Dear Graduates,

A new chapter begins today. The faculty and staff of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs offer hearty congratulations to you on successfully completing the degree requirements!

Today, we celebrate the close of one important and memorable chapter of your life’s story. Today, the 36th graduating class of urban planning and policy, the 32nd graduating class of public administration, and the second graduating class of urban and public affairs will receive their degrees. This is a crucial moment for this group at the cusp of your careers. You are poised to embark on a remarkable journey as urban planner, civil servant, nonprofit manager, analyst, community organizer, city manager, or another occupation whose purpose is to “do good.” Public regardfulness, which is one’s inner drive to promote the public good and encourage communities to pursue the vision of the good society or of the city on the hill, is the value that motivated your studies and the value that will sustain you and your work.

Neighborhoods, communities, and cities that form economic and social regions and conurbations are the nation’s engines of growth. You now enter or reenter the world that looks very dissimilar to the world when you started your studies. Unemployment, falling wages, abandoned dwellings and vacant properties, closed factory gates, and other social maladies seem to be more acute today than at any time since the 1930s. Prospects for a quick economic turnaround are dim, yet the hope for improvement in the lives of our friends and neighbors has not dimmed.

Indeed, the next chapter of your professional life coincides with the massive national and global readjustment of society as it addresses economic issues, health care disparities, sustainability challenges, and unparalleled fiscal crises. As graduates of a college that provides the knowledge base, skills, and tools to work collectively for advancing the public good and enhancing the human condition, you are—I am convinced—prepared to meet these challenges and crises. You entered into this arena by answering the call of public service and public regardfulness. And I firmly believe you will succeed in addressing and overcoming the challenges at your door.

Your academic achievements and, perhaps just as important, your perseverance and hard work to earn your degree are a tribute to you as well as to your parents, your partners, your families, and your friends. I tip my hat to you and those who have offered their guidance, comfort, and support during your undergraduate or graduate school journey. Many scholars and other mentors have played a crucial role during your academic experience and have helped you along your path of discovery. I encourage you to continue those relationships and the exchange of knowledge with those who teach others. We will be here for you during the next steps of your journey and we hope you will continue to teach us along your path of discovery.

Thank you and, as you turn the page, I offer my heartfelt congratulations!

Michael A. Pagano
Dean
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Graduates and guests are invited to join Dean Pagano and the faculty at a reception immediately following the ceremony in Meeting Room C, UIC Forum.
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### MARSHAL OF THE DAY

**Rachel Weber, Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Program and Associate Director for Research and Program Development, Great Cities Institute**

Rachel Weber is associate professor in the Urban Planning and Policy Program and associate director for research and program development of the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She teaches and conducts research on topics related to real estate finance, planning history and theory, and urban economic development. In 2009, she was awarded one of UIC’s highest honors—its Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is an active and highly visible scholar, the author of a monograph, numerous peer-reviewed articles, and several grant-funded research reports. Recent publications appear in *Economic Geography, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Public Finance Review,* and the *National Tax Journal.* She has presented colloquia across North American, Europe, and Asia and served on national academic and professional boards and committees. She received her master’s degree and doctorate in city and regional planning from Cornell University and bachelor’s degree from Brown University.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Bruce Katz, Vice President, the Brookings Institution and founding Director, the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program

Bruce Katz is a vice president at the Brookings Institution and founding director of the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. The Metro Program seeks to redefine the challenges facing cities and metropolitan areas by publishing cutting edge research on major demographic, market, development, and governance trends.

Mr. Katz regularly advises national, state, regional, and municipal leaders on policy reforms that advance the competitiveness of metropolitan areas. He focuses particularly on reforms that promote the revitalization of central cities and older suburbs and enhance the ability of these places to attract, retain, and grow the middle class. In 2006, he received the prestigious Heinz Award in Public Policy for his contributions to urban and metropolitan America.


Before joining Brookings, Mr. Katz served as chief of staff to Henry G. Cisneros, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Katz has also served as the staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs. He is also a visiting professor of social policy at the London School of Economics.

Mr. Katz is a graduate of Brown University and Yale Law School.

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STUDENT SPEAKERS

Jacqueline Ferrer, BA UPA ’10

Jacqueline Ferrer began her college career in the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. During her first two years at UIC, Jackie volunteered on political campaigns and with nonprofit organizations. She participated in political protests and completed an internship at the Environmental Protection Agency. The Urban and Public Affairs degree program provided additional opportunities for Jackie to cultivate her passion for social justice and human rights through her summer work with high school students in the North Lawndale community and in her internship with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation where she contributed on efforts to financially educate under-banked and unbanked populations. Jackie’s senior thesis examined the complexities embedded in the Filipino diaspora, specifically focusing on identity construction amongst Filipina Americans. Her senior capstone project with the Community Youth Development Institute helped high school students understand the systemic nature of violence and provided a report to the school administration on the implementation, administration, and best practices of a student peer mentoring programs aimed at reducing violence in schools. Despite her very busy academic schedule, Jackie served as the chair of the community development committee for the Students in Urban and Public Affairs organization. While graduate studies are in Jackie’s future, she is at this time seeking employment that blends education, social activism, and the arts.

Jonathan Becks, MPA ’10

Jonathan Becks graduated in 2006 from Alma College (Alma, Michigan) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, public affairs, and Spanish. In May 2008, he moved to Chicago from Lansing, Michigan, to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. While earning his Master of Public Administration, Jonathan has been working in UIC’s Office for Access and Equity. While at UIC, Jonathan has remained active on campus and has helped initiate several programs, including the Academic Professional Mentoring Program and the CUPPA Mentoring Program. He has also served as chair of the Public Administration Student Association. This spring, Jonathan won the University of Illinois Alumni Association’s Student Leadership Award. In the past, Jonathan has worked for the Michigan Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs and for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. He has studied in New York City, Washington D.C. (American University), Eastern Europe, Brazil, and Nicaragua. Jonathan hopes to stay in the Chicago area for the foreseeable future and work in the public sector and eventually plans to attend law school.

Jason Saavedra, MUPP ’09

Jason Saavedra is receiving his Master of Urban Planning and Policy with a concentration in urban transportation. He received his Bachelor of the Arts in international Spanish for the professions with a minor in business administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He served as treasurer for the Urban Planning and Policy Student Association (UPPSA) during the spring of 2009 and later served as president of the organization for the 2009–2010 academic year. Jason has actively served the CUPPA community, leading the college’s Diversity Strategic Thinking and Planning (DSTP) Committee. During his second year, he worked as a research assistant in CUPPA’s Urban Transportation Center, where he researched the transportation needs of limited English proficiency (LEP) persons for the Chicago Transit Authority. His primary interests include public participation and community engagement strategies for community and regional planning, environmental justice, and planning for immigrant and LEP populations.
Helene Berlin, MUPP ’01

An urban planner with specialties in economic and community development and housing, Helene Berlin is also a former journalist and a real estate writer and editor.

She has researched and written scores of market and feasibility studies for housing, mixed-use, retail, and community development projects. In addition to researching feasibility, needs, and markets for affordable, mixed-income, and market-rate housing, she has worked on market studies for museums, shopping centers, retail corridors, innercity revitalization areas, and TIF districts. For the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ms. Berlin has studied and analyzed implementation and progress of federal housing policies, including time limits and home ownership programs for public housing residents.

As an investigator of qualitative, as well as quantitative, information, Ms. Berlin honed interviewing and information-gathering skills in work as a newspaper reporter and later as a researcher. She has conducted informant interviews with individuals ranging from academics and business owners to government officials and public housing residents. She has worked with cities and counties, both large and small, state agencies, real estate developers, and cultural institutions in cities and metropolitan areas throughout the country.

Ms. Berlin, currently a principal at Marked and Feasibility Advisors in Chicago, has also held senior analyst positions for both Applied Real Estate Analysis and Economic Research Associates (ERA), both in Chicago. She has also worked as an independent consultant to consulting firms and community development corporations. In addition, she has experience in the nonprofit arena as research director for Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, a grassroots advocacy organization that served as an information resource, a government watchdog, and convener of organizers from communities across the city of Chicago.

Before earning an advanced degree in urban planning and policy and beginning work in that field, Ms. Berlin had a substantial career in communications, including public relations and writing and editing for journals and magazines, books, and Web sites, primarily in the real estate field.

Ms. Berlin is active in professional organizations, including serving on the board of Women in Planning and Development, a respected Chicago-based organization. She is currently president of the Alumni Association of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In addition, she volunteers in her community for organizations such as Lincoln Park Village and a neighborhood coalition of residents, community leaders, and business and professional people in Lincoln Park who are working to ensure that affordable housing will be a component of the eventual redevelopment of the Children’s Memorial Hospital site.

Ms. Berlin holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Master of Urban Planning and Policy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.
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