

**Report of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee on
University and Urban Affairs
2018-19 Academic Year**

**Submitted by
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Our Mission is:

The Committee on University and Urban Affairs helps foster continued good citizenship between The George Washington University and the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area. The University and Urban Affairs Committee serves as an ongoing catalyst for maximum efficiency in this area and prevents the duplication of effort between GW and the community itself. By affirmatively tracking GW's already allocated resources and initiatives, the University and Urban Affairs Committee "paints the big picture" of GW's community relationships and subsequently provides the University with a valuable source of advice on continuous improvement and possible future endeavors.

1. The UAUA Membership: The UAUA Committee represents the breadth and strength of the University community, with active faculty, administrators, staff, and student members serving in full member or ex-officio status, from schools and departments across campus. Our membership includes:

*Chair: Cottrol, Bob (Law) *
Markus, Anne (GWSPH)*
Bennett, William (SMHS)
Cassar, Linda (SON)
Catalanotti, Jillian (SMHS)
Conroy, Fiona (CPS)
Dawn, Karen (SON)
LeLacheur, Susan (SMHS)
Melton, Najeebe Danielle (SMHS)
Orenstein, Dara (CCAS)
Saliba, Zeina (SMHS)
Schwartz, Dan (CCAS) *
Thomas, Majorie (Athletics Staff)
Whitlow, Malinda (SON)
Wolons, Jilian (GW Student Association)

* Senate Member

The committee kept in touch on urban related activities through email and telephone. Some of the more notable activities in this regard are noted below.

- The **Honey Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service**, directed by Center Director Amy Cohen, devotes most of its work to University-Community partnerships: <https://serve.gwu.edu/community-engaged-scholarship>. The Center sponsored, in conjunction with the GW University Textile Museum, a documentary: “The Delano Manongs and the Legacy of the Filipino Farm Workers.” The Center also sponsored the annual Chavez-Huerta-Itliong celebration to honor the work, values and dedication of change agents committed to making the world a better place for all. The celebration and call to action was held on Friday March 29th and included volunteer opportunities.
- The Center will host its annual closing Symposium on April 26 from noon to 3:30 on the third floor of the Marvin Center.
- The center will also be submitting an application on April 15th for designation by the Carnegie Institute for the Advancement of Teaching as a Community-Engaged Institution.

Gregory Squires of the sociology department had an active record of producing scholarship and public presentations that highlighted important urban issues. These included:

Publications:

Dominic Moulden and Gregory D. Squires 2018. “The Continued Pursuit of Equitable Development in DC” in Wade Rathke (ed) Lessons from the Field: Campaigns Social Policy Press

Dominic T. Moulden, Gregory D. Squires, and Aristotle Theresa. 2018. “The Right to Stay Put,” Washington Post September 23 C-4.

“Lack of Subsidy not the Crux of Housing Affordability Challenges” ONE DC Monthly Voice July 2018 <https://www.onedconline.org/>

Comments submitted to federal agencies on proposed regulations:

Comments submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on Proposed Rule: FR-6111-A-01 Reconsideration of HUD’s Implementation of the Fair Housing Act’s Disparate Impact Standard Tracking Number: 1k2-94v2-h3jt, August 15, 2018.

Comment submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on Proposed Rule: FR-6123-A-01 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Streamlining and Enhancements Tracking Number 1k2-95xs-tnpr, October 12, 2018.

Comment submitted to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on proposed rule Reforming the Community Reinvestment act Regulatory Framework Tracking Number 1k2-966k-sw0s, October 25, 2018

Presentations:

“Fair Housing at 50 and Beyond” Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association August 14 Philadelphia, 2018

"The Fight for Fair Housing," University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, 2018

"Inequality, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Contested Terrain of Consumer Protection," University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, 2018.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFcTLKwG4Ry7Y3DaK3RGdNk5KHIPJoDcG&disable_polymer=true

“Doing Well and Doing Good: Overcoming the Institutional Barriers to Engaged Scholarship,” invited lecture, Sociological Research Methods, 2018

“Five Decades after Fair Housing,” 1968 Initiative. Sponsored by the Department of American Studies, Department of History, Museum Studies Program, Columbia College of Arts & Sciences, George Washington University, 2018

Panelist, Mapping Segregation in Washington DC., Center for Washington Area Studies, George Washington University, October 24, 2018

Panelist, From Urban Renewal to Gentrification: Planning, Housing, and Neighborhood Change, A Right to the City: The Past and Future of Urban Equity, Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, October 26, 2018.

Author’s Conference for Daniel Shoag, “Removing Barriers to Accessing High Productivity Places,” The Hamilton Project, Brookings Institution November 1, 2018

The law school and its faculty have participated in a number of programs related to issues of urban concern:

On Thursday March 21, 2019, Law School Associate Dean Rosa Celorio moderated a discussion: by UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Dubravka Simonovic: “Violence Against Women 25 Years: Mandate, Challenges, and the Path Forward.” Mary Ellsberg, Executive Director of the Global Women’s Institute at George Washington provided commentary on the address.

The law school hosted a book talk, “Marxism and Criminology: A History of Criminal Selectivity,” by Professor Valeria Vegh Weiss of the University of Buenos Aires and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The discussion was moderated by Bob Cottrol of the law school.

Bob Cottrol of the law school was the co-presenter of the Keynote Address at the 2019 Randolph W. Throrer Symposium: *Exploring Gun Violence in Modern America: Law, Policy and Social Movements*, at the Emory University School of Law. Thursday, February 7, 2019.