

FROM THE CHAIR

Rachel G. Bratt

It seems that the pace of world events is moving so fast, that in reflecting back on the last six months, it is hard to know where to begin. The fall presidential election? The continued insurgency and unsettled situation in Iraq?



Continued threats of terrorism? The devastating tsunami? The horrendous situation in Darfur? Or, on a much lighter note, the Red Sox winning the World Series and the Patriots winning the Super Bowl – again!

Digging more into the realms that most engage faculty and students in UEP, the news is filled with troubling stories. The Endangered Species Act is, itself, endangered. New rights to drill for oil and gas in our national parks are being provided to private entrepreneurs. The Kyoto protocol, which mandates reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases, is moving forward without the endorsement of the U.S., which is the country most responsible for these emissions. And the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appears to be set on a course to dismantle critical housing programs for the poor.

At the state level, Governor Romney has recently announced that some 14,000 additional welfare recipients will need to move into the workforce. While providing employment opportunities to poor families is a desirable strategy, requiring that near-term pregnant women work, as well as mothers with children under a year old, strikes me as the wrong policy direction. As a staff member of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute observed, the new proposal is "a recipe for disaster

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UEP and Tufts Welcome New GIS Instructor

UEP is delighted to be the host department for the university's new Geographic Information Systems (GIS) instructor. Yelena Ogneva-Himmelberger joined Tufts in September 2004, following two years of teaching at Mt. Holyoke College. Prior to that, she worked at Clark University as a postdoctoral researcher on a NASA-funded project on predictive modeling of land-use change.

She received a Ph.D. in geography from Clark University in 1998.

GIS is a system that integrates the use of computer software, spatial data, and personnel to help manipulate, analyze, and display geographically referenced information. The following interview with Dr. Ogneva-Himmelberger provides some insights into what, exactly, this means.

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UEP and Tufts Planning For the Future

Jonathan Grosshans
Second year M.A. student

The Tufts Medford Campus is looking ahead to the next ten years of growth through its recently initiated Master Plan strategy. The Master Plan seeks to identify methods to address long-range campus issues such as building space, open space, infrastructure, and transportation. The entire process started in early 2004 with the selection of William Rawn and Associates as the lead planning consultant. William Rawn is noted for recently completing the Master Plan for Northeastern University and designing several of their buildings.

In 2004, UEP faculty and students initiated a series of meetings with Tufts administrators and planning consultants to discuss the master planning process. UEP faculty and students consistently work on planning efforts in other communities through the spring Field Projects course, but this is the first time that

UEP has been involved with its own campus planning efforts since receiving accreditation from the Planning Accreditation Board in 2004. Most recently, students and faculty met to discuss the interim Master Plan (released November 2004) that sets the goals and vision for the Plan. The discussion revolved mostly around green buildings (such as the proposed Sophia Gordon Hall), transit-oriented design of a potential Green Line Stop, developing the air rights over the railroad, and the involvement of the Tufts community.

These meetings serve as an opportunity for students and faculty to voice ideas and concerns about the Master Plan content and process. As knowledgeable resources and stakeholders, the UEP community will continue to play a role in the long-term planning efforts of its own campus. This dialogue is continuing through the 2005 spring semester and into the 2005 fall semester when a draft plan will likely be released.

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for very, very, vulnerable families with children."

The proverbial question: what is to be done? First, we all need to become as knowledgeable as we can about the various issues that concern us. Second, we need to find productive channels, both through our professional work, as well as our community activities, to voice our opinions and to work toward achieving policy responses that are more aligned with our analysis of the problems. And, third, as we immerse ourselves in key policy debates, each of us needs to become a teacher. We need to share what we know and hope that the expansion of knowledge will promote the long-term solutions that we believe are correct.

While we, at UEP, do not claim to have all the answers, we are confident that our approach to understanding policy and planning issues is a good place to begin. The current generation of UEP students brings a great deal of passion to the problems that engage them. This is the very same passion and commitment that launched UEP over 30 years ago and that has fueled the academic and professional work of nearly 700 alumni. The challenges of the new millennium appear to be about the most daunting we have yet seen. We need all the strength, vision, insight, and knowledge that we can muster.

With my best wishes,
Rachel G. Bratt

Photo at right
UEP students and alumni
with Professor Rachel Bratt at the
annual meeting of the APA in San
Francisco. Top row, from the left: **Todd**
Ford, Jon Grosshans, Sam Bell,
Josh Channell, Middle row: **Sinan**
Seyhun, Minona Heaviland, Jen
Lawrence, Pardis Saffari, Benny
Lee, Kelley Whitmore, Tom Beraldi,
Jessica Erickson, Ralph Willmer,
Joanne Telegen Bottom row: **Darien**
Crimmin, Tara Santimauro,
Rachel Bratt, Layne Cubell.

UEP Student Association is Thriving

Stacy McHugh
First year M.A. student
and President SPPA

UEP's Student Planning and Policy Association (SPPA) meets monthly to discuss issues pertaining to graduate education in planning and policy and to hear from members of the professional planning community. We were very fortunate that Adele Fleet Bacow accepted our invitation to speak at our first meeting of the Spring 2005 semester. In addition to being the wife of Tufts President, Larry Bacow, Adele is an urban planner and the founder of Community Partners Consultants, Inc., an organization dedicated to creating partnerships for better communities. Adele shared her experiences and presented two recent projects – a revitalization effort in Worcester and the Highlands Center development in Truro, both in Massachusetts.

In February, our guest speaker was Barbara Rubel, Director of Community Relations for Tufts. Barbara shared her wealth of experience to help identify local social service organizations as possible partners. As a result, SPPA is considering "adopting" an ongoing service project.

SPPA also helped to coordinate the travel plans of some 22 UEP students who attended the national conference of the American Planning Association which was held in San Francisco in mid-March – which, conveniently, was Tufts' spring break! We will look forward to hearing from participants at a panel discussion to be held later this semester.

SPPA officers serve for one full calendar year. A new slate of officers is elected each December and this year's leadership team is enthusiastic and energetic. The 2005 officers are: Benny Lee, APA Liaison; Jessica Erickson, Treasurer; Carey Reeder, Secretary; Tara Santimauro, Vice President, and Stacy McHugh, President. Meeting over the semester break, the group set increasing student participation as the primary goal for the semester.

A secondary (but very important) goal continues to be finding ways to have fun, such as the group's recent trip to the Tufts mountain retreat in New Hampshire. A group of 25 students enjoyed the Tufts lodge and spring-like skiing thanks to mild temperatures. The third Friday of each month has been designated "SPPA Social Night," and we will be organizing more events throughout the semester. We welcome and encourage the participation of all UEP students.



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1) What is your job at Tufts? Do you have any examples of projects that you are working on with faculty?

YOH—My job at Tufts is an unusual combination of faculty and staff positions. In my role as a Tufts faculty member, I have a dual appointment as a Lecturer in UEP and in the undergraduate Environmental Studies Program. As a core faculty member in UEP, I teach GIS courses and serve on thesis committees for graduate and undergraduate students. This semester I am also helping to advise an Independent Study Ph.D. student from Biology.

As the GIS Research Specialist within Academic Technology, I help faculty and students with their research projects and give guest lectures and hands-on workshops about GIS in different schools of the University and in a wide array of classes. For example, I will be making presentations in classes offered by the Friedman School of Nutrition, as well as the Veterinary School. Since, in my own research, I mostly deal with environmental applications of GIS, preparing lectures for these classes presents an excellent learning opportunity for me.

Students' projects are very diverse and range from the analysis of satellite imagery, to identifying areas where water resources are scarce in Central Kenya, to developing models of watershed run-off in Lebanon, to selecting optimal sites for building sewer treatment plants in Jamaica, to predicting how climate change will affect bird distributions in New England.

Several faculty members have also asked me for help with the spatial analysis part of their research projects. For example, Matt Kahn, an Economics professor at the Fletcher School, is interested in finding out if the social cost of airport noise pollution is declining. Using census data collected over the last 30 years, Matt hopes to identify trends in the socio-economic



Yelena Ogneva-Himmelberger

profiles of populations living in the vicinity of large airports in the US. GIS can be extremely useful in a project of this kind, because it provides a means to calculate distances from each census block to the nearest airport, and to visualize socio-economic and demographic characteristics of the population living within a certain distance from each airport for different periods of time.

2) What attracted you to Tufts?

YOH—The unique combination of teaching and research opportunities that Tufts offered made the position very attractive. This job gives me a chance to explore the breadth of current GIS applications, and to advance my knowledge of how GIS techniques can be applied in various disciplines. In addition, Tufts' reputation as a great educational institution was an important incentive to come here. So far, the students I have worked with (both in and outside the classroom setting) have been very enthusiastic, responsible and smart.

3) What type of work have you done in the past and how did you get interested in GIS? What is the nature of your current work?

YOH—When I came from Moscow to the US in 1990 to study at Clark, I knew

very little about GIS. Back then, GIS was in its incipient stages, and Clark happened to be one of the places where GIS software was being developed. When I took Ron Eastman's class in GIS, I was instantly "hooked." (Ron is the creator of Idrisi, one of the most widely used integrated remote sensing and raster GIS software packages.) GIS was a new and exciting field with a very powerful analytical basis, and having graduated from a math and physics-specialized high school, I always liked methods of quantitative analysis in the geosciences. I worked as a research assistant for 6 years in the lab where the Idrisi software was developed, while working on my dissertation on land-cover change modeling in the southern Yucatan peninsula. In my work, I used satellite imagery and field interviews with farmers to get a picture of land cover changes over a 20-year period. I used GIS for image processing, mapping, and modeling. My current research interests include urban applications of remote sensing and integration of socio-economic data into models of environmental change. I would like to use satellite images to do a spatial analysis of the rapid urban expansion of Moscow over the last 10-15 years and to identify the main driving forces of current changes in the urban environment of this beautiful post-Soviet city.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are thrilled to have Dr. Ogneva-Himmelberger at Tufts. Her appointment represents an important inter-departmental collaboration, and we thank the university for providing the resources to make this possible. Yelena is very interested in working with faculty and students from across the university whose work could be enhanced through the use of GIS. Feel free to contact her at yelena.ogneva@tufts.edu

“Moral Values” and Electoral Politics

Ericka Stallings

Second year M.A. student

Essay written for the Advanced Seminar in Urban and Social Policy and Planning, Fall 2004

During the recent presidential election, and in the weeks that followed, a great deal of attention was paid to the notion of “moral values.” Similar to concepts like “family values” and “traditional values,” the idea of “moral values” is loosely defined. Many religious leaders, long directors of our collective moral compass, have weighed in on the issue. Unfortunately many of these religious leaders have chosen to define “moral values” in a very rigid and narrow fashion. While many stopped short of outright endorsing President Bush over Senator Kerry, it seemed clear to the average voter, and specifically to the average Christian voter, that many in both the Catholic and Protestant clergy have equated conservative Republican values with Christian values. In the time leading up to the election, parishioners were told that abortion, often followed closely by gay marriage, “outweighed any other issue,” and that “abortion is a foundational issue.” According to these clergy members, abortion, as well as gay marriage and stem cell research, are “non-negotiable issues” (Kirkpatrick and Goodstein, *The New York Times*, October 12, 2004). The inference that there is a hierarchy of Christian values, leads me to ask, “which biblical teachings and Christian values are negotiable?”

Following the election, some 22 percent of voters cited “moral values” as the reason for their vote, a term that has been described as a “code phrase for abortion and gay marriage” (Rutenberg and Kirkpatrick, *The New York Times*, November 6, 2004).

It is disturbing that religious leaders, joining the realm of political pundits, have excluded war, justice, and poverty from the morals debate. This stance is not only hypocritical, in that some values are being chosen over others, it is also dangerous. This direct, but one-sided,

intermingling of politics and the clergy threatens to compromise not only the political process, but also the soul of the clergy. With so many Christian values at stake, it is wrong to define a short list as essential and non-negotiable and others as somehow secondary and less important.

The danger to our political system is no less dire. The separation of church and state is a basic and fundamental aspect of our democracy. This is not to say that religious convictions should be removed from political discourse. Many of the most important events in this nation’s history, such as the heralding of inalienable individual rights, the abolition of slavery, and the civil rights movement, were spurred by deeply held religious convictions. However, we should remember that our democracy functions through reason and rational thought. Therefore, we ought to welcome religiously informed debate into the political arena, but not religious dogma.

We separate the pulpit from politics in part because faith, the cornerstone of all major religions, isn’t democratic. Democracy requires that rational well-informed citizens participate in the politi-

cal system by weighing options and coming to what they reason to be the best decisions. However, faith doesn’t result from exercises of reason carried out by necessarily well-informed people. Instead, it blooms in the soul. One doesn’t need to be reasonable, rational, or well-informed to be faithful. In fact, an on-line definition of faith is that it is a “[b]elief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.” This conflicts with the definition of what it means to be a good citizen living in a democracy.

Faith, which is the purview of the clergy, does not invite compromise or negotiation. However, the clergy compromise on faith when they assert that the sins of one candidate or political party are somehow less sinful than those of another. To subordinate traditional moral and ethical concerns like the death penalty, growing racial and class inequality, the prisoner abuse scandal, growing poverty, and the endangerment of peace and justice seems ludicrous. Are the teachings of Jesus, which express concern for the least among us, really restricted to embryos?

We should recognize that members of the clergy have often played important and positive roles in the political sphere. It is not merely their participation in politics but the one-sided nature of the debate that concerns me. I was taught in Catholic school about “Sins of Omission,” sins one incurs when one fails to act. The failure to adequately address the terrible choices made by President Bush in order to concentrate on opposing abortion and other so-called non-negotiable issues, in my view constitutes a sin of omission.

In committing this omission, community leaders neglect their moral obligations to their respective flocks. This error is compounded when the omission is allowed to encroach upon the electoral process where fair and reasoned decision-making is required. When dogma is allowed to subjugate reason, and moral values become hierarchical and negotiable, both our political system and communities of faith are diminished.



**UEP Second year student,
Ericka Stallings**

UEP Faculty and Students Present Research at APA Conference

UEP Assistant Professor Brett Baden has played a key role in fostering faculty-student research. UEP second year M.A. students Dana LeWinter and Jon Grosshans presented their work at the 2004 New England Planning Conference, the annual meeting of the New England chapter of the American Planning Association. LeWinter and Grosshans presented papers in two sessions attended by more than 100 planners, students, and academics at the Springfield, Massachusetts conference.

Dana LeWinter discussed “Challenges and Opportunities in Planning: Effects of Social Services Provision in Neighborhood Revitalization,” based on research she has done in collaboration with Professor Baden. Their work is based on data gathered in site visits to the HOPE VI site in Elizabeth, New Jersey. A portion of LeWinter’s Master’s thesis examines one of the unconventional approaches pursued in Elizabeth – that of encouraging neighborhood improvement without subsidizing middle class residents to move into a low-income neighborhood. Her presentation for the conference focused on some of the challenges faced by the Housing Authority of Elizabeth, drawing several policy recommendations for affordable housing planners. Professor Baden presented the second half of the session, a related talk, “The Economics of Improvement: Lessons for Planning.”

In another conference session, Jon Grosshans presented “Just Sustainability in U.S. Cities,” work carried out in conjunction with UEP Assistant Professor Julian Agyeman. Grosshans’ presentation was part of a session entitled “From Concept to Practice: Environmental Justice and Planning,” also organized by Professor Baden. The work by Agyeman and Grosshans provided a context for understanding environmental justice and emphasized the need to include social justice and equity in discussions about sustainability. Veronica Eady (General Counsel for West Harlem Environmental Action in New York City and former UEP instructor) then narrowed the topic by addressing the issue of environmental justice measurement and evaluation. The last presentation, by Professor Baden, moved the discussion from theory to practice by discussing his work (co-authored with UEP faculty members Julian Agyeman and Jon Witten) on the potential equity implications of the use of anti-sprawl impact fees. This research concludes that although impact fees are becoming increasingly popular in suburban areas that have historically low concentrations of racial minorities, there is no apparent impact of the use of these fees on the rate of change in minority homeownership.

Professor Jennings Edits Special Journal Volume on Community Development

Professor James Jennings served as special editor for the July 2004 issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* (Volume 594), one of the oldest academic journals in the nation, first published in 1889. “Race, Politics and Community Development in U.S. Cities” includes essays that discuss poverty, faith-based urban initiatives, empowerment zones, housing and gentrification, urban workforce developments, and racial politics at the local level. Professor Jennings’ own contribution, “Urban Planning, Community Participation, and the Roxbury Master Plan in Boston” proposes that resident empowerment is a vital cog in a balanced economic development strategy that benefits all residents and the city. By examining case studies of Black and Latino communities across the United States, Professor Jennings and his fellow contributors assess how the field of community development is molded by dynamics such as race and class, globalization, and politics. The issue serves as a critique of federal policies regarding urban redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization. The collection of articles highlights the importance of community participation not only as a means of promoting democracy, but as a way of enhancing the quality of planning in community development.

UEP Alum is Honored

Esther Schlorholtz (1981), along with her employer, The Boston Private Bank & Trust Company, was honored at a dinner held at the Westin, Copley Place in Boston, on March 2. Hosted by the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, the 2005 Distinguished Community Leadership Award recognized Esther for her role in implementing and managing the Bank’s community investment program, particularly her efforts to promote affordable



Esther Schlorholtz with Rachel G. Bratt

housing and community economic development lending. Esther is the Senior Vice President and Corporate CRA officer of the Boston Private Bank, an innovative lender that works with a diverse group of public, private and nonprofit entities that is committed to responding to neighborhood needs. Boston Mayor Tom Menino was the keynote speaker. Letters of commendation were received from Senator Kennedy and Kerry, as well as Governor Romney.

Photo: Michael J. Maloney

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.)

Brian Gillis (1983) moved to Florida in 1991 and has been working with the Miami Dade County, where he supervises the Community Development Division Planning Section. In a recent message Brian wrote, "I have edited several Consolidated Plans, annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Reports which are submitted to HUD every year. We are also managing over 800 CDBG and HOME projects throughout Dade County. We're doing the best we can to preserve and develop affordable housing...I'm still learning after all these years and just wanted to thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to be a proud member of the UEP family!"

Anne McKinnon (1983) writes that she is co-founder and a leader of Boston's premier bicycle tour, the "Boston By Bike... At Night" a midnight-to-dawn tour of architectural, planning, and historic features in and around Boston.

In September, **Peter Allison (1989)** and **Nancy Gabriel (1991)** moved to Vermont to live at the Cobb Hill co-housing development in Hartland, Vermont, on 270 acres of farm and forest, in a community with 23 other households and a stable of horses, cows, chickens, sheep, and a guard llama. (Learn more about Cobb Hill at: <http://sustainer.org/cobhill>). Peter notes that he will be working nearby at DSM Environmental, "a consulting firm that does great work on recycling and solid waste issues around the country and internationally." While noting that he "left the Massachusetts DEP after nearly eight years of gratifying and meaningful work with a great group of people," their decision to move was about seeking a lifestyle change that he and Nancy had long dreamed about for themselves and their two boys, Henry and Latham.

Bob Hersh (1990) writes, "After 12 years in D.C., we're moving back to Massachusetts. We bought a nice old house with an

attached barn in Princeton, about 12 miles north of Worcester. I'll be continuing with my current job as Brownfields Program Director at the Center for Public Environmental Oversight (CPEO) and working on both national and local urban cleanup and redevelopment issues of contaminated property. In addition, I'm negotiating an adjunct teaching position at Worcester Polytechnic Institute."

Laura Williamson (1992) is now the Executive Director of Venture-East, a program with the Foundation of Renewal for Eastern North Carolina. "I am responsible for developing networks among communities on travel and tourism to help stimulate and revitalize local economies hard hit with the demise of the tobacco and cotton industries. In my 'spare' time I am the project coordinator for a small energy non-profit based in Paris and also work as a consultant for the United Nations Environment Programme. To ensure that life is not boring Aedan (4 1/2), Torin (2 3/4) and Gavin (1) provide many adrenaline and hair-raising moments complemented with a liberal sprinkling of laughter."

Clark Reed (1992) and his wife Colleen were among the first recipients of the City of Rockville, Maryland's Environmental Excellence Award for project achievement in green building technology and design. Clark is employed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Alex Fano (1992) writes that she now has two children, Luca (14 months) and Maya (4 years) and has run her own non-profit since 1998, the Campaign for Responsible Transplantation, which is a biotechnology watchdog group composed of 90 public interest groups from around the world. She writes that in 2000, they "filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Food and Drug Administration to gain information on side-effects and deaths in animal-to-human organ transplant experiments, using organs and cells from genetically modified pigs. The lawsuit was recently concluded and we will be obtaining thousands of pages of documents from the case. Our aim is to stop this dangerous technology out of concern that it could spread deadly pig viruses to humans. I have done lots of radio and TV interviews

and had letters published in major newspapers and medical journals."

Peter H. Chapman (1993) moved to Denver, Colorado to become Mayor John Hickenlooper's special assistant for economic development. Immediately prior to joining the Mayor's staff, Peter was a senior community economic development planner with Abt Associates Inc., a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based policy research and consulting firm, where he advised governmental and private organizations on issues related to commercial revitalization, workforce development, mixed-income housing, and health care delivery. In Peter's new role, he advises the Mayor of Denver on economic and community development policy, and provides oversight of ten agencies and divisions including the Office of Economic Development, the Denver Urban Redevelopment Authority, Denver International Airport, and the Denver Housing Authority.

Cynthia Robinson (1993) has moved to Washington, DC, to lead the Science and Technology Policy Fellowships at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). For the past eight years Cynthia had directed fellowships for scientists and engineers with the Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation and the Aldo Leopold Leadership Program, both formerly based at the New England Aquarium. "The new job is very engaging," she reports. "I'm learning from a much closer perspective how policy works – and how it doesn't! – and it is gratifying to support much needed connections between science and public policy."

Since returning from the Peace Corps in Bolivia, **Al Liu (1995)** has been working for Alterra Coffee Roasters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is the Director of Communications and Culture. "It's been almost four years since I started working for this company, and I continue to enjoy my work immensely...and I'm pleased to say that I am putting my UEP education/degree to good use. Among many other things, I manage our company's Fair Trade and organic programs as well as our community partnerships, which relates directly to the corporate social/environmental issues that I studied under Ann Rappaport."

Deb Keller (1996) is now working as a Development Officer for Avesta Housing in Portland, Maine, an organization whose mission is to promote and provide housing opportunities for Southern Maine people in need and that has developed over 1,500 units of housing. Deb will continue to expand the organization's commitment to developing affordable housing.

Tamara Bates (1999) is a Consulting Program Associate for the Schott Foundation and Center, a key goal of which is to ensure quality early education for all in Massachusetts. She writes that "much of my time is spent implementing a fellowship program for early childhood professionals to gain policy skills and experience. I am happy to be in an organization that combines so much of what I studied as a joint UEP/CD student and am always available to speak with current UEPers interested in child and family policy."

Erika Argersinger (1999) moved to Washington, DC last fall to take a job with the National Head Start Association. Erika says, "I'll be the Associate Director of the Government Affairs Department – working on federal legislative issues, helping coordinate advocacy at the state level, and doing advocacy and legislative trainings for Head Start parents and staff. Needless to say, I'm excited about this opportunity; it's demanding work, but very rewarding."

In the fall, **Sumreen Mirza (1999)** joined the U.S. Foreign Service at the State Department in Washington, DC. In preparation for her position as a management officer at the U.S. Consulate in Peshawar, Pakistan, she is going through extensive training. Sumreen indicates that she is "ecstatic" about this assignment since this was her top choice. In preparation for leaving in October, she will be completing intensive courses in south Asia studies, managing the operations of an embassy and consulate, and taking advanced Urdu and introductory Pashto language training.

Nathan Kelly (1999) writes, "I passed the AICP exam in the spring of 2004 and am now a certified planner. I continue to work with the Horsley Witten Group as Project Manager and provide professional consulting services to a number of Massachusetts

communities in the areas of design review, developing affordable housing, open space planning, GIS development, zoning bylaw amendments, and facilities planning."

Jen Luftig Singer (2000) works as the Coordinator for Web Communications and Publications at the Porter School of Environmental Studies (PSES) at Tel Aviv University in Israel. "I am thrilled to be working at PSES and helping the three-year old school develop graduate degrees and publicize environmental issues in Israel. As one of the only fluent English speakers at the School, I am responsible for writing conference documents and publications as well as designing material for publications and the website. If any UEPers are coming to my neck of the woods, I would be happy to extend home hospitality to anyone visiting the lovely Middle East."

David Holtzman (2000) left the Boston area last fall to take a job as associate editor at Shelterforce Magazine in Montclair, New Jersey. Indicating that he is "pretty excited about the new job," the magazine covers housing and community development issues nationally. For the prior 2 1/2 years he was a data analyst at Metropolitan Area Planning Council in Boston.

Kathleen Pannhorst Keenan (2000) took a new position last year as a Policy Analyst at Rhode Islands KIDS COUNT, a children's policy and advocacy organization that provides information on child well-being, stimulates dialogue on children's issues, and promotes accountability and action. Kathleen is responsible for research, writing, and policy analysis on a variety of children's issues

Abu Bakr Moulta Ali (2000) recently got a permanent position at EPA, after interning since June. He writes that he "will be working in the Office of Water Oceans and Wetlands in the Wetlands Division. The Wetlands and Aquatic Resources Regulatory Branch oversees wetlands permits issued by the Corps, mitigation projects, and any issues regarding the dredging or filling of wetlands. I hope to provide some creative ideas on redeveloping brownfield sites into wetlands and creating wetlands in urban areas. I will continue to work at helping people help the environment, and hope to pass along what I have learned."

Last July, **Jessica Sprajcar (2001)** moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to begin working for the state government. "[This job] is almost exactly what I've hoped and waited for. I am in the Pennsylvania Management Associate program, which is a one-year training program in government management. I have had rotations in a number of state agencies... I am also working on a group project with the Department of State on ways to increase voter registration. As one person said, we basically get 10 years of seniority in one year, which is pretty cool. The only thing I am not too excited about is the location... I never expected to stay in Pennsylvania... but the city seems nice."

Last fall, **Ana Hicks (2001)** began a new job in Maine, working as a Policy Analyst at Maine Equal Justice Partners in Augusta. "I will be doing legislative and administrative advocacy for most of the policies and programs that affect low-income people in Maine. I'm really excited about the position!"

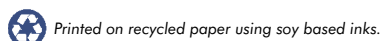
Jeff Meyer (2001) is now an Assistant Project Manager at Urban Edge, a Community Development Corporation located in the Jackson Square and Egleston Square neighborhoods of Boston.

Last October, **Andrew duMoulin (2001)** began working as a Project Director at The Trust for Public Land (TPL) in Boston, a leading land conservation organization.

Katy Chapdelaine (2001) writes that she is working as an environmental consultant for Environmental and Occupational Risk Management, Inc.

Robin Taylor (2001) recently began a job as the country program coordinator for the U.S. Asia Environmental Partnership, a USAID organization. She writes that she is a contractor working with the country manager out of the USAID office. Her work focuses on urban environmental issues such as water and air quality and they work with local governments, donor organizations, local NGOs and various groups from across the U.S. She writes, "I wanted you to know that they hired me because of my degree and work dealing

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with urban development and environmental policy and planning."

Sarah Ritchie Conrad (2002) accepted a job as Dean of Placement with The Steppingstone Foundation, a non-profit organization that develops and implements programs which prepare urban schoolchildren for educational opportunities that lead to college.

Courtney Lane (2002) has been working as a Research and Policy Analyst at Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) since September.

Josh Channell (2002) reports that he has just moved to Oakland, California, where he has taken a project manager job with Impact Sciences, a firm that specializes in environmental impact assessment. He writes, that the firm is "beginning to do impact reports for urban redevelopment projects, including brownfields, adaptive reuse of factories, transit-oriented and mixed-use developments – this new urban focus is where I fit in. We are living near the water in the Jack London Square area of Oakland, in a neat area of warehouses, shops, restaurants, jazz clubs, and boating activities. The weather is perfect and we buy all our food at the weekly farmers' market a couple of blocks away. So far, we love it here."

Jessie Baker (2002) has taken a position as Evaluation Assistant with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.



UEP student group working on field project for client, Chinese Progressive Association.

MARRIAGES

Darcy Byrne to Terry Kremin

Kathleen Pannhorst to Mark Keenan

Gabriela Boyer to Steve Davenport

Carisa Olivo to Leo Leung

Paul Lefkowitz to Heather Connolly

BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

Eva to **Holly St. Clair** and Eric Lewandowski

Aden Joshua to Patrick and **Susan McMahon**

Quentin Liam to Greg Kehm and **Gabrielle Kissinger**

Gavin to Jonathan Reid and **Laura Williamson**

Jackson Thomas to Clary and **Heather Clish**

Cole to **Jackie and Jim Murphy**

Sophia Isabelle to Derek and **Tania Dobrowolski Hartford**

Rayna Elizabeth Vose to Steve and **Heather Maxwell Mook**

Meiyi to Annie Leonard and **Dano Weisbord**

Miles to Shaun Luther and **Kathryn McHugh**

Josephine Nina Greenfeld to Terry Kremin and **Darcy Greenfeld Kremin (previously Byrne)**