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May 28, 2007: GIS Award Proposals due
 June 7, 2007: *Critical Planning* 2007 release luncheon
 June 13, 2007: GIS Awards announced

About This Issue

This issue of the Newsletter contains a summary of the 2005-2006 Annual Report on pages 3 and 4. Recent annual reports are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/annualreports.htm>. This newsletter is also at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/NewsletterS07letter.pdf>.

Director's New Program



J.R. DeShazo, Associate Professor of Public Policy, was named as the new director of the Lewis Center on July 1, 2006. He was associate director of the Center since 2001, and joined the UCLA School of Public Affairs in 1997. His research interests are in the economics of environmental protection, law and economics, regulation and local public finance. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Beginning in 2007-2008, the Center's major research will focus on the new areas of Housing Policy for California, Urban Environmental Sustainability, and Innovation Transportation Solutions, and the continuing area of Health Policy. Faculty working groups will be formed to generate ideas for policy applied research in each new area with the hope of identifying new research opportunities. The Center will continue to also pursue other research topics and to promote the study, understanding, and solution of regional policy issues, with special reference to Southern California. The Center will also continue to sponsor lectures, workshops and other events and offer student research opportunities.

Professor DeShazo succeeds **Paul Ong**, Professor in the School of Public Affairs, who directed the Lewis Center since 1998. During his tenure, the Center raised over \$12 million in new awards over several years and conducted seminars on vital regional issues.

New Projects



What Brings Children to the Park? Analysis and Measurement of the Variables Affecting Children's Use of Parks. Haynes Foundation award \$105,336 to **Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris** (2007). Examine the impact of specific neighborhood, park, and user characteristics on children's park

visitation and active use of parks. Neighborhood density, racial composition, household income, crime rates, park design and programming will be assessed. Researchers in this area conclude that only a subset of children (more boys than girls) are active or participate in physical activity programs, and detrimental health effects of inactivity contribute to an epidemic of child obesity in U.S. cities. This study's goal is to increase children's participation and activity in parks by defining guidelines and policies for settings suitable to their needs.



Planning for Higher Density: The Case of Graduated Density Zoning (GDZ). Haynes Foundation Faculty Fellowship \$12,000 to **Vinit Mukhija** (2007). Initial support for case studies of an increase in housing density through redevelopment, including the innovation of GDZ. GDZ limits upzoning to sites above a minimum size threshold, but creates an incentive for landowners to cooperate in land assembly.

Timing and Forms of Federal Regulation: The Case of Climate Change. Lewis Center and Harvard Law School support to **J. R. DeShazo** (UCLA) and **Jody Freeman** (Harvard Law School). Use the example of climate change regulation to explore two questions important for understanding federal regulation more generally: what effect does initial state regulatory activity have on the likelihood of federal regulation, and what explains the nature of the ensuing federal policy response? The resulting article will be published in a scholarly journal.

Future Plans and Innovations

Three new project initiatives are being launched this year that focus on Housing Policy for California, Urban Environmental Sustainability, and Innovative Transportation Solutions.

Housing Policy for California

This initiative seeks to increase housing and homeownership in California with two complementary programs and a report card. It involves a multi-year partnership between the Lewis Center and the Ziman Center for Real Estate.

The *policy reform program* brings together California developers, financiers, non-profit advocates and policymakers to craft and implement policy solutions.

The *research program* evaluates factors leading to the success or failure of state and local housing policies.

The *housing report card* evaluates performance of cities and counties regarding housing supply and policies.

Urban Environmental Sustainability

California is a national leader in environment policy. Two projects seek to continue this trend by improving how the state tackles urban environmental issues.
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(Sustainability *continued*) The *urban water management planning and development project* will assess various aspects of the state's Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and explore whether these plans improve water resource planning; whether the information in plans is likely to be effectively used by regional and state governments; and evaluate the extent and causes of district non-compliance with reporting requirements.

The *global climate change: state and local mitigation efforts project*. Through a variety of policy initiatives, local governments and the state of California have taken the lead in reducing green house gases (GHGs). This project will describe the design elements that any future federal legislation will take.

Innovative Transportation Solutions

The Lewis Center and Institute for Transportation Studies will collaborate to provide *innovative transportation solutions* to challenges faced in developing California's systems of transportation. This project will evaluate demographic changes in California and implications for transportation systems and lead directly to changes in local, state and federal transportation policy.

Lewis Center Renovation Project

Plans are underway for renovations and upgrades to the Lewis Center offices in the School of Public Affairs Building during the next year.

Student Research

The Lewis Center continued to sponsor two student research programs. The *Student Thesis Program* supported second year master's student research with eight awards of \$1,000 to \$2,600 each (see <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/studentreports.cfm>).

A *GIS Initiative* to encourage graduate students to work on GIS mapping projects and to promote the use of spatial analysis and geographic techniques supported student GIS projects with awards of \$300 and \$175 (see <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/research/gisarchive.htm>). This year's student reports and projects will be posted soon.

2006-07 Thesis Grant Recipients

Kimberly Bates, Max Gomberg, and Olivia Seheult (Publ. Pol.): *Raising the Philanthropic Bar: Assessing Northern California Grantmakers Initiative to Ensure its Members Adhere to Core Principles*

Helen Campbell (Urb. Plng.): *Front Line Innovations in the Battle for Affordable Housing: Recommendations for Community Land Trusts in Council District 1, City of Los Angeles*

Michelle Espinosa Coulter (Urb. Plng.): *Alternative Methods of Land Assembly for Affordable Housing Production*

Kathryn Goetz and Joelle Wolstein (Publ. Pol.): *Street Vendors in Los Angeles: Promoting Healthy Eating in L.A. Communities*
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2006-07 Thesis Grant Recipients (continued)

Matthew Lum (Urb. Plng.): *Public Markets as Sites for Immigrant Entrepreneurship and Social Integration in East Hollywood*

Sandra O'Flarherty (Urb. Plng.): *The Supply Chain for Air-pollution Control Equipment for Diesel Trucks*

Andrea Osgood (Urb. Plng.): *Car Sharing and Affordable Housing: An Analysis of Car Sharing Programs in Context of Low-Income Communities; and Recommendations for Implementing Car Sharing for Los Angeles Area Affordable Housing Developments*

Deirdre Pfeiffer (Urb. Plng.): *Maintaining Racial Integration in Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood: A Qualitative Approach to Studying Long-term Racial Integration in Southern California*

2006-07 GIS Initiative Recipients

Adina Ringler (Urb. Plng.): *A Land Use Assessment of Intermodal Transfer Facilities in Los Angeles County: Understanding How Land Use Effects Station Access and Passenger Perceptions of Safety and Security*

Andrea Osgood (Urb. Plng.): *Increasing Open Space in Southern California's Urban Environments: A Case Study Using GIS to Effectively Locate Pocket Parks and Investment in Public Spaces*

Gayle Striano (Urb. Plng.): *Hollywood Earthquake: Hospital Analysis*

ANNUAL REPORT

The Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies was established in 1988 on the basis of a five million dollar endowment gift from Ralph and Goldy Lewis. The Center’s main objective is to promote the study, understanding, and solution of regional policy issues, with special reference to Southern California.

Research

The primary mission of the Lewis Center is to carry out high quality scholarly research on regional policy issues and to insure that the research is accessible to policy-makers, public opinion shapers, and public officials. The Center is supported by income from the Lewis Endowment, private, corporate, and foundation grants, individual donors, and governmental agency grants.

During 2005/06, 22 research proposals were submitted to various agencies; 11 of these proposals were funded, 9 proposals were denied, and additional funding was received for 2 continuation projects. The dollar amounts shown below represent new contract and grant awards for each year. There were also 15 projects completed, several projects near completion, and work was begun on 9 newly funded projects. New projects begun included major multi-year awards from the following:

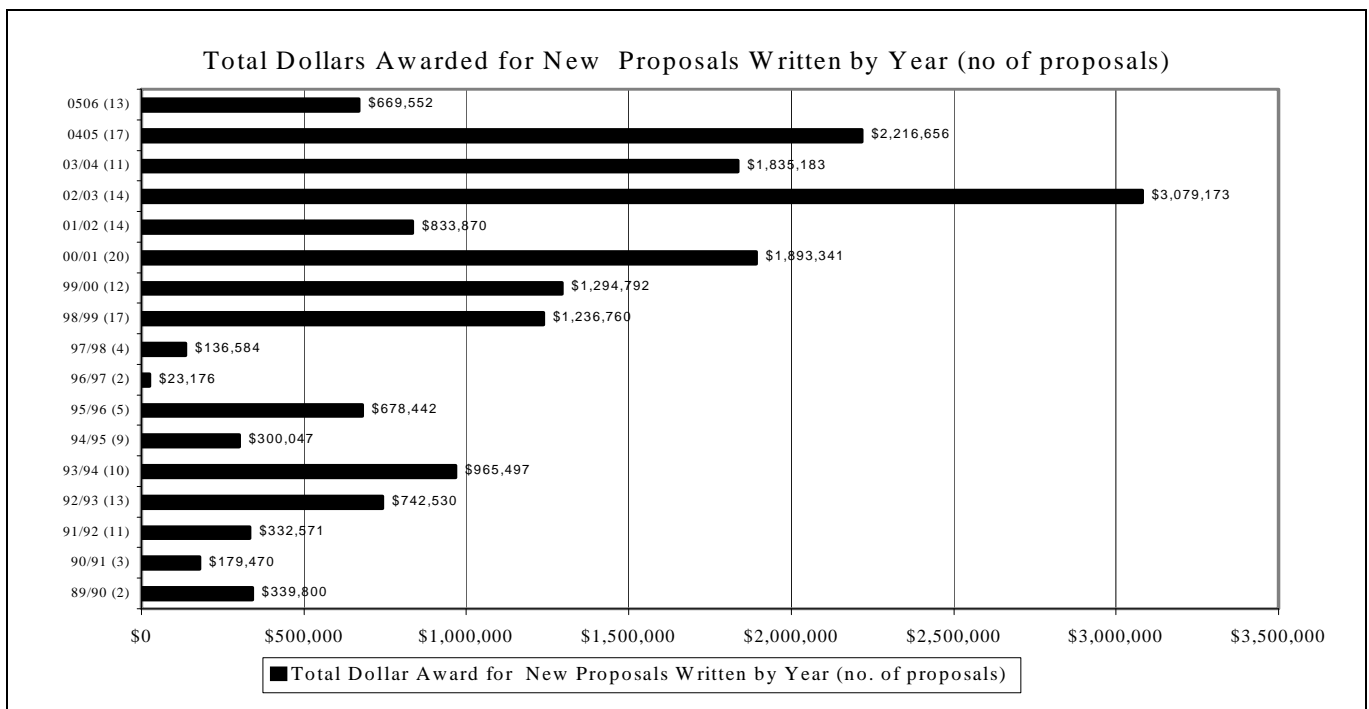
National Institutes of Mental Health \$1,249,747 award to **Oscar Grusky** (2005) to coordinate a multi-disciplinary pre-doctoral and postdoctoral research training program on service systems for persons living with HIV/AIDS; Haynes Foundation \$101,628 award to **Paul Ong** and **Leah Brooks** (2006) to evaluate the

impact of the California Property and Business Improvement District Law (AB 3754) on Los Angeles neighborhoods; and a National Institute on Aging, Gerontological Society of America, and other sponsors’ \$303,011 award to **Lené Levy-Storms** (2006) to examine how to improve communication skills of nursing care providers with nursing home residents in long-term care.

Other new projects dealt with the issues of transit stop safety and design, the impact of diesel pollutants, community planning, and non-custodial parent support. Several projects complemented each other and generated interaction between researchers. The Southern California Survey was continued on issues and attitudes of interest to the region for use by researchers, social scientists and local agencies. Reports are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/special/SocalSurvey/index.cfm>.

Research and non-research (training and service) activities during 2005/06 were supported, in large part, by public and private agency funding from research and non-research contracts and grants. Renewed efforts are underway to obtain new funding through agency contacts and proposal writing activity. The figure below shows total dollars awarded for new proposals written during each year and the number of proposals. Additional award information is also presented in a variety of graphics in the Center’s full annual report at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/annualreports.htm>.

Funding from research grants has provided Lewis Center employment for hundreds of graduates and undergraduate students over the past 15 years. During 2005/06, the Lewis Center employed 67 students. *(Continued on page 4)*



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Other programs that encourage further research, develop interdisciplinary connections, and foster interaction with policy makers at all levels in the community are described below.

Events

During 2005-2006, the Center sponsored or co-sponsored several lectures, conferences and workshops. Lectures included a proposal dealing with funding sidewalk repairs in Los Angeles, the election and mayoral prospects of Antonio Villaraigosa, sprawl and the elderly. On August 30, 2005, the Lewis Center and others hosted an Economic Census Workshop, presented by U.S. Census Bureau staff to a campus and community audience. On May 12, 2006, the Lewis Center, the School of Public Affairs, and others sponsored "Urban Problems and Challenges: Symposium to Inaugurate the New Urban and Regional Studies Minor at UCLA." This event was preceded by a meeting with UCLA faculty and faculty directors of undergraduate urban studies programs at Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, USC.

Lewis Center events are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/events/cfm>. School of Public Affairs events are at <http://www.spa.ucla.edu> ("Events").

Lewis Center Publications

The Center's publications cover public policy issues with relevance to Southern California. During 2005/06, several new working papers, project reports, or student thesis reports were published. The abstracts and texts of publications in a downloadable PDF file are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/pub.htm>, or at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/lewis/>.

Paul Ong and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris's book on *Jobs and Economic Development in Minority Communities*, which was released in 2006, received support from the Center. Book information on is at http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/1807_reg.html.

Critical Planning, a journal of the Department of Urban Planning, published volume 13 in summer 2006, and was partially funded by the Lewis Center. The journal is at <http://www.spa.ucla.edu/critplan>.

Lewis Center expenditures are summarized for all years in the full annual report at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/annualreports.htm>.

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