Commencement
May 6, 2011
Congratulations and best wishes to all graduates! The faculty and staff of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs are proud of your accomplishments, and we honor you on this special day, the day you commence the first day of your life’s next chapter.

You commenced your degree programs just a few short years ago, when the world was quite a different place from today. When you commenced your studies, no one could have foreseen the events that we are experiencing. Likewise, no one will be able to predict the challenges, accomplishments, opportunities, and even the failures that you will face next year or next decade. You, however, are secure in the knowledge that you have far more influence on future events than you had when you started.

For those of you who are already part of, or soon to join, the honorable professions of government and nonprofit service and to engage in civic discourse and action to move your community forward, you now possess the combination of skills, knowledge, and commitment to solving the problems that society presents to you thanks to CUPPA, your support network, and your personal passion to do good. You entered into this arena with a dedication to improving the human condition, and I am convinced that you will indeed make a difference, regardless of the myriad challenges in our neighborhoods, cities, and nations.

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 salute you and those who have afforded you 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.

As you leave the solemn and joyful festivities today and depart the physical space called the UIC campus, you undoubtedly know that you never really leave your alma mater. Like a true mater, UIC always draws our students—our alumni and alumnae—back to the home, to the family. And families rely on each other to make the future even brighter for the next generation. CUPPA has invested in your education, in your future, in your success. Become involved in furthering the opportunities for the next generation of students who are only now commencing their UIC chapter of life. That’s what families do.

We raise our glasses and salute your accomplishments. We look forward to learning about your next chapter. And we hope to see you on your return visit to UIC. Congratulations!

Michael A. Pagano
Dean
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Class of 2011

Dean Michael A. Pagano ........................................... Presiding

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Master’s Degree Candidates
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“America the Beautiful” ........................................... Circle Center Brass Quintet
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Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

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President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Community Trust, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools

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Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Policy

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Eden Sabala
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President, CUPPA Alumni Association

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RECESSIONAL

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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CEREMONY OFFICIALS

Marshall of the Day ............................................................... Karen Mossberger
Professor of Public Administration and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

Commencement Marshall ...................................................... Albert Schorsch III
Associate Dean

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UIC ................................................................. James Thompson
Head, Public Administration

CUPPA ........................................................... Kazuya Kawamura
Head, Urban Planning and Policy

Name Reader ................................................................. Albert Schorsch III

Musical Accompaniment ................................................ Circle Center Brass Quintet

MARSHAL OF THE DAY

Karen Mossberger, Professor of Public Administration and Associate Dean for Research

Karen Mossberger is professor of public administration and associate dean for faculty affairs of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. She teaches courses on public policy, administrative theory, and local government management. Her research interests include local governance, urban policy, policy learning, information technology, and e-government. She is coeditor of the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Urban Politics with Susan Clarke and Peter John. Her 2008 book from MIT Press, coauthored with Caroline Tolbert and Ramona McNeal, Digital Citizenship: The Internet, Society and Participation, examines the impact of technology on economic opportunity and political participation. Other work on digital inequality includes an earlier book with Georgetown University Press, Virtual Inequality: Beyond the Digital Divide (K. Mossberger, C. Tolbert, and M. Stansbury 2003), and “Race, Place, and Information Technology,” which won the best paper award for the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association in 2005.

Recently, she completed a study of technology use in Chicago with Caroline Tolbert of the University of Iowa, which includes neighborhood-level data for each of the community areas based on multilevel models. The Chicago study, along with recent national data, is part of a book manuscript currently being written on Digital Cities. She is also evaluating the “Smart Communities” Broadband Technology Opportunities Program in five Chicago neighborhoods.

Her research has been supported by the Smith Richardson Foundation, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the MacArthur Foundation, among others. Her work has appeared in a number of journals, including Public Administration Review, Social Science Quarterly, Urban Affairs Review, and the Journal of Urban Affairs. She is coeditor of the Georgetown University Press series on American governance and public policy and is on the editorial boards of Urban Affairs Review and the Journal of Information Technology and Politics. She was also the 2009–2010 president of the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.
Terry Mazany is president and CEO of one of the nation’s largest community foundations with assets of more than $1.5 billion and grant making exceeding $100 million that annually benefits more than two thousand not-for-profit organizations in metropolitan Chicago. Terry was elected as the fifth executive in The Chicago Community Trust’s ninety-year history in 2004. In preparation for this appointment, he served as the trust’s chief operating officer in October 2003.

Additionally, in late November of 2010, Chicago’s Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed Terry as the interim chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools, a district of more than 400,000 students and over 600 schools with a budget of $5 billion.

Terry was recently elected to serve on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and he is civically active in several area not-for-profit organizations, including Donors Forum, the Chicago High School for the Fine and Performing Arts, and as a member of the board of Renaissance Schools Fund, which has raised more than $50 million to support the launch of 100 new schools. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Council on Global Affairs task forces for globalization and immigration and is cochair of the Partnership for New Communities, which is supporting the transformation of public housing in Chicago.

In response to the economic recession and an invitation from Mayor Daley of Chicago, Terry provided leadership to organize the Recovery Partnership involving over 50 foundations to support the distribution of over $1 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in Chicago.

Nationally, Terry is a board member of the Council on Foundations and chairman of the council’s Community Foundations Leadership Team, which represents the nation’s 700 community foundations, as well as past president of the Community Foundations Service Corporation. Terry is a member of the Diversity in Philanthropy Project. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Independent Sector’s Leadership Award Selection Committee.

Terry Mazany joined The Chicago Community Trust in 2001 as director and senior program officer for its Education Initiative. In this capacity, he led the design and implementation of the trust’s $50 million, five-year commitment to support literacy, teacher and principal quality, and the creation of new schools in Chicago. Based on the success of this initiative, the trust renewed its funding for a second five-year, $50 million commitment focused on expanding system-wide improvements across all curriculum content areas, developing more high-quality principal and teacher leaders, and supporting innovation at the local school level.

Terry earned a master’s in anthropology and a master of business administration with an emphasis on organizational change from the University of Arizona. He applied this knowledge of organizational change and continuous improvement first in the Detroit Public Schools and then in districts throughout the country, including Chicago, Baltimore, Oakland, and San Francisco, as well as many smaller school districts. He consulted directly with hundreds of schools and teachers, developing powerful models of curriculum and assessments within classrooms and pioneering models for whole school change.

Preceding his work in the public sector, Terry Mazany enjoyed his first career as an archaeologist and dendrochronologist—using tree-ring chronologies to date human settlements and develop past climate records.
STUDENT SPEAKERS

Carly Siuta, BA ’11 UPA
Carly is a very proud member of the third cohort of urban and public affairs students. A native of Racine, Wisconsin, Carly began her studies at Temple University in Philadelphia in 2002. After deciding to take some time to gain work experience, she relocated to Chicago in 2004. Here she held various jobs in small business and the nonprofit sector. In 2008, having completed two years of full-time AmeriCorps service working in public schools across Chicago, Carly decided to complete her degree with UIC’s UPA program. Highlights of her time at UIC include a semester of study at Politecnico di Milano in Milan, Italy, in spring of 2010 and an internship with CMAP’s Future Leaders in Planning youth program. Carly continues to work and volunteer in the fields of education and youth engagement in community development and looks forward to continuing this career path after graduation.

Eden Sabala, MPA ’11
Eden Sabala is a May 2011 MPA candidate focusing in nonprofit management, and she holds a BFA in industrial design awarded in 2008 from UIC. She is currently the president of the student organization PASA (Public Administration Student Association) and a student debate policy winner at the 2011 ASPA Annual Conference. Eden will be combining her interest of art and design with the management style of nonprofit and policy. She has held an assistantship with the UIC Office of Student Development Services and interned at After School Matters, Arts Alliance Illinois, and the Hyde Park Art Center. Eden is bit of a hybrid in the field of public administration; she believes that through the tools of public administration and practice in the arts, she has what she needs to succeed in the field of city government and art administration.

Robert Fuller, MUPP ’11
Bob Fuller is a resident of Rogers Park in Chicago. He completed his master of urban planning and policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago with a concentration in community development. His research focuses on community-led planning, public budgeting, and environmental infrastructure. He has worked in local and state politics as well as education. He is originally from Reno, Nevada, and has lived in Chicago for the past decade.
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 Market 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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