



Dear All

Thank you so much for sending along your updates these are not only fun to read but they are a valuable source of information for future RUPS students! If we have missed your information please do send it along for next year's newsletter and remember if you have not already joined we now have a Facebook Page (LSE Regional and Urban Planning Studies) which is open to all and a closed LinkedIn Group that is available to RUPS students and alumni only.

**Dailey, John (1991/01)** I own a research and development firm, JDA Strategies, LLC, a have a real estate license and I serve as a local elected official in Florida. I was just re-elected to my second four year term as the District Three Commissioner of the Leon County, Florida County Commission. This year, I will be serving as Chairman.

My wife Virginia and I will be celebrating our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary this December, and I have two wonderful little boys, Tommy who is 20 months and Henry who is seven weeks old!

**de Francqueville, Caroline (2007/08)** I'm still working as a consultant researcher at Groupe Chronos and that includes mainly

- managing research and consulting projects,
- conducting researches,
- monitoring the web and writing papers,
- giving conferences.

Most of the projects we work on have a prospective approach and the themes I mainly focus on are "active modes" of transport (cycling and walking) in urban areas, participatory urbanism and the impact of new technologies in the way people live in cities.

**Gooblar, Aron (1998/99)** I am working for a development advisory firm called Washington Square Partners (washesquare.com) in New York City. The firm consults on private, public and public-private development projects that usually involve a complicated approval or set of incentives. Our recent consulting projects include the Moynihan Station Project and work for the City University of New York (CUNY). We also develop retail/mixed-use projects with partners.

I am currently engaged as the project coordinator on a large mixed-use development project in Brooklyn called City Point (citypointbrooklyn.com). Washington Square Partners is one of three partners on this project. The project broke ground this past summer and will be phased over the next several years. At completion, the development will include about 1.8 million square feet including a significant amount of retail development, including restaurants (very important for any development in Brooklyn), affordable housing, market rate housing and if feasible, office development. My work involves helping to coordinate the work of a large development team. My tasks also involve business planning, budgeting, and seeking approvals from New York City.

**Junge, Christian (2005/06)** I am currently Managing Director of the Beijing studio of German architecture and urban design firm Rheinschiene architects.

**King, Suzanne (1979/80)** I am now director and 50% owner of the science policy consultancy, People Science & Policy Ltd, based in London. Our work falls into four main fields: Evaluation of research funding programmes; Evaluation of school enhancement and enrichment projects and programmes; Research into public attitudes to science and the social and ethical issues new developments in science raise and Strategic consultancy and workshop facilitation in the area of science policy

**Konrad, Anita (1999/00)** Is now working for the Homes and Communities Agency as the lead on the implementation of the Thames Gateway Eco-Region agenda.

**Lerman, Gideon (1997/98)** Currently heads Lerman Architects & Town Planners in Israel [www.lerman.co.il](http://www.lerman.co.il)

**Magon, Harshit (2007/09)** The news update from my side is that I am working with Jones Lang LaSalle, India. At JLL, I am working as an analyst in the Strategic Consulting Division, specifically looking at EHS (Education, Healthcare & Senior Living) projects at a PAN India level. The role involves consulting and research work on multitude of projects combining expertise in research, financial feasibility, planning & urban design. The EHS projects typically involves best use options and feasibility studies (including product mix structuring & financial viability analyses), sector specific city profiling assessments, location consulting, planning and economic studies among others.

**Martins, Jonathan (2009/10)** I am currently working as an intern for Ernst and Young in Lyon in local economic development, territorial marketing and strategic advice.

**McVittie, Scott (2006/07)** As for me, I would have to say the biggest news over the past year is that I was married to Kathryn Biddison. We met during undergrad at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, MI and returned to Kalamazoo to be married last July 24th. I'm attaching a picture of our day. We spent most of our honeymoon in Paris, but did make a stop in London for a couple days. We even made our way to the LSE campus for a little trip down memory lane. It bought back some great memories. I have to say though, when we stopped by the library and I looked down to see all the students with journal articles spread all over the computer desks (remember, our honeymoon was the first week of August), I was glad my dissertation was behind me.

We are currently enjoying living in New York City. I am working as the Education Data Analyst at United Way of New York City. UWNYC is a nonprofit organization that focuses on the action areas of Health, Income, and Education.

The particular program I am a part of is designed to improve graduation rates in urban schools. We partner with many community-based organizations and the NYC Department of Education to target students at risk of dropping out.

Our program then provides a wide range of services with the goal of keeping them in school, improving their academics, and getting their families engaged in their education. It's not exactly "urban planning", which I do miss at times, but it's been a pretty rewarding job so far, especially on the occasions when we get to meet the students who have successfully gone through the program.



**Rodriguez (Sherman) Helene (2006/7)** Was married to Edwin Sherman and is now working for PACT as a programme officer in Washington DC.



**van Soerland, Linda (2009/10)** I became a civil servant in the province of North Holland. It's a two-year traineeship. I'm involved in the land policy unit which purchases land for Natura2000, infrastructural projects and housing. I am currently writing a proposal for a land consolidation plan in which the province will serve as a mediator to foster agricultural parcel exchange, reducing fragmentation. It will do so by buying small plots of land and selling (parts of) it to other farmers. I am also involved in the taskforce "regional development after the credit crunch", which is fascinating since there is no script and involves more strategic thinking than most people in my unit encounter in their daily tasks.

**Weinstein (Agrawal) Asha (1993/94)** My current positions are Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, San Jose State University, and Director of the Mineta Transportation Institute's National Transportation Finance Center (also at SJSU).

On October 23, 2010, my husband Anurag and I welcomed a new baby boy, Amahl, into our family.

**Whitten, Meredith (2006/07)** In 2010, I started working on my PhD in Regional Planning at the LSE. I also work for the Covent Garden Community Association. One of my responsibilities includes serving as administrator of the association's Planning Subcommittee. On a personal note, I recently was married. Although Carl is not a planner by trade, he is vastly interested in all planning issues and is quite supportive of my studies.

**Wipyewski, Kamil (2006/07)** After two and a half years with DTZ London, Kamill assumed a new role as a senior appraiser at VR Wert, the appraisal arm of the Volksbanken Raiffeisenbanken Financial Services Network, in early 2010, where he responsible for the coordination of international valuation projects and appraisal work in the UK, U.S. and France. After ten years abroad, spent in the SF Bay Area and then London, Kamill is now back in Germany, based in Hamburg. He completed his RICS accreditation (MRICS) last year and is a member of the Urban Land Institute to keep informed on development matters, which still form part of his appraisal work and are a continuation of some of the topics studied in the RUPS programme.

**Zouheir, Sarah (2009/10)** I am currently in Paris working on a research project within a French think-tank, l'Institut Montaigne. Our main goal is to try to understand the impacts of 2005's riots on different scales and topics (housing sector, labor, transport, religious identity, political involvement). I am daily conducting interviews in Clichy-sous-Bois, the city where everything has started 5 years ago. We are thinking about planning a conference in London to present our results and to discuss it with researchers from the UK and the Netherlands.