

FROM THE CHAIR

Rachel G. Bratt

Virtually every time that I sit down to write this column, it feels as though the topmost issue on my mind is either a recent tragic event or an ongoing highly problematic situation. The war in Iraq



continues with no end in sight and deceit and cover-ups in Washington, DC have again dominated the news. And, even several months after the horrendous events in New Orleans and the sur-

rounding Gulf Coast areas, I am still thinking a lot about that situation. It is truly unimaginable what it must have been like to try to evacuate a city with over 484,000 people, the 31st largest in the U.S., and with a population of only 100,000 fewer than Boston. We saw that local officials were not up to the challenge. And contemplating the task ahead is beyond daunting.

But there is more bad news: We learned that our President and other media seemed to encounter poverty in the U.S. for the first time. For those of us who study the issue, it is truly stunning that such a "discovery" could be made when there is so much hard evidence all around us. And, now, several months post-discovery, poverty has again receded from public consciousness.

The racial impacts of the disaster were sharply engraved in our collective consciousnesses as we saw the disparities between who was most likely to reach safety and who was most likely to be crammed into highly unsatisfactory "shelters." We know that those with resources, safety nets, and contacts in society fare best, but

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First Annual Planning Symposium Held at Tufts on Kelo Decision

On December 1, 2005, the first annual Tufts, MIT, Harvard, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association Planning Symposium was held at Tufts. Over 150 people were in attendance, including students and alumni from the three schools, as well as professional planners and elected municipal government representatives. We were especially honored by the participation of Paul Farmer, Executive Director of the American Planning Association.

The focus of the symposium was "Eminent Domain After the Kelo Decision," and, after a brief welcome and introduction from UEP Chair, Rachel Bratt, the following speakers provided commentary:

Peter Lowitt, President of the Massachusetts Chapter, American Planning Association, Director, Devens Enterprise Commission, UEP graduate *History of Eminent Domain in Massachusetts*

Jerold Kayden, Co-Chair, Department of Urban Planning and Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design *Constitutional Law, Eminent Domain, and the Kelo Decision*

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Paul Farmer, Executive Director of the American Planning Association, speaking at the Kelo Symposium.

Three UEP Faculty Members Publish Books

Over the past six months there has been an enormous amount of publishing activity among the UEP core faculty, with a record three books having been published.

First, we congratulate Julian Agyeman on the publication of *Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice* (NYU Press). The premise

for the book is that the relationship between environmental justice and sustainability groups has traditionally been uneasy. What might, at first glance, seem like an obvious case for partnership, is laden with ideological and other concerns. How has it come to this, and more to the point, how do we move forward?

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there was no escaping the brutal visual images of the “Two Americas,” a phrase coined by Michael Harrington more than four decades ago.

Was the disaster a natural one, or given the amount of information that was well known about the inadequacy of flood control efforts before the storm hit, could the loss to human life, well-being and property have been averted, or, at least been less severe?

The questions of who knew what and when remind us that engineering solutions and technical knowledge of climatic and other events go only so far. The arena in which UEP faculty and students operate, and the questions with which we are engaged, urge us to explore the political context of the decisions that have been made in the past. And our perspective also needs to be kept in mind as rebuilding is launched. What are the political realities of creating a flood control system that would provide the needed security? How can key stakeholders be brought into discussions about the future plans for New Orleans? What is the role of flood insurance, and should it encourage building in areas that are simply too risky? How can the new New Orleans be a better place than the old, providing greater economic opportunities to its residents and making inroads on the economic disparities of its population? And, in general, can a city re-emerge as a significant player on the American urban landscape after such a devastating occurrence?

Students and practitioners of planning will be much in demand as these questions are raised and hopefully answered in such a way as to provide decent, safe homes and work places for the former and future residents of a great American city.

As we contemplate how our knowledge and efforts may help others, I urge us all to take stock of the many privileges, opportunities, and good fortune with which we have been blessed. I send you my best wishes for a peaceful, safe, and healthy New Year.

UEP Faculty Seminar Launched

During the Fall 2005 semester the UEP faculty launched a new seminar series that provides faculty and students the opportunity to hear about the work that members of the faculty are doing. Called the “First Monday” series, the first set of speakers included:

Julian Agyeman, “Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice”

Yelena Ogneva-Himmelberger, “From Noise Pollution in Boston to Deforestation in Mexico: The Visual and Analytical Power of GIS”

Ann Rappaport, “Green Buildings and Beyond”

All the presentations offered “food for thought” and provided stimulating conversation.

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James Jennings, Professor, Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University
The Kelo Decision as Bad Economic Policy: Overview of Urban Renewal and Neighborhood Revitalization

Rusty Russell, Lecturer, Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Tufts University
Finding the Middle Ground—Creating Better Protections Post-Kelo

Terry Szold, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT
The Massachusetts Legislative Response

Paul Farmer, Executive Director, American Planning Association
Implication for Planners—The National Picture

The Kelo decision, handed down in June by a divided U.S. Supreme Court, reaffirmed that eminent domain takings to advance economic development projects satisfy a public purpose and thus are Constitutional. In this case, the public benefit is to flow from the creation of



UEP Professor James Jennings speaking at the Kelo Symposium.

new business and jobs, an outcome of a 90-acre development proposed next to a \$300 million research complex sponsored by a private pharmaceutical company. Despite the well-established precedent involving the use of the eminent domain power, a huge public outcry has erupted over this decision, with the private property rights movement at the helm. Some 35 states are now engaged in attempting to limit the laws that govern eminent domain. A spirited panel discussion provided the opportunity for many of the complexities of the case to be explored.

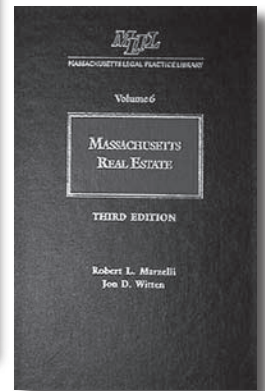
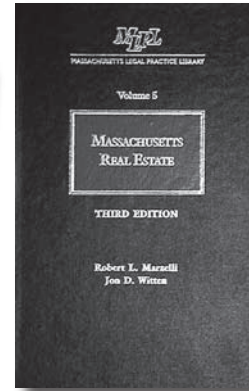
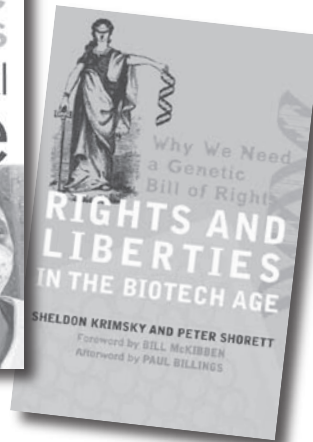
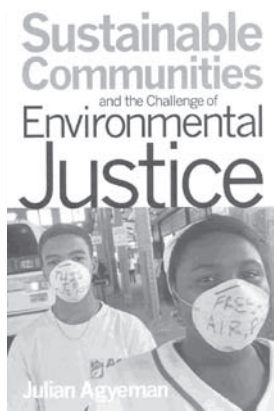
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In Julian's new book he argues that environmental justice and sustainability provide new directions and frameworks for public policy. These are both highly contested concepts that have tremendous potential to effect long lasting change. Despite the different historical origins of both concepts, and their attendant movements, there exists an area of theoretical and practical compatibility between them. In order for the environmental justice and sustainability movements to develop a common agenda, changes to both will be required. One change is already happening within the sustainability paradigm, in part as a result of the influence of the environmental justice project. It is the emergence of a "just sustainability" orientation as a counter to the dominance of "environmental sustainability." Julian explores this development through numerous vignettes, and a case study of a unique Boston nonprofit, known as ACE, Alternatives for Community and Environment, highlights the 'just sustainability' paradigm in practice in urban America.

Sheldon Krinsky has also just published a new co-edited book (with Peter Shorett), *Rights and Liberties in the Biotech Age: Why We Need a Genetic Bill of Rights* (Rowman & Littlefield). The book observes that during the past quarter century the engine of biotechnology has raced through industrial and agrarian economies like a freight train without brakes to slow it down or an engineer to steer it. The very thought of having social controls over its applications has been met by its most ardent promoters with cries of "let the free market decide." According to this view, the only justification for putting brakes on a technology would be a product that introduces a clear and present danger to human health or national security.

Biotechnology is affecting broad sectors of the economy, including agricul-



ture, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, the fertility industry, natural resources, material science, and forensics. For this reason, we may view biotechnology, which includes genetic and cellular engineering, as a major technological revolution. Historically, such revolutions have brought changes to society, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. But we have never had a technological or political revolution that has not been accompanied by some fundamental adjustments to and controls over the forces of change. The major difference in our varied responses to technological or political change is whether we adapt to them by default or whether we make a conscious effort to take control over the possibilities.

Rights and Liberties in the Biotech Age is a collection of commentaries from internationally recognized scholars and activists who write passionately about the need to understand how biotechnology is impacting our civilization and how these new technologies should be managed. The book is organized around *The Genetic Bill of Rights*, a set of ten principles issued by the Council for Responsible Genetics in 2000. The book covers biodiversity, life patents, DNA identification, environmental genotoxins, genetic discrimination, prenatal genetic modification, eugenics, and genetic privacy.

Finally, we are delighted to announce the publication of Jon Witten's co-authored book (with Robert Marzelli), *Massachusetts Real Estate*, Third Edition (Lexis Nexis).

This work is a massive two-volume text, published as part of the Massachusetts Legal Practice Library. It is designed for practitioners involved in all aspects of real estate transactional practice, land use regulation, land use litigation and municipal land use matters in Massachusetts. Topics range from step by step guidance for real estate transactions to procedural and substantive requirements relating to zoning, subdivision control, wetland regulation and the Massachusetts affordable housing statute. The text provides detailed case citations, practice suggestions and checklists. It also provides a critique of Massachusetts land use law, particularly as Massachusetts remains one of the last urbanized states without progressive land use planning legislation.

Visit UEP's revised and expanded web site at <http://ase.tufts.edu/uep>

Do you have an Internship Listing you would like to post? Click on "Post an Internship Opportunity" under Quick Links on the home page. Alumni, want to update your address and job information? Click on the "Alumni" tab at the top of the home page.

Tufts Climate Initiative Receives EPA Award

The Tufts Climate Initiative (TCI), co-directed by UEP faculty member Ann Rappaport, received one of the Environmental Protection Agency's, seventeen 2005 Climate Protection Awards. Ann, along with Fletcher School Professor and co-director Bill Moomaw, and TCI Program Manager, Sarah Creighton, received the award at a ceremony held in Washington, DC on May 4, 2005. And, on May 10, in a ceremony held on the Medford campus, Tufts President Lawrence S. Bacow accepted the award on behalf of the university.

According to Ann Rappaport, "This is a special award for Tufts and shows our commitment to reducing climate altering gases. Tufts was the only university to receive this award and this demonstrates our national leadership and commitment."



Tufts President Lawrence S. Bacow, with UEP faculty member, Ann Rappaport; TCI Program Manager and Tufts Sustainability Coordinator, Sarah Creighton; TCI Outreach Coordinator, Anya Kollmuss; Sam Silverman, Deputy Director of EPA New England's Office of Environmental Stewardship; and Fletcher faculty member, Bill Moomaw.

UEP Faculty Present Views on Gulf Coast Hurricanes

On September 8, 2005, UEP faculty members Ann Rappaport and Rachel Bratt participated in a symposium on "Hurricane Katrina: Just what was 'Natural' about this Disaster?" Sponsored by the University College and moderated by Molly Mead, Ann and Rachel were joined by Civil Engineering Research Professor Paul Kirshen, Sociology Professor Paula Aymer, and University College of Citizenship and Public Service Senior Fellow, Margie Reedy. An audio recording with excerpts from the symposium can be found at: <http://enews.tufts.edu/special/katrina>

Ann is quoted as saying:

"If you look globally in the wake of the tsunami, there have been some studies that show that it is overwhelmingly the poor that are impacted by events such as earthquakes and storms."

And, Rachel offered that:

"It is a matter of when, not if,' is what the newspaper said. 'Eventually a major hurricane will hit New Orleans head on instead of being a close call. It's happened before and it will happen again.' That was a New Orleans paper three years ago—we knew about this problem" [from the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*]. And, further, "Will New Orleans come back with the services, the educational opportunities, and the jobs that will allow people to live in some level of dignity—better than the impoverished groups that we are seeing on television right now? Will there be planning—social planning as well as the massive infrastructure planning...the roads, the sewers, the highways, the electrical systems, the telephone lines...the planning, the physical planning and the social planning that has to be done?"

Twelve UEP students participated in post-Katrina clean up in Mississippi during the January break. News story and photos in next newsletter.

In addition, UEP Professor James Jennings was interviewed on September 11 on WCVB-TV (ABC) News, during which he noted that: "If there's a silver lining in a tragedy like this, it's that a lot of Americans across the board from all races and ethnic groups have opened their eyes a bit, have been forced to open their eyes a bit. And you do have a lot of Americans, regardless of their racial or ethnic or linguistic background, who are very concerned and want to help... Truth has smacked America in the face. We have some problems in this country. They involve race, poverty, an incompetent government, an arrogant government, and I think many Americans, whether they're Democrats or Republicans, are, as I said, awakened a bit."

Kate M. Field

IN MEMORIAM 1912–2005

We note, with sadness, the death of Kate M. Field on April 13, 2005. Kate was best known to UEP faculty, staff, and students as the wife of UEP founder Hermann H. Field, who died in 2001. But Kate left an impressive legacy of achievement in her own right. Just sixteen days before her death she wrote a brief biography of her life, especially for our department. The following presents the highlights from this piece.

Kate was born in England and graduated from the University of Cambridge with undergraduate honors and MA honors degrees in Economics. Among her distinguished professors was John Maynard Keynes.

Throughout her life, Kate was dedicated to the welfare of families and the protection of civil liberties. She studied the conditions of unemployed mill workers in Lowell and Lawrence, Massachusetts during the Depression, and helped Basque refugee children during the Spanish Civil War and families fleeing Czechoslovakia during World War II. Her future husband, Hermann, whom she married in 1940, was also involved in the Czech refugee work.

At the outbreak of World War II, Kate was in London and Hermann was in Krakow, helping refugees leave Poland. Hermann narrowly escaped the German invasion. A decade later, in 1949, Hermann was seized by the Polish Secret Police on the suspicion of being an American spy, just as the Cold War was intensifying. The rest of the family was visiting London at the time, and Kate continued to raise their children there, working for five years for her husband's release. In 1954 the man who had arrested Hermann fled to the West and revealed Hermann's location, whereupon he was declared innocent and freed and the family returned to the U.S. Kate and Hermann co-authored *Trapped in the Cold War: The Ordeal of an American Family* (1999) a joint memoir of Hermann's abduction during the Cold War and Kate's five-year fight for his release.

After moving back to the United States, and working in New York, Kate became an administrator at the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University, where she helped young Asian scholars settle into their new Cambridge surroundings. She retired in 1978 and she and Hermann moved to their beloved Valley Farm in Shirley, Massachusetts, which they left in trust as a permanently protected conservation area.

Kate became active in local government, working on reform efforts and the preservation of historic buildings until 2004. In the early 1990's she led the opposition to a second major airport at the former Fort Devens to supplement Boston's Logan Airport. Her efforts were successful and paved the way for subsequent plans for Devens' reuse. UEP alumnus, Peter Lowitt, has been actively involved in the redevelopment of this former military base.

Reflecting on this period, Kate wrote: "the most significant contribution I made to Shirley was when Fort Devens closed. The Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission was looking for sites for an additional local airport, and thought that Fort Devens could be the best site. I initiated a movement in Shirley to oppose this as it would have destroyed the whole area. The surrounding towns also developed active groups in opposition and we attended many meetings ... on the subject." Kate has left behind a legacy of activism and a passion for causes that promote equality and social justice.

Kate was a loving mother to Hugh, Alan, and Alison, and grandmother to Jonathan, Hamo, Cindy, and Eric. A celebration of her life was held in May at Valley Farm in Shirley. Donations in Kate's memory may be made to the Hermann and Kate Field Education Fund, Development Office, Packard Hall, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155.

Spring 2005 Field Projects Course

In Spring 2005, 10 teams of students worked on a broad array of projects. According to Rusty Russell, co-teacher (along with UEP adjunct professor Molly Mead): "These projects provide students with stimulating, challenging experiences while, at the same time, providing a real service to public and nonprofit organizations."

One of last spring's field projects, "Evaluation and Management in the Upper Great Marsh: Emergent *Phragmites Australis*," examined the proliferation of an invasive species of reeds, which is officially known as *phragmites australis*. The problem is particularly acute in Newbury, Massachusetts where some 17,000 acres of tidal marsh are threatened. In a June 30, 2005 story in *The Boston Globe*, UEP student Lauren Baumann was quoted as saying, "Because it is able to perpetuate itself in a healthy marsh, the species can also cause problems for other species. Even in this area, a fairly healthy marsh ecosystem, if there are stands, you need to address them. They could cause problems in the ecosystem... Once they take hold it's very, very hard to get rid of them. Immediately, what we're recommending is that a group goes out into the marsh and actually removes the juvenile stands so they don't get established. Over the longer term, we're recommending that there's data analysis and scientific research done to actually map where these existing adult phragmites stands are, as well as where the juvenile stands are located, and monitoring them over time to see if they're growing, shrinking what's going on with them. Then creating some sort of program to address the phrag issues." The report further recommends that a coordinator position be created to work on the phragmites with the many stakeholders in the Great Marsh. In addition to Lauren, the student team included: Jay Astle, Gina Filosa, and Jenna Ringelheim.

Students Receive Support to Pursue “Dream” Internships

A record 11 UEP students received funding during Summer 2005 to pursue “dream” opportunities that likely would not have been possible without departmental support, provided through the Simonds Fund. This endowed fund, which was created in the early 1980s through the generosity of the family and friends of Miriam Charef Simonds, is used to enhance students’ educational experiences at Tufts. The following are brief descriptions of the Simonds-supported internships from Summer, 2005, which enabled six students to work abroad, while five pursued internships in the U.S.

Elanor Chapin and Jessica Erickson traveled to Umeå, Sweden for summer internships with the municipality of Robertsfors and the non-profit Sustainable Robertsfors organization. Jessica met with town officials and community leaders involved in the implementation of sustainable development principles. She also had the opportunity to view the Robertsfors sustainability initiatives from a critical perspective as she collaborated with the program evaluator to uncover the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the Robertsfors model. Jessica says that she “learned that perhaps the most important aspect of sustainable development is communication. Torbjorn Lahti, the Process Leader for the Sustainable Robertsfors project, described the essential set of skills for a Sustainability Process Leader: patience, tolerance, humility, and determination. I think this is probably true for many professions, but especially true for a profession that deals with encouraging town officials and community citizens to address critical environmental and social issues.”

Ela focused mainly on one task during the internship: documenting in English Torbjorn Lahti’s experiences with the Sustainable Robertsfors project—specifically the theoretical and practical models based on the Sustainable Robertsfors experience. Ela notes that she “gained



UEP students at the Sustainability Forum held during the fall 2005 semester. From left to right: Ela Chapin, Jenna Ringelheim, Benny Lee, Lauren Baumann, and Jessica Erickson.

UEP students, Ela Chapin and Jessica Erickson, presented their internship work at a Sustainability Forum, held during the fall 2005 semester.



experience and an understanding about how community development works in Sweden...I see ways that this experience will strengthen my presence as a citizen in my home community in Vermont, where there are many sustainable development initiatives and opportunities for participation. I have found this region [of Sweden] to have a similar economy, cultural history, and social structure...as well as similar environmental and economic issues to those that we are currently facing [in Vermont]. I feel like I have a valuable in-depth view of how another society similar to our own has networked together to create models for sustainable community planning and implementation,

and that this will be helpful as I look for work in the community development and environmental policy and planning field(s).”

Patrick Hall traveled to Dauphin, Madagascar, participating in a program sponsored by the Andrew Lees Trust, which produces broadcast radio programming for social and environmental initiatives in southern Madagascar, one of the country’s poorest regions. Through its participatory approach to so-called “rural radio,” the Andrew Lees Trust has boosted AIDS awareness, worked to reduce deforestation by building wood-burning stoves that are more fuel-efficient, and helped

farmers better manage their land and water resources. According to Patrick, “In 2004 the Andrew Lees Trust developed a radio outreach program to increase awareness for a water management and soil conservation project spearheaded by the U.N.’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). I spent the summer designing and overseeing a survey that was administered in 13 communities across the FAO project target zone. By meeting and talking with individuals and groups, my team and I were able to measure the impact of radio broadcasts from the Andrew Lees Trust on overall objectives of the FAO water/soil initiative. We wanted to understand people’s level of awareness regarding the project, the source of any project-related information, and what they planned to do with the information, if anything... This internship provided a very real-world set of circumstances, demanding hard work, leadership, and commitment amidst ambiguity and unforeseen challenges. These are the types of scenarios I can expect as a planner in the developing world. In addition to reaffirming my professional objectives, the internship allowed me to collect a rich dataset that will be integrated into my master’s thesis, which will focus on the role of radio in water resource planning for Sub-Saharan Africa.”

Benny Lee worked for the Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group, with operations based primarily in Quetzaltenango, in the western highlands of Guatemala. He collaborated with several development organizations to begin the installation of renewable technologies such as biodigesters and windmills. About 20 percent of the summer was spent at an orphanage in Rio Dulce, along the eastern coast, installing biodigesters to alleviate a fuel shortage and fecal contamination problem. According to Benny, the experience allowed him “to think deeply about my thesis, which is on biofuels—closely related to my experience in Guatemala. It definitely was important in developing my academic interests as well as adding great content to my resume and leading me toward a career I am passionate about... I also have a new perspective on development—it’s extremely difficult work.”

Jenna Ringelheim spent the summer in Melbourne, Australia where she worked with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI A/NZ). Her internship involved collating information on 10 ICLEI A/NZ councils to be submitted to the World Secretariat for their international publication, “Local Initiatives: Members in Action.” While in Australia, Jenna offers that she “was able to learn about the interesting initiatives in which the 10 ICLEI councils are participating, while also recognizing the benefits and barriers that drive the sustainability agenda in Australian local government. The current development of my thesis is largely due to my experience working in Australia.”

Sinan Seyhun volunteered for Energy 21, a British NGO which promotes and raises awareness on renewable energy and is the most prominent European organization in the renewable energy field. Based in Wiltshire, UK, Sinan was able to observe different policy approaches and a different business culture in a foreign country. He notes that: “It certainly helped me in acquiring international work experience which perfectly fits my career goals. I gained knowledge on the UK government’s policies and instruments in support of renewable energy. The research that I did on the UK Export Credit Guarantee Fund allowed me to understand the structure of such schemes and gain some insight into how a similar structure can be established to support renewable energy installations. The establishment of a government-sponsored credit guarantee fund for renewable energy was certainly an idea I had never come across before and it helped me gain a new perspective on how renewables can be supported by policy.”

Eric Chilton stayed closer to home, working with the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition. “MassBike” strives to encourage citizens of the Bay State to use bicycles, and to improve conditions for cyclists through improved infrastructure, awareness, and education. As an avid cyclist, both for basic transportation and for pleasure, Eric notes that cycling also provides health benefits while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Eric also says that: “Dur-

ing my time at MassBike I learned much about grassroots organizing, the transportation funding system in Massachusetts and the nation, and the unique financial pressures felt by non-profit organizations. I consider my time at MassBike to be time well spent.”

Joel Paque worked as an intern in the Government Relations department for the national office of The Nature Conservancy in Washington, DC. The internship allowed Joel to explore research concerning federal lands issues, a topic that he is focusing on for his thesis. Joel has commented that, through the internship, he was “able to gain practical experience with one of the foremost conservation organizations in the world. I was also able to discover how my specific talents can best be utilized to advance conservation goals. I got a real taste of the whole “DC” experience, and made valuable contacts to aid in securing future employment.”

Cameron Pratt interned at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a foreign affairs and international security think-tank in Washington, D.C. Cameron worked with the Global Strategy Institute (GSI) at CSIS, a program dedicated to promoting long-range thinking on global issues that are poised to shape our future. GSI gives careful consideration to the implication of trends central to policy and planning including natural resource management, population dynamics, and technology. Cameron has indicated that the internship was an incredible learning experience, that helped him to pursue a meaningful endeavor and integrate his education and research interests into practical experience. He adds that: “From Capitol Hill hearings to roundtable discussions with experts from the field, my time in Washington D.C. proved to be essential to my professional development, allowing me to enhance my research skills, explore possible career options, and foster new interests. In particular, my involvement with the Global Water Future Project, a new GSI initiative devoted to the development of more effective policies that reflect the overarching importance of water, strengthens my

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THESIS AUTHORS

The following students completed theses between August 2004 and August 2005. This is the final requirement for the M.A. degree in urban and environmental policy and planning. Congratulations!

Jessie Baker

Consumer Based Commentary on Foster Care Policy: If you don't open your mouth...you lose your power.

Megan Bartlett

So Nobody Is Invisible: Promoting Socio-Cultural Competency in the Classroom

Joshua Channell

The Regional Smart Growth Toolbox: Combining Urban and Rural Planning Tools to Halt Metropolitan Sprawl

Sarah Conrad

Head Start's Shared Governance: The Experience of Parents on One Massachusetts Policy Council

Abby Copeman

Cultural Values, Research, and Early Childhood Education and Care Policy: Exploring the Relationships

Darien Crimmin

Community Participation in the Process to Develop Sustainability Indicators

Lara Curtis

The Land Use and Water Connection: Regulatory Management Techniques for Water Resource Protection

Rachael Edinger

Developing Sustainable Communities: Our Generation Needs It; Our Seventh Generation Requires It

Julie Filapek

Looking Out, Looking In: Assessing the Public Values of Community Gardens

Victoria Gellis

Leaping or Stumbling? An Examination of Democracy Assistance and Local Environmental Action Planning (LEAP) in Macedonia

ALUMNI UPDATE

Doing something interesting and want to tell us about it? E-mail Ann Urosevich at ann.urosevich@tufts.edu

(The dates in parentheses refer to the entering class.)

Last spring, **Sally Churchill (1978)** was named Vice President and Secretary of the University of Michigan. Having earned her law degree after graduating from UEP, she specialized in environmental law, working in the Michigan Office of the Attorney General and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. She joined the University of Michigan's General Counsel's Office in 1996.

Nancy Eldridge (1979) writes, "Life and work are great in Burlington, Vermont. I enjoy working as the CEO for a statewide nonprofit, Cathedral Square Corporation. We have participated in the development of nearly 40 affordable housing communities in Vermont including affordable assisted living. I was recently honored to join the Affordable Housing Finance Cabinet formed by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). On a personal note, our daughter, Elizabeth, will be touring Tufts soon on her college search. How quickly the years pass!"

In August, **Bryan Wyatt (1983)** assumed the position of Executive Director of The Housing Partnership in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a community-based nonprofit organization that acts as a resource for affordable housing and related services for low and moderate-income residents of the Greater Seacoast region of New Hampshire and southern Maine. Most recently, Bryan worked as the Director of Real Estate Operations at CASCAP, Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Karin Shepardson (1986) has been living in Zagreb for almost two years with her husband Sudipto (Tufts G88) and two sons, working for the World Bank's Southeast Europe Regional Office. "I cover the environment and agriculture sectors working mostly on Croatia, Romania, and Bulgaria...My work is a combination of helping to prepare and supervise loans in these sectors; working with governments on their policy reform programs, and doing

some analytic papers to help transfer lessons learned and exchange experiences across countries. All these countries are in the process of joining the European Union so they have common targets to reach, but all have different challenges and political realities...I am enjoying living closer to where I work, and in our free time trying to see as much of Europe as possible."

Neal Newman (1988), has been in Ireland for nine years with his wife, Orla, and two children, Jessica and Conor. After many years as Executive Director of a regional development organization financed by the European Commission, Neal started his own management and fundraising consulting firm working with international charities based in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Neal is now Executive Director with CCS Ireland, an international fundraising consultancy, currently planning a €30M campaign for the All Ireland Cancer Fund.

In the fall of 2004, **Bob Hersh (1990)** and family returned to Massachusetts from Washington, DC. Bob writes, "I still work as the brownfields project director for the Center for Public Environmental Oversight (CPE)), a small non-profit. My job title doesn't indicate the scope of the work I do, which includes research on abandoned mines, long term management of nuclear wastes, and risk issues. I've also started doing some teaching at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. I teach a social science research course to young engineers, who make me feel somewhat long in the tooth."

Kate Dempsey (1991) reports that she continues to work for The Nature Conservancy of Maine (and therefore keeps in touch with the likes of Mark Smith [1990]). Kate's husband, Tim, runs a web-development company, Digital Goat, that focuses on technology solutions for not-for-profits. His business partner, Doug Bertlesman, is the husband of Deb Keller (1996)—so, writes Kate, "we are keeping the connections to UEP strong. It is wonderful to have an increasing number of UEPers in Maine!"

Eric Friedman (1992) writes that he is "still directing state sustainability efforts for the Commonwealth—making progress slowly but surely—working on reducing

greenhouse gas emissions, promoting on-site renewable energy, increasing recycling and reducing mercury at all our state agencies and 29 public higher education campuses. Sometimes it is a bit crazy, but satisfying all the same."

Having completed a Ph.D. program last spring, **Osamu Saito (1992)** began a new job in September as Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Engineering at Osaka University in Osaka, Japan.

Susan Altman (1993) has set up two new organizations this year: The Medford Environmental Alliance (MEA) works to ensure the success of environmental and sustainability efforts in Medford, through education and community participation. The other organization, the Massachusetts Social Marketing Association (MASMA) was created with Jan Aceti, who teaches a summer course in community-based social marketing at UEP. [Broadly defined, social marketing applies the concepts and techniques of commercial marketing to the goal of behavior change related to social/environmental problems (e.g., reducing homelessness, lowering greenhouse gas emissions).] The mission of MASMA is to support professionals throughout the state who use social marketing in their work or wish to do so. For more information about either group, you can email Susan at: News.altman@comcast.net.

Francisco Sucre (1993) writes, "I am still in Venezuela but now working at CAF (Corporacion Andina de Fomento) in the Latin American Carbon Program, which funds climate change mitigation projects in Latin America and the Caribbean."

Jim and Jackie (Geer) Murphy (1994) returned to Massachusetts this past spring. In September, Jim began a tenure track appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at Clark University in Worcester.

Gabrielle Kissinger (1995) moved from Maine to Vancouver, British Columbia a year ago. She writes, "I'm now working for ForestEthics on the Great Bear Rainforest campaign, trying to establish ecosystem-based management over 21

million acres of coastal British Columbia and protecting 5 million acres from logging. This is the largest tract of intact coastal temperate rainforest left and it is a wild and lush place with scattered First Nations settlements. My role involves working on EBM [ecosystem-based management] implementation, First Nations capacity-building, and supporting a more diversified economy in the region. Because ForestEthics has strong ties to U.S. customers of B.C. forest products, I also try to leverage marketplace interest and pressure to get government and industry to do the right thing. We're living in Vancouver and love it!"

Alejandra Martin (1995), has left her job in Washington, DC, to assume the position of co-director of the Brazilian Institute of Education on Sustainable Enterprises (IBENS), an NGO that provides business advice and sustainable enterprise development to rural producers in threatened ecosystems in Brazil.

In addition to getting married this past September, **Shari Stern (1995)** began a new job in the spring as Director of Natural and Organic Products for Haddon House Distributors.

After completing his master's degree in UEP, **Kevin Gallagher (1996)**, continued on at Tufts and completed his Ph.D. In the fall of 2004, he was hired as Assistant Professor of international economics in the Department of International Relations at Boston University. Kevin is the author of *Free Trade and the Environment: Mexico, NAFTA, and Beyond*.

Brendan Woodburn (1996) is currently employed as a Vocational Specialist at Networks, a program of Enable, Inc. in Canton, Massachusetts. "We provide vocational supports to individuals with disabilities through situation assessments, job development, and job supports."

Kathy Roth (1996) writes that she began a new job this past August as Assistant Director of the Community Preservation Coalition, "working on passing and implementing the Community Preservation Act across the state of Massachusetts. So far, 100 out of 351 Massachusetts communities have passed the Act," which

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enables local communities to raise additional taxes that can be used for affordable housing, open space or historic preservation projects.

Nia Higginbotham (1998) has a new job, working as a Development and Public Relations Associate for the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance.

Darcy Kremin (formerly Byrne) (1998) worked for two years as the Hospitality Chair to help organize the March 2005 National APA Conference in San Francisco. Her efforts, along with those of the entire Local Host Committee, were honored by the California Chapter APA conference in October. Darcy was also appointed to the board of her local APA Section.

Laura Durham (1999) has taken a position as the Open Space Coordinator for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Nathan Kelly (1999) writes, "Life at Horsley Witten is good. I recently served as the Project Manager and I was one of the primary authors for the Commonwealth's Smart Growth Toolkit (www.horsleywitten.com/smart-growth) and last year I helped to permit dozens of units of affordable housing in Massachusetts."

Writing from Seattle, **Dri Ralph (1999)** says, "Life is good, but a lot has been changing as of late...I have a new job, a new city, a new apartment, and a whole new skill set...New job and resulting new skill set: Public Services Facilities Design Coordinator for King County Library System. The way too long title basically means I get to be part of building new libraries and significantly renovating existing buildings. It is a great job."

Cameron Gardner (2000) writes, "Since I graduated from Tufts with my master's degree, I have gotten married, had a baby girl, and am on my second job in Virginia...My first job out of school was with a private consulting firm in Atlantic City. I worked there about 2 years...and then we relocated back to the DC area to be closer to family. I now work for the Northern Neck Planning District

Commission near Fredericksburg, Virginia as a regional planner. I also passed the AICP exam and the New Jersey Professional Planners exam."

Kim Lundgren (2000) began a new job last spring as Northeast Project Officer for ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.

In September, **Kristine Stratton (2001)**, began working as the Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), New England's leading environmental advocacy organization. Kristine oversees all finance, human resources, information systems, facilities and administrative activities for CLF and its two subsidiaries. Kristine says, "I believe I have ended up with a wonderful opportunity at a terrific organization. I had a great run of it at WGBH and am very excited to be transitioning into an environmental organization." [Prior to joining CLF, Kristine worked for more than a decade at WGBH, the Boston-based flagship public broadcaster, where she headed up the business and operations activities for WGBH's television stations.]

Gabrielle Hermann (2002), who recently completed the dual degree program with UEP and the Fletcher School, writes that she is the Program Director of the relatively new NGO, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy in Berlin (ITDP Europe). "It is the sister organization of ITDP in New York City, which has been around for about 20 years. The catch is I have to raise my own money, but it is a good opportunity for me to get involved in Europe and get valuable work experience."

Courtney Lane (2002) has accepted a new job as Policy Analyst for PennFuture's Center for Energy, Enterprise and the Environment in Pennsylvania.

Marilyn McCrory (2002) writes that she is working with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation on an EPA Targeted Watersheds grant for the Ipswich River Basin in Massachusetts. "The grant funds pilot projects to demonstrate and quantify the benefits of low-impact development and water conservation tech-

niques on a watershed scale. The project includes nine pilot initiatives ranging from an LIP subdivision to installation of irrigation controller switches."

This summer, shortly after graduating from the dual degree program with The Fletcher School, **Shotaro Sasaki (2002)** began working for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the Philippines. ADB is a multi-lateral development finance institution dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific. Shotaro, whose goal is to contribute to society through climate change mitigation, is integrating his skills as an engineer with his recent professional interests in environmental policy making.

In October, **Megan Bartlett (2003)** became the Athletic Director for New England SCORES, a branch of the national organization, America SCORES. "The mission of the organization is to promote quality urban education and reform through soccer, literacy and community service programs. New England SCORES works in 12 Boston public elementary schools in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan and East Boston."

Danielle Fillis (2003) is working as a Regional Planner in the Land Use/Environmental Division at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in Nashua, New Hampshire. Working with 12 cities and towns in the region, she writes that, "My job is very challenging, but highly rewarding. At the moment, I'm project manager (and do most or all of the writing) for the development of two watershed management plans, a Town Parks and Recreation Master Plan, three town/city hazard watershed management plans, a Town Parks and Recreation Master Plan, three town/city hazard mitigation plans, and the biggest on my plate—an EPA-funded /Regional Brownfield Assessment Program. I definitely encourage UEP'ers to consider working or interning for a regional planning commission or MPO. You can rapidly gain a lot of experience in lots of different areas of planning (not to mention meeting many of the important players.)"

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April Nicole to Elizabeth Ann and **Erin Heskett**

Margaret Grace to **Kate Dempsey** and Tim Blair

Tyler to Craig Brown and **Ilana Gordon-Brown**

Ryan to Matt and **Aimee Ayers**

Lucas Xavier Olson to **Kathi Mirza** and Scott Olson

Ellis James to Leo Leung and **Carisa Olivo**

Owen Myer to **Lia Morris** and Dan Siff

Jason to **John** and **Stacey (Justus) Nordgren**

Katherine Maureen to Mary Prettyman and **Cameron Gardner**

Lincoln William to Colleen and **Clark Reed**

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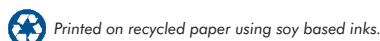
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commitment to future work on water resource issues and influenced the selection of a topic for my thesis research.”

Daniel Schulte stayed in the Boston area over the summer, using his Simonds scholarship to help support his unpaid internship with ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. His work involved analyzing clean energy policies for municipalities and organizing and preparing a workshop for municipal leaders. Dan says that: “The scholarship also helped me achieve some of my personal career goals. First and foremost, the internship was a great connector to Massachusetts municipalities...I had the opportunity to meet people in Massachusetts who work on clean energy solutions...ranging from local solar power providers to City of Boston environmental officials to a Policy Advisor for Senator John Kerry ...Primarily, I learned about different options cities have for sustainable transportation and clean energy. It was an incredible experience and I hope it leads to more work either at the city-level or at ICLEI.”

Stefanie Young, working nearby Tufts, served as an intern in the City of Somerville’s (City) Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) and had the opportunity to work on a wide range of environmental indicators concerning air quality and transportation issues. Among her many projects, she worked on an on-line transportation survey for all City employees to determine current commuting habits and possible reactions and alterations to such activities when five of the seven City-annexed buildings are relocated. She also compiled a list of over 100 companies and businesses in Somerville that have an adverse or positive effect on environment. Stefanie says that: “The internship proved invaluable in heightening and strengthening my civic awareness on environmental issues at the municipal level. I learned how much of an impact City planners have on the environment and have given more serious thought to city government work following graduation.”

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Congratulations to all!