College celebrates at inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

The College of Urban and Public Affairs commemorated its 25th anniversary May 7 with the inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner, honoring former Governor Neil Goldschmidt and longtime Oregonian publisher Fred Stickel.

It was a fun, memorable evening with more than 650 people attending. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship endowment for students at the college. Civil rights leader, former United Nations ambassador, and mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young, who served with Goldschmidt on President Jimmy Carter’s Cabinet, keynoted the evening.

Dean Nohad A. Toulan called the awards well-earned honors for Goldschmidt and Stickel. “Without Neil Goldschmidt’s vision and support, downtown Portland, to a large extent, would not be what it is today,” he said. “Fred Stickel’s work has contributed to the economic health and livability of our community.”

The Urban Pioneer Awards were created to celebrate the college’s anniversary by honoring state and community leaders who exhibit the values of public service and community engagement endorsed by the college and its community partners. The college’s research, faculty, and students have had a strong impact on this region and have contributed to Portland being the livable city it is today. The college wants to promote efforts that make the region a more healthy, safe, efficient, egalitarian, and pleasant community, while continuing Portland’s efforts to be one of the most vital and thriving urban centers in the nation.

While reflecting on its past, the college also wants to look to the next 25 years as it trains and educates the next generation of leaders who will address government, health, and urban issues. The college’s graduates will be the next “urban pioneers” who will use the unique training provided by the college as they serve the greater public good for their communities and exemplify the value system of those honored with the first Urban Pioneer Awards.

The Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner will now be held annually. Please plan to attend in 2003! It is a wonderful time for current and former students, faculty, and friends of the college to come together.

Top: Urban Pioneer Award recipient Neil Goldschmidt and his wife, Diana, with Ambassador Andrew Young, keynote speaker for the evening. Right: Dean Toulan hosts the inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner.

The dean gave a special thanks to our dear friend and long-time volunteer, Nick Fish, chair of the Hatfield School of Government Advisory Board, who worked tirelessly to help create the inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner. Without his energy, the evening would not have been such an inspiring success.
It is with great sadness that we announce the pending retirement of the founding dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs, Nohad A. Toulan, who will step down as dean in June 2003. In his 31 years at PSU he has created this college from scratch, has raised the college’s profile to its current position of wide international recognition, has contributed substantially to promoting and sustaining the quality of life Oregonians enjoy, and promoted those values nationally.

For this, he has been recognized by the American Planning Association and named to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners. In articles over the years, The Oregonian has referred to Dean Toulan as an urban growth guru and an elder statesman of urban planning, and when announcing his retirement declared: “Toulan was an architect of the urban growth boundary, a champion of the tri-county Metro government, and the main mover behind the Urban Center—a $33 million mix of academic, retail, and office buildings called the ‘new front door’ to the downtown campus.”

Dean Toulan came to PSU with experience as the first planning director of Cairo, Egypt, and having taught architecture and planning at Columbia University. In the ’80s, he led an international team to develop a master plan for Saudi Arabia’s Mecca.

The college he created is now one of the oldest and most comprehensive of its kind in the country. He has created a unique climate of community engagement—one which we might take for granted but is certainly not the norm in most U.S. universities. Our students, faculty, and staff are not in an ivory tower—they are active and contributing members of their communities. Our degree programs were embodying PSU’s motto, “Let Knowledge Serve the City,” many years before it became such a wonderful slogan for the university.

Ethan Seltzer, director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, commented on Dean Toulan’s community values: “His work, and his way of working, are an inspiration and model for all of those seeking to make a difference on behalf of this community in the future.”

The college’s Ph.D. programs have placed graduates as faculty members in such institutions as Harvard Medical School, Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown, Florida State, OHSU, Washington State, King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia, and Brown University. The college now has an annual budget of $10.5 million (one-third of which is derived from external grants and fund-raising), enrolls 1,600 students, offers 16 degree programs, and employs 72 faculty.

Lawrence Wallack, director of the college’s School of Community Health, asserts: “Nohad isn’t just a person—he’s an institution. He is a man of great integrity, so distinguished, and with such vision. I can’t imagine the college without him. He is the heart and soul of the place.”

A legend around campus and Portland, Dean Toulan will be sorely missed as dean but, fortunately, will remain a part of the college as he moves to the next phase of his career. He will continue his involvement as always in Portland planning and in national and international organizations devoted to livable planning solutions. He will also be an adviser to the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, a planning think tank and regional resource he created within the college. Look to a future college newsletter for his reflections on his retirement and career.
Ceases create a lasting legacy

Ron and Jane Cease, longtime faculty and supporters of the College of Urban and Public Affairs, recently announced that they are creating an endowment for student scholarships. The Ron Cease Founder’s Award is for students in the Public Administration Division who wish to lead lives of public service. With a pledge of $100,000 to be donated over the next 10 years, they are also including this scholarship in their will.

Ron and Jane have led lives devoted to public service—both having served in the Oregon Legislature and in numerous civic groups around the state. Significantly for the college, 25 years ago Ron founded the Public Administration Department and nurtured the program and its students to its current distinguished status. As a PSU professor and Oregon legislator, Ron’s legislative and academic lives have been entwined to mutual positive benefit for our state and our students.

Ron and Jane were pivotal in the creation of legislation that has made Oregon the sustainable and livable state it is today—including advocating for the creation of Metro and Portland’s famous Urban Growth Boundary. These two creations alone bring city planners from around the nation to observe the excellent model city that Portland has become. PSU students have benefited enormously from participating in these kinds of academic and legislative processes. PSU recently recognized their contributions with the President’s Award for University Advancement.

Ron and Jane Cease are devoted to PSU and have encouraged and mentored many students over the years. Dean Nohad Toulan is fond of saying that when PSU hired Ron it received a double benefit by also having access to Jane’s talents and enthusiasm. Thus, the Ceases consider it a fitting legacy to create opportunities for PSU students to pursue lives of public service. Ron understands the financial struggles students face, because he could not have completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees without financial support.

Since an endowment creates scholarships generated from the interest earned, this is a gift that will, literally, keep on giving. Endowments continue in perpetuity. Ron and Jane look forward to their contributions aiding never-ending generations of PSU students who will shape the future of our state and public service via degrees in public administration in the Hatfield School of Government.

Hatfield School supports Solutions

The Mark O. Hatfield School of Government’s National Policy Consensus Center has become the new home of Oregon Solutions, a state-funded program that uses sustainable methods to bring together local groups to solve local problems.

Oregon Solutions was formed as a result of Gov. John Kitzhaber’s May 2000 executive order to promote collaborative efforts among government agencies, commercial businesses, and nonprofit organizations in support of Oregon’s economy, environment, and communities.

Oregon Solutions has projects under way around the state, including Metro Carbon Offsets, Hood River Irrigation Project, Springfield Downtown Revitalization, Lincoln City Weather Station, Sherman County Wind Farm, The Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon, Myrtle Point Biogas Facility, Libraries of Eastern Oregon, and Wallowa County Sustainable Forestry Project.

Norris & Stevens establishes scholarship fund

Robert Stutte, president, and Brian Bjornson, managing director, of Norris & Stevens have been advisors and contributors to the new Real Estate Certificate program in the School of Urban Studies and Planning. Both are PSU alumni who care very much about supporting PSU students and have fond memories of their alma mater.

The Norris & Stevens Scholarship Fund will allow for annual gifts of two $1,000 scholarships for students participating in the real estate program. Recipients must be accepted into the School of Business Administration or the School of Urban Studies and Planning, be in their junior or senior years or graduate students, must show interest in the commercial real estate field, and demonstrate financial need.
Endowed scholarships announced

Since the college’s reputation has grown much faster than its endowments, continued endowment contributions will ensure that we can compete with other institutions and draw highly qualified and diverse students to PSU.

At the Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner two major scholarship announcements were made. Keren Brown Wilson and Michael DeShane, who gave so generously to the construction of the Urban Center building, have given another gift. They announced a challenge grant of $20,000 to create an endowed scholarship for students in the college. Both Keren and Michael are Ph.D. graduates of the college and are tireless supporters of their alma mater.

State Treasurer Randall Edwards announced that partners in the Oregon College Savings Plan (U.S. Bancorp and Strong) were contributing $50,000 toward the college’s scholarship endowments. Designated the Oregon College Savings Plan Urban Pioneer Scholarship, it is the state treasurer’s goal to support and grow continuous crops of “urban pioneers” in this state. We are delighted that he has devoted his enthusiasm to promoting community service in this way—his investment will reap dividends for years to come.

Olmsted parks symposium planned

The year 2003 marks the centennial of landscape architect John Olmsted’s visit to Portland. Olmsted was an internationally recognized landscape architect and stepson of Frederick Law Olmsted. He provided the city of Portland with an ambitious parks master plan as well as a dramatic design for the grounds of the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.

The Oregon Historical Society and PSU faculty are organizing a two-day symposium for spring 2003 on Olmsted and Portland parks and greenspaces. The symposium will coincide with a series of neighborhood events to celebrate specific Olmsted parks and parkways in Portland.

A three-term course will be offered during the 2002-2003 academic year on the development of landscape architecture, parks and greenspaces, and urban design in Portland through the 19th and 20th centuries. PSU students, faculty, alumni, and members of the public are encouraged to take the course, tentatively titled “Portland Parks and Landscape.” The course will combine history, geography, parks-planning, urban studies, and architecture.

For more information on the course and symposium, contact Chet Orloff, 503-233-5932, chetorloff@msn.com.
New director, grants rejuvenate center

Last fall Karen Seccombe joined the School of Community Health as the director of the Center for Public Health Studies (CPHS). Prior to her directorship, Seccombe was a professor in PSU’s Sociology Department.

Her leadership of the center encourages an interdisciplinary approach that examines how social factors and social organization affect health and well-being. Research interests of the CPHS faculty include poverty and social inequality, the mass media, environmental exposure and cancer, community-based research, the aging adult population, women’s health, social capital, and health policy. CPHS researchers work collaboratively with other faculty at Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University, Kaiser Permanente’s Center for Health Research, state and local health departments, and community agencies.

Seccombe is also the primary investigator for “Access to Health Care and Welfare Reform,” a three-year, $860,000 study funded by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality. The study investigates how families who leave welfare for employment are able to cope when their one-year transitional health insurance coverage through Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan expires. There have been numerous studies in Oregon and elsewhere about what happens to people leaving welfare, but the studies have primarily focused on economic issues. This study focuses on how welfare reform has specifically impacted people’s health and access to health care.

Access to health care is related to not having a regular health care provider, relying on emergency rooms, increased infant mortality, and shorter life expectancy. The federal government is particularly interested in how welfare reform is affecting health care in Oregon, a state with a relatively generous insurance program.

Seccombe’s study is significant in part because if Oregonians leaving welfare for work are having trouble accessing health care, the federal agency contends it is likely a problem elsewhere in the country. Seccombe is working with Jason Newsom, Heather Hartley, Clyde Pope, Kim Hoffman, Gwen Kelly, and Christina Albo on this project.

CPHS has also been awarded a $250,000 grant to evaluate a 10-year effort to reduce youth violence in California. The grant comes from The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF), which seldom funds projects outside the state, but sought out Lawrence Wallack, director of the School of Community Health, to conduct the study.

The study will explore ways in which California community groups worked together to overcome obstacles to social change. For example, new policies to reduce the availability of guns—once thought to be impossible to implement—are now in place in more than 50 local and county jurisdictions. The violence prevention initiative has been a $60 million effort in California, with most of the funding coming from TCWF. Wallack has extensive experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating large-scale public health initiatives, and will work with Seccombe and Liana Winett on this project.

The center’s mission is to realize society’s potential for health through multidisciplinary research that explores the social and environmental determinants of health and well-being. Other current projects examine how public health issues are portrayed to Oregon’s news markets; the role that certain environmental exposures play in the development of cancer; and the dynamic relationship between social support resources and depression in older adults. To learn more about CPHS projects and faculty, go to www.cphs.pdx.edu.
We can strengthen the connections between community development and food systems by asking questions such as: Where did our food come from? How was it grown? How does that promote sustainability?

A leadership role for PSU

Under Hammer’s direction, the School of Urban Studies and Planning provided seed money to launch Community Food Matters (CFM), a regional initiative that supports healthy rural and urban communities through the development of sustainable food systems. After kicking off with a two-day forum in April titled Building a Regional Food Economy, CFM is developing its program areas of food economy entrepreneurship, expanded and enhanced markets, community food literacy and policy work, and food system assessment.

Another opportunity for Portland State to become a leader, Hammer says, is through its support of the new student-run sustainability café. Hammer co-founded Food For Thought, a student group that has worked for two years to develop and implement the café idea. The café was recently granted Student Fee Committee funds to begin operating in fall 2002. The Food For Thought café will feature local, sustainable, and fair trade ingredients and “green” business practices.

To prepare for the café, Food For Thought members surveyed 600 students and faculty about food needs and preferences, worked with a local restaurant owner to develop a business plan, interviewed 10 other student-cafés at schools around the country, and co-sponsored and attended a Farm to College conference.

“Janet’s leadership role in bringing a wide variety of stakeholders together to discuss regional food system issues exemplifies perfectly the University’s mission to link knowledge and action,” says USP professor Sy Adler. “Her research about this effort and the fruits it will bear will contribute much to both scholarship and practice.”

Student discovers new use for DNA test

Urban studies and planning doctoral graduate and archaeologist Julie M. Schablitsky has discovered a new way to use DNA testing for archaeological purposes. Schablitsky worked with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office in 2000 to excavate an archaeological site where she recovered a hypodermic syringe, six associated needles, and a urethral irrigator used to treat venereal disease symptoms. The items were buried for more than 125 years beneath the burned floorboards of what had once been a small house in Virginia City, Nevada.

Schablitsky then sought to find out who used the syringe, what was injected, and why it was injected. With the help of Intermountain Forensic Laboratories, Inc., in Portland, the items were tested for drug residue and human DNA. This project marked the first time that DNA residue has been extracted from historic artifacts other than human remains.

DNA testing and mass spectrometry analysis of the syringe found small traces of morphine and DNA from at least four people, one of
DNA work attracts national attention

Julie Schablitsky has received national attention for her DNA recovery technique, and was highlighted in both Archeology Magazine (May/June 2002) and Discover Magazine (July 2002). In addition, the Learning Channel wants to include Schablitsky’s work in its upcoming series, “The Ancient Dead.” Schablitsky is currently talking with the Discovery Channel about conducting an archeological excavation in Tombstone, Arizona.

Fund honors memory of student

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whom was probably of African descent. “The ability to link race, gender, and number of people to specific personal items recovered in archaeological sites allows archaeologists to achieve scientific results that can be duplicated in the lab, lending insight into life in the past,” says Schablitsky.

Historic documents revealed that the house was probably built during the mid- to late-1860s in a working class neighborhood adjacent to Chinatown and the entertainment and red-light districts. There are at least two possible explanations for the DNA evidence, Schablitsky says. One scenario is that at least four adults used the needles to inject morphine for euphoric purposes. More likely, Schablitsky says, is that a health professional operated out of the house.

Just six months away from graduating, 23-year-old Katrina Pongracz lost her life in an automobile accident on a wet and slippery morning in September 2000.

As a political science major, she was looking forward to law school and, like her sister Sabrina, was active in the Oregon Association of Students in International Business & Economics. She spoke fondly of her classes with professors John Damis, Mel Gurtov, and David Smeltzer.

“Katrina was the kind of student one always hopes for—diligent, serious, reliable, and of course very intelligent,” recalled Gurtov. “I feel certain she was headed for great things in international affairs. Katrina is missed by me and my colleagues.”

Katrina chose to experience living away from home for the taste of freedom and increased involvement in PSU’s urban campus. She carried a full academic load, worked a 30-hour work week, and sought scholarships. In 2000 she put her studies on hold for one term to help her family during her older brother Peter’s third recurrence of lymphoma. Peter lost his fight with cancer last summer, less than two months after speaking eloquently at a college rooftop reception about his sister’s scholarship fund.

Upon Peter’s death, the Pongracz family asked that donations honor both Katrina and Peter. Thanks to continuing contributions, the memorial fund is helping make a university degree possible for young women with job or family responsibilities and financial need. Next year, Katrina’s life will be celebrated through the first recipient of the scholarship—awarded to an upper division female student in political science. Currently, the annual award (calculated from the interest earned on the endowed account) is $300.

Like all endowed accounts, this scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity, so it is hoped the amount will increase with continuing donations. The Pongracz family kindly requests that you consider a gift in memory of both Katrina and Peter. Contributions should be sent to the Katrina M. Pongracz-Bartha Memorial Fund at the Dean’s Office, College of Urban and Public Affairs, endorsed to the PSU Foundation, attention Tracy J. Prince.

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When School of Government professor Birol Yesilada came to Portland State from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1998, part of his charge was to extend the College of Urban and Public Affairs’ experience in sustainable economic growth and watershed management to Turkey and elsewhere in the European Union. Indeed, since Yesilada’s arrival, several Turkish institutions have sought to establish collaborative ties with PSU. Chief among these organizations is the internationally recognized Southeastern Anatolian Project Administration, whose mission is to achieve integrated sustainable regional development in what is known as the GAP region that contains the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. This region is rapidly changing, and the GAP administration is facing challenges in urban planning, public health, small business development, watershed management, retaining indigenous values in the mainstream, and maintaining cultural diversity in the face of progress.

In collaboration with GAP administrators, Yesilada and colleagues at Portland State’s Northwest Turkish American Research Institute organized and facilitated an April 2001 Watershed Management Workshop in Turkey to share Pacific Northwest experiences in watershed management and sustainable economic development.

Following the workshop, GAP administrators were eager to continue the relationship with Yesilada and Portland State, and consequently signed a memorandum of agreement that covers many fields of expertise of PSU faculty, including integrating watershed management, regional planning, urban planning and restoration; rural community economic development; geographic information systems (GIS); public health; small business development; distance learning; and export promotion.

Yesilada and colleagues at Portland’s Northwest Power Planning Council and Seattle’s Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation are now looking at all World Bank developments that are approved and funded for Turkey, but that have not yet been assigned to subcontractors.

Yesilada and colleagues have submitted a proposal to the U.S. Trade Development Administration to refurbish the GIS for the GAP region. The proposal is to bring Turkish professionals to Oregon to see GIS in place in both rural and urban applications. Yesilada believes that PSU can be a major player in many aspects of the GAP $40 billion, multi-year Anatolian project, but strongly believes that the foundation for the area’s future success is a solid GIS infrastructure.

“GIS can help planners in the region integrate up-to-date data on a daily basis,” Yesilada said. “This helps them make better policy decisions that better address the economic needs of the local population.”

For more information on the Northwest Turkish American Research Institute, go to www.natri.pdx.edu.

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Values study to explore conflict

Professor Birol Yesilada is also an invited policy consultant with the U.S. State Department in ongoing conflict resolution efforts on the island of Cyprus. Currently, Yesilada is seeking funding to conduct a World Values Survey (WVS) in Cyprus. The WVS has been conducted in more than 60 countries and is designed to comprehensively compare socio-economic, cultural, and political attitudes around the globe. Cyprus is unique among countries where WVS has been done because it is multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and politically divided—authorities have forbidden cross-border activity between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides of the island since 1974.

Doing the WVS in Cyprus is significant because it surveys both the Turkish and Greek Cypriots about their values and preferences pertaining to the political future of a united Cyprus. In addition to standard WVS questions, the survey will address issues specifically related to Cyprus, such as nation building and views toward Cyprus’s membership in the European Union.

The WVS is also valuable for bringing researchers together from three institutions: Cyprus University (Greek part of Cyprus), Eastern Mediterranean University (Turkish part of Cyprus), and Portland State University.

Faculty focus

Yesilada strengthens ties in Turkey

Birol Yesilada
Faculty active locally, internationally

**Carl Abbott**, Urban Studies and Planning faculty, received the Lewis Mumford Award of the Society for City and Regional Planning History for best book published on planning history during the past two years—*Political Terrain: Washington, D.C. from Tidewater Town to Global Metropolis*, University of North Carolina Press, (1999).

**Qian Cai**, Population Research Center and Urban Studies and Planning faculty, presented “School Enrollment of Migrant Children in Beijing: Practice and Problems” at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America.


**Barry Edmonston**, Urban Studies and Planning faculty and Population Research Center director, authored a volume titled *The Undercount in the 2000 Census,* published jointly by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Population Reference Bureau (May 2002), and “Using U.S. Census Data to Study Population Composition” in a special issue of the North Dakota Law Review.

**Stephanie Farquhar**, Community Health faculty, co-authored “The Relationship Between Social Support, Stress, and Health Among Women on Detroit’s Eastside,” published in *Health Education and Behavior* (April 2002).

**Sherril Gelmon**, Political Science faculty, received honorable mention for the Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service & Academic Outreach for her sustained commitment to teaching, scholarship, community development, consultation, and volunteer activity. Gelmon and Susan Agre-Kippenhan, Art faculty, presented “The New Rules: Promotion and Tenure at an Engaged Institution” at the American Association for Higher Education Forum on Faculty Roles and Rewards. Gelmon and Agre-Kippenhan also published “Promotion, Tenure and the Engaged Scholar” in the *AAHE Bulletin* (January 2002).


Lavigne also wrote two chapters, “Community Forestry at the Urban/Rural Interface: A Case Study in the Merrimack River Watershed” and “Revolutionizing Public Forest Management in Minnesota: Aitkin County and Smartwood Certification,” published in the report *Forest Communities/Community Forests*, J. Forest Community Research, (2001). Lavigne also presented “Cultural Myths, Concrete Results and WPPS (Whoops) Again” at the Sustainable Fisheries Foundation Conference. Lavigne has also been appointed to the editorial board of *Whole Earth* magazine in San Rafael, California.

**David Morgan**, Community Health faculty, and Peter Collier, Sociology faculty, co-authored, “Community Service Through Facilitating Focus Groups: The Case for a Methods-Based Service-Learning Course,” in *Teaching Sociology* (April 2002). Collier and Morgan also presented a co-authored paper, “Differences in First-Generation and Traditional College Students’ Understandings of

**Faculty retirements**

**Prof. Nancy Chapman** (Urban Studies and Planning), retired this spring. After 29 years in academia, she plans to remain active in research but will now have more time for travel, hiking, gardening, painting, and botany.

**Prof. Kenneth Dueker** (Urban Studies and Planning). The former director of the Center for Urban Studies and the Transportation Research Center retired this June after 23 years. As for his future plans, he says, “I am still flunking Retirement 101 as exemplified by volunteering to teach a one-credit seminar this fall term. Then Donna and I plan to travel more often.”

**Prof. Gary Perlstein** (Administration of Justice) After 30 years on the AJ faculty, and most recently as the chair of the division, Dr. Perlstein will continue to teach courses on terrorism on a part-time basis and continue his work as an expert commentator on terrorism for the media.
Faculty Members’ Class-Related Expectations for Undergraduate Students,” at the 73rd Annual meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association.

Connie Ozawa and Charles Heying, Urban Studies and Planning faculty, received a $70,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation for “Transportation and Community System Preservation (TCSP) Pilot Program Project Evaluation.” Ozawa also presented “Key Elements of Deliberative Decision Making and co-led a workshop for public administrators, planners, and academicians for the Luso-American Foundation in Lisbon, Portugal.


Tony Rufolo, Urban Studies and Planning faculty, and Robert Bertini, Civil Engineering faculty, presented “Alternatives to the Motor Fuel Tax” to the new State of Oregon Road User Fee Task Force. Rufolo also presented “Calculating Benefits of Road Capacity: The Gap Between Theory and Practice,” at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board. Rufolo also participated in a panel discussion, “Funding Transportation: Alternatives to the Gas Tax,” at the Northwest Transportation Conference, and was one of two panelists invited to discuss “Recession & Response: The Role of State Government” at a meeting of the House Interim Committee on Business and Commerce.

Alice Scannell, Urban and Public Affairs faculty, presented the keynote address, “Safe Harbor: Spiritual Support for People with Dementia,” at the 20th annual conference of the Montana Gerontology Society.

Craig Shinn, Masami Nishishiba, and Douglas Morgan, Hatfield School of Government faculty, and Dilafruz Williams, Education faculty, presented “How Do We Measure the Impact of Service-Learning on ‘Civic Capacity’?” at the Fifth Annual Continuums of Service Conference. They also presented “How Do We Measure Civic Capacity? Part 1: Assessment of Student Learning at Portland State University” at the 73rd Annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting.

Gerry Sussman, Urban Studies and Planning and Communication faculty, gave talks on the globalization of politics at the London School of Economics, University of Leicester, University of Birmingham, and University of Newcastle. Sussman also published “Urban Congregations of Capital and Communications: Redesigning Social and Spatial Boundaries,” in In Search of Boundaries: Communication, Nation-States, and Cultural Identities, (2002).

Nohad Toulan, College of Urban and Public Affairs dean, was appointed to the Port of Portland’s airport security task force headed by former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt.


Khalil Zonoozy, Urban Studies and Planning faculty, presented at a press conference where leaders from Jewish, Muslim, and Christian groups joined Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) as they voiced opposition to legislation that would open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.
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College of Urban and Public Affairs

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2002 Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner

Guest enjoying this year’s inaugural Urban Pioneer Awards Dinner included: (top left) Commissioner Erik Sten, Eliza Dozono, Rep. Mark Hass, Mayor Vera Katz, Provost Mary Kay Tetreault and Marc Tetreault; (middle left) Senator Mark Hatfield and Peter Stott; (middle) Nawzad Othman; (middle right) Gretchen Kafoury and Margaret Strachan; (bottom left) Nanette and Tom Edwards; (bottom right) PSU President Dan Bernstine and co-emcees Kay Toran and Ethan Seltzer.