**FACULTY**

Roger Waldinger to Give Lecture on “Immigration and the Remaking of America”

Dr. Roger Waldinger, Professor and Chair of the Sociology Department at the University of California at Los Angeles, is the keynote speaker for the annual Henry Hart Rice Lecture on Thursday, April 11th. Dr. Waldinger will discuss: “Immigration and the Remaking of America.”

Dr. Waldinger is a leading scholar on immigration and urban change. He has authored several books on immigration including: How the Other Half Works: Immigration and the Social Organization of Labor (with Michael Lichter); and Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America.

**Professor Dick Netzer is selected as an AICP Fellow**

NYU Professor Dick Netzer has been selected as an AICP Fellow – one of the highest honors that the AICP bestows upon its members.

Professor Netzer has pioneered research connecting urban economics and public finance with central planning concerns. He has worked in urban public finance and urban economics as a researcher, teacher, consultant and public official for more than forty years.

**STUDENTS & EVENTS**

**Meredith Hennessy ('03)**

Meredith is an urban planning student who does research for NYU’s Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management. Meredith has an undergraduate degree in architecture from Rice University and is interested in the relationships that exist between urban policy and responsible physical design.

**Michael Blaise Backer ('04)**

Blaise is an intern at “Inform,” an environmental research organization where he works on “Sustainable Transportation.” Blaise is conducting research on alternative-fueled garbage trucks. His interests are community economic development and environmental planning.

**Urban Planning Conversation with Jennifer Gerend**

Jennifer Gerend, Executive Director of the Myrtle Ave. Revitalization Project Local Development Corporation (LDC) in Brooklyn, is speaking on “Commercial Revitalization” in the Urban Planning Conversation series on April 4th.

Jennifer, a 2000 MUP from NYU, was recently featured in Crain’s New York for her work utilizing retail stores to stimulate local development in Brooklyn.

**A Panel Discussion on April 17th**

There is much discussion about how parks and museums improve the quality of urban life, especially in times of tragedy. A panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, April 17th from 6:00-7:30pm to highlight the current challenges facing parks and museums. Representatives from the American Museum of Natural History, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Partnerships for Parks, and the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, will be on the panel.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Matthew Mullarkey and the New York City Council

Matthew Mullarkey (MUP ’99) is the Deputy Chief of Staff to Speaker Gifford Miller. He serves as an advisor to the Speaker and is responsible for oversight of three Divisions of the City Council: Administrative Services, Member Services and Computer Services.

**Maria T. Barker and the Enterprise Foundation**

Maria Barker (MUP ’00) is a Program Officer for Tenant Services Neighborhood Initiatives at the Enterprise Foundation. She assists Community Based Organizations (CBOs) with tenant services planning in multi-family and supportive housing projects, as well as provides CBOs and their tenants greater access to information technology.

**Lisa Lau and Allee King Rosen & Fleming**

Lisa M. Lau (MUP ’95, joint with MS TP&E from Polytechnic University ’98) is a Senior Planner and Transportation Engineer at Allee King Rosen & Fleming, Inc., an environmental and planning consulting firm. Lisa is responsible for conducting traffic impact studies for environmental impact statements and assessments. She also serves as an assistant project manager on EISs for institutional and private development projects. Allee King will be recruiting at Wagner’s Career Fair on Tuesday, March 26th.