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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



BY: DR. GARRY YOUNG

Most of the space in our newsletters focus on the various researchers affiliated with GWIPP and the research they do. Since I get to write the director's comments this time around (Hal Wolman is on sabbatical), I thought I'd spend my space talking a bit about someone who far too rarely gets much in the way of public credit, but is absolutely vital to everything GWIPP does. That person is Kim Rycroft, GWIPP's Manager of Fiscal Affairs and Research Services.

For lack of a better description, Kim epitomizes the behind-the-scenes fixer. Most of us think of research proposals as mainly about the research itself: the topic, the theory, the research design. But even the simplest proposals for external funds bring with them a bewildering maze of requirements, restrictions, hurdles, and institutional entanglements. A big part of Kim's job is to help the researcher navigate his or her proposal through this maze. This involves interacting with sometimes dozens of people in different units on campus from departments to schools to various components of research services and grants and contracts. And that's just GW. Each potential funder –from governmental agencies such as NSF, HUD, or NIH to foundations like Robert Wood Johnson, MacArthur, or Pew– has its own specific requirements and idiosyncrasies. Pile on top of this the fact that most researchers – me very much included – have only a passing aptitude for following instructions, and very little familiarity with keeping deadlines, and it is easy to see why Kim deserves her reputation as a miracle worker.

Kim's role is just getting started once a proposal transitions to a funded project. Here she aides the principal investigator with grant administration by providing assistance with managing budgets, hiring personnel, certifying effort, and helping ensure compliance with various GW, funder, and federal regulations. On the written page this sounds terribly formulaic. In reality Kim's job is somewhat like juggling a rattlesnake and a chainsaw while balancing on a beach ball. She somehow has to find ways to give PIs the flexibility they often need while carefully ensuring that the project complies with the various fiscal, ethical, and legal requirements in a climate where GW's administrative structure and compliance regulations frequently shift.

GWIPP's mission is to help GW faculty secure external funds that, in turn, help researchers produce valuable and interesting public-policy research. I suspect that for many on campus GWIPP is synonymous with Kim. Her efforts dramatically enhance the ability of the researcher to focus on the substance of the research itself. I think that, in turn, leads to better, more viable proposals, and ultimately to higher quality research.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Garry Young', written on a white background.

WHAT CAN GWIPP DO FOR YOU?

FOR CLIENTS AND FUNDERS:

- GWIPP applies the skills of GW faculty and graduate research assistants to your research
- GWIPP researchers are experienced in the academic, government, and nonprofit areas, and bring their strengths in each to your project
- GWIPP researchers have published extensively in their fields of expertise

FOR GW FACULTY:

- GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program offers targeted assistance to faculty members pursuing policy research
- GWIPP puts together research teams by recruiting faculty with similar interests or pertinent skills
- GWIPP assists in the process of transforming a research interest into a viable research project
- GWIPP assists in identifying external funding sources with relevant research interests, many of whom already have a funding relationship with GWIPP
- GWIPP helps construct funding proposals, develop budgets, and submit proposals
- GWIPP administers and manages grants once awarded

FOR GW GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- GWIPP hires graduate research assistants for public policy projects that provide valuable experience in funded or client-centered research
- GWIPP provides the opportunity to work closely with researchers on current policy issues, learn how to design and implement research projects, and convey findings to a target audience
- GWIPP offers opportunities to present research at conferences, submit articles for publication, and gain useful background information for your research interests, including dissertation work

For more information, contact Garry Young at YoungG@gwu.edu or 202-994-6494.

CENTER FOR WASHINGTON AREA STUDIES

The Center for Washington Area Studies (CWAS) undertakes and promotes policy research relevant to the District of Columbia and the Washington metropolitan area. Directed by Garry Young, the center is multi-disciplinary and university-wide, and is uniquely placed to draw from the wide range of expertise available at GW. Recent CWAS research includes an analysis of the factors that affect the economic competitiveness of the District of Columbia, a comparison of bicycling policies in three area counties, an analysis of the commercial property market in the District, a study of the policy impact of

the District's lack of representation in Congress, two studies comparing Washington, D.C. to other nation's capitals, and an examination of the infrastructure needs of the District of Columbia. Recent funders of CWAS projects include the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Trellis Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Our Nation's Capital.

Aside from research carried out at CWAS, the center also supports efforts by GW faculty to seek external funding for research related to the Washington region. For example, CWAS participates in the Policy Research Scholar program by funding a Scholar doing Washington-relevant research.

POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Policy Research Scholar program is a critical part of GWIPP's effort to encourage and facilitate public policy research at GW. In an annual competition, GW faculty submit proposals for policy-based research they hope to develop. Those selected are given the title of Policy Research Scholar and serve in that capacity for one year. Each Scholar is required to develop his or her project during that year and submit a proposal for external funding. Scholars receive a variety of resources from GWIPP. These include \$10,000 that can be used fully for summer stipend or \$5,000 in summer stipend coupled with one course release. Additionally, GWIPP staff help Scholars identify potential funders, develop their proposals, construct budgets, submit proposals, and administer the grants once funded.

The Policy Research Scholars who commence their term in Fall 2011 constitute the program's eleventh cohort of Policy Research Scholars. Scholars come from all the campus schools and from many of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences departments. They have worked on a wide range of policy-related projects, bringing in more than \$4.2 million in external funding to the University.

The announcement for the next Policy Research Scholar competition will be distributed to the campus community in early November 2011. Proposals will be due Friday, December 16, 2011.

For more information on GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program, please consult GWIPP's PRS website (<http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/prs.htm>) or contact Garry Young at YoungG@gwu.edu or 202-994-6494.

For a listing of current Scholars, please reference page 11.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON URBAN AND REGIONAL POLICY AND ITS EFFECTS: FISCAL FUTURE OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC SECTOR

BY: DR. HAL WOLMAN

On June 2nd and 3rd GWIPP hosted the fifth annual conference on Urban and Regional Policy and Its Effects. This year's topic was the "Fiscal Future of the Local Public Sector." In addition to the traditional co-sponsors – GWIPP, The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration at GW, The Brookings Institution, and The Urban Institute – this year's conference was also co-sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the National League of Cities.

Unlike prior years the conference consisted of the presentation of six policy briefs rather than papers summarizing the literature. The policy briefs included the following:

- Overview: Setting the scene. Author: Kim Rueben, The Urban Institute
- Policy Brief 1: Municipal Employee Retirement Benefits (Pension and Health) and the Potential for Reform. Authors: Alicia Munnell and Joshua Hurwitz, Boston College
- Policy Brief 2: The Implications of Local Structural Fiscal Problems for Local Public Employees and Service Delivery. Author: Beth Kellar, International City/County Management Association and Center for State and Local Government Excellence
- Policy Brief 3: Funding and Investing in Infrastructure. Author: Michael Pagano, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Policy Brief 4: Municipal Debt and Credit Markets and How These Impact Infrastructure Investment. Author: Tracy Gordon, University of Maryland-College Park and The Brookings Institution
- Policy Brief 5: Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Cities: Unlocking Future Local Economic Growth and Fiscal Capacity. Author: Darrene Hackler, George Mason University
- Policy Brief 6: Non-profits and the Revenue Implications for Cities. Author: Daphne Kenyon and Adam Langley, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Discussants included John Carruthers and Joe Cordes, GW faculty members; Jason Juffras, a Ph.D. student in the Trachtenberg School; Xavier Briggs, Associate Director for General Government Programs of the US Office of Management and Budget; and Hannah McKinney, Vice-Mayor, Kalamazoo, MI.

The policy briefs will be published on the Urban Institute website as soon as they are revised to take into account the comments of the discussants and conference participants.

THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE ON URBANIZATION AND AIR QUALITY

BY: DR. ANDREA SARZYNSKI



Urbanization is proceeding rapidly across the globe. By 2030, the United Nations predicts cities will be home to another 2 billion residents. Such rapid growth is likely to have widespread consequences for urban ecosystems, which in many places are already stressed due to changes in land cover, air pollution, local, regional, and global climate, water quality and availability, and biodiversity loss.

Researchers across various disciplines have long been working to identify areas of current ecosystem stress and implications for ecosystem health given divergent growth scenarios. Yet, much of this literature remains disjointed due to disciplinary bounds (i.e., ecologists, physical geographers, atmospheric scientists), inconsistent scales (e.g., city vs. regional case studies, national assessments), and inconsistent study periods.

This project aimed to synthesize recent research regarding urbanization, air quality, and ecosystem health. The goal was to map urban ecosystem stress and response strategies with respect to global urban air pollution (focusing on ozone and particulate matter). A review paper was prepared that summarized the state of the science on urbanization and air quality. The paper next identified urban areas already stressed by air pollution, compiled predictions regarding future population change and its air quality impact, and compiled information regarding locally-adopted sustainability strategies to deal with air pollution stress. The paper concluded with a summary of current research gaps and an agenda for future research.

The review paper was presented at the Urbanization and Global Environmental Change annual conference in Phoenix in October 2010. The paper was co-authored by my graduate assistant, Jeremy Larrieu (PhD Candidate, Economics, expected 2013). I also completed an empirical paper built (loosely) on the review paper, entitled “Bigger is Not Always Better: A Comparative Analysis of Cities and their Air Pollution Impact,” currently under review at *Urban Studies*. I am now working with an interdisciplinary team on a funding proposal to NASA for follow-up work on urbanization and environmental change, using portions of the review paper in the proposal narrative.

SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

LEGISLATIVE TACTICS AND THE DURABILITY OF LEGISLATION

SUPPORTER: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

START DATE: MARCH 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: FORREST MALTZMAN

This project examines the “lives” of laws. Some laws cease to exist rather quickly, many persist for decades. Some laws undergo major changes to their character, while others receive little to no amendment over time. The project seeks to understand the factors that lead to differences in how laws endure over time. Does Congress use particular tactics that increase the likelihood that a given law survives over time with little adjustment? Do the political or institutional conditions at enactment -- such as divided government -- affect durability?

IMPLEMENTING REGIONALISM: CONNECTING EMERGING THEORY AND PRACTICE TO INFORM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FUNDER: THE SURDNA FOUNDATION

START DATE: FEBRUARY 2010

INVESTIGATORS: HAL WOLMAN, ROBERT WEISSBORD (RW VENTURES), ANDREA SARZYNSKI, ALICE LEVY, AND DIANA HINCAPIE

The project will undertake a thorough literature and case study review on regional systems and how they interact to bring about regional economic growth, organize the theoretical, empirical and case study literature into a coherent framework, and draw out the implications for economic development practice, including the types of emerging policies and programs that show signs of effectively driving positive economic outcomes. We will then convene leading national experts to vet and expand upon this work -- identifying further principles and successful practices for applying a regional framework to economic development of all kinds -- as well as to outline an applied research and product development agenda to fill remaining gaps in our collective knowledge and practice.

LINKING MCH AND WIC: INTEGRATING PERINATAL DEPRESSION SCREENING AND PREVENTION FOR HIGH RISK WOMEN

FUNDER: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

START DATE: FEBRUARY 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: HUYNH-NHU LE

The aims of this project are to integrate routine screening for perinatal depression in the Mary's Center WIC program, expand the prenatal Mothers and Babies course (an eight-week cognitive-behavioral preventative intervention) for both pregnant women and mothers in their first postpartum year, evaluate the effectiveness of the program on preventing perinatal depression and improving the health and well-being of women and their infants, and assess the impact of the program on Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participation and outcomes up to the first year postpartum.

USING MARKET ANALYSIS OF HOME VALUES TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC AND FISCAL EFFECTS OF MULTI-USE TRAILS

FUNDER: ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

START DATE: JANUARY 2010

INVESTIGATORS: GARRY YOUNG, ANDREA SARZYNSKI, JOE CORDES, HAL WOLMAN, AND JEREMY LARRIEU

In this study, we estimate the economic impact of multi-use trail presence and access on housing values in Montgomery County, Maryland. The study will use its findings to calculate the impact of property tax revenues produced by the trails and compare those values with the construction and maintenance costs of the trails borne by the Montgomery County government.

PRIVATE TWO-YEAR COLLEGES AND THEIR STUDENTS: PATHWAYS, RETURNS, AND POLICY

SUPPORTER: FORD FOUNDATION

START DATE: MARCH 2009

INVESTIGATORS: STEPHANIE CELLINI

In the United States two-year colleges enroll more than 6 million students every year, and while much is known about the public community colleges that serve these students, their private sector counterparts (often called trade schools, occupational colleges, proprietary schools, or for-profit colleges) largely remain a mystery. A greater understanding of these colleges and their students is essential for the design of effective policies involving the regulation and licensing of for-profit colleges, the design of financial aid programs, and optimal investments in public education systems. The project is composed of four parts. The first paper will assess the labor market returns to these colleges, the second will examine student pathways into and out of these colleges, the third will highlight policy implications of the research, and the fourth will develop a larger proposal for further support of this research agenda.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

SUPPORTER: MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

START DATE: JUNE 2008

INVESTIGATORS: HAL WOLMAN, PAT ATKINS, SARAH FICENEC, AND TRAVIS ST. CLAIR

As part of the MacArthur Foundation's project on regional resilience, the goals of our study are to identify economically resilient and economically non-resilient regions through rigorous quantitative analysis, to explore the differences between the two (why are some resilient and others not), and to come to some conclusions about the way in which regional economies can become more resilient. In particular, we are examining whether regions that have experienced negative economic shocks recover and, if so, how. We are also exploring the role of economic agency (private sector decision making in markets, hierarchies, and networks) and public policy, planning, and politics, in that process through a set of intensive case studies.

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE PROPERTY TAX

SUPPORTER: LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY

START DATE: JUNE 2006

INVESTIGATORS: PAT ATKINS, MICHAEL BELL, DAVID BRUNORI, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAL WOLMAN, AND GARRY YOUNG

This ongoing collaborative effort between GWIPP and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy collects a wide range of data detailing the property tax in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The project continues to update major characteristics of the property tax, having added 2007-2009 data sets to the web-based Significant Features. New research is being completed on state property tax classification systems and effective tax rates, as well as expanding the review of truth in taxation requirements and tax limits. This extensive compilation, the most complete of its kind, is available to the public on the web at www.lincolninst.edu/subcenters/significant-features-property-tax.

RESEARCH PROFESSOR PROFILE

DR. ANDREA SARZYNSKI

BY: AMANDA WARNER



Dr. Andrea Sarzynski began her Research Professorship here at GWIPP in September 2008. Her specialty is urban land use, transportation, energy, and environmental policy. Before GW, Andrea worked at the Brookings Institution in the Metropolitan Policy Program.

Dr. Sarzynski is currently working on four projects. Her first is a project for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that assesses the market and fiscal impact of living near multi-use trails in Montgomery County, MD. GWIPP's Interim Director, Garry Young, is the Principle Investigator on the project. The goal of the project is to determine if residents value living near trails, as evidenced by higher housing values, and whether this valuation changes depending on how easily they can access the trails.

An audit of the trails and their access points has been completed and they are now in the analysis phase.

Another of Andrea's projects is completing GWIPP's project for the SURDNA Foundation. Hal Wolman, Director of GWIPP (currently on sabbatical) is the Principle Investigator. This project connects the dots between economic development and the extent of regional behavior in U.S. metropolitan areas. She is also working on a long-term project that examines urban sprawl in U.S. metropolitan areas and its causes and consequences. This follows up on previous research by Hal Wolman and George Galster, which was funded by the Fannie Mae Foundation and USGS, dating back to 2000.

In her final project, Andrea is also working with a team of scholars from around the world to evaluate greenhouse gas footprints and air quality in 7,000 global cities. This will provide a knowledge base for policy discussions as previous analysis considered only a few dozen global cities. Papers have been completed on greenhouse gas footprints in India and Asia, and currently one is being completed on Europe. Funding is being sought from the National Science Foundation for follow-up analysis.

In conjunction with these projects, she attends the Urban Affairs Association conference every year, as well as conferences in geography and transportation. She also remains busy with article publications. She recently published an article in the *Journal of Energy, Resources, and Development* on urban greenhouse gas footprints in India, and has four other papers out to journals for review.

Dr. Sarzynski's interest in public policy stems from a long-standing interest in public service and the desire to improve the knowledge base for public decision-making. Her emphasis is on conducting high-quality data analysis of important issues, especially environmental problems like urban air quality and climate change.

POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROFILE

DR. SHARON LYNCH

BY: AMANDA WARNER



Dr. Sharon Lynch is a Professor of Education and Human Development in the GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development.

Dr. Lynch began her career in education as a secondary science teacher in Michigan after attaining her MS in Biology from Wayne State University in Detroit. Her interest soon focused on gifted and talented children and she earned her PhD in Special Education. This phase of her career culminated in becoming the Director of Academic Programs at John Hopkins University.

She moved to Poland with her husband in 1987 as a Fulbright Senior Lecturer and Researcher at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan.

It was during her time in Poland that she decided to change her research focus from exceptionality in education to education equity. She returned to the United States with the goal of finding a position at a major university, which she found in The George Washington University's School of Education in 1990. She was inspired by a speech by then President Trachtenburg about the School of Education needing to become more involved in education policy. She began work with the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Project 2061, a project aimed at increasing literacy in science, mathematics, and technology. Sharon was co-chair of its Equity Blueprint texts.

During her sabbatical in the late 1990s, Sharon was able to focus her attention on her book, "Equity and Science Education Reform," published in 2000. Another sabbatical, in the 2003-2004 academic year, produced a research project on SCALE-uP (Student-Centered Active Learning Environment for Undergraduate Programs). This project, which she worked on with Joel Kuipers, was a collaboration with Montgomery County Public Schools and determined how improved curriculum materials affected students by race, gender, poverty level, special education, etc. It was determined that each group improved with the enhanced curriculum.

Dr. Lynch's current policy research with GWIPP focuses on inclusive, rather than selective, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) high schools. The project is titled, "An Exploration of STEM Schools: The Homegrown Promise of Widening the STEM Pipeline and Improving State and National Economies." Sharon is working on this project along with Barbara Means, Director of SRI International, Tara Behrend, Assistant Professor of Organizational Sciences at GW, and Erin Peters of George Mason University.

In March of 2011, Sharon became President-Elect of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFILE

MEGAN HATCH

BY: AMANDA WARNER



Megan Hatch is a second year PhD student in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration. She came to GW directly from the MPA program at Cornell University. Prior to graduate school she worked in the marketing department of a small software company in Bedford, Massachusetts. She earned her BA in government and psychology from Georgetown University.

Currently, Megan is working with Professor Dylan Conger on the project “The Cumulative Effect of the Pre-K - 3rd Education Experience on English Language Learners.” Her work involves analyzing data from large administrative databases provided by public school systems. She is mainly focused on English language learners (ELL) and immigrant students. Questions she examines are: What is the effect of immigrant peers on individual student achievement?; How does enrollment in pre-kindergarten and early schooling experiences affect academic gaps between ELL and non-ELL students? Megan is also involved in research on post-secondary education, analyzing gender disparities in admissions utilizing data on Texas colleges and studying the characteristics of students who enroll in private two-year colleges using national data. This latter project is titled, “Private Two-Year Colleges and Their Students: Pathways, Returns, and Policy.” She is working with both Professor Dylan Conger and Professor Stephanie Cellini on this project.

This past October, Megan gave a presentation at the Society for Benefit Cost Analysis convention entitled, “DC’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program: A Benefit-Cost Analysis of an Efficient and Equitable Policy to Reduce Homelessness.” This summer she will be spending a month at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Megan chose public policy because she wants her research to have a direct, practical application to timely policy issues and debates. She intended to become a policy advocate when she began her master’s degree, however, her goals have changed over time. She now is geared towards research and teaching, which led her to her decision to pursue a PhD. In her work with Professors Conger and Cellini she discovered her enjoyment of working with large quantitative datasets. Though she has not yet chosen a dissertation topic, she is sure that it will involved the data analysis skills she has learned while working at GWIPP.

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

ANNUAL URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Many of GWIPP's department members participated in the 41st Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association held in New Orleans, LA, March 16-19, 2011. This year's conference was titled, "Reclaiming the City: Building a Just and Sustainable Future." The papers presented included the following: "Evolving U.S. Metropolitan Land Use Patterns, 1990-2000" by Andrea Sarzynski, Lisa Stack, and George Galster; "Economic Shocks and Regional Economic Resilience" by Travis St. Clair, Hal Wolman, and Howard Wial; and "Building Economic Development Networks in Detroit: A Comparison of Methods of Social Network Analysis" by Sarah Ficenec. Clarence Stone participated in a roundtable on "Why History Matters."

STI DATA/INDICATORS ROUNDTABLE

GWIPP Research Professor Andrew Reamer hosted a half-day roundtable on science, technology, and innovation (STI) data and indicators at the Marvin Center on June 29, 2011. The roundtable's primary aim was to provide the opportunity for public, nonprofit, and private sector decision-makers and researchers to discuss their needs for federal STI data and indicators before federal STI data providers. Among the 42 roundtable participants were representatives from data-using federal policy organizations (e.g., Council of Economic Advisers, House Science Committee), federal program agencies (e.g., Economic Development Administration), associations (e.g., National Association of Manufacturers), think tanks (e.g., Brookings), universities, and consulting firms. Users were roughly equally divided between those with a national and a regional development orientation. Federal STI data-providing agencies present included the NSF National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, US Patent and Trademark Office, the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the USDA Economic Research Service. Dr. Reamer summarized roundtable discussions on July 12 to a National Academies of Science panel "Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future," created at the request of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Reamer's work is funded by the Kauffman Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2011-2012 POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS!

Congratulations to our eleventh cohort of Policy Research Scholars! GWIPP's Policy Research Scholars are selected through an annual competition. Scholars receive a variety of support to help them pursue external funding for their projects. For more on the Policy Research Scholar program go to <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/prs.htm>, or see page 3.

- Antwan Jones, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Childhood Residential Stability and Health: The Role of Neighborhood Resources
- Rebecca Katz, Assistant Professor of Health Policy
Redesigning Effective Quarantine Regulations in the United States
- Rehman S. Scheherazade, Professor of International Business and International Affairs
Policy Co-operation and Institutional Co-ordination for Transatlantic (US - EU) Financial Crisis Policy

NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Management

- Elizabeth Rigby, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration
Public Participation, Agency Rulemaking, and the Implementation of Health Care Reform

- Joost Santos, Assistant Professor of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering
Collaborative Disaster Policymaking Across Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource (CI/KR) Sectors

- John Sides, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Identity Regimes in Multiethnic Democracies

- Travis Wright, Assistant Professor of Educational Research

Growing Hope: Promoting the Resilience of Maltreated Children in Schools

- Steven A. Tuch, Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Public Administration

Racial and Ethnic Differences in Residential Preferences in 'Post-Racial' America: A Study of Whites, African Americans, and Hispanics

RESEARCH METHODS WORKSHOP

November 3rd, 2010

Not Just Pretty Pictures: Using GIS Methods in Policy Research

By Andrea Sarzynski, Assistant Research Professor of Public Policy

April 28th, 2011

Multiple Imputations: Introduction and Application in Stata

By Dylan Conger, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration

For the slides and products associated with these presentations, please visit the GWIPP website at <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/pmethods.htm>

WELCOME TO GWIPP

We are excited to welcome Stephen Crawford as a new Research Professor here at GWIPP. Previously he served as VP for Policy & Research at the Corporation for Enterprise Development and Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; Deputy Director of Brookings' Metropolitan Policy Program; Director of Social, Economic and Workforce Programs at the National Governors Association; and Executive Director of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board in Maryland. He also taught at Bates College and the University of Maryland, served as executive director of research centers in College Park, MD

and Cambridge, MA, and was an assistant dean at the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Army, including as an infantry officer in Vietnam, on the Frederick County (MD) Board of Education, and on the Obama-Biden transition team. His publications include a book on technical workers and articles in peer-reviewed journals. He holds a Masters degree from the Wharton Business School and a PhD from Columbia University.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Andrea Sarzynski, Assistant Research Professor at GWIPP, is moving on to join the faculty of the

- School of Public Policy & Administration at the University of Delaware as Assistant Professor. Good luck Andrea!
- Liesl Riddle of International Business and former GWIPP Policy Research Scholar is now Associate Dean of Graduate Programs in GW's School of Business.
- Forrest Maltzman of Political Science and former GWIPP Policy Research Scholar recently became Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Planning. Paul Wahlbeck replaces Forrest as Chair of Political Science.
- Phil Joyce of TSPPPA and former GWIPP Policy Research Scholar has taken the position as Professor of Management, Finance, and Leadership at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy.
- Jim Goldgeier, former GWIPP Policy Research Scholar will soon take over as Dean of International Service at American University.
- Kimberly Furdell, former research assistant at GWIPP, successfully defended her dissertation, "Who Wins When Mayors Take Over School Districts? Changes in School-Level Expenditure Patterns in a Mayoral Control District."
- Elaine Weiss, former research assistant at GWIPP, successfully defended her dissertation, "State Investment in Pre-K Programs, 1990-2010: A Mixed-Method Approach to Determining Motivations and Assessing Network Influences."

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Research Professor David Brunori gave the keynote speech at the Federation of Tax Administrators annual conference as well as a speech on property taxation at the Georgia Municipal League.

Catherine Collins, Senior Research Associate, chaired a roundtable discussion on the uses of Significant Features of the Property Tax at the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Society of Public Administration.

Research Professor Andrew Reamer made several presentations this spring, including: "Putting America to Work: The Essential Role of Federal Labor Market Statistics" at the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor and Statistics; "Testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Relative Agencies"; "The Changing Landscape of Federal Workforce Statistics: The Context for Real-Time LMI," at the Workshop on Credentials That Work, Jobs for the Future; "Innovations in Federal Statistics: New Views on Regions," at the Workshop on Understanding, Using, and Maximizing New Federal Data, 2011 Federal Economic Development Forum, the International Economic Development Council; and "Observations on Census Bureau Autonomy" at the American Statistical Association Board Meeting.

Dylan Conger participated in the annual Association for Education Finance and Policy meeting in Seattle, WA from March 24 to 26, 2011. This year's conference was titled, "Taking Stock in Race to the Top: Research to Inform the Next Generation of Education Reform." In addition to discussing and chairing panels, Dylan (along with her co-authors) presented papers on undocumented college students, gender segregation in high schools, and the effect of grade placements on English Language Learners. Dylan was also elected to serve a three year term on the AEFPP Board of Directors.

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