore

Abstract Title: *China Exceptionalism: Exploring Divergences and Convergences in Chinese Urban Development*

3:42 PM Author(s): *Wen Lin - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Abstract Title: *(Re)scaling urban governance and geo-coding urban landscape - Governing with geographic information technologies in urban China*

3:58 PM Author(s): *Jun Wang - University of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *Art in capital - cultural rehabilitation of industrial buildings in Shanghai*

4:14 PM Author(s): *Mi Shih - Rutgers University

Abstract Title: *Groping through Legal Actions: Residential Relocation, Resistance, and Law in Shanghai*

4:30 PM Author(s): *You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley

Abstract Title: *Theorizing and Comparing Urban China: Property Rights and Urban Social Movement*

3555 Post-socialist cities: theorizing and researching multiple urban transitions II

North Hall N116, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Megan Dixon - University of Oregon; Ludek Sykora - Charles University in Prague

Chair(s): Megan Dixon - University of Oregon

3:10 PM Author(s): *Megan Dixon - University of Oregon

Abstract Title: *Contending representations of space in post-socialism: the city as 'territory' or 'place'*

3:30 PM Author(s): *Nathaniel S. Trumbull - University of Connecticut

Abstract Title: *Re-Evaluating Infill Practices in a Post-Socialist City: The Loss of St. Petersburg's Historic Center?*

3:50 PM Author(s): *Mikhail S Blinnikov, PhD - St. Cloud State University

Abstract Title: *Divergent Urban Green Spaces Across The Altay: Examples From Biysk, Russia And Oskemen, Kazakhstan*

4:10 PM Author(s): *Olga Pak - University of Alberta

Abstract Title: *Post-Socialist City: Transient Urbanity and Popular Imagination*

4:30 PM Author(s): *Elena Trubina, Ph.D - Ural State University (Ekaterinburg, Russia)

Abstract Title: *Addressing the "local-global problematic" in Russia: place-making and re-centralization*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 5:20p – 7:00p

3611 Mobility in a time of Madness: From housing boom through credit crunch

Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Suzanne Davies Withers - University of Washington; Mark Ellis - University Of Washington; *Chair(s):* Suzanne Davies Withers - University of Washington

5:20 PM Author(s): *Mark Ellis - University Of Washington

Abstract Title: *US Immigration after the Credit Boom*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Carolina K. Reid - Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Abstract Title: *The Untold Costs of Subprime Lending: The Impacts of Foreclosure on Communities of Color in California*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Jonathan Glick - University Of Washington

Abstract Title: *Regional and metropolitan trajectories of housing appreciation/depreciation and affordability in the United States, 1997-2007*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Suzanne Davies Withers - University of Washington

Abstract Title: *Anchors of homeownership and geographies of immobility*

6:40 PM Discussant: Virginia L. Parks - University of Chicago

3618 'Who' are the gentrifiers in contemporary urban and rural spaces 3

Capri 105, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton; Joanna Sage - University of Brighton; *Chair(s):* Louise Holt - University of Reading

5:20 PM Author(s): *Louise Holt - University of Reading

Abstract Title: *Childless and gentrified: spaces of urban renaissance?*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Patrick Rérat - King's College London and University of Neuchatel

Abstract Title: *New-build gentrification in Switzerland: characteristics of the households living in recently built dwellings in core cities*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Brian Doucet - Utrecht University

Abstract Title: *"We're a rich city with poor people,:' Strategies of state-led, new-build gentrification in old industrial cities: the case of Rotterdam and Glasgow"*

6:20 PM Discussant: Joanna Sage - University of Brighton

6:40 PM Discussant: Darren Paul Smith - University Of Brighton

3620 Qualitative Data and GIS

Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Jin-Kyu Jung - University of North Dakota; LaDona G. Knigge - California State University, Chico; *Chair(s):* LaDona G. Knigge - California State University, Chico

5:20 PM Author(s): *Mark H. Palmer - University of Missouri-Columbia

Abstract Title: *Theorizing the Fragmentation of Kiowa Historical Geographies using Oral Histories, Inductive Research, and Geographic Information Systems*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Maurizio Antoninetti, Dr. - San Diego State University

Abstract Title: *It's not qualitative; it's not quantitative. It's mixed methodology.*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Jin-Kyu Jung - University of North Dakota

Abstract Title: *Can we bridge qualitative data with GIS?: Extending qualitative capabilities in GIS*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Geraldine O'Donnell - UCD Dublin

Abstract Title: *Using GIS to Inform Qualitative Research: A Study in Land-Use Dynamics in Dublin, Ireland.*

6:40 PM Author(s): *LaDona G. Knigge, PhD - California State University, Chico

Abstract Title: *Constructing a Grounded Visualization: Recursive analysis of Community Spaces using Ethnography & GIS*

3634 Comparing and Theorizing Urban China Roundtable

Skybox 206, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): George Lin - University of Hong Kong; You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley; *Chair(s):* You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley

Panelist(s):

Alana Boland - University of Toronto

Carolyn Cartier - University of Southern California

Piper Gaubatz - University Of Massachusetts

Jim Glassman - University Of British Columbia

You-tien Hsing - University Of California at Berkeley

Richard A. Walker - University of California-Berkeley

Fulong Wu - Cardiff University

Tingwei Zhang

3655 Roundtable on post-socialist cities: multiple urban transitions

North Hall N116, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Megan Dixon - University of Oregon

Panelist(s): Megan Dixon - University of Oregon; Michael Gentile - University of Gävle; Ludek Sykora - Charles University in Prague; Craig Young - Manchester Metropolitan University; Elena Trubina

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 8:00a – 9:40a

4106 Where is Urban Politics? I

Royale Pavilion 1, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Scott Rodgers - Open University, Clive Barnett; *Chair(s):* Scott Rodgers - Open University

8:00 AM Author(s): *Warren Magnusson, Professor - Department of Political Science, University of Victoria

Abstract Title: *The Symbiosis of the Urban and the Political*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Clive Barnett - The Open University

Abstract Title: *The claims of urban politics*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Lisa M. Hoffman - University of Washington Tacoma

Abstract Title: *Taking a Stance: Subjectivity as an analytical lens on the urban and the political*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Allan Cochrane - OPEN UNIVERSITY

Abstract Title: *The urban unbound: the topological relationships of urban politics*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Kevin R. Cox - Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Re-Imagining the Urban*

4128 Comparative urbanism: an inter-disciplinary dialogue

Capri 116, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) & Chair(s): Kevin Ward - University of Manchester

Panelist(s):

Kevin Ward - University of Manchester
 Jefferey Sellers - University of Southern California
 Aseem Inam - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Michael Smith - Arizona State University
 Jan Nijman - University of Miami
 Cynthia Ghorra-Gobin

4133 Food production, distribution, and access in cities

Skybox 205, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Michael Adams

8:00 AM Author(s): *Michael Adams -

Clare O'Reilly - UC Berkeley Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning

Abstract Title: *Food Production and Distribution Networks of Urban Centers*

8:15 AM Author(s): *Tracey Farrigan, PhD - Economic Research Service - USDA

Vince Breneman - Economic Research Service - USDA

Abstract Title: *Food Deserts: An Assessment of Geographic and Socio-economic Risk*

8:30 AM Author(s): *Anna Carla Lopez - San Diego State University

Abstract Title: *The urban and nutrition transition: using GIScience and remote sensing to map predictors of urban household food security in Accra, Ghana*

8:45 AM Author(s): *Lenore L Newman, PhD - York University, Canada

Abstract Title: *Food in the neighbourhood: The impact of small plot growing and local markets on perceptions of place.*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Nathan McClintock - University of California, Berkeley - Dept. of Geography

Abstract Title: *Participatory Assessment of Vacant Land for Urban Agricultural Use in Oakland, California*

9:15 AM Author(s): *Christopher B Langer - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *Local Urban Food Systems: Models to Increase Food Security for Toronto's Poor*

4140 Neo-Gramscian Urban Theory: Prospects, Proposals, and Provocations for Gramscian Approaches to the City

Skybox 212, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Ted Rutland - University of British Columbia

Panelist(s): Ted Rutland - University of British Columbia; Andrew Jonas; Katherine M. Johnson - University of Northern Colorado; Kanishka Goonewardena - UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO; Jamie Peck - University of British Columbia

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 10:10a – 11:50a**4206 Where is Urban Politics? II**

Royale Pavilion 1, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Scott Rodgers - Open University, Allan Cochrane - OPEN UNIVERSITY

Chair(s): Allan Cochrane - OPEN UNIVERSITY

10:10 AM Author(s): *Scott Rodgers - Open University, Clive Barnett - Open University, Allan Cochrane - Open University

Abstract Title: *Mediating urban politics*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Edward Soja – UCLA

Abstract Title: *Seeking Spatial Justice and Regional Rights to the City*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Douglas Young - YORK UNIVERSITY, Roger Keil - York University

Abstract Title: *Seeking the Urban In-Between: Tracking the urban politics of infrastructure in Toronto*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Sarah Neal, Dr - Open University

Abstract Title: *Strange Towns: rurality, place, counter culture and the transition towns movement*

11:30 AM Author(s): *Ryan Centner - Tufts University

Abstract Title: *Citizens of 'Another World': Urban Belonging and Latin America's Various Left Turns*

4220 The making of urban fringe economies

Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Kevin Ward - University of Manchester, David Wilson - University Of Illinois; *Chair(s):* David Wilson - University Of Illinois

10:10 AM Author(s): *Steven M. Graves - California State University, Northridge

Abstract Title: *Payday Lender's Site Location Dynamics and the Myth of Competition*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Justin Ngan - University of Toronto, Katharine Rankin - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *Spatial justice and the crisis of financial citizenship*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Vincent Pattison, Dr - Brooks World Poverty Institute

Abstract Title: *When ends don't meet: The role of credit shops in the lives of Manchester's working poor*

11:10 AM Author(s): *James DeFilippis - Rutgers University, Nina Martin - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Abstract Title: *On The Characteristics and Organization of Unregulated Work in American Cities*

11:30 AM Discussant: Kevin Ward - University of Manchester

4255 Immigration, Integration, and Multiple Economies

North Hall N116, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Pascale Joassart-Marcelli - San Diego State University

10:10 AM Author(s): Pascale Joassart-Marcelli, Ph.D. - San Diego State University; *Philip Stephens, B.A, M.S. - San Diego State University

Abstract Title: *Immigrant Banking and Financial Exclusion in Greater Boston*

10:25 AM Author(s): *Lucia Lo, Dr. - York University

Abstract Title: *The Challenge of Settlement*

10:40 AM Author(s): *Susan E Hobson, MPH - University of Illinois at Chicago

Abstract Title: *Street Food Vending Ordinances: Informal Economic Practices in Public Space*

10:55 AM Author(s): *Laura Reilly - Portland State University

Abstract Title: *Ethnic Place Making: Thirty Years of Brazilian Immigration to South Framingham, Massachusetts*

11:10 AM Discussant: Virginia L. Parks - University of Chicago

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1:00p – 2:40p**4406 Where is Urban Politics? III**

Royale Pavilion 1, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Scott Rodgers - Open University, Clive Barnett; *Chair(s)*: Clive Barnett

Panelist(s):

AbdouMaliq Simone

David Wilson - University Of Illinois

Lynn Staeheli - University of Edinburgh

Allan Cochrane - OPEN UNIVERSITY

Kevin Ward - University of Manchester

Jessica Budds - The Open University

4411 Military Geography and Contemporary Military Operations

Royale Pavilion 6, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): L. Jean Palmer-Moloney - Barton College

1:00 PM Author(s): *Ray Caputo - U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center

Abstract Title: *U.S. Army use of Geospatial PDF (GeoPDF)*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Timothy Vatovec - University of Kentucky

Abstract Title: *Leveraging the Public/Private Partnership: Security Firms Loose in the Military Landscape*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Jim Dalton - USMA

Abstract Title: *Between the Seams, Terrorism in Transcaucasia*

2:00 PM Author(s): *L. Jean Palmer-Moloney, Associate Professor - Barton College

Abstract Title: *Among the T-Barriers: Striving for Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction in Baghdad*

4429 Politicising State Spatial Theory

Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Matthew Mitchelson - University of Georgia; Stijn Oosterlynck - KU Leuven

Chair(s): Kate Driscoll Derickson

1:00 PM Author(s): *John Harrison - Loughborough University

Abstract Title: *Networks of connectivity, territorial fragmentation, uneven development: the new politics of city regionalism*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Arnoud Lagendijk, Dr. - Radboud University Nijmegen; Bas Arts, Dr. - Wageningen University

Abstract Title: *The Proliferation of multi-level Policy Domains: not one but many*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Joaquin Villanueva - Syracuse University

Abstract Title: *The territorialization of the law: Violence, politics and the judicial system in the Parisian banlieue*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Joshua Barkan - University of Georgia

Abstract Title: *The Legal Politics of Economic Regulation*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Monica W. Varsanyi, Ph.D. - John Jay College, City University of New York

Abstract Title: *Neoliberalism and Nativism: Local Anti-Immigrant Policy Activism and an Emerging Politics of Scale*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 3:10p – 4:50p**4457 Globalization and Contemporary Urban India I**

North Hall N118, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Pablo Bose - University of Vermont; Ananya Roy - University of California – Berkeley; *Chair(s)*: Pablo Bose - University of Vermont

1:00 PM Author(s): *Ananya Roy - University of California - Berkeley

Abstract Title: *The Blockade and the World City: Kolkata at the Turn of the Century*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Nikhil Anand - Stanford University

Abstract Title: *Water Pressure: The Time and Space of Mumbai's Water Supply*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Malini Ranganathan - University of California at Berkeley

Abstract Title: *Negotiating Water at the Urban Fringe: Reforms, Politics, and Citizenship Claims in Greater Bangalore*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Sapana Doshi - UC Berkeley

Abstract Title: *The Nation and Its Displaced: Redevelopment, Politics and Citizenship in 'Global' Mumbai*

4534 Right(s) to the City: taking account of current initiatives and debates

Skybox 206, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Mark H. Purcell - University of Washington

Panelist(s): Mark H. Purcell - University of Washington; Meghan Cope - University of Vermont; Susan Fainstein - Harvard University; Jacqueline Leavitt - UCLA; Tony Samara - George Mason University; Peter Marcuse

4545 Postcolonial Migrations

North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Mary Gilmartin - NUI Maynooth; Susan P. Mains - University of the West Indies-Mona

Panelist(s): Parvati Raghuram - The Open University; Declan Cullen; Robina Mohammad - University of Plymouth; Jamie Winders - Syracuse University; Divya Praful Tolia-Kelly - Durham University; Susan P. Mains - University of the West Indies-Mona

Introducer(s): Mary Gilmartin - NUI Maynooth

4557 Globalization and Contemporary Urban India II

North Hall N118, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Pablo Bose - University of Vermont; Ananya Roy - University of California - Berkeley; *Chair(s):* Ananya Roy - University of California - Berkeley

3:10 PM Author(s): *Llerena Searle - University of Pennsylvania

Abstract Title: *What Time are These People? Geographical Narratives of Progress and Logics of Investment in the Indian Real Estate Industry*

3:30 PM Author(s): *Gautam Bhan - University of California, Berkeley

Abstract Title: *The Juridical City: Evictions, Urban Citizenship and Public Interest in Millennial Delhi*

3:50 PM Author(s): *D. Asher Ghertner - University of California, Berkeley

Abstract Title: *"World-Class" Aesthetics, Private Property, and Delhi Slum Dwellers' Urban Imaginary*

4:10 PM Author(s): *Pushpa Arabindoo - LSE

Abstract Title: *Diasporic footprints in the Indian cityscape*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 5:20p – 7:00p

4623 Critical Geographies of Housing

Capri 110, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Amanda Huron - Graduate Center, CUNY, Stephen Boatright - CUNY

Chair(s): Amanda Huron - Graduate Center, CUNY

5:20 PM Author(s): *Stephen Boatright - CUNY

Abstract Title: *Affective Homeownership and the Spacetimes of Crisis*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Desiree Fields - CUNY Graduate Center

Susan Saegert, Ph.D. - Vanderbilt University, CUNY Graduate Center

Abstract Title: *Foreclosure as Threat to Ontological Security: The Institution of Homeownership in the Risk Society*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Amanda Huron - Graduate Center, CUNY

Abstract Title: *What do you mean you want affordable housing? Unpacking the space-time of "affordability"*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Joseph Pierce - Clark University

Abstract Title: *Alternative Property Tenure Models in North American Urban Housing: What Choices, What Effects?*

6:40 PM Discussant: James DeFilippis - Rutgers University

4657 Globalization and Contemporary Urban India III

North Hall N118, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Pablo Bose - University of Vermont; Ananya Roy - University of California - Berkeley; *Chair(s):* Pablo Bose - University of Vermont

5:20 PM Author(s): *DIGANTA KUMAR DAS - National University of Singapore

Abstract Title: *Creating Hi-tech Hyderabad: Restructured city, fractured space*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Ananthakrishna Maringanti - National University of Singapore

Abstract Title: *Accounting for 'Other' pathways to globalization: Caste, credit and the making of Cyberabad*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Pablo Bose - University of Vermont

Abstract Title: *Living in the Sky in the City of Joy: Struggles over Countryside and Cityscape in Contemporary Kolkata*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 8:00a – 9:40a**5126 Seeking Democratic Alternatives to the Neoliberal State: Geographies of Grassroots Democracy and Community Resistance to Neoliberalism. I**

Capri 114, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Joshua F. Inwood - Auburn University; Leela Viswanathan - Queen's University; *Chair(s)*: Leela Viswanathan - Queen's University

8:00 AM Author(s): *Sean Crotty - San Diego State University

Abstract Title: *Fear of Day Laborers and Community Activism: Ideological Challenge for Neoliberal City Governments*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Joshua F.J. Inwood - Auburn University

Abstract Title: *Engaging With King: African American Political Thought, The Beloved Community and Social Justice.*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Dorian T. Warren - Columbia University; Virginia Parks - University of Chicago

Abstract Title: *Contesting Wal-Mart in the City: Race, Labor, and Community in 21st c. Urban Politics*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Nina Martin - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Abstract Title: *Community-Based Organizations' Interventions in the Labor Market: Power, Performance, and Politics in Migrant Communities*

9:20 AM Discussant: Katherine B. Hankins - Georgia State University

5148 Scale, Equity, and Organizing: New Pathways to Achieving Social Justice

North Hall N109, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Chris Benner - University of California Davis

8:00 AM Author(s): *Manuel Pastor - University of Southern California; Chris Benner, Ph.D. - UC Davis; Martha Matsuoka, Ph.D. - Occidental College

Abstract Title: *For What It's Worth: Regional Equity, Community Organizing, and Metropolitan America*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Christopher Niedt - Hofstra University

Abstract Title: *Regionalism and the Unconvinced Older Suburb*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Rosa Laura Ramirez - UC DAVIS

Abstract Title: *Jacksonville: A Just Growth Region*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Chris Benner - University of California Davis; Manuel Pastor - University of Southern California

Abstract Title: *Fractures and Fault Lines: Growth and Equity in California's Megaregions*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 10:10a – 11:50a**5209 American Subprime Dilemma: Race, Risk, and Responsibility**

Royale Pavilion 4, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) & Chair(s): Monica W. Varsanyi - John Jay College, City University of New York

Panelist(s): Elvin K. Wylie - University of British Columbia

Introducer(s): James DeFilippis - Rutgers University

5226 Seeking Democratic Alternatives to the Neoliberal State: Geographies of Grassroots Democracy and Community Resistance to Neoliberalism. II

Capri 114, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Joshua F. Inwood - Auburn University; Leela Viswanathan - Queen's University; *Chair(s)*: Joshua F. Inwood - Auburn University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Carolyn Gallaher - American University

Abstract Title: *Condo Conversions in Washington DC: How 'Tenant Friendly' Legislation Fed the Real Estate Bubble in DC*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Caleb F Johnston - University of British Columbia

Abstract Title: *Resisting neoliberal Delhi: performance, politics, and tactics*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Sriram Ananthanarayanan - University of Minnesota

Abstract Title: *New Mechanisms for Imperialism in India: The Special Economic Zones*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Laura Wilson - Georgia State University

Abstract Title: *Community Voluntarism in Gentrifying Neighborhoods in Atlanta*

11:30 AM Discussant: Leela Viswanathan - Queen's University

5248 Scale, Equity, and Organizing II: New Pathways to Achieving Social Justice

North Hall N109, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Chris Benner - University of California Davis; *Chair(s)*: Rosa Ramirez - UC DAVIS

10:10 AM Author(s): *Waquar Ahmed - Mount Holyoke College

Abstract Title: *From Militant Particularism to Anti-neoliberalism? - The Anti-Enron Movement in India*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Namji Jung, Ph.D. - Florida State University

Abstract Title: *SMEs, equity, and scale questions: can the disproportionate power allocation among large-small firms be balanced?*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Chris Van Dyke - University of South Carolina

Abstract Title: *Irony and the Politics of Scale*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Luis LM Aguiar, PhD - University of British Columbia - Okanagan (UBCO)
 Abstract Title: *"Scale and Organizing Janitors"*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 11:55a – 12:55p

5302 Urban Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting

Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Program Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1:00p – 2:40p

5426 Seeking Democratic Alternatives to the Neoliberal State: Geographies of Grassroots Democracy and Community Resistance to Neoliberalism. III

Capri 114, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Joshua F. Inwood - Auburn University; Leela Viswanathan - Queen's University; *Chair(s):* Joshua F. Inwood - Auburn University

1:00 PM Author(s): *Catherine Phillips - Bishop's University

Abstract Title: *Challenging Neoliberalism with Alternative Seed Communities*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Parama Roy, PhD - Georgia State University

Abstract Title: *Walnut Way Community Gardens: Spaces of Resistance to Neoliberal Socio-environmental Injustices*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Anil Bhattarai - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *Radical Politics and Neoliberal Development: Political context of neoliberalism in Nepal*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Parastou Saberi, PhD Candidate - York University Faculty of Environmental Studies

Abstract Title: *On the Production of 'Festival Space' in Toronto: Neoliberal Creativity and the Eviction of the Right to the City*

2:20 PM Discussant: Peter Hossler - University of Georgia

5444 Power, Social Justice and the Creative City: Part 1

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): John Paul C. Catungal - University of Toronto; Deborah Leslie - University Of Toronto; *Chair(s):* Deborah Leslie - University Of Toronto

1:00 PM Author(s): *Pedro Costa - Dinâmia / ISCTE

Abstract Title: *Whose Creative City? Governance of Three Cultural Districts in Lisbon, Barcelona and S. Paulo*

1:20 PM Author(s): *John Paul C. Catungal - University of Toronto; Debby Leslie - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *Queering the Creative City*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Chris Gibson - University of Wollongong

Abstract Title: *Can creative city planning be socially just? Experiences from a government-research partnership in Australia's (post)colonial north*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Melanie Bedore, Ph.D. candidate - Queen's University

Abstract Title: *Retail Food Access in the 'Wanna-Be' Creative City: Uneven Access to Uneven Essential Services Amidst the Re-branding of Kingston, Ontario*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Nancy Ettliger - Department of Geography, Ohio State University

Abstract Title: *Problematizing the social construction of the culture/creativity discourse*

5458 Locating the Prison: Geographies of Crime and Punishment

North Hall N119, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): Matthew Mitchelson - University of Georgia; Anne Bonds - University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; *Chair(s):* Anne Bonds - University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

1:00 PM Author(s): *Rashad Shabazz, Ph.D - The University of Vermont

Abstract Title: *"Whirlpool of Risk": Transference, Carceral Circularity and the Rise of the Black AIDS Epidemic*

1:20 PM Author(s): *Susannah R. McCandless - Clark University

Abstract Title: *Mapping the carceral countryside: affect, mobility and gender in the lived spaces of Vermont Latino farmworkers*

1:40 PM Author(s): *Matthew Mitchelson - University of Georgia

Abstract Title: *Innumerable Mechanisms of Discipline: Producing the Prison and 'the' Quantitative Method*

2:00 PM Author(s): *Anne Bonds - University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Abstract Title: *Discipline and Dispossession: White Privilege and Entrepreneurial Prison Development*

2:20 PM Author(s): *Nik Theodore - University of Illinois at Chicago

Jamie Peck - University of British Columbia

Abstract Title: *Labor market lockdown: making the ex-offender employability crisis*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 3:10p – 4:50p**5502 Urban Geography Plenary Lecture**

Grande Ballroom D, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Introducer(s): Robert Lake - Rutgers University, James DeFilippis - Rutgers University*Panelist(s)*: AbdouMaliq Simone*Discussant(s)*:

Pablo Bose - University of Vermont

Cindi Katz - CUNY Graduate Center

5509 Landscape Inscription and Place Identity

Royale Pavilion 4, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Terri Moreau - Royal Holloway University of London; Kevon Rhiney - University of the West Indies; *Chair(s)*: Derek H. Alderman - East Carolina University**3:10 PM Author(s)**: *terri moreau - Royal Holloway University of London

Derek H Alderman - East Carolina University

*Abstract Title: Graffiti Lineage: A Look at Civil War Heritage at Brandy Station***3:30 PM Author(s)**: *Kevon C. Rhiney, Mr. - University of the West Indies*Abstract Title: "Trench Town Rock": Inscription, identity and reggae music in Kingston, Jamaica***3:50 PM Author(s)**: *Eriko Yasue - Royal Holloway University of London*Abstract Title: Reproducing tourist landscapes: the practices of tourist photography in contemporary Japan***4:10 PM Author(s)**: *Stephen S. Birdsall - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*Abstract Title: Losing and Reactivating Remembrance: Fluctuating Purpose in Memorial Landscapes***4:30 PM Discussant**: Tim Cresswell - Royal Holloway, University of London**5514 Spatial Autocorrelation in Environmental Justice Research: Problems, Prospects, and Future Directions**

Capri 101, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Jayajit Chakraborty - University of South Florida, Timothy W. Collins - University of Texas - El Paso; *Chair(s)*: Sara Grineski - University of Texas at El Paso**3:10 PM Author(s)**: *Jayajit Chakraborty - University of South Florida*Abstract Title: Spatial Autocorrelation and the Selection of Regression Models for Environmental Justice Analysis***3:30 PM Author(s)**: *K Animashaun Ducre - Syracuse University*Abstract Title: Racialized Spaces: Exploratory Space as a Variable in Environmental Justice Analysis***3:50 PM Author(s)**: *Marilyn M Williams - University of Denver*Abstract Title: The Spatial Distribution of Industrial Pollution in Houston: Analyzing Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Inequities***4:10 PM Author(s)**: *Timothy W. Collins, Ph.D. - University of Texas - El Paso

*Sara E Grineski, Ph.D. - University of Texas at El Paso

*Abstract Title: Environmental Injustices in Transnational Context: Predictors of proximity to industrial hazards in El Paso/Ciudad Juárez***4:30 PM Author(s)**: *Jeremy Mennis - Temple University*Abstract Title: Spatial Analysis and Explanations of Environmental Justice***5527 Youth Participation in Neighborhood and Community Settings: Part I (US & Intl)**

Capri 115, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Yvonne Hung - CUNY Graduate Center; *Chair(s)*: Penny Travlou**3:10 PM Author(s)**: *Kirsten Owen - University of Sheffield*Abstract Title: Young People and 'Social Mix': conceptual debates about young people's contribution towards social interactions in neighbourhoods designed for 'social mix'.***3:30 PM Author(s)**: *Yvonne Hung - CUNY Graduate Center*Abstract Title: Youth participation in two Berlin neighborhood organizations***3:50 PM Author(s)**: *Matthew J. Reilly - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*Abstract Title: The Kids from Calle G: Youth and Public Space in Havana, Cuba***4:10 PM Author(s)**: *Sofia Cele - Uppsala University*Abstract Title: Place and Self: Children's Photographic Narratives***5544 Power, Social Justice and the Creative City: Part 2**

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): John Paul C. Catungal - University of Toronto; Deborah Leslie - University Of Toronto; *Chair(s)*: John Paul C. Catungal - University of Toronto**3:10 PM Author(s)**: *Heather Elizabeth McLean - York University*Abstract Title: The Politics of Creative Performance: Art on Trial for the Crime of Gentrification***3:30 PM Author(s)**: *Mark Davidson - University of Western Sydney*Abstract Title: Class-ifying London: social division and space claims in the post-industrial city*

3:50 PM Author(s): *Joshua Long - Mount Holyoke College

Abstract Title: *Resistance in the Creative Archetype: Lessons from the "success story" of Austin, Texas.*

4:10 PM Author(s): *Katharine N. Rankin - University of Toronto

Abstract Title: *The Contradictory Practices of Business Improvement Areas in the Creative City*

4:30 PM Author(s): *Ryan J. Craven, BA - Concordia University

Norma M. Rantisi, PhD - Concordia University

Abstract Title: *The Opportunities and Challenges for Promoting Ethical Fashion in Montreal, Canada*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 5:20p – 7:00p

5609 Media(ing) Migration: Mobility, Inclusion and Popular Culture

Royale Pavilion 4, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Mary Gilmartin - NUI Maynooth; Susan P. Mains - University of the West Indies-Mona; *Chair(s):* Mary Gilmartin - NUI Maynooth

5:20 PM Author(s): *Mary Gilmartin - NUI Maynooth

Abstract Title: *Local Lives and National Crises: Representing Lithuanians in the Irish press*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Elizabeth Mavroudi - Loughborough University

Abstract Title: *Depicting migrants in contradictory ways: The 'Athens News' and its 'community' section.*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Liana Vasseur - University of Kentucky

Abstract Title: *"They're not even sunburned": the body, authenticity, and Cuban migrants to South Florida*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Susan P. Mains - University of the West Indies-Mona

Abstract Title: *Returning to Jamaica: Representing Urban Spaces of Diaspora and Development*

6:40 PM Author(s): *Harald Bauder - Ryerson University

Abstract Title: *The Economic Case for Immigration: Neoliberal and Regulatory Paradigms in the Press*

5627 Youth Participation in Neighborhood and Community Settings: Part II (US & Intl)

Capri 115, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Yvonne Hung - CUNY Graduate Center; *Chair(s):* Penny Travlou

5:20 PM Author(s): *Robin A. Kearns - University of Auckland, Karen Witten - Massey University, Hector Kaiwai - Massey University, Victoria Jensen - Massey University

Abstract Title: *'Talking the walk': Embracing complexity in the quest to understand children's experience of neighbourhood in Auckland, New Zealand*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Janet Loebach - University of Western Ontario, Jason Gilliland - University of Western Ontario

Abstract Title: *Child Guides: The use of child-led walking tours as a participatory protocol for neighbourhood research and evaluation with children and youth*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Andrew Jon Turgeon - University of Vermont

Abstract Title: *Youth and their Rural Place: An Examination of Teenagers' Geographies in Bennington*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Lia D Shimada - University College London

Abstract Title: *"Changing Places, Changing Lives": Young people, identity and peace-building in Northern Ireland*

6:40 PM Author(s): *Andrew Thomas Warren - University of Wollongong

Abstract Title: *Sites of youth, sites of creativity: young people in the creative life of the Illawarra Region, NSW Australia*

5628 The right to the city: from the right to occupy towards the right to 'survive'

Capri 116, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Peter Hossler - University of Georgia; *Chair(s):* Nina Martin - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

5:20 PM Author(s): *Rich Heyman - University of Texas at Austin

Abstract Title: *Worker Centers: Public Space and Immigrant Rights to the City*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Tovi Fenster - Tel Aviv University

Abstract Title: *The Right to the Gendered City: Different Formations of Belonging in Everyday Life*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Peter Hossler - University of Georgia

Abstract Title: *The 'right to the city' and Milwaukee's changing health care delivery system*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Trushna Parekh - University of Kentucky

Abstract Title: *Of Armed Guards and Kente Cloth in Post Katrina New Orleans: The Battle for St. Augustine Parish*

6:40 PM Discussant: Mark H. Purcell - University of Washington

5639 Calcutta's Modernities

Skybox 211, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Mark Jackson - University of Bristol

5:20 PM Author(s): *Mark S. Jackson, Dr. - University of Bristol

Abstract Title: *Reflections on Calcutta as an Allegorical City of Modernity*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Jenny Lunn - Royal Holloway, University of London

Abstract Title: *Calcutta's religious diversity: Exploring the role of faith-based organisations in welfare, relief and development*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Aditi Chatterji - University of Calcutta

Abstract Title: *Ethnicity, Migration And The Urban Landscape Of Kolkata*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Sudhir Mahadevan - University of Washington-Seattle

Abstract Title: *Visualizing Social and Seismic Disaster: Photography, Print and the Cinema in 19th and Early 20th Century Calcutta*

6:40 PM Author(s): *Swati Chattopadhyay - University of California, Santa Barbara

Abstract Title: *Fungible Geographies: the Spatial Dynamics of the Durgapuja in Calcutta*

5644 Power, Social Justice and the Creative City: Panel Discussion

North Hall N102, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s): John Paul C. Catungal - University of Toronto; Deborah Leslie - University Of Toronto; *Chair(s):* John Paul C.

Catungal - University of Toronto

Panelist(s): Norma Rantisi; Chris Gibson; Wendy Larner - University of Bristol; Lily Kong - National University Of Singapore; Nancy

Ettlinger - Ohio State University

5645 China Urban and Regional Development and Industrial Transformation

North Hall N103, Las Vegas Convention Center

Organizer(s) & Chair(s): Xiaobin Zhao - University of Hong Kong

5:20 PM Author(s): *Xiaobin Zhao - University of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *Contesting the Status of World Factory of Manufacturing: Comparative Studies of FDI in China, Vietnam and India*

5:40 PM Author(s): *Huangji Wang, Mphil Candidate - The Univeristy of Hong Kong

Abstract Title: *Cross-Listing, Corporate Governance and Financial Center Cooperation between Hong Kong and Mainland China*

6:00 PM Author(s): *Zhenshan Yang - Utrecht University & ITC, The Netherlands; Ottens Henk - Utrecht University; Jianming Cai - Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Sliuzas Richard - International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, the Netherlands

Abstract Title: *Evolution of Sectoral Clusters and Chinese City Dynamics-a Case of Beijing*

6:20 PM Author(s): *Jianming Cai - CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES; Fei Han - Chinese Academy of Sciences; Zhenshan Yang - Utrecht University & ITC of the Netherlands

Abstract Title: *Beijing: Creating Recreational Destinations for Urban Citizen with an Edible Peri-urban Landscape*

6:40 PM Author(s): *Xuwei Hu; Tianxin Hu

Abstract Title: *Trends of the Urbanization Process in China's Reform Era*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 8:00a – 9:40a

6104 Remote Sensing and GIS for Urban Analysis I

Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Xiaojun Yang - Florida State University; Victor Mesev - Florida State University

Chair(s): Xiaojun Yang - Florida State University

8:00 AM Author(s): *Frank Michael Sims - Florida State University

Abstract Title: *Utilization of Ancillary Data in Object-Based Classification of High Resolution Satellite Imagery: LIDAR Integration*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Rebecca L. Powell - University Of Denver; Sharolyn J. Anderson - University of Denver

Abstract Title: *Discriminating Urban Tree and Lawn Cover in Denver Using Sub-Pixel Analysis*

8:40 AM Author(s): Denis Dean, Dr. - University of Texas at Dallas; *Harini Sridharan - University of Texas at Dallas; Fang Qiu, Dr. - University of Texas at Dallas

Abstract Title: *Spectral Separability Analysis of Urban Tree Species Using Spectrometer Measurements*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Michael Harrison - University of Texas at San Antonio

Abstract Title: *Detecting Urban Growth Patterns in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Using Landsat Imagery*

6120 Rural and Exurban Dynamics

Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Christopher Badurek - Appalachian State University

8:00 AM Author(s): *Meaghan E. Bernard, MA - City-Region Studies Centre, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta

Doug Knight, PhD - City-Region Studies Centre, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta

Abstract Title: *Urban-Rural Interdependencies: The Benefits and Costs of Urban-Rural Cooperation in Alberta, Canada*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Richard J. Crepeau, Ph.D. - Appalachian State University

Abstract Title: *Grappling with the Paucity of Timely Economic Data in North Carolina: The Western North Carolina Economic Index*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Christopher A. Badurek - Appalachian State University; Austin Chamberlain - Appalachian State University

Abstract Title: *Measuring Rural-Exurban Change in Western North Carolina using Housing Density Surface Analysis*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Reuben S. Rose-Redwood, Ph.D. - Texas A&M University

Abstract Title: *Spaces of Calculation: Street Addressing and the Remaking of Urban and Rural Space*

6129 Housing Barriers and Needs for New Immigrants and Refugees: Australia and US/Canada Perspectives

Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan

8:00 AM Author(s): *Michael Poulsen, Ass Prof - Macquarie University

Abstract Title: *Housing Affordability and Ethnicity: An Australian and American Comparative Perspective*

8:20 AM Author(s): *James Forrest, PhD - MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Abstract Title: *Immigrants and Housing in Australia*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Thomas Sydney Carter - The University of Winnipeg

Abstract Title: *The Housing Barriers and Needs of Refugee Resettlement in Declining Inner City Neighbourhoods: A Winnipeg Case Study*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Kathy Sherrell - University of British Columbia

Abstract Title: *At home in Surrey? The housing experiences of refugees in Surrey, BC*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Carlos Teixeira, Dr. - University of British Columbia Okanagan

Abstract Title: *The Housing Experiences of New Immigrants in a Medium-sized City (Kelowna, B.C., Canada)*

6130 (Re)Producing Poverty: urban geographies of dispossession

Skybox 202, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Ozan Karaman - University of Minnesota; *Chair(s):* Ilona Moore - University of Minnesota

8:00 AM Author(s): *Ozan Karaman - University of Minnesota

Abstract Title: *Entrepreneurial urbanism and the politics of dispossession in Istanbul*

8:20 AM Author(s): *Mona Atia - George Washington University

Abstract Title: *Helping the Poor Help Themselves: Charity and Development in Cairo*

8:40 AM Author(s): *Pascal Willy Debruyne - PHD-Researcher

Koenraad Bogaert - PHD student

Abstract Title: *The Arab Revanchist City. urban redevelopment and gentrification in Rabat, Casablanca and Amman*

9:00 AM Author(s): *Jeff Garmany - University of Arizona

Abstract Title: *Beyond 'Sampa' and 'Rio': Contextualizing space, cities, and squatter settlements outside of southeastern Brazil*

9:20 AM Author(s): *Mario Berti - Simon Fraser University

Abstract Title: *Citizenship and Rights: panhandling for change*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 10:10a – 11:50a

6204 Remote Sensing and GIS for Urban Analysis II

Grande Ballroom G, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Xiaojun Yang - Florida State University; Victor Mesev - Florida State University; *Chair(s):* Victor Mesev - Florida State University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Michael John Widener - Florida State University; Ralph Wilson IV - Florida State University; Victor Mesev, PhD - Florida State University

Abstract Title: *Comparing the Fractality and Lacunarity of Urban Growth*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Byong-Woon Jun - Kyungpook National University

Abstract Title: *An Approach to Linking Environmental Justice Analysis to Urban Quality of Life Assessment*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Xiaojun Yang - Florida State University

Abstract Title: *Landscape Pattern Impacts on Coastal Water Quality in a Urban Watershed*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Libin Zhou - Florida State University; Xiaojun Yang - Florida State University; Abstract Title: *Impacts of Neural Networks Architectures on Land Cover Mapping from Satellite Imagery*

11:30 AM Discussant: Victor Mesev - Florida State University

6220 Rural and Exurban Dynamics II

Capri 107, Riviera Hotel, 1st Floor

Organizer(s): Christopher Badurek - Appalachian State University; *Chair(s):* Richard Crepeau - Appalachian State University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Susan J. Gilbertz - Montana State University-Billings; Eric Austin - Montana State University Bozeman

Abstract Title: *Ironic Icon: Private Property Rights as the Vanguard of Western Values*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Andree Tremoulet - Portland State University

Abstract Title: *The Political Economy of Mobile Home Park Closures In Oregon*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Nicole Prchal Svajlenka - The George Washington University

Abstract Title: *"Rural Landscape Change: Forest Recovery and Urban to Rural Migration in Eaton, NY"*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Stephanie Smith - Appalachian State University, Department of Geography and Planning; Dr. Gabrielle Katz - Appalachian State University, Department of Geography and Planning

Abstract Title: *Multi-scale Effects of Land Use on Biotic Diversity in a Rural and Exurban Landscape*

6229 Metropolis

Skybox 201, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s) and Chair(s): Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan

Panelist(s):

Thomas Sydney Carter

Kathy Sherrell - University of British Columbia

Wei Li - Arizona State University

Dan Hiebert - University of British Columbia
 Heather Anne Smith - University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 Carlos Teixeira - University of British Columbia Okanagan

6237 Urban Greenscapes: Parks in the Industrial and Neoliberal City

Skybox 209, Riviera Hotel, 2nd Floor

Organizer(s): Phil Birge-Liberman - Syracuse University, Jeremy Bryson - Syracuse University; *Chair(s)*: Phil Birge-Liberman - Syracuse University

10:10 AM Author(s): *Elaine Kovacs –

Abstract Title: *From Horticultural Paradise to Children's Pleasure Ground: Envisioning Roeding Park of Fresno, California*

10:30 AM Author(s): *Melanie K Jones - University of Cambridge

Abstract Title: *Municipal Parks As An Aid To Urban Regeneration In Early Twentieth Century Nashville*

10:50 AM Author(s): *Jeremy Bryson - Syracuse University

Abstract Title: *The Nature of Gentrification: Brownfields, Parks, and Condos on the Spokane River.*

11:10 AM Author(s): *Phil Birge-Liberman - Syracuse University

Abstract Title: *Urban Greening: Reproducing Public Parks for the Sustainable City*

11:30 AM Author(s): *Henry W. Lawrence - Edinboro Univ of Pennsylvania

Abstract Title: *City trees: Coevolution of roles for sustainability and pleasure*

OTHER ITEMS:

NEW BOOK: From Cornell University Press, April 2009:

Foreclosed. High-Risk Lending, Deregulation, and the Undermining of America's Mortgage Market

By: Dan Immergluck

Over the last two years, the United States has observed, with some horror, the explosion and collapse of entire segments of the housing market, especially those driven by subprime and alternative or "exotic" home mortgage lending. The unfortunately timely *Foreclosed* explains the rise of high-risk lending and why these newer types of loans-and their associated regulatory infrastructure-failed in substantial ways. Dan Immergluck narrates the boom in subprime and exotic loans, recounting how financial innovations and deregulation facilitated excessive risk-taking, and how these loans have harmed different populations and communities.

After describing the development of generally stable and risk-limiting mortgage markets throughout much of the twentieth century, *Foreclosed* details how federal policymakers failed to regulate the new high risk lending markets that arose in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The book also examines federal, state, and local efforts to deal with the mortgage and foreclosure crisis of 2007 and 2008. Immergluck draws upon his wealth of experience to provide an overarching set of principles and a detailed set of policy recommendations for "righting the ship" of U.S. housing finance in ways that will promote affordable yet sustainable homeownership as an option for a set of households and communities.

"Foreclosed is accessible, comprehensive, informative, and insightful. It provides a critical but balanced analysis of the current mortgage crisis, its origins, consequences, and solutions. It is very well written and will appeal to a broad audience including policymakers, policy analysts, bankers, and lawyers. Dan Immergluck's recommendations couldn't be more timely."

-Alex Schwartz, The New School

Sustainable Urban Transport Study: How Decisions Are Made

Barry Wellar, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa, and Principal, Wellar Consulting Inc., has completed the Transport Canada project, "Methodologies for Identifying and Ranking Sustainable Transport Practices in Urban Regions" The eleven reports are posted at <http://www.wellarconsulting.com/>

The focus of the study is on municipal governments in Canada that have been making decisions on a daily basis about identifying, adopting, and implementing sustainable transport practices. Or not, as the case may be.

These decisions have long-term financial, economic, energy, geographic, development, social, land use, climate change, and other impacts. However, extensive, keyword-based electronic searches, and consultations with a number of international experts, suggest that very limited work has been done in Canada or any country to examine how these important decisions are made.

In addition to conducting an initial survey of municipal governments on how decisions about sustainable transport practices are made, the project initiated a preliminary inquiry into the methods and techniques that could be used in making these decisions.

For the next study phase, one avenue involves research into the derivation of sustainable transport practices, and designing a system for ranking them from worst to best. Geographers will be invited to participate in the design of the derivation process, with emphasis on how to represent the spatial aspect as part of the ranking system. It is intended that a presentation on this research be made at the 2010 Annual meeting of the AAG in Washington, DC.

Wellar and Garrison Connect Sustainable Urban Transport, Operations Research, and Management Sciences

I am pleased to inform UGSG Newsletter readers that the operations research and management sciences communities have taken an interest in the Transport Canada project, Methodologies for Identifying and Ranking Sustainable Transport Practices in Urban Regions.

As a result of the three reports on methods and techniques that could be used in making decisions about sustainable transport practices, I have been asked to speak at several meetings. The first post-project presentation will be for an Invited session, "Sustainable Transport Planning and Assessment", at the 2009 International Conference, Canadian Operational Research Society and Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (CORS/INFORMS).

My co-presenter will be William L. Garrison, Emeritus Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California at Berkeley. The title of our presentation is ***Enriching Sustainable Transport Decision Processes: Inputs from Operations Research and Management Science.***

Abstract "This presentation discusses the results of a 2008-2009 Transport Canada project, **Methodologies for Identifying and Ranking Sustainable Transport Practices in Urban Regions**, and discusses project findings about whether and how operations research and management science methods and techniques are used and could be used in making decisions to identify, adopt, or implement sustainable urban transport practices."

We are currently completing the paper to accompany the presentation. It will be posted to make the thinking behind the presentation available to conference attendees and non-attendees. If all goes well, the paper will be posted by mid-March at <http://www.wellarconsulting.com/>

As for those who remember Professor Garrison's pioneering work in bringing OR and MS into urban transportation studies some fifty, yes, 50 years ago, I am pleased to reassure you that he remains at the top of his game when it comes to addressing research design issues, challenges, and opportunities.

FELLOWSHIPS

Envisioning the Future Federal Workplace
2009-2010 Academic-Year Fellowship
Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia USA

The Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science at George Mason University is seeking graduate student applicants (masters or doctoral) for two Fellowship positions starting in the fall semester of 2009. The successful candidates will work on a grant from the General Services Administration to create a GIS-based, decision support tool to help the federal government plan where to locate their facilities in the National Capital Region over the next half-century.

Fellows will work with a team of three faculty members from the Department who collectively have expertise in the areas of location analysis, regional development and spatial decision support tools. Those applicants with an interest in any or all of these areas are encouraged to apply for the Fellowship. Applicants with experience working with ArcObjects, Visual Basic and statistical software packages such as SPSS or SAS should highlight that experience in their application materials.

The Fellowships are for one academic year during which Fellows are expected to fulfill their responsibilities on the project and make satisfactory academic progress toward completing their degrees. Each Fellowship includes a tuition waiver, competitive stipend as well as travel funds for Fellows to attend domestic and international conferences. Funding is also available to support each Fellow during the summer of 2010.

To apply for the Fellowship, submit a cover letter and resume which highlight your qualifications for the Fellowship to the following address:

Envisioning the Future Federal Workplace Fellowship
Attention: Dr. Ed Zolnik
Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MSN 6C3
Fairfax, Virginia 22030 USA.

Applications for the 2009-2010 Academic-Year Fellowship will be accepted until both positions are filled. Admission to the Department's masters and doctoral programs occurs on a rolling basis so there is no effective deadline for admission to either program for the fall semester of 2009. Questions regarding the Fellowship should be directed to Dr. Ed Zolnik (Tel: (703) 993-1144/E-mail: ezolnik@gmu.edu).

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship(s)

The Martin Prosperity Institute
Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

Ranked as one of the top business schools in North America by *The Financial Times*, the **Joseph L. Rotman School of Management** has set out to redesign business education for the 21st century through an innovative approach to management education, built around Integrative Thinking™ and Business Design™.

Post-Doctoral Positions: One or more positions are available. Positions will be filled based on candidate qualifications and research interests. Preference will be given to outstanding candidates whose research interests best complement the current research of the Institute.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Day to day management of a limited number of research projects.
- Preparation of articles for consideration in referred journals.
- Participation in proposal grant-writing activities, including identifying funding sources and
- RFPs, conducting literature reviews, developing research questions, and designing research methods and data collection procedures.
- Preparation and delivery of presentations at relevant conferences and to policy-making bodies and professional organizations.
- Work with graduate and undergraduate assistants, full-time research staff and faculty on various research projects.
- Analysing data using appropriate statistical, GIS, and other software.
- Preparing reports, timelines, and other documents as needed for the efficient operation of the research.
- Preparation and deliver of policy-maker focused "white papers" based on own research or related research completed by others.
- Other duties as assigned.

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We invite applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds with appropriate experience and skills. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Applicants must comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices for postdoctoral positions. Applications received by May 31, 2009, will be given full consideration for an appointment starting in September, 2009. Apply to: jobs@rotman.utoronto.ca