

Message from Kami Pothukuchi, Chair

Welcome to the 2015-16 issue of the *Update!* This past year was a hectic one for our faculty, made all the more so by the sabbatical leave absence of Professors **Robin Boyle** and **Rayman Mohamed** for all or part of the year. Nonetheless, our efforts bore fruit in so many different ways:



One, the accreditation status of the Master of Urban Planning program was extended by two years, to 2019. Preparation for this review required the completion of a strategic plan as well as a learning outcome assessment plan for the MUP degree.

Two, we came through the review of the Urban Studies program with flying colors, and have a plan in place to strengthen the program and exploit current opportunities.

Three, the search for the Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair of Urban Affairs concluded successfully with the addition of **James H. Carr** to our distinguished faculty.

Four, starting fall 2015, the **David H. Shepherd** Scholarship Fund will support planning students engaged in internships. See page 8 for details. Relatedly, the **Alma H. Young** Endowment Fund and the SEED Wayne Support Fund are being established and will support DUSP students in coming years.

Five, our GIS lab received several needed upgrades, including additional stations, new computers, a state-of-the-art projection system, and new furniture.

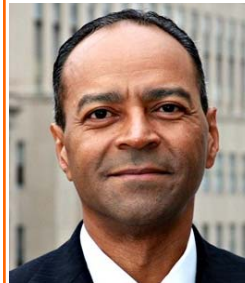
We welcomed **Yvonne Maxwell**, who filled a nearly three-year gap when she came on board as administrative

assistant last fall. And we waved a warm *au revoir* to MUP students **Alycia Socia** and **John Culcasi**, who served as the DUSP front office assistants with exceptional diligence and good cheer.

Finally, we bid goodbye in January to long-time friend, urban planner **Doug Caruso**, who taught in the department as Planner in Residence and adjunct professor.

Here are some vital statistics from the 2014-15 academic year: 24 students started MUP coursework in fall 2014 (with 21 continuing on in winter), and, as of mid-August, 13 others obtained their degrees. Thirteen undergraduate students newly declared Urban Studies as their major; to date, 14 graduated with a BA in the major.

James H. Carr, Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair and Professor of Urban Affairs



The department welcomes James H. Carr, Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair and Professor of Urban Affairs, who joins this fall.

The Chair was endowed by former Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young, who served as the city's mayor for 20 years. It was established to recognize faculty scholarly achievement and promote the

field of urban affairs at Wayne State.

Carr will teach, conduct research and publish in urban-related areas, and enhance interaction between the university, Detroit, the Coleman A. Young Foundation and the diverse communities in the Detroit metro region.

Prior to coming to Wayne, Carr served as a housing finance, banking and urban policy consultant and a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. He previously worked as the chief business officer for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, where he launched and managed women- and minority-owned business centers that assisted their clients to access more than \$1.8 billion in capital and \$350 million in contracts during his tenure.

As senior vice president of the Fannie Mae Foundation, Carr launched and edited the ISI peer-reviewed journals *Housing Policy Debate* and *Journal of Housing Research*, a research working paper series, and policy and practitioner newsletters that gained subscribers from more than 30 countries. He also was assistant director for tax policy and federal credit with the U.S. Senate Budget Committee and visiting professor at Columbia University.

Carr holds a bachelor of architecture with honors from Hampton University, a master of urban planning from Columbia University, and a master of city and regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

Douglas John Caruso, 1946-2015

Doug Caruso, AICP, MCIP, RPP, taught in the department on and off for about 15 years, including one year as a "Planner in Residence." Employed as an urban planner by the City of Windsor for 38 years, Caruso was a past president of the Ontario Planning Association and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the American Planning Association. He also taught urban planning at the University of Windsor.



Caruso is survived by wife Anita and daughters Jen (Graeme Stout) of Minneapolis, MN, and Christine (Derek Koenig) of Toronto, ON, Canada.

Living and Learning in Germany and Australia: A note from Professor Robin Boyle

After more than 20 years of college and department administration at Wayne, I had the privilege to spend the 2014-15 academic year living in and learning about other cities and cultures. In fall, I taught an undergraduate class on US planning at the Faculty of Spatial Planning at the Technical University, Dortmund, Germany—the country’s largest planning school. I was also invited to speak at universities across Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Almost always traveling by train and local transit, my wife Chris and I visited many cities in the Ruhr, then further afield to Köln, Bonn, Heidelberg, Leipzig, Dresden and Berlin. We visited Amsterdam, The Hague and Maastricht in the Netherlands before crossing to the UK to speak in Cambridge, Manchester, Edinburgh and my hometown of Glasgow, Scotland.

After refueling back in Detroit over the Holidays, we flew to Australia where I had a visiting research position in the Melbourne Social Sustainability Institute (MSSI) at the University of Melbourne. This new research center, housed in the Melbourne School of Design let me mingle with planners, urban designers and



Melbourne has more than 100 high-rise residential towers under or awaiting construction. A view of downtown from Albert Park.

architects in this, the leading design center in the nation.

Downtown Melbourne became home for six months, and for the first time in my life, I experienced living in a rapidly growing urban center. The City of Melbourne, effectively just the CBD of the metropolitan area, has over one hundred high rise residential towers under or awaiting construction. The city is struggling to cope with the physical and social impact of more investment, development and people—predominantly from Southeast Asia—in the famous downtown core. Melbourne is rapidly becoming a leading education and technology center in the southern hemisphere and with this come all the benefits and challenges of urban growth. Accordingly, planning really matters! It was an urban experience I'll never forget.

Other Faculty News

Among his many achievements this past year, Clarence Hilberry Professor of Urban Affairs **George Galster** led a team of authors that won the 2015 Best Conference Paper Award for a paper presented at the 2014 Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference. The team included Ana Santiago from Case Western Reserve University, and WSU sociology student **Lisa Stack**.

In their paper, “School Performance of Low Income Latino and African American Youth: The Role of Neighborhood Context,” Galster, Santiago and Stack

asked: Do the geographic contexts in which disadvantaged children are raised influence whether they have difficulties in elementary school? Using data dating back to the 1960s from the Denver Housing Authority’s procedure for allocating families to dwellings, they show several socio-economic and demographic indicators that are statistically and substantively important predictors of low-income children’s problems in school. Their work informs possible interventions at the school or neighborhood level that may correct these disparities.



Hilberry Professor George Galster with Dr. Ana Santiago of Case Western Reserve University

Promoted to Senior Lecturer this winter, **Jeff Horner** was also named Director of the Urban Studies Program in fall 2014. He played a central role in the successful implementation of the review of the program. Among

other positive comments, reviewers noted “a strong sense of satisfaction among current Urban Studies students.”

Horner serves as the Faculty Advisor to the Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program, a WSU initiative funded by local and national foundations that matches accomplished mid-career professionals with local nonprofit organizations and city government agencies engaged in urban redevelopment. He also served on the CLAS Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Faculty Affairs, with a report expected this fall.



In other news, a photograph of Horner continuing to teach, after a class went dark due to a power outage last December, went viral on social media! Search for “Prof keeps teaching in the dark.”

Assistant Professor **Carolyn Loh** has had several papers out over the last year. They include “Conceptualizing and Operationalizing Planning Capacity,” in *State and Local Government Review*, published online, July; “The Everyday Emergency: Planning and Democracy Under Austerity Regimes,” *Urban Affairs Review*, online, March; “The Impact of Planning Consultants on Local Comprehensive Plans” (with R. K. Norton), *Journal of Planning Education and Research*; “Adventures in Implementation: Mandating Open Space Preservation in a Weak Mandate State,” *Journal of Urban Affairs*, online, December; and “Spatial Effects of Vertical and Horizontal Intergovernmental Collaboration” (with E. R. Gerber), *Journal of Urban Affairs*.



This fall, Loh will be reviewed for tenure and promotion to associate professor at the university. The process will include letters from reviewers external to the university, and assessments by several university committees. Faculty members are typically notified of their tenure and promotion outcome towards the end of the academic year, sometime in April. We wish Professor Loh all the best as she goes through this review.

Associate Professor **Rayman Mohamed** is principal investigator (PI) on a \$105,000 grant from U-Haul, to study the company’s local economic impact and contributions to residential mobility, and a co-PI on a pilot study of the transportation, health, environmental, and economic impacts of the M-1 Rail, the latter with a \$100,000 grant from the WSU Office of Vice President for Research.



With Professor **Boyle** and research assistants **Joe Tangari** (MUP, 2013) and **T. J. Auer**, Mohamed wrote a report on a baseline assessment of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2014. He also co-authored a paper on “Modeling and assessing international climate financing,” to be published in the *Frontiers of Earth Science*.

Following the successful completion of her term as interim chair, Associate Professor **Kami Pothukuchi** accepted a five-year term as DUSP chair starting fall.

In January, Pothukuchi had a chapter on “Urban agriculture policy in Detroit: History and prospects,” in *Urban Agriculture: Policy, Law, Strategy, and Implementation*, edited by M. H. Chumbler, S. E. Negro, and L. E. Bechler, and published by the American Bar Association’s Section on State and Local Government Law. She also had a paper, “Five decades of food planning in Detroit: City and grassroots, growth and equity,” out online,

in the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, and another, “Sustainable food systems at urban public universities: A survey of U-21 universities,” also published online, in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

As SEED Wayne’s director, Pothukuchi continues to oversee, with much help from staff and volunteers, projects related to urban agriculture, the WSU Farmers Market, and others. She recently received a \$100,000 planning grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to develop and pilot a Community Food Studies Certificate program at Wayne State.

Professor **Avis Vidal** will be on sabbatical in Fall 2015 (sadly, no exotic travel involved), and will be a Resident



Scholar at the Humanities Center. One major project for the year will be to expand and complete her on-going work on the revitalization of Midtown and Downtown. Her other major project will examine the effect of the national community development intermediaries, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and Enterprise Community Partners, on the growth and maturation of the community development movement.

Vidal is completing her second year as Secretary and Governing Board member of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. As a member of the Planning Accreditation Board, she participated in the review of the City and Regional Planning Program at the Pratt Institute in New York City over the past winter.

Vidal continues to serve on the College Faculty Council and College Curriculum Committee. She is on the Advisory Board of the Opportunity Resource Fund (one of Michigan’s community development financial institutions), which has now extended its work to include affordable second mortgage lending to purchasers of Detroit homes under a new program announced in April by Detroit mayor Mike Duggan. She also continues to serve on the Steering Committee of Focus: HOPE’s HOPE Village Initiative.

News from Alums

Kate Baker (MUP, 2015) joined the Detroit Historical Society (DHS) in 2013 after five years at Wayne State



University in the Economic Development department and at the WSU Press. She manages the “business” side of the Society, including the Development, Marketing, Finance and Facilities teams. Baker’s 10+ years of experience in fund development, along with educational and professional connections in Detroit’s community and economic development arenas, are helping the Society explore new

opportunities for community outreach, partnerships, and long term sustainability. Baker lives in Ferndale with boyfriend Geoff, and their dog, Winston, and is involved in a number of community organizations including the FernCare Free Clinic, which she helped to found, and the Ferndale Planning Commission.

Nate Barnes (MUP, 2014) works at Community Housing Network, most recently as a Housing Development Analyst. The organization offers an array of housing services for people seeking affordable and supportive housing options in Southeastern Michigan. Barnes collects and analyzes census and other data for applications for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Federal Home Loan Bank, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and HOME programs. He also assesses the feasibility of potential projects, assists in the site selection process, and works with municipal officials to ensure that projects align with established plans and ordinances. Barnes believes that his position is an excellent match for his urban planning values and training.



Since 2012, **Kibibi Blount-Dorn** (MUP, 2010) is Program Manager at the Detroit Food Policy Council. She manages the DFPC's education and outreach efforts, facilitates stakeholder committees, and oversees policy advocacy activities. A lifelong Detroit and long-term gardener, Blount-Dorn has previously worked with Detroit Summer, the Garden Resource Program Collaborative, Eastern Market Corporation, and the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, among other places. She lives in Detroit with Rachel, her wife of 11 years, and their sons, Sebastian, age 7, and Elijah, age 2.



Kibibi Blount-Dorn (right), with wife Rachel and son Elijah, at the WSU Farmers Market

Taron Cunningham (MUP, 2011) is an insurance agent. Between September 2013 and June 2015, he leveraged a \$356,000 HUD Federal Community Challenge Planning Grant for the City of Warren, OH. As a Zoning and Strategic Planner there, Cunningham also spearheaded updates to the city's Comprehen-



sive Plan and proposed policy recommendations to codify sustainable practices and zoning. A resident of Toledo, OH, Cunningham continues to serve with the Full Gospel Baptist Church to plan, build, and ensure choice communities.



"I'm very grateful to WSU for providing me with the knowledge and critical thinking skills I need in this field! Compared to many of the planning graduates from Arizona State and other local programs, I feel like I had an immediate advantage when starting my career!"

—Ken Galica

Ken Galica (MUP, 2009) is Senior Planner for the City of Avondale, Arizona – a growing Phoenix suburb with a population just under 80,000 residents. He started with the City in 2006 as an entry level "Zoning Specialist" and has been promoted three times in those 9+ years. Galica's responsibilities include both current planning, where he serves as project manager for the City's most complex development proposals, and long-range planning, where he has been a key contributor to the City's AzPA award-winning General Plan 2030, multiple specific area plans, and an update to the city's comprehensive zoning ordinance. Galica lives with his new wife, Jessica, in "Midtown" Phoenix, in a 1960's mid-century modern high rise condo building. They take advantage of Phoenix's emphasis on alternate transportation—light rail, protected bike lanes, etc.—as much as possible to get to their favorite destinations!

Thomas Habitz (MUP, 2008), AICP, is an urban planning specialist with the Henry Ford Health System. Most recently, he worked on an industrial project, the Cardinal Health distribution center, now operating on Rosa Parks Blvd. He is currently contributing to medical facilities development within the Henry Ford neighborhood. Habitz is an alumnus of the Detroit Revitalization Fellows Program and the Marshall Memorial Fellowship, for which he traveled last fall to Belgium, France, Germany, Spain, and Serbia.



Nina (Butler) Kelly (MUP, 2008), moved back home to Southeast Michigan from Athens, Georgia, in February 2015. During her nearly 7 years in Georgia, she worked at the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, in a variety of areas including comprehensive planning, community and economic development, and non-

motorized transportation. Kelly is currently the Manager of Planning for Huron-Clinton Metroparks, where she oversees system-wide and park-specific planning initiatives in coordination with local, regional, and state partners. She lives with husband Sean, who is a nurse at the Royal Oak campus of Beaumont Health System, in Ferndale. They hope to purchase their first home in the not-too-distant future.



Brittany Moore (MUP, 2014) recently accepted a position with America's Promise Alliance in Washington, DC. America's Promise Alliance is devoted to helping create successful conditions for all young people, including the millions currently being left behind, by bringing together hundreds of national nonprofits, businesses, communities, educators, and ordinary citizens. As Manager of Alliance Engagement, Moore provides leadership and support by building relationships at the national, state and local levels; implementing key initiatives; and engaging stakeholders including national partners, local collaborations, and youth networks.



Khalil Ligon (MUP, 2006) serves as the Southeast Michigan Outreach Coordinator with the Alliance for the Great Lakes. She is currently working on several sustainability efforts in Detroit, as well as neighborhood visioning, green infrastructure, climate justice, Complete Streets and food system initiatives in the metro area. Ligon is involved with numerous organizations, including the Great Lakes Leadership Academy, Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative (DECC), the U.S. Green Building Council, FoodPLUS | Detroit, Michigan Association of Planning, Detroit Greenways Coalition and Detroit Young Professionals. She resides in Detroit's Airport District, enjoys traveling and attending concerts, and is a film and football enthusiast.



Sarah Moyer-Cale (MUP, 2014) left SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) to work as the Village Manager/ Zoning Administrator for the Village of Almont in January 2015. She handles village administration, budget, community relations, and zoning compliance. She also serves on the Lapeer Development Corporation Board of Directors. Moyer-Cale resides with husband Samuel in Utica.

Anna (King) Pinter (MUP, 2015) completed her essay this winter to glowing praise from faculty advisor **George Galster**. Her study explored the impacts of the NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) interventions in Genesee County using the AITS—or adjusted interrupted time series—model. The findings provide evidence that Genesee County's NSP had a positive impact on sales prices of homes in two of the three groups of NSP target areas compared to control areas, while controlling for coincident changes in the County.

Galster described the essay as “a first-rate project from start-to-finish, showcasing all her analytical, organizational and writing skills,” adding, “Ms. Pinter tackled a subject that is of central importance to planners: Can a local government intervene on short notice to strengthen neighborhoods that have been severely hit by foreclosures and a depressed regional economy? She employed cutting-edge econometric techniques to answer this question in the cautious affirmative. My hope is that this excellent study will be shared with planners in the County and help guide their efforts in the future.”

Pinter has been working as Planner III, at the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, with the NSP since 2009 when the program started. She was curious whether all the funding actually had a positive impact. She recalls, “I was having a difficult time picking an essay topic when I realized that I could do my essay on a topic in which I was truly interested. Now, I am very pleased with the final product and so happy to have finished my MUP degree!”

Sara (Schillinger) Roediger (MUP, 2002) has had a busy year, having left her position at the City of Novi, to become the Manager of Planning at the City of Rochester Hills. Sara and Corey Roediger welcomed their second son, Bennett, in January this year. Big brother Graham is pleased to have someone to play ball with! As if raising two future ball players weren't enough, Roediger can be found chairing the Planning Commission meetings in her hometown of Ferndale on her spare evenings.



Employed by HNTB, **Carly Shapiro** (MUP, 2013) specializes in transit planning. She started in October 2013 at the firm's East Lansing office but recently transferred back to downtown Detroit. Her main projects include a transit plan for Metro Detroit, interstate rail environmental impact statement, local highway



projects, and a national trucking initiative. A large part of Shapiro's job focuses on community engagement and outreach. Since graduating, she received the National Highway Institute's NEPA training and a completed a professional certification in Geographic Information Sciences from Michigan State University.

An adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University, **Robin West Smith** (MUP, 2011) teaches Introduction to Urban Studies. She lives in Oak Park with Willie E. Smith, Sr., her husband of almost 27 years. They have 4 grown children (which means that they are empty nesters and loving it!). They also have 10 grandchildren, one of whom is expected to graduate from Michigan State University in December and who has been accepted to a graduate program starting in January 2016. Currently involved with the WSU Sociology Cares program, Smith volunteers at various Detroit food banks.



Urban Studies alum **Laurie Smolenski** (BA, 2006) was the subject of a recent New York Times story, 'A Traffic Accident. A Fire. And Then Their Romance Was Really Tested' (July 1). The story recounted the personal and practical challenges of living in Manhattan. Since graduating, she has earned a master's degree in International Relations with a focus on women's and immigrant rights from the Autonomous University of Madrid. Smolenski is presently the Development Manager with the New York Immigration Coalition.

Brian Vosburg (MUP, 2009) started working for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation in May this year, as the Brownfield Program Associate staffing the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (DBRA) with fellow alum **Jennifer Kanalos** (MUP, 2007). He reviews and analyzes new Brownfield TIF (tax increment financing) requests and coordinates related city and state approvals, reimburses current Brownfield TIF projects, and provides support to the two public boards that make up the DBRA.



Vosburg lives in Grosse Pointe Park with wife Lisa and their kids, Jackson (11), Gabrielle (9), and Benjamin (6), who walk just four houses away to attend elementary and middle school. When he is not taking kids to sports activities, you can find him walking and biking with his family, exploring different neighborhoods. He also volunteers with the Chandler Park

Coalition to revitalize Chandler Park and provide real estate development advice to Covenant Community Care, and works with neighbors in Grosse Pointe Park

and Detroit to improve and connect neighborhoods in the two municipalities.

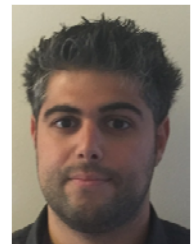
Since April 2015, **Peter Zeiler** (MUP, 2000) is leading the creation of a new economic development department serving the 1.1 million residents of Mecklenburg County, NC, which comprises the City of Charlotte, six towns, and outlying extra territorial jurisdiction areas. At the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, Zeiler and his colleagues are refining and implementing a set of policies and programs focused on job attraction, small business development, tourism, and neighborhood redevelopment. He lives in Charlotte with fiancée Bhavna Gvalani, puppy Oscar, Senegalese parrot Ziggy, and two cats named Mr. Kitty and Scooter.



Carsten Applegate (MUP, 2014) and **Joseph Tangari** (MUP, 2013) each receive the Galster Prize for scholarly achievement at the DUSP Welcome Event, August 26, 2014. With Hilberry Professor George Galster.

Notes from Current Students

Mohamed Ayoub was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in 2015 by the Michigan chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials. Awardees are selected by a team of industry professionals.



Amy Farkas interned during summer 2015 with the Kresge Foundation. There, she supported the Arts and Culture Program. Farkas had the opportunity to shadow the Associate Program Officer through the grant review process, attending team and foundation-wide meetings and select site visits.

The internship provided an excellent opportunity for Farkas to hone her analytical skills, explore the evaluation research fields, become familiar with philanthropy, and become immersed in the emerging field of creative place-making at the cutting edge of arts and community development practices.

Michelle Foster started at LSL Planning in Royal Oak last December. It was a great opportunity to maintain a working relationship with the City of Ferndale (her former employer and city of residence) as their planning consultant and explore new communities on projects within and beyond Southeast Michigan. Serving as co-chair on MAP's Emerging Planning Professionals Committee, Foster enjoys meeting new planners and planning students throughout the state. She adds, "their optimism and enthusiasm is so encouraging!"



Wayne State's Graduate School selected **Pablo Golob** for a Graduate Professional Scholarship this year. The scholarship pays tuition for up to 10 graduate credit hours for each of the fall and winter semesters, at the in-state rate. DUSP has had a good record with this scholarship; last year, **Sylvia Tatman-Burruss** secured the award. We encourage students in the department to continue to apply for this and other WSU funding sources. For more information, browse: wayne.edu/gradschool/funding/grad-prof-scholarship/

Urban Studies student (and MUP applicant) **Zachary Kilgore** won a competitive Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects Award from the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) at WSU. In his project, "Co-working Spaces and Economic Development," Kilgore will survey employees and users of multi-tenant workspaces such as Wayne State's Techtown and Midtown's Green Garage, to identify successful practices in co-working spaces, with a view to contributing to a deeper understanding of related tools in local economic development. His faculty mentor is **Jeff Horner**.

Sylvia Tatman-Burruss won top place at the WSU Graduate School's Inaugural Master's Showcase. The award was accompanied by a check for \$500! Tatman-Burruss made a presentation on her essay on mortgage origination in Detroit. In her presentation, she compared mortgage origination rates between Detroit and the surrounding, suburban communities through an analysis of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data and by using qualitative expert interviews.



News from Student Groups

The **Wayne State Student Urban Planners (WSSUP)** consists of graduate and undergraduate students interested in issues related to urban planning. WSSUP provides a forum for conversation, collaboration, networking, and innovation. WSSUP's goal is connect WSU students with resources and opportunities within and outside the university. Over the years, we have hosted guest speakers, attended conferences and networking events, collaborated with local organizations, and organized other volunteer opportunities.

This year, two DUSP students and WSSUP members, **Alex Bilotta** and **Moe Ayoub**, sit on the Michigan Association of Planning's governing board. To learn more, contact: Alex Bilotta, alexander.bilotta@wayne.edu. www.facebook.com/groups/2201864004/

The **Black Student Association in Urban Studies and Planning (BSAUSP)** promotes academic and professional development and offers networking opportunities to students in urban studies and planning. Recently, **Charlotte Blackwell** and **Jeff Whitelow**, BSAUSP advisors, developed and implemented a curriculum for the Center for Youth Civic Engagement and Community Services Program (CFYCECS) at Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School at Northwestern (DCP). BSAUSP also partnered with DCP's guidance counselors to assist 10 seniors chosen to participate in the Real Life 101 Scholarship Fund Program. These young men each wrote a 1000 word essay on "What Will You do to Improve the Image of Black Males in America," and, in turn, were awarded laptops and associated software. To learn more, contact **Anthony Todd** at Anthony.todd@wayne.edu.

Created in spring 2015, **WSU Future Urban Leaders of Detroit** is a new group for Urban Studies majors. FULD—pronounced "fueled"—will serve as a platform for students to become more engaged with the concepts and principles we study and more involved with the city we live in. As Urban Studies students, we believe in putting our knowledge and skills to work through community service and participation. From grass roots organizing to policy decisions, WSU FULD wants to help Urban Studies students understand and participate in the processes that change our city and region. FULD members participated in the 2015 Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference and continue to participate in the Transit for the 21st Century Campus. This fall we will offer opportunities for community service, study help, information about lectures and policy conferences, and a forum to discuss urban studies topics. To learn more, visit our facebook page, WSUfuld, or contact: **Savannah Robbins**, eq764@wayne.edu, or **Breanna Lockhart**, ek9523@wayne.edu.

David H. Shepherd Endowed Scholarship Fund



The department is fortunate to have the David H. Shepherd Scholarship Fund support urban planning students starting fall 2015.

Named for the former mayor of Oak Park, MI (1971-81), the fund was created following his death in 1981, to recognize scholarly achievement, encourage continued

progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education.

Born in 1928, Shepherd attended Wayne State to study Sociology. He went on to own an advertising agency in Oak Park and was the publisher/editor of the *Oak Park News* and *Northwest Record* newspapers. He served on the Oak Park City Council from 1957 to 1971.

Mayor Shepherd is noted for many accomplishments. Principal among them was his effort to bring the 911 Emergency System to Oak Park. He was also knowledgeable about federal revenue sharing and water quality and testified before the United States Congress on these issues. He served as director of the National League of Cities and chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, and in 1979, received the Tom Bradley Leadership Award from the National Association of Regional Councils. In addition, he was part of National League of Cities delegations to Israel and China to advise local governments in those countries.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to municipal government and the Michigan Municipal League, the organization bestowed its highest honor on Mayor Shepherd, in 1978: an Honorary Life Membership.

Shepherd was once asked why he did not seek higher office. His reply? "It's more fun to be a really big fish in a really small pond!"

The David H. Shepherd Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by his daughters Wendy Shepherd and Dale Dallaire, to honor their father's commitment to community. They hope that the recipients of this award will learn from his example and serve their communities well.

In accordance with the family's wishes, the scholarship will be awarded each year to one or more students who are engaged in internships in a planning-related activity in the Detroit area. Application materials will consist of a brief statement from the student about their educational and work goals and how the scholarship will help them, and two letters of recommendation. **To learn more or contribute to this fund, write k.pothukuchi@wayne.edu.**

Alma H. Young Memorial Scholarship



More than a decade since it was established, the Alma H. Young Memorial Scholarship is no longer in limbo due to insufficient funds to constitute an endowment. As a result of actions taken this spring, the endowment fund will generate a scholarship to support a DUSP student starting the 2015-16 academic year.

Dean of the now defunct College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, Alma Harrington Young joined the WSU faculty in 1996 as the first Coleman A. Young Chair and Professor of Urban Affairs. Prior to that, she was professor of urban and public affairs at the University of New Orleans, where she also was associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of the doctoral program in urban studies. An accomplished researcher on urban issues, she had a special interest in urban economic development, social planning, and issues affecting the quality of life of women and children.

Young passed away unexpectedly at home, March 14, 2004. She touched many lives and will be remembered for her leadership, scholarship, and gracious manner.

The scholarship will recognize scholarly achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. **To contribute to this fund, write k.pothukuchi@wayne.edu.**

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