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NEWS RELEASE

2016 Contribution to the Field of Urban Affairs Award

The Urban Affairs Association (UAA), the international professional association for urban scholars, researchers and public service professionals, convened its 46th Annual Conference in San Diego, California – March 16-19, 2016. More than 800 participants, representing universities, research institutions, non-profit organizations, and public and private organizations/institutions from around the world met to discuss 21st century issues impacting urban populations and places. Conference participants represented institutions from North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. San Diego State University and University of California – San Diego served as the local sponsors for the event.

During the conference, awards were presented in recognition of outstanding scholarship and service. Among those honored was Dr. George Galster (Wayne State University). Dr. Galster was awarded the second ever Contribution to the Field of Urban Affairs Award, which is given to individuals whose body of work has contributed to defining the field.

Award Committee Assessment:

The reach and impact of George Galster’s work has been truly remarkable. His creative and methodologically sophisticated scholarship has challenged conventional thinking and helped shape the field of urban affairs, most notably in the areas of: racial and economic segregation, neighborhood effects on individual outcomes, and the impact of subsidized housing and community development investments on surrounding property values.
An overview reveals:

- 140 peer-reviewed journal articles; 5 authored or co-authored books, 4 edited or co-edited books; 6 authored or co-authored monographs; 34 book chapters; 52 research reports
- “Most Cited Author,” cumulative 25-yrs. of Housing Policy Debate, with 3 papers in top-25 most-cited (ranking #2, 8 and 24)
- 17 articles in the internationally top-5 rated journals in Urban Affairs and Planning
- 15 articles in Journal of Urban Affairs
- 12 articles in Urban Affairs Review (nee Quarterly)
- 2 “Best Article of the Year” awards from scholarly journals
- 5 “Best Conference Paper” awards at urban-related conferences (4- time finalist for others)

In addition to his scholarship, George Galster has been a generous mentor to students and junior faculty. He has also served with distinction on numerous advisory boards, academic journals, and on the governing board of this organization. George Galster’s work is a continual source of learning and inspiration. His profound influence in the field, particularly in housing and community development, will be felt for years to come.

**Award Winner:**

George Galster earned his Ph.D. in Economics from M.I.T. and now serves as Clarence Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs at Wayne State University. Dr. Galster has held academic positions at the Universities of: Harvard, Berkeley, North Carolina, Amsterdam, Delft, Glasgow, Oslo, and Western Sydney, among others. He served as Director of Housing Research at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC before coming to Wayne State University in 1996. He has published 140 peer-reviewed articles, 8 books and 32 book chapters on topics ranging from metropolitan housing markets, racial discrimination and segregation, community change, reinvestment, lending and insurance patterns, neighborhood effects, and urban poverty. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U. S. Department of Justice, numerous municipalities, community organizations, civil rights groups, and organizations like Fannie Mae, American Bankers Association and National Association of Realtors. He has served on the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors, National Academy of Science review committees, and numerous other positions in community service. He has provided housing policy consultations to the governments of Australia, Canada, China, Scotland, and the U.S. The Urban Affairs Association placed him on their Service Honor Roll in 2014.