The Tradition of Excellence Continues…..

DURP Student Project Wins Two Statewide Awards in 2016

DURP students and faculty received two statewide awards for Envisioning Florida’s Future: Transportation and Land Use in an Automated Vehicle World. The team received both APA Florida’s Student Project Award and the Florida Planning and Zoning Association’s Innovation Award.

The project envisions the future of Florida in an automated vehicle (AV) world. The project team sought to identify near- and medium-term policy decisions and infrastructure investments necessary to guide the transition to a transportation system dominated by AVs. They accomplished this task by conducting a visioning session at the 2015 Florida AV Summit hosted by the Florida Department of Transportation in Jacksonville in December 2015 that gathered planners, engineers, elected officials, and AV-industry professionals to collaboratively brainstorm about how AVs could reshape the built environment and transform Florida’s communities.

Following the AV Summit, the student team applied qualitative social science research methods to transcribe, code, and analyze the feedback received from 13 hour-long tabletop discussions to develop clear visions for how AVs would impact the form and function of right-of-ways, access management, signage/signalization, parking, and opportunities for redevelopment. From this transformative vision of how AVs could reshape our urban spaces, the student team then identified recommended steps for state and local agencies to take that leverage AV technology to create a transportation system that is safer and more efficient and urban environments that are attractive and people-friendly. The final project report provides state and local agencies with preliminary guidance for making policy decisions and infrastructure investments necessary to

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Message from the Chair

In this issue of DURP Update, we recognize the accomplishments of a very productive 2016. For the second consecutive year, a team of MSP students, working under the direction of Planner-in-Residence Lindsay Stevens, received project awards from both APA Florida and the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. This year’s award-winning project is *Envisioning Florida’s Future: Transportation and Land Use in an Automated Vehicle World,* which provides state and local agencies with preliminary guidance for making policy decisions and infrastructure investments necessary to leverage AV technology to create a safer, more efficient transportation system and an urban environment built upon principles of sustainability and human-centered design. DURP students received designations as US Department of Transportation Eisenhower Fellows, Outstanding Students by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow, and APA Florida Student of the Year.

DURP’s faculty produced path-breaking research on environment and health, sea-level rise, planning for LGBTQ communities, planning for aging populations, and streetcars, and received significant press notice for this important work. DURP welcomed Visiting Professor Courtney Grunninger Bonney to the Department, and we bade farewell to Award-Winning Ph.D. graduate Crystal Taylor. Dr. Taylor, recognized by FSU with an Excellence in Online Course Design Award this year, has taken a position at Cleveland State University.

This issue of DURP Update highlights these accomplishments of the DURP family during the past year. It’s been a great 2016 as we carry on DURP’s Tradition of Excellence and look ahead to the next year.

Faculty News

**Five DURP Faculty Received Promotions**

Professor Lindsay Stevens is being promoted to Research Faculty III. Promotion to Research Faculty III, which is the top rank in the research faculty track, requires that an individual demonstrate superior performance in the production of high-quality applied and student-centered research, as attested to by at least three esteemed planning professionals.

**Dr. Chapin Interim Dean**

Professor Tim Chapin was named Interim Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy in May 2016 after serving two years as the college’s Associate Dean for Development. Chapin joined the college in 1999 as an assistant professor and served as URP department chair from 2008 to 2014. He is the second Urban and Regional Planning faculty member to serve as the college’s dean, as URP Professor Emeritus Marie Cowart served in the position from 1999-2003.

Welcome Dr. Courtney Grunninger Bonney, AICP

Dr. Courtney Grunninger Bonney is a Visiting Assistant Professor for the 2016-2017 academic year. Her areas of specialization include urban design and land use planning, historic preservation and community revitalization, and participatory planning methods.

Prior to completing her Ph.D., she worked as a regional community planner for River Valley Regional Commission in Columbus, GA, focusing on community development and revitalization of historic downtowns. While at the RVRC, Dr. Bonney wrote comprehensive and revitalization plans, community grants, and provided design charrette training for local government officials.

Her research interests include the relationship between place attachment and community revitalization, historic preservation and heritage issues in planning, and the design regulatory process in historic areas.

Dr. Bonney holds a Bachelor of Architecture, a Bachelor of Interior Architecture, and a Master of Community Planning (MCP) from Auburn University. Her MCP thesis was completed at Auburn’s Center for Architecture and Urban Studies in Birmingham, AL, in 2009. Her dissertation, “Beyond Aesthetics: Fostering Place Attachment through the Design Regulatory Process” was completed in the Planning, Design and the Built Environment program at Clemson University in 2015.

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Student Awards

Patrice Williams Receives Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar Grant

DURP Ph.D. student Patrice Williams has been awarded a $120,000 grant from a new program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to diversify the future generation of policy development leaders. Williams plans to study how gentrification affects the health of people in disadvantaged populations. “I’m looking at all the health effects on this particular group,” Williams said. “Gentrification does have a lot of positives, but it should be something that benefits all and not just the people who can afford to live in these new areas.” She drew from her own experiences growing up for inspiration in her studies. “I was diagnosed with a condition, and I saw it in my own life,” Williams said. “I saw I lived in a food desert. I had to drive over 10 miles to get to the nearest grocery store that had reasonably priced food that I needed to eat to keep my condition under control.” Williams will spend her summers doing research at RWJF partner institutions such as Johns Hopkins or the University of California. She will also spend a summer in Washington, D.C., learning about federal health policy and how it’s created.

Kayla Costello Selected APA Florida Student of the Year

Kayla Costello (MSP 2016) was selected as APA Florida Student of the Year. Ms. Costello was presented her award at the September 2016 APA Florida Conference in Tampa. APA Florida’s criteria for selection for this honor is for the student to demonstrate “outstanding achievement during the nominee’s academic career in planning,” “support of planning,” and “effectiveness, results, and potential” for a successful career as a planning professional. Ms. Costello was selected on the basis of her all-around exemplary performance as a student, planning intern, and research assistant while at FSU.

Two More DURP Eisenhower Fellows

DURP Ph.D. students Joel Mendez and Shaleen Miller have been awarded highly competitive US Department of Transportation Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowships to support their research. Mendez studies transportation finance, transportation-land use relationships, and issues of social justice. Miller is examining how we finance non-motorized modes of transportation and how these modes are in turn used to promote physical activity. Both Mendez and Miller will participate in the January 2017 Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board as part of their Fellowships. There have been 13 DURP Eisenhower Fellows in the past six years.

Three Students Received FPZA’s Outstanding Student Award

Shaleen Miller, V Christiansen, and Michael Alfano have been named Outstanding Planning Student by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. They were presented with the award during the Annual Florida Planning and Zoning Association conference in Jacksonville in June.

(Alfano, far left; John Thompson, FPZA President, center; Christiansen to right of Thompson; Miller far right)
Faculty and Student Research and Publications

Dr. Miles Awarded Fulbright

Professor Rebecca Miles has been awarded a prestigious, highly competitive Fulbright Award to support her research in India in 2016-2017. Dr. Miles will be conducting research that examines the changing living arrangements of older adults in different parts of Kerala, India, and how they affect the health and quality-of-life of seniors; and 2) explores what communities are doing to enable older adults to age optimally in community settings and to make it easier for families to support and care for their loved ones as they age. This is important research that has significant implications for India and elsewhere.

Dr. Coutts Publishes Book on the Connection between Environment and Health

DURP Associate Professor Christopher Coutts has published Green Infrastructure and Public Health. The book provides an overview of current research and theories of the ecological relationships and mechanisms by which the environment influences human health and health behavior. The book is receiving glowing reviews.

“Christopher Coutts extends the tradition of Aldo Leopold, Rachel Carson, and Tony McMichael, showing how green infrastructure—from

Dr. Brown, Co-Authors Award Winning Paper

DURP Professor Jeff Brown and co-authors Eric Morris (Clemson University) and Brian Taylor (UCLA) have been awarded the Charley V. Wootan Award for Best Paper in Transportation Policy by the Transportation Research Board (TRB), one of seven program units of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine that provide independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation and conduct other activities to solve complex problems and inform public policy decisions.

Their paper, Negotiating a Financial Package for Freeways: How California’s Collier–Burns Highway Act Helped Pave the Way for the Era of the American

DURP Faculty and Graduates Engaged in Sea Level Rise Research

The latest issue of the Journal of Planning Education and Research featured articles by DURP professors, William Butler and Tim Chapin, as well as emeritus professor Bob Deyle, MSP graduate Cassidy Mutnansky, and Ph.D. graduate Neil Sipe (now a professor at Griffith University in Australia) exploring Florida's planning responses to climate change and sea level rise. The articles were selected as part of a special issue on land use planning and climate change adaptation for JPER which is one of the most respected academic

DURP Streetcar Research Gains Press Notice

DURP Professor Jeff Brown and Ph.D. Candidate Enrique Ramos have had their research on the return of streetcars to American cities cited in more than 200 newspaper stories in 2016. Brown has also been quoted in stories about streetcars in the Washington Post, Atlanta Journal Constitution, and Associated Press.

Funded by the Mineta Transportation Institute, Brown and Ramos’s research, conducted in collaboration with San Jose State University Professor Hilary Nixon, examines the transportation performance of streetcars, explores the goals and objectives around streetcar projects, and identifies the key actors leading the push to implement streetcar projects in order to develop guidance for planning and policy. The work has been published in Urban Studies, Transportation Research Record, and Journal of Public Transportation. Their full study is available at: http://transweb.sjsu.edu/project/1201.html

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Spotlight on Alumni

DURPies Hit the Road for Sustainable Trails

MSP Alums Craig Brickser and Alex Riemondy have accepted positions with the International Mountain Biking Association to spend two years traveling the US and preaching sustainable trail design and community. They will be meeting with mountain bike advocacy groups, land managers and other organizations to help develop and enhance trail systems. For the full IMBA press release click here.

DURP PhD Grad Wins Online Course Design Award

Dr. Crystal Taylor (Ph.D. 2015) has been awarded an FSU Distance Learning Award for Excellence in Online Course Design. The award recognizes new or newly redesigned online courses that exhibit quality design as measured by the Quality Matters™ rubric, which includes review of instructional materials, learning objectives, assessment strategies, learner interaction and engagement, course technologies, learner support, and accessibility.

Dr. Taylor’s design for URP 3000 Introduction to Planning and Urban Development was selected for the award by a committee of Florida State University faculty members who reviewed Dr. Taylor’s teaching evaluations, support materials, and online course site. The reviewers complimented Dr. Taylor for a well-designed course with a high level of detail and innovative engagement practices. Dr. Taylor was assisted by Sarah Vitale (MSP 2016) in designing the course.

Dr. Taylor says: "To engage critical-thinking skills, my goal is to get students excited about a prospective career or at least the practical applications of the theoretical knowledge presented in a course. As urban and regional planners, we view the city as our lab and we offer suggestions as to what works well in our cities and what improvements we recommend."

"In the traditional classroom setting, I do a lot of activities and take my students on site visits (or as my students call them 'field trips') so they can learn how to evaluate the city just as a planner would. To translate this experience for distance learners, students went on sites visits equipped with forms to fill out. They also created onsite videos discussing their project to share with their classmates and to stimulate interactive brainstorming sessions.

"Sarah and I had fun working with the Office of Distance Learning and discussing ways to convert my activities into accessible exercises to engage FSU distance learning students."

Dr. Coutts

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sweeping natural landscapes to trees to small urban greenspaces—not only provides precious ecosystem services, but is essential to our health, well-being, and even our survival as a species. This book is evidence-based, nuanced, wise, and readable. A signal contribution to public health, environmental studies, and the design professions."

Dr. Brown

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Interstate Highway (Transportation Research Record 2552, 16-22. doi:10.3141/2552-03), examines the debates and maneuvers that led to the ultimate passage of California’s Collier-Burns Highway Act, which created a trust fund-based finance system for the state’s highway program that served as a model for national developments a decade later. Key considerations in their examination are the attitudes and actions of key stakeholders, including the members of what are sometimes referred to as the highway lobby (oil, auto, and trucking interest groups), and the responses of politicians and policymakers to interest group pressures. The decisions taken and those avoided, as well as the various compromises involved, would be repeated to a remarkable degree when Congress passed federal highway legislation in 1956 to create a Highway Trust Fund and finance the Interstate Highway System. The legacy of the California act thus continues to affect transportation and public finance across the US to the present day.
More Faculty News

Dr. Doan Quoted in Financial Times

DURP Professor Petra Doan is quoted in an article entitled “There goes the gaybourhood: why gay areas in cities may disappear” that appeared in the June 3 issue of the Financial Times.

“In San Francisco, gay professionals capitalized on low property values, such as the Castro’s large 19th-century houses — empty after “white flight” to the suburbs — and kick-started gentrification,” Doan says. Home values in the Castro have increased from $691 per square foot in 2005 to $1,235 in 2016, a rise of 79 per cent, according to real estate agency Douglas Elliman. In the 1960s and 1970s, the same spacious houses sold for $20,000 to $40,000. Today, a modernized 19th-century home on the edge of the Castro with five bedrooms is on sale for $4.09m through Zephyr Real Estate.

Doan, who has published extensively on queer spaces, says dispossessed, young LGBT people gravitate towards the poorer parts of cities. “They’re seen as places that are anonymous,” she says, “places where you can — if you’re a little different — fit in, and that creates a demand.” Hence, says Doan, gay bars or lesbian bookshops become part of a self-perpetuating cycle.

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Other News

DURP Re-accreditation Self-Study Report

DURP’s MSP program will be reviewed for re-accreditation by the Planning Accreditation Board in early 2017. In preparation for this review, the department prepared a self-study report that documented that our program either meets or exceeds PAB’s expectations on a host of assessment criteria related to our curriculum, student diversity, quality, and achievement, and faculty diversity and performance. We have an excellent program, and look forward to talking with our site visitors about it early next year. To view the main volume of the report click here.

DURP Adopted a New Strategic Plan

DURP adopted a new strategic plan in May 2016. The plan was the result of a year-long planning process that engaged alumni, students, and faculty. The plan led to a revision of DURP’s Vision and Mission Statements and to the adoption of specific goals and objectives related to the unit’s educational, research, and service activities. The plan will aid the department as it continues DURP’s Tradition of Excellence in the years ahead. To view the entire plan click here.

Course Partnership with Real Estate

The FSU Real Estate Center in the College of Business and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy have joined with the Capital Regional (Continued on page 7)
Sea Level Rise

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Butler, Deyle and Mutnansky, in "Low Regrets Incrementalism: Land Use Planning Adaptation to Accelerating Sea Level Rise in Florida's Coastal Communities," reviewed plans, policies and projects undertaken by communities throughout Florida and then interviewed planners in the more progressive communities to determine why they undertook efforts to address sea level rise. They found that those who had experience with events that could be linked to sea level rise and climate change as well as communities with high quality and credible information about sea level rise scenarios tended to take a more progressive stance toward planning for sea level rise.

In their article, "Voluntary Collaboration for Adaptive Governance: The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact", co-authors from Australia and Florida, Karen Vella, William Butler, Neil Sipe (FSU Ph.D.), Tim Chapin and Jim Murley, evaluated the innovations and outcomes of the compact and its influence on planning and implementation actions in SE Florida. Butler presented some of the findings of these projects at a Tampa Bay region workshop hosted in September by the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience of the University of South Florida.

Butler and DURP professor Tisha Holmes are leading a team of undergraduate and graduate students in continuing investigations of Florida sea level rise planning, particularly following the passage of SB 1094 in 2015, which essentially requires that coastal communities take sea level rise into account in the coastal elements of their comprehensive plans for flood protection purposes.

Student Project

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leverage AV technology to create a safer, more efficient transportation system and an urban environment built upon principles of sustainability and human-centered design.

The Envisioning Florida’s Future project report was prepared by an outstanding team of DURP master’s students for the Florida Department of Transportation, as part of a grant received by DURP Planner-in-Residence Lindsay Stevens, AICP, and Professor Tim Chapin. Working under Stevens’ direction, the student team was assisted by Senior Planner Jeremy Crute, Adjunct Professor Anne Rokyta, and DURP master’s students Jordan Crandall (MSP ’16) and Alex Washington (MSP ’17).

Urban Planning and Real Estate

Leadership Council of the Urban Land Institute to offer a new course on Urban Planning and Real Estate Development. The course, URP 5939 Urban Planning and Real Estate Development, will be co-taught by DURP Planner-in-Residence Lindsay Stevens and Real Estate Professor Dean Gatzlaff to a mix of planning and real estate students. The course is being supported through a generous financial donation by partners with North American Properties.

The course will provide students with an understanding of the real estate development process from the perspectives of both private and public interests. Through highly-interactive class sessions with established professionals in the real estate, development, and planning industries, students will better understand both investor and planner perspectives in the development of real property, and how the two disciplines must work together to ensure development outcomes that are profitable and sustainable. Students will work in small, interdisciplinary teams to create a development program for a property, work through the financial and regulatory processes for their proposed project, and present their finalized development program to a panel of judges who will select the winning project(s), which are eligible for a financial prize.

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DURP: A Tradition of Excellence

DURP’s Vision and Mission Statements

Vision Statement
The Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University strives to train professionals who are change agents in their communities; create research that transforms practice and scholarship; and promote sustainability, social justice, and the well-being of all persons.

Mission Statement
The Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University enrolls a diverse set of students and educates them to think critically, exhibit technical competence, and effectively engage the political process. The department conducts research and provides service that contributes to a better understanding and shaping of resilient communities and ecosystems in order to promote human capabilities, equity, sustainable livelihoods, and healthy and safe places locally and globally. The department recognizes a particular responsibility to document, examine, and enhance planning in the State of Florida.

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Giving Back to DURP

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning wishes to thank the many firms, families, and individuals that gave to Florida State University last year to help support DURP’s students, programs and activities. These gifts have been put to excellent use in supporting graduate students, bringing in outside speakers to classes and events, and allowing the department to put on events such as the DURP Tailgate and Convocation. Thanks to the generous support of our donors these gifts go a long way towards helping the department maintain its excellence in a trying fiscal climate. Remember that there are many ways to give and that no gift is too small.

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