Call for Papers…

**Our Golden Anniversary Celebration:**

**The 50th Annual Meeting ~ Monterey, CA ~ Feb. 27–March 2, 2011**

WRSA was founded in 1961, with the first Annual Meeting held at the University of California, Berkeley, Student Union in 1962. Our 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting will also be held in Northern California: at the lovely Monterey Plaza Hotel.

Plan now to take part in the celebration as we look back at a first half century of regional science scholarship and warm, WRSA collegiality – and help kick off the next 50 years of “The way academic life should be.”

The Call for Papers is now up on the website. We are anticipating a large and high-quality slate of invited paper sessions that will, as always, be conducted in WRSA’s “signature” seminar style.

With a full 45 minutes for each presentation – inclusive of the remarks of a formal discussant and open discussion with session attendees – WRSA is a great venue to get feedback on your current research.

The 2011 conference will get underway with an Opening Session and Reception in the late afternoon, of Sunday, February 27. Paper sessions will get underway first thing Monday morning, February 28, and continue all day Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1 and 2.

The Monterey Plaza is right on famous Cannery Row; the main building is on pillars and cantilevered out over Monterey Bay with spectacular views. Fisherman’s wharf and downtown Monterey is a few minutes walk in one direction, the Monterey Bay aquarium a few minutes the other way. Great dining and touristic opportunities abound—Monterey is a tremendous venue to attend a conference.

Long-time WRSAers will remember the Plaza as the venue of our 1991, 30th Annual Meeting.

**Travel to Monterey**… Look into flying into the incredibly convenient Monterey Peninsula Airport Just minutes by taxi or rental car from the conference hotel, “MRY” is serviced by American Eagle, United Express, USAirways and Allegiant Air with nonstop connecting service to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Phoenix and Denver. The airport’s website is: http://www.montereyairport.com/

**Rooms at the Plaza**… As usual we have negotiated great discounted sleeping-room rates at a premiere hotel. Our special conference rate is $179 per night, single or double occupancy (plus taxes and optional resort services fees).

We have rooms booked from Saturday 2/20 through Thursday 2/25. Be sure to make your reservations soon!

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**Monterey Arrangements**

reservation using the special link from the WRSA website in order to receive the conference rate! (Do NOT use the box on the hotel’s website.)

**Paper submittals...** Get working on a paper to submit by the customary October 15 deadline! We’d also love to hear from anyone who does not have a paper ready to go, but who would like a spot or two on the Program as a discussant or session chair.

Papers on any regional science topic are welcome!

Potential session themes include:

- Resource Utilization
- Impact Analysis
- Regional Modeling
- Location of Economic Activity
- Housing
- Regional & Urban Planning
- Environmental Quality
- Regional Development
- Migration and Demographic Analysis
- Transportation
- Locational Criteria for Public Services & Facilities
- Tourism & Recreation
- Local Public Finance
- Energy Issues
- Regional Science Epistemology & Pedagogy.

WRSA’s signature ‘seminar-style’ paper sessions afford a great opportunity to obtain constructive feedback on your research! Per WRSA custom, all papers are allocated a total of 45 minutes of Program time and each is assigned a formal discussant.

The official submission deadline is **October 15**. Draft versions are acceptable at that date. Note: **WRSA does not make acceptances on the basis of abstracts alone.** All papers are screened by the Program Committee before formal invitations are issued.

For multiple-authored papers clearly indicate which authors plan to attend and include email addresses for all intended participants. Only one paper may be presented per fee-paying registrant.

Manuscripts submitted for program consideration should be emailed to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) as a file attachment. Word or PDF formats are acceptable. Please do not send graphics-laden files at this stage. Large graphics files may be sent directly to your discussant and session chair closer to the time of the conference.

The Preliminary Program will be posted by December 31, at which point ‘final’ conference versions of any manuscripts accepted in ‘draft’ form will be due.

**Preregistration.** This year all participants will preregister using the E-store facilities provided by the North American Regional Science Council. Payment may be made on-line with a Master Card or Visa, or by sending in a personal check payable in U.S. dollars. See the link on the WRSA website for details.

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and will, by virtue of their participation, become 2011 members of WRSA. Coauthors not attending the conference are not required to pay registration fees.

Please preregister early. After February 1 the registration fee goes up by $90. It greatly facilitates check-in at the conference if everyone is paid up.

**Reserve the Dates...** The main events of the 2011 conference will be held beginning in the late afternoon of Sunday, February 27 and continuing through paper sessions held all day Wednesday, March 2.

A large block of rooms is being held for our group at the special negotiated conference rates from Sunday night, February 27 through Wednesday night, March 2. A more limited number of rooms is being held for those wishing to come in early on Saturday night, February 26. Contingent on availability, our conference rate will also be honored three days pre- and post- those block nights. As always, however, our block may fill for one or more of the nights – so please reserve your room early!

**Overview of Our 2011 Annual Meeting Dates...**

- **Sunday, February 27:** Note: no paper sessions will be held on this day. Registration opens in the early-afternoon; Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon followed by the Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- **Monday, February 28:** Registration reopens and continues (throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); WRSA Board Meeting (late afternoon; by invitation only)
- **Tuesday, March 1:** Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (for all registered meeting participants; tickets and fee required for non-registered accompanying persons); Evening President's Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- **Wednesday, March 2:** Registration continues (throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM)

**More Information...** For full conference information consult the WRSA website: [http://www.wrsa.info](http://www.wrsa.info)

Questions? Feel free to drop a note to Executive Secretary Dave Plane: plane@email.arizona.edu
The Sedona 2010 Annual Meeting: WRSA’s Cosmic Convergence

Participants from far and wide came together at the Hilton Sedona Resort in Arizona’s singularly scenic Red Rock Country for WRSA’s highly successful 49th Annual Meeting. The Final Program listed 33 of WRSA’s ‘signature’ seminar-style invited paper sessions, scheduled across the three main days of the conference. This time the Program listed 139 paper presentations.

Our Remote Regions group, organized as always in recent years by Lee Huskey, sponsored a pair of paper sessions. The AUBER group, under the direction of Keith Schwer (with ongoing capable assistance of Tim Hogan) put on a lively “Western Economic Outlook” session. And a slate of five special sessions featured papers on a variety of topics presented to honor the career of Gordon F. Mulligan, who recently retired from the geography and regional development faculty at the University of Arizona. The sessions, which were organized by John Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will result in a special upcoming feature issue of The Annals of Regional Science -- the Association’s official journal.

The conference kicked off on Sunday afternoon, February 21, with a provocative and lively talk about the current state and future prospects for recovery of the State of Arizona’s Economy by Lee McPheters, Research Professor of Economics in the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University and Director of the school’s JPMorgan Chase Economic Outlook Center. Following a lively question and answer period the group adjourned to enjoy a most convivial Welcoming Reception.

Monday saw conference-goers participating in a full slate of six morning and six afternoon paper sessions. Following the afternoon coffee break, the WRSA Board convened for its annual business meeting (see related story, this Newsletter).

A large (and boisterous) group of conference-goers chose to attend a special, optional Monday-evening dinner held to honor Gordon Mulligan at the adjacent Cucina Rustica Restaurant.

Concurrent paper sessions continued all day Tuesday. Two all-group activities also highlighted the day’s agenda...

Conference goers assembled in the sun-splashed, WRSA yellow-and-blue linened Tequa Ballroom to enjoy the Annual Banquet Luncheon. WRSA 50th President, David Holland served as Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon program, which included the announcement of winners and presentations of both the Tiebout and Springer Prizes (see related stories, this Newsletter) and the announcement of WRSA’s newest ‘Fellow’: Harry Richardson (see yet another related article). Then came 51st WRSA President Robert Stimson’s Presidential Address “And Now for Something Different: Modelling Socio-Political Landscapes.” Discussant remarks were presented by WRSA Past President, Kingsley Haynes. A number of photos of the luncheon may be viewed on the WRSA website by clicking on the Sedona Photo Album. Thanks to Shaundehl Runka for taking this year’s photos!

After a full afternoon of papers, Tuesday evening saw the full group re-gathering in the Tequa Ballroom for cocktails and some tasty hors d’oeuvres provided thanks to President Stimson.

Wednesday morning dawned in the Red Rock Country with WRSAsers setting out to engage in a final day of scholarly interchange before heading home from yet another warm, convivial and productive gathering of the regional science clan – the first to be held amidst the spiritually scenic splendors of Sedona.

WRSA President Bob Stimson addressing the 49th Annual Meeting Banquet Luncheon audience

WRSA Past President Kingsley Haynes discusses Bob’s Presidential Address

More photos from the Sedona conference: www.wrsa.info
Yiming Wang, University of Cardiff, Wales, was presented with the 14th Springer Prize at the February 23, 2010 Banquet Luncheon of the Sedona Annual Meeting. Making the presentation (and standing from left to right behind Nakamura in the above photo) were *Annals of Regional Science* – WRSA’s Official Journal – Coeditors Euijune Kim, Börje Johansson and Roger Stough, ably assisted by Springer Economics/Business Editor, Barbara Fess.

Dr. Wang’s winning paper was titled “Decomposing the entropy index of racial diversity: In search of two types of variance.” He is the first scholar to win back-to-back WRSA major prizes. At the 2009 Napa Annual Meeting he was honored as the Winner of the 23rd Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize for work completed while a graduate student at the University of Southern California.

The Springer Prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented at our Annual Meeting by an early career scholar (see full competition information below). In addition to an attractive certificate, winners receive a voucher good for $300 of Springer books.

**Tiebout Winner, Colleen Donovan, accepts the Prize**

Colleen Donovan, doctoral candidate at the University of California, Berkeley, was honored at the Sedona Annual Meeting as the winner of the 2010, 24th Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

Donovan’s winning entry titled, “Direct democracy, term limits, and fiscal decisions in U.S. municipalities,” was presented in the “Fiscal Issues” session on Monday afternoon.

Established in 1987, the Prize honors the memory of Charlie Tiebout, a founding member of the Association, for his many contributions to regional science before his untimely death in 1968. The Tiebout Prize is recognized as among the most prestigious of regional science awards recognizing graduate student research.

The 24th Competition was judged by a panel of the four most recent WRSA Past Presidents: Lee Huskey, Jack Osman, Geoff Hewings and T. John Kim. Geoff Hewings chaired the Committee and made the presentation at the Annual Banquet Luncheon at the Hilton Sedona on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. In addition to the Winner’s certificate, Donovan received a check for $1,000.

**Doh and Moilanen Tiebout Finalists; Four Earn Honorable Mentions**

Soogwan Doh, George Mason University, and Mikko Moilanen, were named as Finalists in the 24th Tiebout Prize Competition. Daniel Hartley, Rafael Garduño-Rivera, Dusan Paredes Araya, and Abby Train received certificates attesting to their Honorable Mention status. Photos of these young scholars receiving their awards are in the Sedona Album on the WRSA website.
WRSA's 52nd President-Elect, Warren Gill, Simon Fraser University's Vice President for University Relations, died on September 7 in Vancouver, B.C., just as this issue of the WRSA Newsletter was going to press.

Warren had been very much looking forward to presenting his Presidential Address in Monterey; up through the final weeks of his life he was actively engaged with the planning of the special activities to commemorate the Association's Golden Anniversary.

WRSA will deeply miss Warren's broad-ranging scholarship, his institution-building expertise, and his ubiquitous, infectious bonhomie.

The following is the obituary that ran on the Vancouver Sun website on Friday, September 10.

Warren Gill died peacefully on September 7, 2010 in the Palliative Care Unit of Vancouver General Hospital, with music playing softly and his dear Shaundehl gently comforting him. His beloved city where he was born and raised, and which was the focus of his work and play, sparkled outside his windows.

Warren is survived by his best friend and wife Shaundehl Runka, his parents Phyllis and George Gill, brother Wayne Gill (Sue), nephew Chris and niece Jenn. He is also mourned by Shaundehl's family: Celia Runka, Gary Runka, Joan Sawicki, Cayla Runka and nephew Marek, together with countless friends and colleagues who supported him and his family over the past 18 difficult months during his extraordinary and tireless contest with cancer.

Warren was one of the sweetest men on this planet and his 'fan club' comes from all walks of life. He made everyone feel at ease and was a kind and loving person who was a constant support for family, friends and colleagues; never judgmental, a peerless sounding board and confidante. Warren's energy and love for life was contagious, as was his laughter. His keen intelligence and quick wit, combined with his optimism, enthusiasm and aura of happiness, carried him through life, even in times of great stress and physical difficulty.

After graduating from Prince of Wales High School, Warren completed his B.A. and M.A. in Geography and Ph.D. in Urban Studies at UBC. His career at Simon Fraser University began in 1977 and continued for 33 years, culminating in the position of Vice President University Relations.

Central to his accomplishments at Simon Fraser University was the development of the SFU downtown campus from its first storefront on Howe Street. The building of the Harbour Centre Campus and the expansion over the last decade to include the SFU Wosk Centre for Dialogue, the Segal Graduate School of Business and SFU Woodward's are all evidence of his tireless work with others and fearless optimism. Warren also contributed to the expansion of SFU to Surrey Central City. His association with SFU was a source of great pride and his work with his many colleagues brought him much pleasure.

Warren treasured his association with the SFU geography department, where he was a popular teacher of urban and transportation geography. He served on many committees, and regularly supervised graduate and honours undergraduate students. Warren was committed to maintaining his academic interests and wrote and commented extensively on transportation, the cruise industry, and popular music. He was also known as a radio and television commentator on urban and transportation issues.

Warren regularly presented at conferences across North America, including the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Association of American Geographers and the Western Regional Science Association, of which he was proud to be President Elect. Strongly connected to Vancouver, Warren served on many boards including the Vancouver Academy of Music, the Downtown Vancouver Association, Fire and Rescue Services Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Vancouver Museum Commission, and the Northwest Cruiseship Association.

Warren's deep love of music was at the core of his being. He learned to play instruments at a young age and was in R & B and rock and roll bands from high school to the present, including the Spectres, Mantra and Wager. He was a consummate bass player and thrived on being part of the best boys club ever. Warren loved many things and had many interests: martinis, trains, architecture, cooking, golf, cats (Tali & Oban), great wine, Dr. Who, cruising, Earl Grey tea, magazines and books, spot prawns, music of all kinds, modern design, bike riding, ice cream (Cherry Garcia), ships, travel and exploring, licorice allsorts, talking, chocolate, baseball and trivia.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Sunday September 19, 2010 at SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings St. Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Warren's memory can be made to the Dr. Warren Gill Memorial Fund at SFU or to the Royal Hudson Preservation Fund of the West Coast Railway Association.
Attention Graduate Students...

Call for Papers:
25th Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 25th Annual Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

The Tiebout Prize will be awarded for the best paper submitted by a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently or having completed studies during Academic Year 2009–2010).

To be considered, papers should be in the general multidisciplinary realm of regional science: topics in the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, economic and quantitative geography, and local public finance are especially encouraged.

Papers will be judged by a Reading Committee of four former WRSA Presidents, and the decision of the committee—which will be rendered by late-November—will be final.

The author of the winning paper must present the research at the WRSA's 50th Annual Meeting to be held at the Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey, California during the period February 27–March 2, 2011.

The winning author will receive $1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting. The paper will be printed in the prestigious international quarterly journal The Annals of Regional Science (published by Springer) following standard review/revision procedures.

Authors of all papers judged by the Program Committee to be worthy of presentation will be invited to deliver them in regular sessions of the Meeting. Registration waivers will be awarded to authors of papers selected as meriting "Finalist" status in the competition.

Graduate students wishing to submit papers for the competition should send five (5) hard copies and e-mail, as an attachment, an electronic copy of the paper in Word or PDF format to:

Professor David A. Plane
Organizer, 50th Annual Meeting of the WRSA
School of Geography & Development / University of Arizona / Harvill Building, Box 2
Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA

(If sending by express courier, please add: Room 409,1103 E. 2nd Street; Phone: 520-621-1652)
E-mail: plane@email.arizona.edu

Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA no later than):

**October 15, 2010**

- Submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, postal and e-mail addresses, and telephone number.
- Please indicate your Department and University affiliation and the name of your primary faculty supervisor.
- All text should be double-spaced.
- Only one submission will be accepted per author, and only singly-authored papers will be considered.

NOTE: Any paper exceeding 50 pages in length (inclusive of references, tables and figures) will NOT be sent to the Reading Committee.

The prize is awarded in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students; thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.
Board Picks Peter Gordon as V.P., Appoints John Carruthers and Pete Parcells as New Members

At its annual business meeting held during the Sedona Annual Meeting, the WRSA Board chose Professor Peter Gordon, University of Southern California, as our incoming Vice-President for the 2010–2011 year.

John Carruthers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and R. Pete Parcells, Whitman College, were appointed as new members of the Board.

Board Names Geoff Hewings 15th Fellow of the WRSA

At the Sedona Annual Meeting, Professor Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, was named as the 15th and newest Fellow of the Western Regional Science Association. WRSA Fellows are appointed by the Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional lifetime scholarship and service to the Association.

Geoff served as WRSA’s 48th President (2007–2008). He chaired this past year’s Tiebout Reading Committee of Past Presidents and has been involved with the organization of the Tiebout Prize since its inception 25 years ago.

For more particulars regarding Geoff’s career and scholarship see the Wikipedia article put together in conjunction with special sessions held in his honor at the Big Island 2008 WRSA Annual Meeting:

Geoff joins the late Michael Mischaikow and 13 living members (listed in the column to the right) to be accorded WRSA’s highest recognition.

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WRSA Hosts Ginormous (2\textsuperscript{nd} Hugest Ever) North American Meetings in San Francisco...

November 18–21, 2009, WRSA hosted the 56\textsuperscript{th} North American Meetings of the RSAI at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Union Square in San Francisco. With 627 registrants, the conference qualified as the second largest regional science gathering ever held in North America – topped by only the 2008, 55\textsuperscript{th} Meetings in Brooklyn. The final count included 367 North Americans and 260 from other continents. There were 140 student participants.

Serge Rey did a masterful job organizing the Program; Dave Plane was the Arrangements Chair. WRSA Fellow John Quigley served as NARSC’s 2009 President. The S.F. Fed hosted a gracious reception at the Bank’s headquarters.

**Tiebout Prize Endowment Fund Campaign Needs YOUR Support**

Please consider making a contribution to the Tiebout Prize Endowment Fund.

Help make possible the expansion of WRSA’s prestigious Charles M. Tiebout Prize Competition and the fostering of the professional growth and development of the next generation of regional scientists.

Those wishing to contribute to the Tiebout Prize Endowment may make a donation easily on-line. Our funds are managed by the University of Arizona Foundation. The Foundation will send a letter thanking you for your donation that can be used for tax purposes. As no benefits are provided, donations are fully U.S. tax-deductible.

It’s simple and easy to donate by credit card! To go to the cyber-secure, dedicated Tiebout Fund page on the University of Arizona Foundation’s E-payment system use the link on the WRSA website: http://www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/Tiebout_Fund.html

If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to “University of Arizona Foundation” and note on the memo line of the check: “ Donation: WRSA Tiebout Prize Fund.” Checks should be mailed to Professor David A. Plane, Executive Secretary, WRSA at the address on Page 1 of this Newsletter.

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**Regional Science Meeting Calendar**

57\textsuperscript{th} North American Meetings of the RSAI, Denver, CO, November 11–13, 2010

The Meetings will be held at the Grand Hyatt hotel in downtown Denver are being hosted by the Mid Continent Regional Science Association. See the NARSC website for full details: www.narsc.org

50\textsuperscript{th} Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Monterey, CA, February 27–March 2, 2011

See articles, this Newsletter, and the WRSA website for details. www.wrsa.info

50\textsuperscript{th} Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 23-27, 2010

The conference will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter. See the SRSA website for further details: www.srsa.org

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**Submitting Papers to:**

**The Annals of Regional Science**

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