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Call for Papers...

51st Annual Meeting ~ Sheraton Kauai, Poipu ~ February 8–11, 2012

Our 51st Annual Meeting will take us back to Hawaii, to the singularly scenic Garden Island of Kauai, and to the beachfront Sheraton Kauai Hotel in Poipu.

Those who participated at our 39th Annual Meeting in 2000 will remember the Sheraton, although a number of significant improvements have been made in the intervening years, including more meeting room space for our signature ‘seminar-style’ invited paper sessions.

Per longstanding WRSA custom, the academic program will once again be built around suites of invited paper sessions with a full 45-minute time block for each presentation, inclusive of the remarks of a formal assigned discussant and open discussion with all participants. WRSA conferences are the perfect venue for getting real constructive feedback on your work in progress!

Unlike other conferences, we do not base acceptances on the submission of abstracts alone. For consideration by the Program Committee, prospective participants must submit a complete paper by the customary October 15 deadline. (Note: Papers may be in draft form at that stage, with the more finalized conference version of the paper due no later than December 31.)

Please note the earlier than typical dates of our 2012 conference (chosen to avoid a direct conflict with the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Geographers in New York, February 24–28).

The 51st Meeting will get underway with registration and the 2nd Annual Lay James Gibson Plenary Session in the late afternoon of Wednesday, February 8, to be followed immediately by a Welcoming Reception. Concurrent paper sessions will be held all-day Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 9–11.

Participants will most likely want to plan to depart Sunday, February 12, however, we have rooms blocked at our very special conference rates (Garden View: \$175, plus tax, single or double occupancy; Deluxe Oceanfront: \$225, plus tax) from Saturday, February 4, through the night of Sunday, February 12. The rates will also be available for three nights pre- and post-room block dates, subject to availability at the time of reservation.

More Information... For full conference information in the months ahead, consult our new and improved WRSA website: <http://www.wrsa.info> Questions? Drop a note to Executive Director, Rachel Franklin: rachel_franklin@brown.edu.

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The Monterey 2011, 50th Meeting: Golden Memories & Blue Skies

Longtime WRSAers and first-time participants came from six continents (and islands between!) to help celebrate WRSA's 50th Anniversary at a singularly memorable conference held at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, February 27–March 2, 2010. For the some 220 registrants, the scholarly and social interactions both lived up to WRSA's motto: "The way academic life should be." And, for once, even the weather cooperated, with blue skies and crisp cool days prevailing throughout our conference dates.

The Final Program listed 36 of WRSA's 'signature,' seminar-style invited paper sessions, scheduled across the three main days of the conference, and encompassing 159 presentations.

The program also included a number of special features. Our Remote Regions group, organized as always in recent years by Lee Huskey, sponsored a trio of sessions. The AUBER group, under the direction of Rich Wobbekind (assisted by Tim Hogan), put on a lively "Western Economic Outlook" session. And a special Panel Session organized by Claude Gruen focused on the theme: "New Urban Development: Looking Back to See Forward."

The conference kicked off on Sunday afternoon, February 27, with a panel composed of the Association's three long-term Executive Secretaries: Lay Gibson, Bob Monahan, and Dave Plane. They related an in-depth, oral history of the Association under the title: "The First Fifty Years of the Western Regional Science Association: The Making of a Brand." (A full, written version of the history authored by Gibson, Monahan and Plane will appear in the forthcoming special 50th WRSA Anniversary Issue of the *Annals of Regional Science*, being edited by Janet Kohlhasse.) This year's plenary opening session was the first to be presented under its new name: The Lay James Gibson Plenary Opening Session." Sunday evening found participants and accompanying persons enjoying the conviviality of the traditional Welcoming Reception in the Plaza's lovely Monterey Bay Room.

Monday saw conference-goers participating in a full slate of seven morning and seven afternoon concurrent sessions. Following the afternoon coffee break, the WRSA Board convened for its annual business meeting (see related stories, this *Newsletter*). Following the Board Meeting, a group of Board Members, Past Presidents, and spouses gathered for a Golden Anniversary celebratory dinner at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Beach House, a 'Dutch Treat' event organized by Lay and Janet Gibson, assisted by Dave Plane and Kathy Jacobs.

Concurrent paper sessions continued all day Tuesday. Two all-group activities also highlighted that day's action-packed agenda...

Conference goers assembled in the Plaza's Dolphins Ballroom (filing in past the soon-to-be-cut 50th Birthday Cake!) to enjoy the Annual Banquet Luncheon. WRSA 51st President, Bob Stimson, served as Master of Ceremonies for the very special luncheon program that included: the announcement of the winners of the (Silver Anniversary!) Tiebout Prize Competition, and the 15th Springer Prize (see related stories, this *Newsletter*); the announcement of WRSA's newest Board Members and Fellows, new Executive Director, and new Vice President (see related stories for details); plus a special musical performance on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary by the WRSA 'Banditos': T. John Kim and Eric Heikkila. In addition to some classic old favorites, the duo gave a rousing, World Premier Performance of Professor Heikkila's original composition, 'Ode to WRSA' (see lyrics, elsewhere, this *Newsletter*). The Banditos then led the group in the singing of 'Happy Birthday WRSA.'

Following a champagne toast to mark the official 50th Anniversary, the group enjoyed cake and coffee, while listening to a report on the preliminary findings of the Golden Anniversary Survey of the membership, presented by Executive Director Franklin. (A more complete paper reporting the final results, co-authored by Rachel, Dave Plane, and Warren Gill, will appear in the upcoming special issue of *The Annals*.)

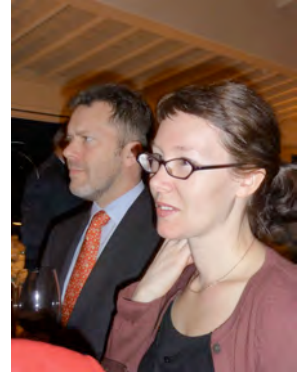
Due to the untimely death in September of our 52nd President, Warren Gill (see obituary in the Fall/Winter 2010 issue of the *WRSA Newsletter*), this year's Annual Luncheon did not feature a Presidential Address. However, the Golden Anniversary Survey Project, 'What Makes WRSA Special?' was one of Warren's pet projects, and it is being completed in his honor. In addition to some words of memory offered by President Stimson at the Luncheon, throughout the conference participants could be seen hoisting their glasses as they related their favorite Warren stories.

After a full afternoon of papers, Tuesday evening found the full group re-gathering in the Dolphins Ballroom for cocktails and some tasty hors d'oeuvres at a Golden Anniversary Reception.

Wednesday morning dawned bright and clear over Monterey Bay as WRSAers set out to engage in a final full day of scholarly interchange, before heading back to home bases around the globe.



WRSA Executive Director, Rachel Franklin, at the microphone, addressing the audience at the 50th Annual Meeting Banquet Luncheon



Rachel Franklin Appointed WRSA Executive Director

At its February 28 Annual Meeting, the WRSA Board tapped Dr. Rachel S. Franklin, Assistant (Research) Professor and Associate Director of Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences at Brown University, to lead the Association into its next half century.

Dr. Franklin's 2004 doctorate from the University of Arizona was earned in Geography with a minor in Spatial Analysis and Remote Sensing. Her M.A., in West European Studies, and B.A., with a double major in French and Political Science, are both from Indiana University. She also holds a Degré d'Études Françaises from the Université de Bordeaux.

Prior to moving to Brown University last year, Dr. Franklin held positions as Senior Lecturer at the University of Maryland, Deputy Director of the Association of American Geographers, and Statistician Demographer with the U.S. Census Bureau.

During her grad school days in Tucson, Rachel served as WRSA's Executive Assistant, managing operations at the 2000 Annual Meeting in Poipu, the 2001 40th Anniversary Meeting in Palm Springs, and taking on lead responsibility for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Monterey (filling in for then Executive Secretary, Dave Plane, who that year was on Sabbatical Leave at the U.S. Census Bureau).

Rachel becomes only the fourth scholar appointed to WRSA's chief operating officer position, which, in recognition of the plethora of duties entailed, the Board has renamed from Executive Secretary to Executive Director. David Plane's term of service as Executive Secretary extended from 1991 through 2011, Lay Gibson's from 1979 through 1991, and Bob Monahan's from 1968 through 1979. In the formative years of the Association prior to 1968, Charles Tiebout and Michael Mischaikow contributed primary leadership.



*Our 50th
Anniversary
Meeting Venue,
The Monterey Plaza*

*More photos from
the Monterey
conference:
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Charles M. Tiebout Prize: Pengyu Zhu is 25th Winner

Pengyu Zhu, doctoral student at the University of Southern California, was awarded the 25th Annual Charles M. Tiebout Prize at WRSA's 50th anniversary meeting in Monterey, California. Pengyu is a PhD student in USC's School of Policy, Planning, and Development, studying with Peter Gordon.

His paper, "Are Telecommuting and Personal Travel Complements or Substitutes?" was presented in a regular invited paper session at the conference.



WRSA Past President, T. John Kim, and current President, Bob Stimson, congratulate 25th Tiebout Winner, Pengyu Zhu

The pool of applicants for this year's Prize was outstanding in quality and quantity of submissions.

This was the Silver Anniversary Competition for the Prize, named in honor of the late Charlie Tiebout, a founding father of the WRSA, who was especially adept at mentoring graduate students. Prior to the presentation of this year's Prize at the Annual Banquet Luncheon, Past Presidents Ted Lane and Geoff Hewings (both of whom were instrumental in setting up the competition) presented a short oral history of the founding of the Prize.

The Prize, which comes with a \$1,000 cash award to help defray the costs of participating at the conference, was created to encourage the active participation of outstanding junior scholars in the Association. It is judged by a Reading Committee consisting of the four most immediate Past Presidents of the Association. Thanks this year go to Past Presidents Jack Osman, Geoff Hewings, T. John Kim (Chair), and David Holland for reading and evaluating the submissions.

To make a (U.S. tax-deductible) donation to WRSA's Tiebout Prize Endowment Fund, visit: www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/Tiebout_Fund.html



Ralph McLaughlin Honored with 15th Springer Prize

Ralph B. McLaughlin, University of South Australia, Adelaide, was honored at the Monterey 50th Annual Meeting as the winner of the 15th Annual Springer Award.

The Springer Prize is emblematic of the best paper presented at the conference by an early career scholar (no more than five years past the doctorate). The competition was judged by Börje Johansson, Euijune Kim, and Janet Kohlhase, the three Coeditors of the WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*.

McLaughlin's winning entry, presented in one of the "Housing" sessions at the conference, was entitled: "Metropolitan growth policies and new housing supply: Evidence from Australia's capital cities."

The Prize includes an award of \$300 in Springer books of the winner's choice.



Springer Winner Ralph McLaughlin accepts the 15th Prize from Annals Coeditors, Janet Kohlhase and Euijune Kim

***Board Selects Hans Westlund
2011–2012 Vice President,
Peter Gordon President-Elect, and
Maureen Kilkenny & Terry Clower
as New Members***

At its annual business meeting held during the Monterey Annual Meeting, the WRSA Board chose Hans Westlund, of the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology, as our incoming Vice-President for the 2010–2011 year.

Peter Gordon, University of Southern California, succeeds to become President-Elect; Peter will give his Address and host the 2012 President's Reception in Poipu.

At its Monterey Annual Meeting, the Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to honor the memory of Warren Gill by listing him as 52nd WRSA President—a position he was so very much looking forward to filling prior to his untimely death in September.

The Board acknowledged the long-term contributions of Brian Holly, U.S. Census Bureau, whose term ended this past year, and appointed as its newest members, for terms beginning with the 2011–2012 year, Maureen Kilkenny, University of Nevada, Reno, and Terry Clower, University of North Texas.

Charles L. Leven, Passes at 82

Washington University of St. Louis Professor Emeritus Charles "Charlie" Leven passed away peacefully on March 15 in his boyhood home of Chicago.

Charlie was one of the early activist members of the WRSA and served as our 14th President (1973–74). Always overflowing with bonhomie and innovative ideas, Charlie was one of the U.S.'s most distinguished urban economists. He was made one of the first Fellows of the WRSA in recognition of his many contributions to the Association.

Charlie was a member of the Economics Department faculty at Washington University from 1965 until his retirement in 1991. He served as department chair for six years. Charlie was a central figure in the Regional Science Association, serving as RSA President in 1965.

WRSA members will miss listening to Charlie's banter, incisive commentaries, wit, and warm good humor at future Annual Meetings.



New Vice President Hans Westlund, and Fellow, Dave Plane, at the Golden Anniversary Board and Past Presidents Dinner in Monterey

**Jack Osman and Dave Plane
Named Fellows of the WRSA**

Two new Fellows of the WRSA were installed at the Monterey 50th Annual Meeting. Jack Osman, San Francisco State University, became the 16th, and David Plane, University of Arizona, the 17th individuals to have been so honored in the Association's first 50 years. WRSA Fellows are appointed by the Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional lifetime scholarship and service.



Jack presenting the Tiebout Prize in Napa in 2009

Jack is Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Economics Department at San Francisco State University. He served as WRSA's 47th President from 2006 to 2007.

Dave is Professor of Geography and Regional Development at the University of Arizona, Tucson. A former Head of Department, he has served as President of the North American Regional Science Council, the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, and the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers.

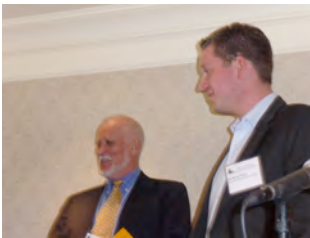
The full list of living Fellows is found elsewhere in this *Newsletter*. Deceased Fellows are Charles Leven and Michael Mischaikow.

Dauth and Kollman Named Tiebout Finalists; Rodriguez Gamez, Atuesta, and Patrick Earn Honorable Mentions

The Reading Committee for the 25th Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science decided to recognize five graduate students for their excellent research in addition to the ultimate Prize Winner (Pengyu Zhu, see related article elsewhere in the this *Newsletter*.)

All five presented their papers in regular invited paper sessions of the 50th Anniversary conference in Monterey. Additionally, several other entrants in the competition also received invitations from the Program Committee to present their work and were in attendance. Quite clearly the Prize is serving its function of bringing outstanding new scholars into WRSA!

Receiving recognition for achieving 'Finalist' status in the 25th Competition were:



Wolfgang Dauth,
University of Erlangen-
Nuremberg, for his paper:
“The mysteries of trade:
Interindustry spillovers in
cities,”

and **Trevor Kollman**,
University of
Arizona, for: “The
impact of African
American migration
on housing in New
York City
neighborhoods during
the Great Depression”



The three grad student scholars whose entries were judged to merit Honorable Mention status were:

- **Liz Ileana Rodriguez Gamez**, University of Arizona, for her paper: “Employment density in Hermosillo, 1999–2004: A spatial econometric approach of local parameters”
- **Laura Atuesta**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, for: “Economic welfare analysis of the legalization of drugs: A CGE microsimulation model for Columbia”
- **Carlianne Patrick**, The Ohio State University, for: “The economic development incentives game: An imperfect information, heterogeneous communities approach.”



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Regional Science Meeting Calendar

42nd Annual Conference of the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association

Detroit, Michigan, June 8–10, 2011

www.mcra.org/conference.html

22nd Pacific Conference of the RSAI (PRSCO)

Seoul, Korea, July 3–6, 2011

www.prSCO2011.com/

51st European Congress of the RSAI

Barcelona, Spain, August 30–September 3, 2011

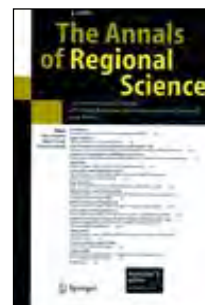
www.ersa.org/ersa-congress/

58th North American Meetings of the RSAI and 2nd Conference of the Regional Science Association of the Americas

Miami, Florida, November 9–12, 2011

www.narsc.org/newsite/?page_id=10

51st Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science



Submitting Papers to:

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Next year's will be our 9th on the islands!

Previous WRSA Annual Meetings Held in Hawaii:

47th

Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort, Hawaii, HI
February 17-20, 2008

43rd

Marriott Wailea Resort, Maui, HI
February 25-28, 2004

39th

Sheraton Kauai Resort, Poipu, HI
February 26-March 1, 2000

36th

Royal Waikoloan Resort, Waikoloa, Hawaii, HI
February 23-27, 1997

32nd

Maui Inter-Continental Resort, Wailea, Maui, HI
February 21-25, 1993

29th

Kaluokoi Hotel, Molokai, HI
February 21-25, 1990

26th

The Kona Surf
Resort, Keauhou,
Hawaii, HI
February 18-22,
1987

22nd

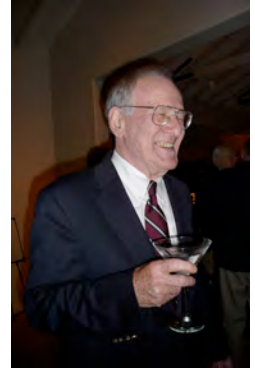
The Prince Kuhio
Hotel, Honolulu,
Oahu, HI



February 24-27, 1983



*Eric gives the World Premiere
Performance
at the 50th Anniversary Meeting*



Ode to WRSA

by Eric J. Heikkila

*This is an ode to WRSA
a fine organization (that's) fifty years old today
Fifty years more it's surely here to stay
So now it's time for all of YOU to say:*

**W-RSA! ... W-RSA! ... W-RSA!
Yeah, that's what we're here to celebrate today!**

*We get together once every year
Sometimes over there, sometimes it's right here
A fifty year run is something to cheer
So now I want EVERYONE to hear:*

**W-RSA! ... W-RSA! ... W-RSA!
Yeah, that's what we're here to celebrate today!**

*We've had great leaders like Gibson and Plane
They keep us going through sunshine or rain
Working all day but never complain
And now its time to sing the refrain:*

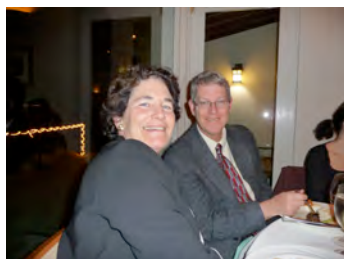
**W-RSA! ... W-RSA! ... W-RSA!
Yeah, that's what we're here to celebrate today!**

*We've had great scholars like Charlie "Teeboo"
Once we all get here we know what to do
Keep writing papers 'til they're up the kazoo
And now a loud chorus is all up to you:*

**W-RSA! ... W-RSA! ... W-RSA!
Yeah, that's what we're here to celebrate today!**

*Nice of you all to listen to this song
But we all know that it would be wrong
For us to continue, for it to prolong
So now it's time to RING THE BIG GONG!*

W-RSA! ... W-RSA! ... W-RSA!
Yeah, that's what we're here to celebrate today!



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