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CELEBRATING
40 years of Educating “Practical Visionaries”
1973-2013

WITH A COMMITMENT TO
Integrating Planning and Policy to
Promote Just and Sustainable Communities
Congratulations to the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning on its 40th anniversary.

UEP represents a unique interdisciplinary model for education, not only providing outstanding academic preparation but also teaching skills and technical applications that prepare students for a range of jobs in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. The work undertaken by UEP graduates is truly extraordinary. The department’s nearly 1100 alumni have become government officials, elected representatives, bankers, and entrepreneurs. Many work in social services and community-based and educational organizations. And although UEP is not focused on educating its students to join the academy, a number of alumni are now university professors.

UEP has been prescient in identifying key issues, usually long before they became popular. At its founding, the program captured the interplay and interdependence between urban, social and environmental issues. It was a pioneer in teaching about both environmental policy and climate change, and its work has long anticipated the current focus on “sustainable communities.”

The UEP faculty has always been committed to promoting economic, social and environmental justice. The department focuses on the ethical implications of public policy decisions, and educates students to promote social change while working capably and thoughtfully as professionals. Faculty research and courses are often concerned with how resources are distributed and how critical problems, as well as public policies, impact our most vulnerable residents and communities. UEP’s commitment to professional excellence is reflected in its close ties to the professional planning community and was recognized when it was granted accreditation nearly ten years ago by the Planning Accreditation Board.

I applaud the many ways in which the department has created ties and joint programs with other units within Arts and Sciences, including Biology, Economics, and Child Development; with other Schools at Tufts, including Engineering, Fletcher, the Medical School, and Tisch College; and with the Law School and Carroll School of Management at Boston College. Through all of these collaborations, UEP has been fulfilling one of its earliest missions—to serve as a focal point for policy studies at Tufts.

I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the department’s continued success. I am happy to join in celebrating UEP’s past and look forward to its exciting future.
It has been my privilege to chair UEP for the past six years. In this role, I have offered three critical questions that, I believe, have helped guide and unite our multidisciplinary department:

- How can we improve the quality of human life, now and into the future?
- How can we do this in a just and equitable manner?
- How can we do this while living within the limits of supporting ecosystems?

These questions continue to engage the UEP community of students, alumni, scholars, staff and practitioners. In understanding these questions and their inter-linkages, we are more certain than ever that our goal is the education of a new generation of leaders who will contribute to the development of more just and sustainable communities.

We are proud of our flexible curriculum which is built around a set of core values:

An appreciation of the inextricable linkages between social, economic and environmental issues and the ability to make policy and planning recommendations accordingly;

An appreciation of the role of values in policy formation and planning and the ethical/social responsibility of policy and planning professionals to act accordingly;

An appreciation of the deeply embedded nature of gender, age, race, class, ability, culture and sexual orientation in all aspects of public policy and planning;

An appreciation of the centrality of spatial, social and environmental justice to all aspects of public policy and planning;

An appreciation of the need to understand the role of individual and community rights and responsibilities in public policy and planning.

Flowing from these core values is a set of competencies based on three areas: knowledge, skills, and policy and planning in practice. While our core values anchor us to our founder, Hermann Field’s vision, UEP competencies are part of our compass, guiding our students to become “practical visionaries” in a world where they are sorely needed.

On behalf of the department, special thanks to Ann Urosevich, Maria Nicolau, and Doug Kwartler for carrying out numerous tasks connected to putting this booklet together. In addition, thanks to Melissa Woods (UEP, M.A., 2012) for her expert graphic skills in doing the layout and design. Finally, deep appreciation goes to Professor Rachel Bratt for taking the major responsibility for this project. We trust that you will enjoy this opportunity to meander through UEP’s 40-year history.
Welcome to UEP, where practical visionaries emerge.

UEP is a community of practice and scholars – our faculty, students and alumni are public-spirited individuals committed to engaged processes and just outcomes for cities and communities. Together, we address society’s critical issues and develop innovative strategies. Our motivated students, enabled by the graduate education they receive here, progress to important positions and challenging careers in government, nonprofit organizations, citizen advocacy groups, and the private sector. Our diverse faculty is active in research and engaged scholarship; many are leading scholars in their respective fields of expertise. Just sustainability, environmental health and ethics, shrinking cities, housing and community development, child and family policy, and comparative urban policy, to name just a few.

Our curriculum integrates knowledge, skills and values to anticipate the future. Students develop an understanding of the dynamics of cities and regions, integrate theories and practices of planning and policy-making, explore creative ways to bridge social justice and sustainable development, and are engaged in community-based projects and research. For them, the room to grow and flourish is enormous. We offer a wide range of electives, many taught by seasoned practitioners with extensive teaching experience. Students benefit from our connections with other schools at Tufts and Boston College, through either taking courses or pursuing joint/dual degrees, in areas such as child development, nutrition and food policy, international affairs, environmental engineering, law, and business management. While on campus, many of our students create their own learning communities involving, for example, food system planning, climate policy and planning, and intercultural practice.

Over the last 40 years, UEP has grown tremendously in its capacity and influence. Our core values attracted me to UEP; they have helped shape our past and will help guide our future as we educate the next generation of practical visionaries.
“This is the start of a joint exploratory effort in whose evolution all of us will be playing a part. We will want to seek out every possibility among ourselves for interchange of ideas and giving shape to the program.”
- Hermann H. Field, September 10, 1973, Welcome letter to first group of UEP Students

Born to American parents in Zurich in 1911, Hermann Field came to the United States at the age of 12. He received an undergraduate degree from Harvard (B.A., 1933), studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and returned to Zurich to receive a Diploma of Architecture from the Swiss Polytechnic Institute in 1936. Despite a traditional education in architecture, Hermann was frustrated with the boundaries of his discipline and sought opportunities to integrate the built environment with its social and environmental context. This interest was reflected in his work at the Planning Office of the Tufts/New England Medical Center in Boston. From 1961-1972 Hermann served as director of that office and helped develop the Tufts downtown campus in harmony with its surrounding urban neighborhood. At the same time, he had a strong desire to become involved with teaching.

Hermann has noted that he “was troubled more and more by evidence of a badly fractured profession deriving from deficiencies in professional education.” Thus, when Frank Colcord and the Political Science Department offered him the opportunity to conceptualize an entirely new, interdisciplinary approach to graduate education—with a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability and grassroots activism—he “jumped at the opportunity.” Hermann began teaching at Tufts in 1972. He developed a course that, for the first time at the university, included the word “environment.” From 1973-1978 Hermann served as the founding director of the Program in Urban, Social, and Environmental Policy, UEP’s predecessor. Here, Hermann had the opportunity to merge his interest in both utopian and practical thinkers and to overlay the principles of the practicum/polytechnic approach with theories from arts and sciences.

Earlier in Hermann’s life, during World War II, Hermann was imprisoned for five years by Communist authorities in Poland, while looking for his missing brother. He wrote two novels with his cellmate before his release in 1954, Angry Harvest and Duck Lane. Angry Harvest, the basis for a film by Agnieszka Holland, was shown at the New York Film Festival in 1985, and was nominated for an Academy Award. The circumstances under which the novel was written are described in Hermann and Kate’s book, Trapped in the Cold War: The Ordeal of an American Family. In his later years, Hermann remained active in local, national, and international planning and design activities, including serving as a commissioner on the Devens Enterprise Commission.

Following Hermann’s death in 2001, family and friends created an endowed Education Fund in his and Kate’s names. Over the years, it has been used to enhance the educational goals of the Department through its support of a variety of activities including student learning and professional practice on and off campus, faculty enrichment, and alumni activities that contribute to these goals.
For their vision and support of UEP’s predecessor, the Program in Urban, Social and Environmental Policy, we thank:

RETIRE:
Bruce Hanes, Civil Engineering
Stephen Winter, Education

IN MEMORIAM:
Seymour Bellin, Sociology
Frank Colcord, Political Science
Norton Nickerson, Biology
Dan Ounjian, Economics

And to:
Frank Duehay, who, as head of the Lincoln Filene Center (precursor to Tisch College) was an early and important supporter.

Seymour Bellin, former member of Overseeing Committee and Margery Davies, Current Director of the Office of Diversity Education and Development, 1998

(l to r) Jean Mayer, former Tufts President; Jack Dunn, former Vice President; Rob Hollister; Frank Colcord, former member of overseeing committee and former Dean of the Graduate School; Sol Gittleman, former Provost, early 1980s
KEY ADMINISTRATORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED UEP THROUGH THE YEARS

PRESIDENTS
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Jean Mayer
John DiBiaggio
Lawrence Bacow
Anthony Monaco*

PROVOSTS
Sol Gittleman
Jamshed Bharucha
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Marilyn Glater
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Kevin Dunn
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Joanne Berger-Sweeney*
James Glaser*

GRADUATE SCHOOL DEANS
Charles Nelson
Frank Colcord
Robert Guertin
Rob Hollister
Robin Kanarek
Lynne Pepall*

*Current Administrators

And to:
Dale Bryan, Assistant Director, Peace and Justice Studies
Margery Davies, Director, Office of Diversity Education and Development, Affirmative Action Officer for AS&E
Robyn Gittleman, Director, Experimental College; Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education
Regina Raboin, Research Librarian
Sherman Teichmann, Founding Director, Institute for Global Leadership
WITH THANKS TO PRIOR CORE FACULTY + STAFF

FACULTY


Lawrence Bailis, 1973-1974 - Health Policy

Edward Wood, 1974-1977 - Land Use Planning

Judith Innes (de Neufville), 1975-1976 - Planning Processes and Theory

Ken Geiser, 1977-1989 - Environmental Policy, Toxic Use Reduction

Richard Schramm, 1982-1989 - Community Economic Development

Alonzo Plough, 1982-1991 - Health Economics


Molly Mead, 1989-2006 - Social Policy, Gender Studies

Luis Malaret, 1990-2002 - Community Development

H. Patricia Hynes, 1992-1993 - Environmental Health

Sarah Michaels, 1993-1999 - Environmental Policy; Decision-Making

Antonio Torres, 1997-1999 - Real Estate Development

Frank Ackerman, 1999-2002 - Economics


Veronica Eady, 2002-2004 - Environmental Justice

Brett Baden, 2003-2006 - Economics

Yelena Ogneva-Himmelberger, 2004-2006 - Geographic Information Systems
OUR LONGSTANDING PRIOR STAFF MEMBERS:

Patricia Watson, 1978-1991 (in memoriam)
Arville Grady, 1979-2007
Clelia Orlandi, 1996-2002

AND TO PAST COLLABORATING FACULTY AT TUFTS:

Jeffrey Berry, Political Science
Frances Chew, Biology
George Elmore, Biology
James Ennis, Sociology
David Gute, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Kent Portney, Political Science
Saul Slapikoff, Biology
Rosemary Taylor, Sociology and Community Health

IN MEMORIAM:

Gerald Gill, History
Norton Nickerson, Biology
CURRENT CORE FACULTY + STAFF

UEP’s Core Faculty members have distinguished themselves in their academic, professional and community work. They have published dozens of books, hundreds of popular and academic articles, scores of professional reports, and have appeared in numerous media outlets.

FACULTY:

Julian Agyeman, Ph.D., University of London
Professor—Sustainability policy and planning, environmental and food justice, intercultural cities, 1999

Rachel Bratt, Ph.D., M.I.T.
Professor—Housing and Community Development, 1976

Christine Cousineau, M.C.P., M.I.T.
Lecturer—Planning Design and History, 2012 (adjunct 1984-2012),

Mary Davis, Ph.D., University of Florida
Associate Professor—Economics and Health Policy, 2008

Justin Hollander, Ph.D., Rutgers University
Assistant Professor—Urban Planning, Qualitative Methods, 2006

Rob Hollister, Ph.D., M.I.T.
Professor—Citizen Engagement; Role of Universities in Promoting Public Service, 1980

Francine Jacobs, Ed.D., Harvard University
Associate Professor (joint appointment with Child Development)—Program Evaluation, Social Policy for Children and Families, 1986

James Jennings, Ph.D., Columbia University
Professor—Poverty, Race, Community Development, 2001

Sheldon Krimsky, Ph.D., Boston University
Lenore Stern Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences and Adjunct Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine (Tufts School of Medicine) — Environmental and Scientific Ethics, Risk Analysis, 1975
Penn Loh, M.S., University of California, Berkeley  
Lecturer—Environmental Justice, Director of Community Practice and Masters of Public Policy Program  

Laurie Goldman, Ph.D. M.I.T.  
Lecturer—Social Policy and Organizational Change, 2005  

Barbara Parmenter, Ph.D., University of Texas  
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<td>Rosalind Greenstein, Housing Policy, 2012</td>
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1972-1973

Herman H. Field teaches a course in Environmental Planning and Design, offered through the Tufts Political Science Department. We believe this is one of the first such courses to be offered in the U.S.

A new interdisciplinary program in urban, social, and environmental policy

1973-1974

Graduate Program in Urban, Social and Environmental Policy (PUSEP) is granted probationary status and admits its first class of 15 M.A. students. Hermann Field is appointed Director. An interdisciplinary faculty Overseeing Committee is named to help guide the growth of the new program. Original faculty offices are located in Eaton and Miner Halls. Shelly Krimsky, hired to assist Hermann in developing the program, soon becomes a key faculty member. Although the new program offers a few courses, most course offerings come from one of the several departments that support the program.

1974-1976

Over the first three years of the program, 46 students are enrolled in the M.A. program. In addition, several dozen students take courses through various non-degree programs, sponsored through grants. The first M.A. degrees are awarded in 1975 to five students. Hermann and Shelly receive a grant from the Department of Education which enables Shelly to develop a course in the political economy and ethics of the environment and the program to create the Environmental Advocacy Program to train environmental activists. Nancy Anderson, who created a New England Environmental Network at the Lincoln Filene Center, is hired to assist. This effort results in the largest annual meeting of environmental advocates in New England.

1976-1977

After a three year review period, PUSEP is formally accepted as a permanent program in 1976. In fall 1976, Rachel Bratt joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Political Science, with full time responsibilities in the new program. The department has a full-time faculty of four; Rachel is the only member on tenure track. PUSEP struggles along with a small budget and the help of several federal grants (totaling $222,000). Tuition for 1976-77: $2,375/year.

PUSEP moves to a new home at 38 Professors Row (the original “Brown House”). Our first joint degree program, with Civil Engineering is launched.

1977-1979

Hermann completes his last year as Director of the program in the spring of 1978, and Shelly is named Acting Director, a position he holds until 1980 when a permanent director was selected. Under the leadership of Dean Bernard Harleston, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences votes to give PUSEP departmental status in September 1979. This paves the way for the department to recruit and hire a new full-time Chair. In 1978, Shelly is awarded two major grants—one from the National Science Foundation and the other from the Fund for the Improvement for Post Secondary Education (FIPSE). Together, these grants boost the program’s image and resources, and strengthen its ability to attract faculty and students.

1979-1981

Rob Hollister is named the first Chair of the new Department of Urban and Environmental Policy (UEP) in January, 1980. Appointed as an Associate Professor, he is the first tenured member of the new department. Favorable tenure decisions follow during the 1980s for Professors Krimsky, Plough and Bratt, UEP and Political Science introduce the Program in Public Policy and Citizen Participation (PPCP) in the fall of 1980. Ann (Gerroir) Urosevich is hired in December, 1980. The problems associated with depending on other departments to provide needed classes become clear and the department embarks on a long-range plan to take control of its core curriculum, with a focus on “educating practical visionaries.”
1986-1989
Assistant Professor Fran Jacobs joins the faculty in 1986 on a joint appointment with the Child Development Department. The Center for Public Service is established as an umbrella for the administration of both PPCP and UEP, dissolving in 1989 when PPCP is absorbed into UEP and the Lincoln Filene Center assumes responsibility for non-degree training programs. Responding to the burgeoning problem of homelessness, Rob launches a course on this subject for undergraduates during the 1987-1988 academic year. Our first certificate program, Management of Community Organizations, is launched in 1988. Rob is appointed Acting Director of the Lincoln Filene Center in January, 1989 while still serving as Chair of UEP.

1989-1990
In fall 1989, UEP and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy launch a three-year dual degree in international environmental policy. Also that year, Off the Wall, UEP’s weekly newsletter, begins to circulate. Tuition for 1989-90: $8,734/year.

1990-1992
In 1990, UEP celebrates its 10th Anniversary as a department at the Parker House in Boston. The department welcomes 35 students into its entering class. Rob steps down as Chair of UEP at the end of the 1991-1992 academic year, having led the department for 12 years.

1981-1983
In Fall 1981, the department welcomes its largest class to date: 28 students, nearly double the enrollment from the prior year. This class puts total enrollment to over 100 students since the start of the program. Tuition for 1982-83: $4,782/year

1983-1986
UEP moves to its new home at 97 Talbot Avenue to make way for the new Mayer Campus Center. The Institute for Management and Community Development is initiated in the spring 1984 by Richard Schramm, ultimately offering educational opportunities to hundreds of citizen activists and community development practitioners, before it is discontinued nearly two decades later.

Expanding links with others Tufts schools and departments – joint faculty appointments and joint degree programs

UEP Graduation Ceremony, 1983

UEP “all stars” and friends, circa 1985

Ann (Gerroir) Urosevich and Arville Grady, 1980s

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1992-1993

Shelly assumes the post of department Chair. Fifty new students matriculate. A study published in the Journal of Urban Affairs ranks UEP first among urban masters-only degree programs in the U.S. The undergraduate major in Environmental Studies is launched with UEP coordinating one of the three specialty tracks, in Environment and Society. The joint degree program in Biology is created. Fran is promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

1993-1994

The 20th Anniversary of graduate studies in public policy at Tufts is celebrated at the Marriott Hotel in Cambridge with a large gathering of alumni, students, faculty, and friends. Hermann, our founder and Professor Emeritus, and Frank Colcord, one of the original members of the Overseeing Committee and a major supporter of the program, are honored. The School of Nutrition and UEP collaborate on a new Master’s program in Agriculture, Food, and the Environment. A record 45 students receive their degrees. Ann Priest endows a scholarship fund for graduate women of color, in memory of Alvin Levin, a civil rights activist and proponent of safe energy sources. The Global Development and Environment Institute (G-DAE) was created with administrative oversight provided by UEP and Fletcher.

1994-1995


1995-1996

Ann Rappaport joins the faculty. Rachel is appointed Chair of UEP and welcomes a record 52 students. A two-story addition to 97 Talbot is completed, adding two new faculty offices and a classroom.

1996-1998

UEP focuses on strengthening its core and tenured faculty. Having only 2.4 tenured faculty members (Krimsky, Bratt and Jacobs-joint with Child Development; Hollister not active in UEP) is viewed as a major concern that needs to be addressed. With the support from the university, the situation slowly improves.

 Former president John DiBiaggio (standing) at UEP's 25th anniversary at Gifford House, 1998

Mel King, community activist, speaking at UEP Graduation Ceremony, late 1990s.

UEP "all stars" and friends, mid-1990s

UEP "all stars" and friends, early 1990s
1998-1999

Our third certificate program, in Program Evaluation is launched. In November, we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The department hosts a dinner at President DiBiaggio’s house, followed by a gala event at the Museum of Science, with over 200 alumni, students, and faculty attending. Our 500th student is awarded a master’s degree! Jon Witten, an adjunct lecturer in the department since 1987, joins the core faculty. New Dual degree programs are created with the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Tuition $17,879/year.

Accreditation as a graduate program in planning

1999-2000

Julian Agyeman joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor. At the department’s faculty meeting on May 5, 2000, the UEP decides to seek accreditation from the Planning Accreditation Board. Paving the way to apply for this certification, the UEP faculty unanimously votes to change its name and the M.A. degree to include the word “planning.” Following approvals from various university committees, the faculty, and the Board of Trustees, these changes are finalized the following academic year. At that meeting, the UEP faculty also votes to add a second degree, Master of Public Policy (1-year program for professionals with at least seven years of relevant work experience. As chair of UEP, in 2000 Rachel co-signs the formal declaration forming the University College of Citizenship and Public Service, which later becomes Tisch College. Rob is named founding dean of the new college.

2000-2001

James Jennings joins the faculty as a Full Professor, our fourth tenured colleague. In preparation for applying for accreditation, Rachel meets with students to form the new Student Planning and Policy Association. After a few meetings, the students, on their own, form the new group, which receives formal recognition by the Planning Accreditation Board.

2001-2002

Rachel and Jon meet with the Planning Accreditation Board in Cleveland in fall 2001 to discuss the department’s candidacy as a planning department. Fran becomes chair of UEP in January 2002. A new dual degree with Civil and Environmental Engineering is approved by the Board of Trustees.

2002-2003

UEP welcomes its first group of students into the new Masters of Public Policy program. The department hosts its first site visit team in fall 2002. In its recommendation for accreditation, the committee notes that UEP has the potential to “serve as a national model for successfully educating students in the interdisciplinary synergy [that] urban and environmental issues generate when both planning and policy are properly integrated.” Fran and Rachel meet with the Planning Accreditation Board in spring 2003, in Denver. The result: UEP receives its first 3-year accreditation and is officially recognized as a planning department, as of January 1, 2004. M.A. Tuition $21,198/year.
2003-2005

Ann, Fran, and Drusilla Brown (Economics) begin a research project exploring working conditions in global supply chains. This is a model interdisciplinary collaboration, involving faculty and students from several departments, on an important social issue. Upon the end of Fran’s term as chair, Rachel is reappointed chair of UEP, starting July 2004. Maria Nicolau is hired in November 2003 to provide office assistance. In collaboration with Environmental Studies and Academic Technology, a new position in Geographic Information Systems is created and the first course in this area is offered by the department. Rusty Russell, who taught Environmental Law for several years, joins the core faculty, as Coordinator of Field-Based Education. With the growth in UEP faculty, additional office space at 72 Professors Row is provided for the department. Julian receives the Faculty Mentor Award by the Graduate Student Council; Ann, in her role as co-director of the Tufts Climate Initiative (with Fletcher School Professor Bill Moomaw) is awarded the 2005 Climate Protection Award by the Environmental Protection Agency. M.A. Tuition $22,236/year.

2005-2006

Rachel, along with the chairs of the Harvard and MIT planning departments, launch the Boston area planning schools’ Annual Planning Symposium, with the first symposium held at Tufts. Paul Farmer, President of the American Planning Association, is joined by a distinguished panel discussing the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, Kelo v. City of New London. The symposium becomes an annual event, with each planning school taking a turn as host; U. Mass./Amherst, with the fourth accredited planning department in Massachusetts, joins in the rotation. Barbara Parmenter and Laurie Goldman join the core faculty. In Spring 2006, the department hosts its second site visit team, appointed by the Planning Accreditation Board. Julian Agyeman is awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

2006-2007

Following a meeting with the Planning Accreditation Board, attended by Rachel and Julian in Ft. Worth, the department is re-accredited. Justin Hollander joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor. In spring 2007, the department launches a new introductory course, and our second specifically targeted to undergraduates: Environmental Planning and Politics. The department votes to add a new core course: Cities in Space, Place and Time, starting fall 2008. In summer 2007 Rachel concludes a total of nearly 10 years as UEP chair.

2007-2008

Julian takes over the departmental leadership. The UEP website is revamped, including the distinctive UEP Urban + Environmental Policy + Planning logo. The UEP Core Competencies are added to the curriculum. In 2008, UEP’s 35th anniversary is celebrated with a reception followed by a UEP only ‘Dialogue with Van Jones’ in the Balch Arena Theater and finally an open lecture in Cohen Auditorium attended by 400 people. A Field Project team is awarded the 2008 AICP Student Project Award for Application of the Planning Process from the American Institute of Certified Planners (Salem Sound Coastwatch; Creating a New Place: A Concept Plan for 15 Peabody Street). M.A. Tuition $26,288/year.

Increased focus on collaborative research

Rachel Bratt (front row, in white) with alumni and students at the National APA Conference, San Antonio, Texas, 2005

A growing focus on sustainability
2008-2009

Mary Davis joins UEP as an Assistant Professor. In Fall 2008, UEP and Boston College Law School agree to launch a new 4-year joint degree program, which culminates in J.D. and M.A. degrees. Two students are accepted into this program, to start in fall 2010.

2009-2010

Taking advantage of the university’s new Professor of the Practice position, Penn Loh is hired on a five year contract. With support from Provost Jamshed Bharucha, the first 5 MPP Neighborhood Fellows matriculate. Our MA ‘yield’ reaches 46%. A Field Projects team receives the 2009 Outstanding Planning Award for Student Planning Project from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association; “Sophisticated Matchmaking: Identifying Opportunities for Affordable Housing Development in Medford, Massachusetts.” M.A. Tuition $28,572/year.

2010-2011

Professor Weiping Wu joins the faculty in Spring 2011 as a tenured Full Professor. UEP, in collaboration with the other planning departments in Massachusetts, host the fifth annual planning schools symposium: “Planning for Climate Change: From The Margins To The Mainstream.” A Field Project team receives two awards: the 2010 Outstanding Planning Award for Best Community-Wide Project from the American Planning Association, Massachusetts Chapter and the 2011 AICP Student Project Award for Application of the Planning Process from the American Institute of Certified Planners, “Community Path: Linking Watertown’s Past to its Future.”

2011-2012

In Fall 2011, the department welcomes Rob Hollister back to the core faculty, at the conclusion of his several administrative roles at the university, spanning some 20 years. UEP is approached by the Dean of the Carroll School of Management at Boston College regarding a potential MA/MBA degree. UEP’s M.A. is ranked no. 2 among accredited planning programs without a Ph.D., by Planetizen magazine. Our third site visit, for planning re-accreditation takes place in early 2011. The team’s report notes: “there are not so many examples of academic units that have charted a new course for themselves in such a steady and purposeful manner. [UEP] is a pro-active planning program embedded within a long-standing departmental tradition of producing “practical visionaries” who are motivated by public service while being well grounded in theory and analytical rigor.”

Following a meeting between Julian and members of the Planning Accreditation Board in Salt Lake City, the department is awarded a full 7 year accreditation, the longest possible accreditation period. Weiping is appointed Neubauer Faculty Fellow, Justin wins First Place in Visualizing Research @ Tufts Award Program and Barbara wins the 2012 Tufts University Teaching with Technology Award. A Field Project team is awarded the 2011 Outstanding Planning Award for Best Student Project from the American Planning Association, Massachusetts Chapter, “Dorchester Coast Greenway.” Mary is promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

2012-2013

Penn becomes a permanent member of the UEP core faculty, with the new title of Lecturer in Community Practice and Director of MPP. Christine Cousineau, who has been the longest standing adjunct faculty member, having taught in UEP since 1984, also joins the core faculty. The MA/MBA dual degree program with Boston College Carroll School of Management is approved. Rachel announces that she will retire at the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, completing 37 years at Tufts. In 2013 she is awarded Arts and Sciences Seymour Simches Award for Distinguished Teaching and Advising. The department launches its UEP@40 events with a spring colloquium series and a gala at The Charles Hotel, with Professor Robert Bullard, “Father of Environmental Justice” as keynote speaker. A reception is planned for fall 2013 at President Monaco’s house. As Julian completes his 6th year as UEP chair, Weiping is named the new UEP chair, as of July 2013. UEP currently boasts a tenured faculty of 8 and a non-tenured core faculty of 8. Enrollment in our two masters programs total 114 students (96 M.A. candidates; 18 M.P.P. candidates). As of April 2013, UEP has awarded a total of 1,053 degrees (977 M.A.; 76 M.P.P.). M.A. Tuition $30,000/year.
To Date

2013

Our nearly 1,100 graduates comprise an extraordinary group of professionals, pursuing a wide variety of career paths. Alumni are currently serving in all levels of government in the U.S. (including a nominee to serve in the president’s cabinet, pending confirmation), as well as in numerous nonprofit organizations. We are also proud of our alumni who have become service providers, lawyers, bankers, and educators, including quite a few university professors. And many of our graduates have either gone back to their home countries or have relocated overseas. UEP’s students are widely recognized for their technical expertise and their commitment to values that embrace equity, justice, and sustainability. We could not be more proud of our “practical visionaries.”
During the Spring 2013 Semester, the Department hosted a Colloquium Series in honor of UEP@40, featuring UEP alumni, current students, and special guests.

January 31

CRITICAL POLICY ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES

A Panel Moderated by UEP Lecturer Penn Loh:
• Ina Anderson - MA Smart Growth Alliance (UEP, M.A., 2010)
• Warren Goldstein-Gelb - Welcome Project (UEP, M.A., 1999)
• Daryl Wright - Youthbuild USA & Dorchester Bay EDC (UEP, M.A., 2002)
February 26

UEP @ THE STATE HOUSE

Keynote: Massachusetts State Senator Ben Downing (UEP, M.A., 2008)
Followed by a student panel moderated by Penn Loh:
- Richard Baron - McCormack Baron Salazar
- May Louie - Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (UEP, M.P.P., 2008)
- Nicolas Retsinas, Harvard Business School
- Aaron Gornstein - MA Undersecretary, Housing and Community Development (UEP, M.A. 1984)

April 9

SCREENING OF “ENVISIONING HOME”

Followed by a panel moderated by Professor Rachel Bratt:
- Richard Baron - McCormack Baron Salazar
- May Louie - Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (UEP, M.P.P., 2008)
- Nicolas Retsinas, Harvard Business School
- Aaron Gornstein - MA Undersecretary, Housing and Community Development (UEP, M.A. 1984)

April 27

GROWING SMARTER: STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE AND JUST COMMUNITIES

A Lecture by Robert Bullard - Dean at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University, The Charles Hotel

Fall 2013
Gina McCarthy (UEP, M.S. 1981)
U.S. EPA - Administrator, pending confirmation
AN INTERCONNECTED UEP

Over UEP’s 40 years a broad range of programs and departments have supported UEP. The department, in turn, has provided enormous support and has collaborated with numerous programs, centers and schools. UEP is fulfilling its early mission to serve as a focus for policy studies at Tufts.

THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PLANNING

2 Degrees Offered

M.A. Urban + Environmental Policy + Planning
M.P.P. Master of Public Policy

Joint Degree Programs

• M.S. with Biology
• M.A. with Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development
• M.S. with Civil and Environmental Engineering in the School of Engineering
• M.S. with Economics

Non-Degree Programs

Certificates in:
• Management of Community Organizations
• Community Environmental Studies
• Program Evaluation
• Water: Systems, Science & Society

Dual Degree Programs

• M.A./M.S. with Civil and Environmental Engineering in the School of Engineering
• M.A./M.A.L.D. in International Environmental Policy with The Fletcher School
• M.A./M.S. with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy
• M.A./J.D. with Boston College Law School
• M.A./M.B.A. with Carroll School of Management, Boston College

Undergraduate Programs

• Major in Environmental Studies
• Minor in Urban Studies
• Faculty involvement with Architectural Studies, Peace and Justice Studies, Freshman Seminars, International Relations, Community Health, Political Science, History, Sociology, and the Education for Policy Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC) program.

Faculty Joint Appointments

• Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Francine Jacobs
• The Fletcher School, Ann Rappaport
• Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, Sheldon Krimsky

Student/Faculty Connections to Institutes and Centers

• Center for Emerging Market Enterprises (The Fletcher School)
• Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE)
• Global Health Council
• Institute of Global Leadership
• Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service
• Tufts Community Research Center
• Tufts Institute of the Environment (TIE)
• Tufts University Office of Sustainability