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Lewis Center 2004-05 Annual Report

This issue of the Lewis Center Newsletter includes a summary of the 2004-05 Annual Report. A full version can be found online at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/annualreports.htm>.

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 main objective of the Lewis Center is to promote the study, understanding, and solution of regional policy issues, with special reference to Southern California. These important issues include problems of the environment, urban design, housing, community and neighborhood dynamics, transportation, and local economic development.

The academic year 2004-2005 was the fifteenth full year of the Lewis Center's operation. An expanding number of faculty and students have been involved in the Center's work, and contacts with outside agencies continue to grow.

The Center's Director works closely with an Executive Committee, and with guidance from an Advisory Council. During 2004-2005, three Executive Committee meetings were held to review the Center's activities and future directions. The Executive Committee also approved funding for two years of the Southern California Survey (SCS) on issues and attitudes of interest to the region for use by researchers, social scientists, and local agencies. A joint Advisory Council-Executive Committee meeting was also held at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). Attendees voiced support for the SCS and agreed to review and comment on it, and help disseminate survey information. Members also agreed to help promote an upcoming workshop on 2002 Economic Census data at UCLA. We would like to thank members of both groups for their willingness to assist the Lewis Center in its activities. (Members of both groups are listed at the end of this newsletter.)

Center Mourns Passing of Goldy Lewis, 84

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of



Goldy Lewis, a longtime supporter of the Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies which bears her namesake along with her late husband's. Goldy Lewis and her husband Ralph Lewis founded Lewis Homes in the 1950s and in the following decades built thousands of homes throughout Southern California. The Lewis Center was established in 1988 with a \$5 million endowment from the couple. "She was warm and gracious, and her support of the Lewis Center has enabled UCLA to tackle many of Southern California's pressing problems as well as train a new generation who would make her proud. She will be missed," said Paul Ong, director of the Lewis Center.

Hot off the Press

Jobs and Economic Development in Minority Communities

Edited by Paul Ong and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris



Over the past four decades, the forces of economic restructuring, globalization, and suburbanization, coupled with changes in social policies have dimmed hopes for revitalizing minority neighborhoods in the U.S. Community economic development offers a possible way to improve economic and employment opportunities in minority communities. In this authoritative collection of original essays, contributors evaluate current programs and their prospects for future success.

Using case studies that consider communities of African-Americans, Latinos, Asian immigrants, and Native Americans, the book is organized

around four broad topics. "The Context" explores the larger demographic, economic, social, and physical forces at work in the marginalization of minority communities. "Labor Market Development" discusses the factors that shape supply and demand and examines policies and strategies for workforce development. "Business Development" focuses on opportunities and obstacles for minority-owned businesses. "Complementary Strategies" probes the connections between varied economic development strategies, including the necessity of affordable housing and social services.

"This collection is both timely and important.... The variety of cities and ethnic/racial communities discussed in these readings suggests that the inherent pragmatics of effective community development demand a sensitivity to place and cultural context that is too often missing in the field."

—David Bartelt, Temple University

Lewis Center Research Activities

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. In addition to income from the Lewis Endowment, the Center is supported by private, corporate, and foundation grants, individual donors, and research grants from governmental agencies.

The last six years represent cycles of increased proposal writing activity. During 2004/05, 19 research proposals were submitted to various agencies; 11 of these proposals were funded, 8 proposals were denied, and additional funding was received for 2 continuation projects transferred previously from another UCLA department and from another university, and for incremental funding for 4 continuation projects from the UC Transportation Center. The dollar amounts shown below represent new contract and grant awards resulting from proposal writing activity, including additional and incremental funding for affected years. During 2004/05, 10 projects were completed, several other projects were near completion, and the Lewis Center State of Southern California housing initiative was also completed. A final report is available on the Lewis Center website. Work was begun on 13 newly funded projects which included major multiyear awards: from the National

Institutes of Mental Health for \$386,510 to Aurora Jackson (2004) for the “Single Black Mothers: Work, Mental Health and Parenting” study to examine the relations between and among maternal psychological functions, parenting and child outcomes of a sample of mothers and children in Pittsburgh who receive/have received welfare benefits; from the U.S. Department of Education for \$379,803 to Joe Nunn and Jorja Leap (2004) for a “Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative” to evaluate a selected School District; from Caltrans for \$114,207 to Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris (2004) for the “L.A. Gold Line Corridor Study” to develop land use strategies to increase the utility of public transportation; and from California Partners for Advanced Transit and Highways (PATH) for \$103,541 to Evelyn Blumenberg (2004) for “Understanding Travel Behavior for Diverse Populations in California” to study the needs, constraints, attitudes, and preferences that influence travel choices and the outcomes for key groups in California. In addition, a Southern California Survey Initiative was begun on issues and attitudes of interest to the region for use by researchers, social scientists and local agencies. Other new projects focused on transportation, housing, immigration, working families, and social services to groups at risk for HIV.

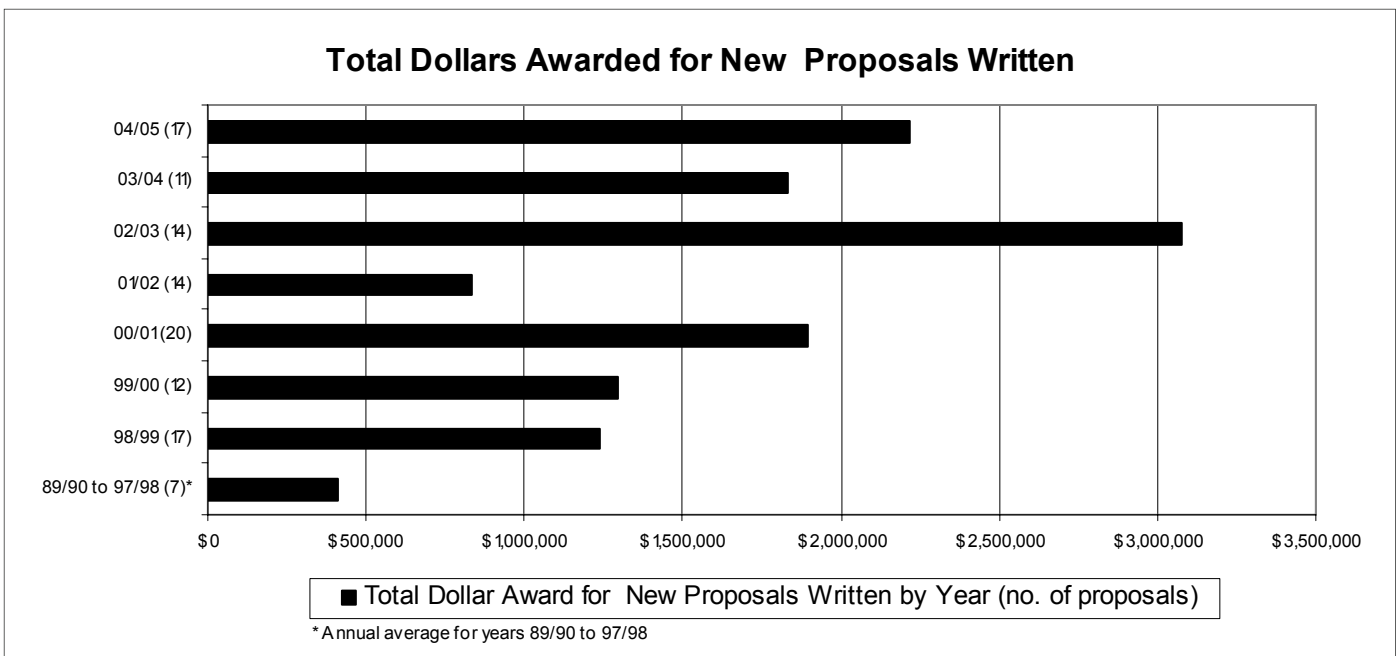
Several of these projects complemented

each other and generated considerable interaction between researchers. Research and non-research (training and service) activities during the last year at the Lewis Center were supported, in large part, by public and private agency funding from research and non-research (training/service) contracts and grants. With the completion of several major projects, renewed efforts are underway to obtain new funding through agency contacts and proposal writing activity. The amounts for each year are also shown in the complete annual report on the Center’s web page at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu> and reflect annual budgeted spending levels for research and non-research (training and service) and for new and continuing contracts and grants.

Funding from research grants has provided employment for hundreds of graduates and undergraduate students over the past 15 years. During 2004/05, sixty-five students were employed at the Lewis Center.

In addition to research, there are also a number of active programs in the Center that encourage further research, develop interdisciplinary connections, and foster interaction with those involved in policy issues and decision-making in the community at all levels. These programs include: Lectures and seminars, conferences and workshops,

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award of occasional seed grants for UCLA faculty research, distinguished visiting fellows and visiting scholars, publication of a series of working papers and other publications.

2006 Southern California Public Opinion Survey

The Southern California Survey 2006 is currently in the field and should be completed by the end of March. Our major topics this year are the environment and globalization. We will be releasing Fact Sheets detailing the major findings over the next few months. Check the Lewis Center website for details.

Events

During 2004-2005, five lectures were sponsored or co-sponsored by the Lewis Center. They included "American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare," by Jason DeParle, New York Times Senior Writer, who signed copies of his newly published book of the same name. Additional lectures addressed civil rights, community development, and the local arts community. During 2004-2005, the Lewis Center also sponsored or co-sponsored four conferences or workshops. They included an Employment Dynamics Pro-

gram by Julia Lane, U.S. Census Bureau and The Urban Institute. The calendar of events is located on the Lewis Center website. The School of Public Affairs calendar of school-wide events is at <http://www.spa.ucla.edu> ("Events").



New York Times Senior Writer Jason DeParle

Innovation Roundtable

Late 2005, Stewart Kwoh, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and member of the Mayor's Transition team invited Paul Ong, Professor of Public Affairs and Director of the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies

to convene a Job Creation/Economic Development Working Group (the Working Group) as part of the Mayor's Innovations Roundtable Project. Members of the Job Creation/Economic Development Working Group come from on and off-campus including researchers, business and community leaders, and other key stakeholders in the area of economic development. The group is one of seven Innovations Roundtable workgroups that collaborate on creative solutions to difficult problems in the Los Angeles area.

The Mayor asked that the recommendations of the various working groups consider programs and strategies that are cost effective, with demonstrated success in another city or Los Angeles, appropriate to the size of Los Angeles, connected to meaningful opportunity for change in Los Angeles, and implementable in the short term. At the initial meeting on February 17th, the Working Group identified additional criteria to guide their recommendations include that they: (1) Focus on demand-oriented strategies (2) Take an industry-based approach and (3) Include community benefits principles. The Working Group considered several industries including the Transportation and Goods Movement and the Green Sector. Due to time and resource constraints, the effort has focused on the development and promotion of a Green Sector in Los Angeles. On March 10th, the Working Group met to review a preliminary outline for a report. The final recommendations from the will be provided to the Mayor in April of 2006.

Student Research

The Lewis Center continued to sponsor two student research programs. A student thesis program supported master's student research focused on growth issues in Southern California for second year master's students and resulted in nine awards of \$1,000 to \$2,600 each (see right for this year's recipients). Student reports are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/studentreports.cfm>.

A GIS initiative was also sponsored to encourage graduate students to work on GIS mapping projects to promote the use of spatial analysis and geographic techniques addressing planning and policy questions facing Southern California. The GIS project is at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/research/gisarchive.htm>

2005-06 Grant Recipients

M. Apisakkul, D. Huynh, J. Lee, and G. Sunoo (Urban Planning) "Examining Gentrification and Equitable Development Policy in Los Angeles' Asian Ethnic Enclaves"

K. Baba, B. Fernandez, G. Sermen, and S. Solanki (Public Policy) "Industrial Land Conversion: Industrial/Residential Land Use Conflicts in Downtown Los Angeles"

A. Huerta (Urban Planning) "Latino Immigrant Gardeners Successfully Challenge Leaf-Blower Ban in Los Angeles: A Case Study of Community Organizing and Social Capital in Latino Immigrant Workforce"

L. Kaye (Urban Planning) "Attracting 'Green' Industry: An Economic De-

velopment Approach for the City of Los Angeles"

G. Kim (Public Policy) "Child Trafficking in Southern California: Are We Doing Enough for Victims?"

G. Kolchugina and A. Townsend (Public Policy) "Electronic Medical Records Integration & Interoperability"

J. Kim, T. Miyamoto, Y. Myers, M. Youssef (Public Policy) "Evaluation of Safety Collaboratives in LAUSD District 7 High Schools"

J. Widmann (Urban Planning) "Spare the Air: A Comprehensive Program Evaluation"

J. Yamashita (Social Welfare) "Social Services in Little Tokyo: Addressing the Impacts of Demographic Changes"

Lewis Center Publications

Lewis Center publications cover a variety of public policy issues with relevance to Southern California. These publications may/may not be connected to the Center's research and may also contain a link to the original document on a funding agency's web page. During 2004/05, 17 new working papers, project reports, or student thesis reports were published. In addition, 16 policy briefs including Southern California Survey reports were also published. Abstracts and texts of publications in a downloadable PDF file are at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/pub.htm>. In addition, the University of California eScholarship Repository

includes many Lewis Center publications and other information at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/lewis/>. Critical Planning, a journal of the Department of Urban Planning, published volume 12 in summer 2005. It received funding from the Lewis Center, and contains articles by Department of Urban Planning faculty and students.

Much of the support for lectures, workshops, conferences, visitors, and publications (including working papers) comes from the Lewis Center endowment, with additional funding occasionally provided by other sources. Endowment and other non-contract and grant expenditures are summarized for the last fifteen years in the complete annual report on the Center's web page at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu>.

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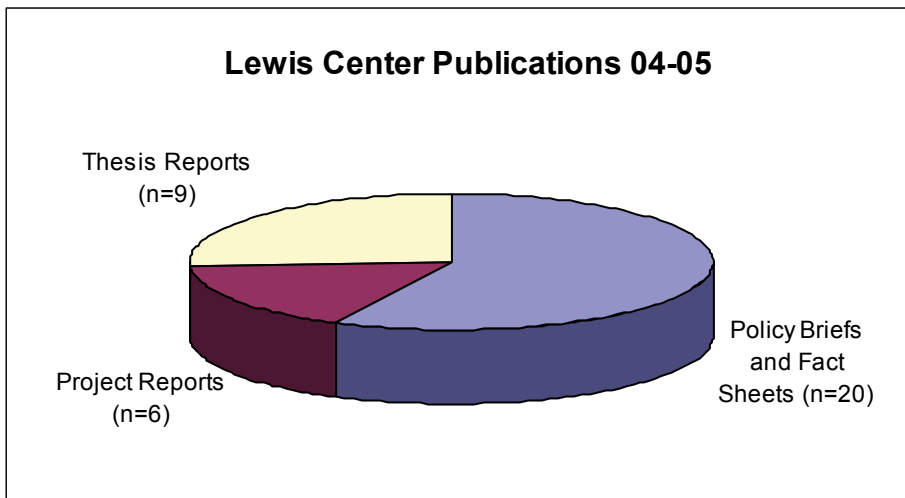
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