If 2013-2014 was a great year for the RCPL program, 2014-2015 promises to be even more invigorating. The division has admitted more than 20 students as a part of its fall 2014 class. We will be welcoming five new faculty to the division. We are also gearing up to host the American Planning Association—OK Association State Planning Conference on Oct. 2 and 3, 2014. In addition, we have invited the program’s more than 700 graduates back for an all-RCPL Alumni Reunion on Oct. 4. We hope that you will come home and see what we are up to!

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Jim is one of the nation’s pre-eminent planning practitioners. He has spent half his 50-year career as a public agency planner and half as a consultant to public agencies. As a public agency planner, he has served cities and counties in Florida, Texas and California (Dade County, Broward County, Hollywood, Austin and Camarillo). As a zoning and impact fee consultant, his clients have included over 300 cities and counties in 42 states. Jim is a charter member and Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, past president of National APA and two-term president of the Florida APA chapter. He also coauthored the APA publication, “Principals and Practices of Growth Management.” Jim has a bachelor of journalism and government from the University of Texas (1961) and master of regional and city planning from the University of Oklahoma (1965). Interesting lesser-known facts: While in Miami, Jim was also the official host for the judges of the Miss Universe pageant. He is married to a former Miss Greece.

If by some chance, Jim has not yet reached you by email or phone, please feel free to send your photograph and biography to jim@duncanassociates.com.

All RCPL Reunion-Schedule

Alumni, friends and family are invited to participate in the RCPL Alumni Reunion, held in conjunction with annual APA-OK conference held on OU’s campus. The schedule of events for the conference follows on page 3. Reunion-specific events will occur on Saturday, Oct. 4. The morning will begin with a tour of the Sam Noble Museum from 9 - 11 a.m. This tour will be followed by lunch at the home of professor Lee Rodgers from 11:30 - 1 p.m. A tailgate will follow in the Living Room of Gould Hall. Interested parties may tour the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art from 4 - 5 p.m. A pre-dinner reception and tour of Gould Hall will begin at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., interested attendees will be allowed to tour the Carnegie Building, the historic home of the RCPL program. Dinner and dancing will follow at Oklahoma Memorial Union from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

This event is sure to be one to remember. By mid-July, you will receive an invitation to register through Eventbrite. Please respond by Sept. 1. For questions about the reunion, or for accommodations on the basis of disability, contact Dawn Jourdan at dawnjourdan@ou.edu or (405) 325-3502.

OU RCPL to Host 2014 APA-OK State Planning Conference

The University of Oklahoma is delighted to host the APA-OK 2014 conference. The theme of the 2014 conference is “Planning for a More Resilient Oklahoma,” a topic of great importance in the region following the 2013 tornado season and the impending threats to the region associated with climate change, including: intense heat, storm activity, drought, harsher winter freezes, among others. The conference will be held at the Thurman J. White Forum located at 1701 Asp Avenue in Norman on Oct. 2 and 3, 2014. Register online at www.planning.org. For more information about the conference, or accommodations on the basis of disability, please visit www.okplanning.org or contact dawnjourdan@ou.edu.

John Nolon to Deliver Keynote at APA-OK Conference

The intensity and frequency of earthquake activity in Oklahoma has increased in the past decade. Much of this increase has been attributed to hydrofracking practices. As the state begins to take notice, planners are left to determine the scope of municipal powers to respond to these new challenges. Land use law expert John Nolon will address this topic as the Thursday keynote speaker at the APA-OK Conference. Nolon is a professor of law at Pace University School of Law and is counsel to the law school’s Land Use Law Center. He is an adjunct professor at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Among many illustrious awards, Nolon was awarded the National Leadership Award for a Planning Advocate by the American Planning Association in 2009. He is a leading expert in state and local law pertaining to the regulation of hydrofracking activities.
# 2014 APA-OK State Planning Conference Schedule
## Thurman J. White Forum

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<td>Opening Reception</td>
<td>The History of a Resilient Oklahoma (Professor Emeritus Bob Goins and Aparna Bamzai)</td>
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<td>Tornadoes</td>
<td>Planning for Food Sovereignty (Meghan Wieters, Ph.D., AICP; and James Eldridge)</td>
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<td>11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Presentation on the Law of Hydofracking (John Nolon-Pace Law School)</td>
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<td>2 - 3:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Planning for Water Resiliency (Jim Collard, Ph.D.; Lee Fithian, Ph.D., AICP; and Owen Mills)</td>
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<td>3:30 - 5 p.m.</td>
<td>Resiliency to Fire and Ice (Chet Dodrill and Renee McPherson, Ph.D.)</td>
<td>Ethics Jeopardy (Paula Dennison, AICP; Nancy McNayr, AICP; and Jan Fees, AICP)</td>
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<td>9:15 - 10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Visualizing Resiliency (Bryce Lowery, Ph.D.; and Scott Moore)</td>
<td>Resilient Transportation Systems (Cynthia Hoyle, AICP; and Ian Carlton, Ph.D.)</td>
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<td>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</td>
<td>Resilient Economies (Fernando Costa, AICP; Ron Frantz; and Tom Coots)</td>
<td>Resilient Landscapes (Tom Woodfin, Ph.D.; and Brent Wall)</td>
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<td>12 - 1:30 p.m.</td>
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The RCPL Family is Growing!

In 2013, it was our pleasure to welcome John Harris, Ph.D., to the RCPL family. Harris has been a wonderful addition to the program, offering courses in infrastructure, community development, international planning, among others. He will lead the College of Architecture’s Service Learning Initiative to Zambia in August 2014. We are so lucky to have him.

The RCPL family continues to grow! Five new faces will join the program in the fall of 2014. Joining the division’s five full-time faculty: Shen, Warnken, Jourdan, Wieters and Harris.

Bryce Lowery, Ph.D., a recent graduate of the doctoral program in planning at the University of Southern California, was the top candidate out of more than 70 applicants for a new position authorized by OU President David Boren in the spring of 2014. Lowery, both a planner and landscape architect, will teach courses in GIS, visualization, urban design and studio planning, among others.

Ian Carlton, Ph.D., and Rebecca Saunders, Ph.D., will also join the RCPL family this fall. This dynamic pair, partners in life and professional practice, was recruited to OU to lead the college’s Institute for Quality Communities. Carlton and Saunders both hold Ph.D.s in planning from the University of California at Berkeley. Carlton, an expert in land development, will serve as director for the IQC. He is dedicated to ensuring that the institute serves communities of all sizes across the state. Saunders, an expert in mobility and public health, will act as a research associate in the Division of Regional and City Planning, working with Meghan Wieters, Ph.D., and Bryce Lowery, Ph.D., to enhance the program’s public health research initiatives.

Rounding out the “California invasion,” RCPL is fortunate to welcome visiting scholar Riem El-Zoghbi. El-Zoghbi is a doctoral student in the planning program at UC-Berkeley. She is an expert on planning in informal markets with an emphasis on planning practice and process in post-Mubarek Egypt. El-Zoghbi will work with faculty and students to build the program’s capacity in international development practice.

Jim Collard, Ph.D., will serve as the division’s second professor of practice, joining the company of esteemed professor of practice Fernando Costa, AICP. Collard is director of planning and economic development for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation where he evaluates business opportunities and implements the tribal strategic economic development plan. He has served as city manager for the cities of Shawnee, Oklahoma; O’Fallon, Missouri; and Brush, Colorado. Collard will teach a course this fall in tribal planning. In future years, he hopes to offer courses in water planning and crime prevention through environmental design. Collard will advise the division and the college on its initiatives in Indian Country.

Please join us in welcoming these talented planners to our program!
Note from Paula Dennison, President of APA-OK

Hello, Oklahoma planners! What a great time to be instruments of change in our communities and across our great state! With our first news article of the year, the information herein is a briefing of what’s happening with your board.

The members of APA Oklahoma Board are a very energized group of professionals from the public and private planning fields. Be sure to check out their bios on the chapter’s webpage, okplanning.org, as there are some new faces on the board. Recent board activities include voting to develop an awards program for Oklahoma and continuing to work on the upcoming Annual Planning Conference, scheduled for Oct. 2-3 in Norman. As conference coordinator, Dawn Jourdan is gathering session presenters, preparing agendas and mobile workshops, and arranging food and entertainment. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend Planning for a More Resilient Oklahoma.

In April, APA held its National Planning Conference in Atlanta. As president of the Oklahoma chapter, I attended the Chapter President’s Council (CPC) meeting for two days prior to the start of the national conference and served as Oklahoma’s delegate for voting purposes. Two policy guidance documents are recommended for approval:

1) Hazard Mitigation Planning
2) Aging in Place

Policy guidance documents can be found at https://www.planning.org/policy/guides/.

Your Oklahoma chapter of the American Planning Association is on Facebook as OklahomaPlanningConference and as APA-Oklahoma. Like us!!!!

Shout out to Dr. Dawn Jourdan for providing space in the RCPL Newsletter!

Plan On!

Paula J. Dennison, AICP
APA Oklahoma President

Megan Underwood (‘14)

AICP Outstanding Student Award

The APA Oklahoma Chapter congratulates Megan Underwood from the University of Oklahoma as a recipient of the 2014 AICP Outstanding Student Award. This award recognizes outstanding attainment in the study of planning by students graduating from Planning Accreditation Board-accredited planning programs during the academic year of the award. Students are selected by a jury at their respective schools. To see a full list of this year’s winners, please visit https://www.planning.org/awards/outstandingstudents/.

Congratulations
Class of 2013-2014!

Patrick Glasson
Lei Guo
Justin Henry
Trey Marshall Ingram
Portia Owens
Jennifer Sylvester
Megan Underwood

Congratulations to Guoqiang Shen, Ph.D.!

Shen has been promoted to full professor of Regional and City Planning at the University of Oklahoma. This is a well-deserved promotion.