

Departmental Overview

The department experienced a productive 2013-14 academic year, albeit one that was not without several transitions. Faculty members offered most of their usual classes and a couple of new ones. They presented research papers at diverse venues, published papers in a variety of outlets, and engaged in a multitude of research collaborations and service activities. Details, including of related awards and recognitions, follow.

Twenty-two new students enrolled in the Urban Planning program in the 2013-14 academic year, while 17 students declared Urban Studies as their major in the fall and winter semesters. Eleven individuals left with a Master's in Urban Planning Degree, and another 20 with a Bachelors degree with a major in Urban Studies in December 2013 and May 2014.



After almost 23 years as Chair of the Department of Geography and Urban Planning, Associate Dean of the College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs (closed in 2006), and again as Chair of the renamed Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Professor **Robin Boyle** has decided to take a break! He will be on earned leave in 2014-15, returning to the faculty in the 2015-16 academic year. Associate Professor and SEED Wayne Director **Kami Pothukuchi** took his place as interim chair starting July 1, 2014.



A brand new course, *Detroit: Metropolis in Transition* was successfully launched in spring-summer. Taught by Lecturer **Jeff Horner**, it featured several keynote speakers who discussed dimensions of the city's transition. Speakers included the city's Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr; Dan Kinkead and Ken Cockrel of Detroit Future City; Paul Hillegonds of the Regional Transportation Authority; Dan Dirks of Detroit Department of Transportation; University of Michigan Centennial Professor of Urban and Regional Planning June Thomas; and Wayne



Jeff Horner, DUSP Lecturer

State's own Clarence B. Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs **George Galster** and Professor Marick Masters.

Several DUSP faculty were invited to participate in University of Michigan's *Learning from Detroit: Turbulent Urbanism in the 21st Century*, May 30-31. Galster, Pothukuchi and Professor **Avis Vidal** made presentations and offered commentaries.

Finally, we saw several key individuals depart from the department. Lecturer **Paul Vigeant** left Wayne after 26 years of teaching urban studies and geography courses. Earlier last year, we also lost Assistant Professor **Lei Ding**, who took up a position as Economic Advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He had joined the department in 2010 and taught courses in housing policy, economic development, and statistics. Student Assistant and Urban Studies major (2014) **Claire Nowak-Boyd**, who ably staffed the front office, left to lead Preservation Detroit as the organization's Executive Director.

Faculty News

Professor Robin Boyle's sabbatical year travels will take him across three continents in 2014-15. In fall, he will teach an urban design seminar on "Planning the Contemporary American City" at the *Technische Universität Dortmund*. Being located in Ruhr region of Germany gives him and his wife, Chris, a chance to visit other cities in northern Europe, such as Amsterdam, Berlin, Bonn, Köln, Leipzig, and Munich. They will likely also visit Britain...perhaps to a less than United Kingdom! Keep an eye out for the results of the referendum on Scottish independence on September 18! In winter, after a brief sojourn home, Boyle will take a visiting professorship at the University of Melbourne, where he will conduct research projects.





Left: Hilberry Professor George Galster was inducted into Urban Affairs Association's 2014 Service Honor Roll. Far left: Galster and Erica Raleigh (MUP, 2011), receive the 2014 Best Paper Award at the Urban Affairs Association Conference.

On September 19, 2013, **Boyle** was recognized with the *Charles Blessing Award* by the American Institute of Architects, Detroit, for his contributions to Urban Design and Planning (by a non-architect). With Professor **Rayman Mohamed** and **Joseph Tangari** (MUP, 2013), Boyle completed a study on adaptive reuse of historic industrial buildings in Detroit, commissioned by the U-Haul Corporation. With Mohamed, Tangari, and **T. J. Auer** (MUP candidate), he also secured a contract from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to undertake an assessment of the impacts of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program. Finally, a paper he presented at the 2013 ACSP/AESOP Congress in Dublin, Ireland, on the evolution of city master plans in the context of shrinkage, will be published in a collection of essays on the changing quality of life in US cities.

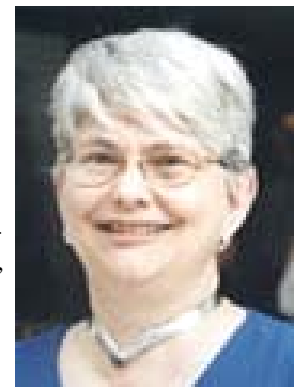
Boyle has also continued his involvement with the Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program. The first cohort of 29 Fellows completed their two-year assignments in 2013. A majority will remain in Detroit, most in permanent positions with the agencies that hired them in 2011. The list includes **Matteo Passalacqua** (MUP, 2010), Manager of "The Block," the one-time Michigan High Technology Center located at Cass Park. A second cohort of 22 Fellows has been placed with key Detroit agencies, including the Detroit Future City Implementation Office, Data Driven Detroit, Detroit Downtown Partnership, Greening of Detroit, and the Grandmont Rosedale CDC.

Clarence B. Hilberry Professor **George Galster** chalked up several accolades this year! Two of these follow: at the Urban Affairs Association annual conference in April, he was inducted into the organization's *2014 Service Honor Roll* for outstanding scholarship and service over many years. A paper he wrote with **Erica Raleigh** (MUP, 2011) also was recognized with the 2014 Best Conference Paper Award. Their submis-

sion, "Neighborhood Disinvestment, Abandonment and Crime Dynamics" provided a critical perspective on the assumed relationship between abandoned buildings, crime, drugs and liquor licenses on neighborhood safety in Detroit. The study encourages urban managers to reconsider how abandoned housing is managed and demolished.

Galster's book, *Driving Detroit: The Quest for Respect in the Motor City* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012) is now out in paperback. More on the book, including a special rebate offer, is included at the end of this issue.

Professor **Avis Vidal**'s on-going research on efforts to revitalize Midtown has resulted in two book chapters. "Anchor-Driven Development in a Very Weak Market: The Case of Midtown, Detroit," focuses on the Live Midtown program, is part of a collection that examines the role of educational institutions and other anchors in stimulating community development. "Living Cities: Reinventing Philanthropy to Serve Poor Communities" analyzes the evolution of the National Community Development Initiative, a collaborative initiative launched in 1991 by foundations and corporations to increase the capacity of CDCs; over time, it has become a distinctive philanthropic collaboration focused on equitable urban change, and the lead national funder of the Woodward Corridor Initiative. It will be published this fall in a volume on innovation in the nonprofit sector.



Vidal serves on the College's Faculty Council and the College Budget Advisory Committee, and is Chair of the College Curriculum Committee.



Professor Kami Pothukuchi secured a grant for the Student Advantage Project at the WSU Farmers Market.

Associate Professor and SEED Wayne Director **Kami Pothukuchi** completed the Healthy Eats Project funded by the Michigan Nutrition Network, in October 2013. The project engaged community and campus members in workshops related to healthy eating offered at several community sites and at the Wayne State Farmers Market. She also won the Ford Motor Company Fund's College Community Challenge Grant, which funds partnerships with student groups to develop sustainable food system projects. Projects that were funded include Student Advantage at the WSU Farmers Market, the Warrior Garden on campus led by Student Leaders of Urban Gardens and Sustainability (SLUGS), the Hazel Park Community Garden led by **Sareen Papakhian** (MUP, 2013), and the Public Health Student Organization's community nutrition workshops.

A paper, "Sustainable Food Systems at Urban Public Universities: A survey of U-21 Universities," co-authored with Sam Molnar (Political Science major, 2012) will be published in the *Journal of Urban Affairs* in December. A chapter authored by her on Detroit's urban agriculture ordinance will be published this fall in *Urban Agriculture Law and Policy* (M. Chumbler, S. Negro, and L. Bechler, eds., American Bar Association's State and Local Government Law Section).

Associate Professor **Rayman Mohamed** continued as director of the Urban Studies program during the academic year 2013-2014. His most recent research focuses on the spillover effects of sprawl on accidents, in particular how sprawl in a neighboring jurisdiction is associated with accidents in a given jurisdiction. With a University of Cincinnati colleague and MUP student Sangida Mazumder, the study examined data from southeast Michigan. It appeared in *Accident Analysis and Prevention*, 72. Mohamed will be on sabbatical



leave at Georgia Tech in fall and will return winter semester, 2015.

Assistant Professor **Carolyn Loh** has several co-authored papers recently published or in the pipeline. Among those that are out are: "Planning Consultants and Local Planning: Roles and Values" (with R. Norton, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 79, 2013), and "Death of a Planning Department" (with N. Sami, *Land Use Policy*, 32, 2013). Two papers that are forthcoming report on intergovernmental collaboration and implementation of mandates. She also delivered a paper on planning and democracy under austerity regimes at the Urban Affairs Association Conference in San Antonio this year. In June, Loh visited Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China. She reports, "China is a fascinating country, with extremes of development and underdevelopment unlike anywhere else I've seen. I learned a ton, and next year's UP 3130 [Urban Geography] students will benefit from a great lecture on Chinese cities!"



Message from WSSUP

Wayne State Student Urban Planners (WSSUP) is an association of Graduate and Undergraduate students interested in issues related to urban planning. WSSUP provides a forum for conversation, collaboration and innovation amongst students from multi-disciplinary backgrounds, and interests ranging from urban agriculture and design to economic development and housing equality. WSSUP's goal is connect WSU students with resources and opportunities within and outside the university. We've achieved these goals through the years by hosting guest speakers, attending conferences and networking events, collaborating with local organizations to provide technical assistance, and organizing other volunteer opportunities. Though the explicit actions of WSSUP have allowed students, faculty and community members to benefit greatly, it is the intrinsic connections that provide the greatest value to WSSUP members. These connections remain with WSSUP amongst members who have gone on to become high ranking planners, community leaders and development professionals.

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Along with husband Brian, Loh also hiked the Great Wall and saw the Terra Cotta Warriors.

Academic Advisor II, **Cynthia Merritt**, joined Wayne State in June 2013. Having an advising professional is a new experience for DUSP and we welcome her and the resource she represents. Merritt has more than 15 years of experience in the field of advising. We encourage all DUSP students—graduate and undergraduate—to see her to develop their Plans of Work and if they have any questions about their program of study.



Student Assistant **T. J. Auer** has been working in the department since January 2014, with Professors Mohamed and Boyle, and Joe Tangari, on a study of the MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities program. Auer recently started a new position as the Community Planner for the Ford City Neighbourhood Renewal in Windsor, Ontario. He had previously interned with this organization, an experience that brought him to DUSP.



DUSP Student Assistants Alycia Socia (Urban Studies major), and T. J. Auer and Sylvia Tatman-Burruss (MUP Candidates).

Alycia Socia is a Student Assistant at DUSP, helping with reception, file management, and other office tasks. She will get her BA in Urban Studies in December.

Sylvia Tatman-Burruss (MUP Candidate) is a Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Galster in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. She is also the Wayne State University Farmers Market Leader.

Recent MUP Graduates and Alumni/ae

Pamela E. Alexander (MUP, 2013) is an active volunteer with the West Grand Boulevard Collaborative (WGBC), a neighborhood non-profit corporation. She serves as a Research Assistant/Consultant to the organization, which partners in infrastructure initiatives and redevelopment projects on West Grand Boulevard and the Henry Ford Health System Community in Detroit.

Since February, **Carsten Applegate** (MUP, 2014) is employed in Detroit Department of Transportation's Planning, Programming and Grants office. He started his DDOT employment in 2008 as a traffic checker. Earlier this year, he won the prestigious *Under 30 - Break-through Transit Champion Award* given by Transportation Riders United (TRU), Detroit's foremost transit advocacy organization. The award recognizes his efforts to "maximize efficiency and frequency of DDOT routes as a studious, witty, and passenger-focused transportation planner." Congratulations, Carsten!



TRU's 2014 awardee Carsten Applegate (MUP, 2014), second from left, with, from l. to r., fellow awardee David Glenn; nominee Larry Starkey; and TRU Executive Director Megan Owens.

Tom Habitz, AICP (MUP, 2008), now an Urban Planning Specialist for Henry Ford Health System working on their New Urbanist style campus expansion south of Grand Boulevard, has been awarded a *German Marshall Fund Fellowship*. In addition to meeting jointly with other Fellows and European thought leaders in Brussels and Paris, Habitz will pursue his interests in regionalism during visits to Bilbao, Portugal; Lubeck, Germany; and Tirana, Albania.

As of March this year, **Katie Johnson** (MUP, 2013) is the Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator with the Michigan Fitness Foundation. She works with schools and communities to identify walking and biking routes and increase their safety and usage by students. She also oversees events such as Bike to School Day. She sits on

the Board of Directors for the Michigan Creativity Association, coaches Girls on the Run, and recently has begun volunteering at a community garden in Lansing.

Matthew Baka (MUP, 2009) is a new dad! Baby Matthew Dillon was born June 23rd. Congratulations, Matt and Melanie! Following a long internship with the city of Birmingham, in January, Baka was hired by the city as a Senior Planner. A volunteer with the St. Albertus Historic District, Baka is busy as ever, having a new roof put on the rectory of the St. Albertus Church.



Eleanore Eveleth (MUP, 2009) is now Deputy Director of Vanguard CDC, serving Detroit's North End community.



Robert Mehregan (MUP, 2013) was promoted to Project Manager at Rock Ventures LLC in June. His duties include preparing recommendations and implementing action plans for the firm's real estate projects, with specific attention to Detroit's

urban context. A recent project includes the Motor City Mapping Survey, in which he supported the Blight Removal Task Force in the design and implementation of a mobile app survey of 380,000 parcels in the city of Detroit. He also assisted in the Blight Removal Task Force Report (published in May 2014). We wish Rob and Elena, with whom he tied the knot May 10th, a happy married life!

Libby Palackdharry (MUP, 2011) was accepted into the class of Leadership Detroit XXXVI, offered through the Detroit Regional Chamber. The program grooms participants for a lifelong commitment to leadership by delving into key issues that affect the Detroit region and challenges them to bring about positive change. The program has had more than 1,800 leaders since its introduction in 1979. Palackdharry has been working at the non-profit, Southwest Solutions, in southwest Detroit for five years. She is Senior Manager for Financial Stability Programs at Southwest Economic Solutions, which provides financial coaching, foreclosure prevention and pre-

purchase counseling for first time home buyers. She also serves as a board member at the Japhet School in Clawson, MI, and in her spare time, plays bass in the rock and soul cover band, Zosette and the Groove Allegiance.

In 2013, the City of Hazel Park repurposed three contiguous vacant lots for a community garden at Merrill and Elza, supported by a small grant from SEED Wayne, DUSP. The 2014 Garden Kick-off in April was led by **Sareen Papakhian** (MUP, 2014), who is now Assistant Planner/ Recreation Supervisor with the city. Previously, she was an intern with the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department. DUSP has also collaborated with the PED Department, led by Director **Jeff Campbell** (MUP, 2013), in the 2014 Capstone Project, which is a culmination of the MUP curriculum. In the class, 15 MUP students analyzed spatial, demographic, and other data to offer recommendations to the City in a presentation and written report. The recommendations will support the completion of Hazel Park's Master Plan.

Right: Sareen Papakhian (MUP, 2014) and Joe Tangari (MUP, 2013) at the Hazel Park Community Garden. Tangari's story follows.



After nine years helping establish the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, **Melanie Piana** (MUP, 2008) is now a Project Director at the Downtown Detroit Partnership. She helped win property owner approval of Downtown's Business Improvement Zone (BIZ), established in April, and is now supporting its launch as a service provider. She is also serving her second four-year term as City Councilwoman in Ferndale.

In February, **Erica Raleigh** (MUP, 2011) was named permanent director of Data Driven Detroit, the research organization that plays a wide role in city projects. Previously, she served as acting director of the organization, a program of Michigan Nonprofit Association. Raleigh manages the day-to-day operations of Data Driven Detroit, including the Motor City Mapping Project and the

Detroit Blight Removal Task Force. In a Facebook post, departing director Kurt Metzger, now the mayor of Pleasant Ridge, wrote: "Erica was my second hire when I started the then-named Detroit Area Community Information System. She has been the 'heart and soul' of the operation ever since. I could not think of a better person to follow me and move D3 to greater heights." Extracted from: www.deadlinedetroit.com.



Zeigler is a member of the Diversity Taskforce of the American Planning Association (APA), APA's Planning and the Black Community Division, Michigan Association of Planning's Social Equity Committee, City of Southfield's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and the National Congress of Black Women Oakland County Chapter.



Joseph Tangari (MUP, 2013) was hired by Clearzon-ing, Inc., as Associate Planner in April. He handles site plan review and zoning ordinance amendments for numerous communities in Southeast Michigan and is currently working on Master Plans for several cities and townships, as well as a downtown plan for Clawson, Michigan, and historic preservation design standards for Fairmont, West Virginia. He also assists with urban design, graphics, and public input meetings.

Katy Trudeau (MUP, 2007) has left her position as Senior Program Manager for Boston's Citizen's Housing and Planning Association to become a Planning and Urban Design Manager with Goody Clancy, a national, award-winning, planning and design firm known for its commitment to social inclusion, sustainability, and design excellence.

Karen Zarowny (MUP, 2014) is Project Coordinator for NORR, a private design and planning consultancy, since April. She assists in architectural and engineering projects; communicates with state, county, and municipal departments; and supports plan deliveries and presentations and development applications. Previously, she worked with the City of Oak Park and helped the Building Department in updating records and assisting with planning and economic development projects. She starts a new assignment with the Detroit Department of Transportation in August.

Adrienne Zeigler (MUP, 2013) recently completed an assignment with the State of Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority where she was employed since 2010 as Property Analyst, serving as a liaison on matters related to the acquisition and disposition of Michigan Land Bank owned properties, and as project manager for the \$1 million EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. Other responsibilities included preparing and maintaining building disposition records, analyzing background information on properties, and examining property being considered for state ownership.

Message from BSAUSP

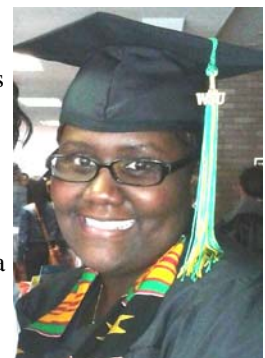
The Black Student Association in Urban Studies & Planning (BSAUSP) seeks to benefit students of African-American and other backgrounds by: promoting their academic and professional development, encouraging service in local and other Michigan communities, connecting them to the fields of urban studies and planning, fostering a sense of community between student planners and the broader planning community, and promoting intellectual interchange to address concerns of distressed urban communities.

For more information or to get involved, email bsausp02@gmail.com.

Urban Studies Majors

Olivia Dobbs graduated August 2013 with a double major in environmental science and urban studies with honors. In September, she will start her Masters in Public Administration at Rutgers University, with a concentration in urban policy. Meanwhile, she has kept busy with The Hub and Back Alley Bikes on their youth programs. She also continues her interest in the geography of community issues by working on mapping projects on the side.

Catina Polk (Urban Studies and Sociology double major, 2014) is pursuing graduate studies in Sociology at WSU. She was inducted into the *Dobro Slovo National Honor Society*, which honors high academic achievement in a Slavic language, in this case, Russian. She also serves as a board member of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance.



Michael Stepniak (Urban Studies Major, 2013) will attend Parsons the New School for Design, in New York, NY, in fall 2014.



Michael Stepniak, BA in Urban Studies, 2013

Ardiana Vuljaj, an Urban Studies and Pre-Med double major, was inducted into the Wayne State Chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society in [May 2013](#). She begins Medical School at Wayne State in [August 2014](#), with a career goal of expanding medical access to underserved urban areas.

Volunteer for sustainable food systems in Detroit!

SEED Wayne is a campus-community collaborative engaged in building sustainable food systems on the campus of Wayne State University and in Detroit neighborhoods. We offer many activities on campus and in the community. Activities on campus include a 22-week farmers market, campus gardens, Healthy Eats workshops, and other research and engagement projects. In the community, we support projects related to increasing access to healthy food, urban agriculture, and community nutrition.

SEED Wayne is based in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, and is led by Professor Pothukuchi, with the help of several DUSP and other students.

Join these activities as a volunteer! To learn more, browse: www.clas.wayne.edu/seedwayne. Friend the WSU Farmers Market at www.facebook.com/wsufarmersmarket



Jack Converse

Students purchase vegetables at SEED Wayne's WSU Farmers Market, which runs June through October.

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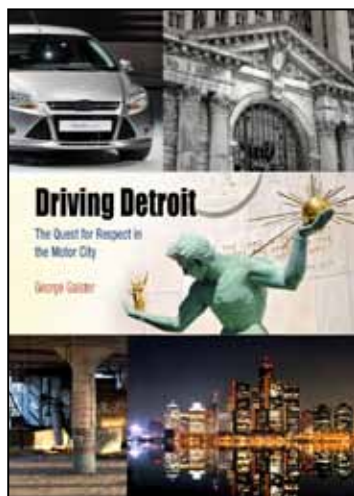
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Driving Detroit

The Quest for Respect in the Motor City

George Galster

“An insightful history of Detroit from its accidental birth to its tortured present.”—*Planning*

“An immensely readable and personal book. Underlying [Galster’s] fine analysis of how the city went from arsenal of democracy and engine of America’s manufacturing might to its current state of terrible decay is a deep knowledge of its streets, its music, its history, and its people.”—*Urban Affairs*

For most of the twentieth century, Detroit was a symbol of American industrial might, a place of entrepreneurial and technical ingenuity where the latest consumer inventions were made available to everyone through the genius of mass production. Today, Detroit is better known for its dwindling population, moribund automobile industry, and alarmingly high murder rate. In *Driving Detroit*, author George Galster, a fifth-generation Detroiter and internationally known urbanist, sets out to understand how the city has come to represent both the best and worst of what cities can be, all within the span of a half century. Galster invites the reader to travel with him along the streets and into the soul of this place to grasp fully what drives the Motor City.

With a scholar’s rigor and a local’s perspective, Galster uncovers why metropolitan Detroit’s cultural, commercial, and built landscape has been so radically transformed. Partly a self-portrait, in which Detroiters paint their own stories through songs, poems, and oral histories, *Driving Detroit* offers an intimate, insightful, and perhaps controversial explanation for the stunning contrasts—poverty and plenty, decay and splendor, despair and resilience—that characterize the once mighty city.

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