Message from Chair of Governing Board

The 35th annual Urban Affairs Association conference in Salt Lake City attracted participants from across the United States and abroad. The meeting included over 250 paper and colloquy presentations. We heard an array of leading public and civic leaders from Salt Lake City describe and discuss various issues facing Utah’s largest city.

I want to thank Rex Facer III, the Romney Institute of Public Management at Brigham Young University, and other members of the local host committee for their outstanding display of hospitality. Margaret Wilder, UAA’s Executive Director, and her group of Delaware graduate students did an outstanding job organizing the conference. In short, the Salt Lake City conference was a huge success! And I am happy to report that plans are already in motion for next year’s annual meeting in Montreal.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I want to thank the members of the UAA for their support, suggestions, and strategic ideas as we address the issues surrounding personnel changes in UAA’s Secretariat office. The Governing Board is working closely with the University of Delaware to chart a new course of operations that will insure our future as a strong organization.

UAA’s financial resources are more than adequate to continue the organization’s activities, and the future looks bright from a fiscal perspective. We all are pleased that Margaret stepped in as executive director and have already noticed positive changes in the association’s national office.

Many of you have been gracious in offering to assist the Governing Board as we move forward. The Governing Board will be reaching out to the membership for ideas, advice and expertise. What has made and continues to make UAA a strong and vibrant organization is the tremendous devotion of all its members. I am confident that we will weather these recent challenges.

I trust that all of you will have a safe, productive, and fun summer. See you in Montreal!

About UAA’s New Governing Board Chair

Marion Orr is Professor of Political Science at Brown University. He previously was a member of the political science faculty at Duke University. A native of Savannah, Georgia, he earned his B.A. degree in political science from Savannah State College, M.A. in political science from Atlanta University (now Clark-Atlanta University), and a Ph.D. in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is affiliated with the Urban Studies Program and the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University.

Professor Orr’s interests includes American government and politics, urban politics, and urban public policy. He is the author of two books, Black Social Capital: The Politics of School Reform in Baltimore, which won the Policy Studies Organization’s best book award in 1999, and The Color of School Reform: Race, Politics and the Challenge of Urban Education, with Jeffrey Henig, Richard C. Hula and Desiree Pedescleaux, which was named the best book in 1999 by the American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Urban Politics Section. He is also the author of numerous scholarly articles, essays, and reviews.

The 35th Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City was again an exciting time for those interested in cutting edge research and discussions of critical issues facing urban places. During the meeting, the following fundamental question was examined - In what ways are we borrowing from the future in order to create our current urban environments? The conference theme challenged speakers, presenters and participants alike to assess the costs and benefits of urban development. Participants considered ways to promote urban communities that are socially and politically equitable as well as physically and economically sustainable.

We heard from local leaders including Mayor Rocky Anderson of Salt Lake City, Justice William Thorne of the Utah Court of Appeals, David Burton, Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Robert Grow, Founding Chair Emeritus of Envision Utah. Each gave his perspective on urban governance and its application to the Utah context.

The issue plenary focused on water policy in a contested region. The plenary speakers were Steve Erie of University of California, San Diego, Janet Houston of University of Utah, Margaret Wilder of University of Arizona. The plenary was moderated by Board Member Ali Modarres.

The enlightening breakfast roundtable discussions, paper presentations, colloquies and informal discussions throughout the Annual Meeting served to further the debate on how to promote equitable and sustainable development in the urban context. We hope you join us next year in Montreal for what will be equally engaging discussions on the state of urban neighborhoods.

2005 Annual Meeting Highlights

UAA’s annual awards for special achievement were presented during the Utah meeting. Congratulations to all of our outstanding colleagues!

Best Article Published in Journal of Urban Affairs
“Neighborhood Integration: Temporality and Social Fracture” by Ali Modarres, Department of Geography and Urban Analysis, California State University at Los Angeles

Emerging Scholar Award
Kristin Good, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto (pictured below)

Best Book in Urban Affairs
American Babylon: Race and the Struggle for Post War Oakland by Robert O. Self, Department of History, Brown University (pictured above with Best Book award committee chair and Board member Stacy Warren)

Best 34th Annual Meeting Paper
“Deconcentrating Poverty Through Alternative Housing Assistance Programs” by Kirk McClure, Graduate Studies Program in Urban Planning, University of Kansas

Best Paper in the Fannie Mae Foundation Track in Housing And Community Development

Best Paper winner Kirk McClure

Awards Conferred During 35th Annual Meeting

Justice William Thorne, Utah Court of Appeals, addresses conference participants
Scott Cummings Honored for Distinguished Service

UAA honored the outstanding work of Scott Cummings, editor of the Journal of Urban Affairs, by hosting a reception in his honor during the 35th Annual Meeting. Hundreds of members joined together during the Friday night reception to celebrate and thank Scott for his tireless efforts. Among those offering words of thanks and honoring his work was Don Norris, pictured above with Scott as he toasted the honoree.

For seventeen years, Cummings served as editor of the Journal of Urban Affairs. The Journal is one of the most respected scholarly outlets in public policy and urban research thanks in great part to Scott’s leadership. Under his guidance, the Journal of Urban Affairs has become one of the fastest growing journals in the nation with an average annual growth rate of 11.8% per year over the last 8 years. Thanks also to Scott’s leadership, the Journal’s policy forums provide a platform for debate and have received international press coverage for their contribution to policy analysis.

While editor of the Journal, Scott Cummings also served as Professor of Public Policy Studies, Director of the Midwest Center for Policy Research and Evaluation, and Director of the Doctoral Program in Public Policy Analysis and Administration at St. Louis University. His research specializations include but are not limited to: public policy and policy evaluation, urban underclass and social inequality, community development and neighborhood development policy; minority economic development and ethnic enterprise; and urban and downtown development policy.

Outgoing UAA Governing Board Chair Nancy Kleniewski (pictured below) was pleased to congratulate Scott during the Annual Meeting’s reception for him and offered her sincere thanks for his outstanding work over many years of service. Friends ate, drank and were merry that evening in celebration of Scott’s achievements including Blackwell Publishing’s Eric Hall (pictured above with other conference attendees). UAA’s new executive director Margaret Wilder (pictured with Scott below) also thanked Scott during the reception and presented a special plaque.

Scott will officially retire from service on June 30. He will remain in our hearts as a champion and hero for his distinguished service and support. Scott, though you may be gone from the Journal of Urban Affairs, you will never be forgotten. Thanks again for all you have done to promote our organization, Urban Affairs as a field of study, and the Journal of Urban Affairs.

Scott Cummings accepts Distinguished Service Award following 17 years of service.
Scott Cummings, our dedicated editor of the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, will end his term of service in June 2005. Since 1987, Scott worked diligently and tirelessly to elevate the quality and stature of the Journal. He will be sorely missed.

We are pleased to welcome our two new co-editors: **Victoria Basolo and Rodolfo Torres** of the University of California, Irvine. They officially begin their new roles on July 1, 2005.

Victoria Basolo is an Associate Professor in the Department of Planning, Policy, and Design and affiliated faculty for the Program in Demographic and Social Analysis. Her research interests include housing and economic development policy, intergovernmental relations, urban politics, public choice theory, institutional theory, and regionalism.

Victoria teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Housing Policy, Local Economic Development Policy, Research Design and Statistics in the School of Social Ecology and the Department of Planning, Policy, and Design at UCI.

Victoria is Vice-President of the Policy Studies Organization and Chair of its Future Planning Committee. She serves as a referee for numerous scholarly journals including *Housing Policy Debate*, the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, and *Urban Affairs Review*. She has applied her housing research and practical experience as an instructor for the NeighborWorks Training Institute and as a speaker for various groups including the League of California Cities, Southern California Association of Governments, the State Housing Conference in Tacoma, WA, and the South Orange County Housing Coalition.

Rodolfo Torres is an Associate Professor in Planning, Policy, and Design, Chicano/Latino Studies, and Political Science. Among the courses he teaches are Critical Urbanism and Urban Poverty. Torres’ three main interests are state theory and class analysis, urban political economy and inequality, and theories of racism, ethnicities and cultural citizenship. His work is oriented towards examining the linkages among the economic, political, and social dimensions of policy.

A major theoretical preoccupation of Professor Torres is the study of racism and racialization within the context of changing capitalist social relations. This long-standing interest in racism and the political economy of capitalism has led Torres to his current comparative study of migration, racism and social exclusion with Satnam Virdee, Department of Sociology and the Center for Migration Studies at the University of Glasgow, for their forthcoming book "Racism and Capitalist Modernity."

We welcome Victoria and Rodolfo to the JUA family and thank them for taking on this critical UAA service.

The *Journal of Urban Affairs* is a refereed quarterly publishing manuscripts related to urban research and policy analysis to scholars and practitioners. All UAA members receive the *Journal* as part of their membership fee.

**Conference Paper Submissions Now Being Accepted**

Each year, the *Journal of Urban Affairs* devotes a single issue to the theme of the Annual Meeting and papers presented during the event. As many as six papers presented at the Salt Lake City Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association will be published. Additional papers from the conference, if accepted, will appear in another issue of the *Journal*.

Conference papers undergo the same peer review process as other manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*.

One of the manuscripts submitted for the special conference issue will receive the Best Conference Paper Award. The winning paper is featured as the lead article in the conference issue.

The **deadline** for submissions is **July 15**, 2005. Please send five (5) copies to the new JUA editors at:

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2005 - 2006 UAA Governing Board Members

In April, five members retired and five new members were added. The current Governing Board Members are:

**Chair** - Marion Orr, Brown University

**Vice Chair** - Janet Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Secretary/Treasurer** - Mark Rosentraub, Cleveland State University

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**Ali Modarres**, California State University at Los Angeles

**David Perry**, University of Illinois at Chicago

**William Rohe**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Susan Saegert**, CUNY Graduate Center, New York

**Elizabeth Strom**, Rutgers University, Newark

**Stacy Warren**, Eastern Washington University

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Five Retire From Governing Board

During the 35th Annual Meeting, five members of the governing board retired from service. Each retiring board member was thanked for their service and commitment to UAA and were presented a token of appreciation.

The retired board members are: Nancy Kleniewski - Former Board Chair, Provost at Bridgewater State College;

Kathryn Foster, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Planning at University at Buffalo;

Edward Hill, Professor, Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University;

Daphne Spain, Professor, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning at University of Virginia;

and Avis Vidal, Professor, Department of Geography and Urban Planning at Wayne State University (unable to attend).

Victoria Basolo and Margaret Wilder stepped down as board members to serve in their respective roles as the Journal’s co-editor and UAA’s Executive Director.
Message from the New Executive Director

The UAA has a 35-year tradition of providing a common-ground for researchers from various social sciences, as well as the planning and public policy fields.

The shared goal of promoting the application of knowledge to better understand and seek solutions to urban problems has served as a unifying force.

As an urbanist who has benefited from the open and supportive professional context UAA provides, I feel a sense of duty to give something back, and to insure that other urban professionals experience the full range of UAA benefits. I have watched this organization grow and see its potential for further development.

My immediate objective is to improve the operations of the UAA Office so as to better meet the needs of our members. I am fortunate to have the assistance of two highly talented assistants: Raina Harper and Bethany Welch. Both of these individuals are exceptional. Raina is a Ph.D. student with tons of experience in event planning. Bethany is also a Ph.D. student with extensive experience in project management and logistics. They are the backbone of the UAA office.

In the coming months we will work on a number of specific tasks to enhance UAA services. Among those tasks will be efforts to:

- Improve day-to-day fiscal management practices;
- Increase the efficiency and user-friendliness of the UAA on-line conference proposal submission system;
- Provide a better on-line conference registration payment structure;
- Increase the utility of the UAA website, and
- Seek external funding to promote further organizational development and conference programming

I am extremely positive about UAA’s future and see a clear opportunity for the organization to play an even greater role in promoting urban scholarship both nationally and internationally. I look forward to interacting with all of our current and future UAA members.

About UAA’s New Executive Director

Dr. Margaret Wilder is a Professor of Social Policy in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware. She is the former Director of the UD Graduate Program in Urban Affairs, and former Chair of the Department of Geography and Planning at the State University of New York in Albany. She also taught at Indiana University and Cornell.

Margaret received her Ph.D. in urban geography and planning from the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on the effectiveness of community and economic development strategies within low-income communities. Margaret’s published papers focus on community development organizations, housing abandonment, race/ethnicity and economic opportunity, residential segregation and poverty, and urban economic development. Her papers on urban enterprise zones won national best paper awards from the Urban Affairs Association and the Journal of the American Planning Association.

Margaret has completed funded studies for Annie Casey, Ford, and the Lilly Endowment on community-based development in Los Angeles, the Bay Area, Chicago, and Atlanta.

Margaret has been a member of major editorial boards (Journal of the American Planning Association, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Urban Affairs Review and the Journal of Urban Affairs), and served as a co-editor for Sage Publications’ book series on Cities and Planning. In addition to her two terms as Chair of the UAA Governing Board, she was a member of the board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.
2006 Annual Meeting
Theme: Neighborhoods and Urban Transformation - the New Global Context

It is time to revisit what neighborhoods mean in the context of the urban place, and how they will help shape the future of cities on a global scale.

Papers addressing the conference theme from a variety of disciplinary perspectives are welcomed.

Proposal Deadline:
October 1, 2005

For complete information on submitting a proposal, visit www.udel.edu/uaa and click on 2006 Annual Meeting Call for Participation

We anticipate a large demand for participation. Program space is limited. Only proposals received by October 1 will be given full consideration.

Montréal is a particularly appropriate environment for examining urban neighborhoods, as well as an intriguing example of metropolitan development and governance.

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels, colloquies and breakfast roundtables. We strongly encourage proposal submissions from our colleagues in Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

We also welcome a wide variety of urban research topics for presentations, such as education, health and environmental issues, transport, local governance, and growth management.

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Hotel Information for 2006 Annual Meeting in Montreal Canada
April 19 - 22, 2006
Centre Sheraton Hotel
1201 René-Lévesque Boulevard West
Montréal, Québec

We are pleased to offer our participants a unique opportunity to stay at one of the top-rated hotels in Montreal. The Centre Sheraton Hotel is a business class property with exceptional amenities, and is located in the heart of the city’s major dining, shopping and entertainment district.

The negotiated room rate is: $172 Canadian Dollars (approximately $141 US) for a single or double. These rates do not include taxes of 7.0% (Federal sales tax which is fully refundable to non-Canadian citizens), 7.5% Provincial sales tax plus a $2.00 (CND) per night occupancy fee.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-3535.

EARLY RESERVATIONS ADVISED!

Check UAA’s website for 2006 Montreal Annual Meeting updates

Submit Proposals and Register Early!
Special Thanks to Friends

We could not have enjoyed a successful conference in Salt Lake City without the help of several friends. So many pulled together and donated their time, talents and resources to UAA, for which we are very grateful. Please accept our lasting gratitude. Heartfelt thanks go to:

* Rex Facer, our Salt Lake City host and asst. professor at Brigham Young University, Gary Cornia, director of the Romney Institute of Public Management at BYU, Tanya Harmon, Catherine, Cindy, and students of the Romney Institute for their help with event organization and facilitation. Despite being in the midst of finals and graduation, several MPA students volunteered during the conference.

* Michael Timberlake of the University of Utah for his assistance and support.

* The outstanding staff of the Prime Hotel Salt Lake City, namely Marie Deldago in sales. For meeting planners and guests considering Salt Lake City, take a long look at the Prime Hotel, (now the Radisson) as their customer service was extraordinary.

* The wonderful and dedicated graduate student volunteers from the University of Delaware: Abena Aidoo, Judi Haberkorn, Kelley Keane-Dawes, Kristen Osborne, Stephanie Symons, and Bethany Welch. Your willingness to serve, graciousness, and patience were outstanding and we could not have done it without any of you.

* All of the conference participants for being patient, understanding and supportive throughout this process.

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Among its activities, UAA sponsors the Journal of Urban Affairs, a quarterly publishing manuscripts related to urban research and policy analysis.