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Chair's Message

I have been in my job at the University of Florida for eight months and continue to be amazed by the energy and caliber of our faculty, students and alumni, and by the loyalty of the Gator Nation. I am very proud to be part of it. I am pleased to share with you some news since our last newsletter.



Our faculty has received recognition for their great accomplishments. Dean Christopher Silver and Gene Boles were named a Fellow of the AICP. Prof. Ilir Bejleri received the UF Research Foundation Professorship Award. This is a very prestigious award to reward distinctive contributions to research and scholarship. Ilir is the fourth professor in our department after Profs. Paul Zwick, Richard Schneider, and Ruth Steiner to receive this award, an indication of the strength of our faculty. Prof. Joseli Macedo received the International Educator of the Year Award 2007 from the College of Design, Construction and Planning. Ruth Steiner has received a research grant from the Center for Multimodal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation to study transportation impact assessment based on vehicle miles of travel. Our distinguished GeoPlan Center has just received a "Special Achievement in GIS" award at ESRI's 28th Annual User Conference. This award is being given to user sites around the world in recognition of their outstanding work in the GIS field.

We have initiated a "Planning Day" program, a day for the department to celebrate the successes of our alumni and students, seek advice from our Planning Advisory Council, and to bring awareness to the field of urban and regional planning by addressing critical and often controversial planning issues. The first Planning Day was held on April 18, 2008 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville, FL. In the morning, the faculty met with members of the URP Planning Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC elected David Tillis as its Chair, Tracy L. Crowe as Vice Chair and Michael C. Holbrook as Secretary. In the afternoon, a symposium on the "Future of Hometown Democracy" was held to discuss efforts to take local planning decisions to the voters. A group of prominent panelists presented argument about the pros and cons of the rise of "Ballot Box Planning" in Florida and other parts of the United States. In the evening, the department hosted its annual awards dinner to recognize students, alumni and friends.

As some of you know, our long-time professor, mentor and friend Dr. Ernest R. "Bart" Bartley passed away on January 22, 2008. To honor Dr. Bartley's memory and extraordinary contributions to the University of Florida and to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, the department is working on establishing a Dr. Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture Series. The Series is a joint effort of the PAC, alumni, students and the family of Dr. Ernest R. Bartley. The vision is to invite our alumni and friends to come back to the University to pay tribute to Dr. Bartley's legacy, to participate in planning-related discussions with a nationally prominent speaker, and to reconnect with the URP Gator Nation. Our goal is raise enough funds to have an endowment to support this annual lecture series.

URP PLANNING DAY 2008



Chair's Message (Continued)

The first donation has been made by Dr. Bartley's family.

We are also initiating a student mentoring program. We are planning to build a one-to-one mentoring program between the first- and second-year students so that first-year students have someone to talk to before and after they get here. We are also planning to have a professional mentoring program for all our students so that they can get some insights and guidance from professional planners in the field before they graduate. This would be very important for our students. If you are interested in this mentoring program, please let us know by sending an e-mail to Ms. Ella Littles at elittles@dcp.ufl.edu or call us at 352-392-0997. Your experience and advice would help our students and our program tremendously. We are planning a new student orientation at Lake Wauberg from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on August 29, 2008. You are invited to come meet our students and faculty, and enjoy the party and company.

We are also expanding our international study program to offer our students more opportunities to study abroad and engage with international planning activities. We just joined the Network for European and U.S. Regional and Urban Studies program, which allows our students to study and conduct research in European universities, and students from European countries to study at the University of Florida. Our Brazil program has been running strong in its third year. We are adding programs to Malaysia and soon to China. In addition, more opportunities are being planned for scholar and student exchanges with planning programs across the world.

We look forward to your involvement in any capacity in our program, and hope you are as excited as we are to move our department to the next level. Please come to see us and experience the excitement and the high caliber of our students, faculty and staff!

Zhong-Ren Peng, Chair and Professor

Message from the Planning Advisory Council

The Planning Advisory Council (PAC) had not met in a while, and when we convened on April 18, we welcomed returning and new PAC members as well as "returning" and new professors and staff. Among the new faces were our new Dean of the College, Christopher Silver, our new Department Chair, Zhong-Ren Peng, and new Assistant Professor Dawn Jourdan. It is an exciting time in the profession and a very exciting time in the Department, particularly now that sustainability and sustainable development has become main stream. Ten years ago, very few people were talking about sustainability, but now it is the topic of conversation from the classroom to the boardroom and it has moved from discussion to implementation. Florida's economy and environment are inexorably linked- the key to a healthy economy is a healthy environment. I think the Department can be a leader in preparing students to be practitioners that keep Florida's economy and environment healthy and vibrant and keep the State competitive in the world economy.

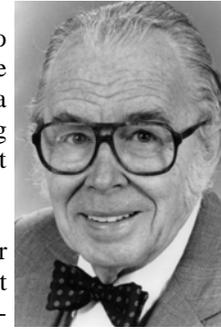
The Planning Advisory Council is a group of planning and development related professionals, some of whom are alumni, dedicated to helping the Department and the program remain strong, relevant and responsive by providing curriculum advice, alumni outreach and strengthened ties to the profession. We formed three committees-Development and Membership, Professional Relationship and Program Advisory- which gives a good overview of our focus going forward. While all three are important, I am particularly interested in strengthening ties with alumni, one of the tasks of the Professional Relationship committee. Our over 400 alumni are among leaders in the profession not just in Florida and represent a tremendous talent pool and resource for the program and its students. We have lost track of many of you and we want to find you and reconnect you with each other and the Department. If each of you who read this newsletter would simply respond with just 5 names and contact information of classmates we can build our alumni list.

The enthusiasm at the meeting was palpable and I look forward to working with my fellow PAC members and the Department staff to further strengthen the program and Department.

Dave Tillis
PAC Chair

Remembering and Honoring Ernest R. “Bart” Bartley (1919-2008)

Please help us honor Bart’s memory and extraordinary contributions to the University and to urban planning by providing a donation to support the Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture Series. Gifts for the Series will be used to form an endowment to fund an annual lecture by a nationally prominent speaker on planning policy, planning law, growth management, zoning or a related field. The first gift to the endowment was presented by the Bartley family at URP’s recent Annual Awards Dinner on April 18, 2008.



Bart was an institution at the University of Florida, having served as a faculty member for almost 60 years, with three decades as a professor and professor emeritus in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. As a planning consultant he helped shape hundreds of zoning ordinances around the state and was the principle author of Florida’s original growth management legislation. He was one of the primary consultants to Alaska’s Constitutional Convention and was honored in 2005 by the Alaska legislature on the 50th anniversary of statehood. Bart was a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and was commended in 2007 by the Florida Chapter of APA for “Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Planning.”

He mentored generations of students and faculty (who could forget “get your ducks in a row” and “planning *is* politics”?) and we hope that alumni can give something back so that future generations will continue to benefit from his legacy.

Checks to support the Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture Series should be made out to the University of Florida Foundation and sent to Evelyn Cairns, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, PO Box 115706, Gainesville, Florida 32611-5706.

We also ask you to share a Dr. Bartley story with us that we can publish in the Newsletter.

Thank you,

Prof. Richard H. Schneider
URP Fundraising Committee

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Hometown Democracy Symposium at Planning Day

By Dr. Dawn Jourdan

The Department of Urban and Regional Planning hosted its first Planning Day on April 18, 2008, bringing together faculty, students, practicing planners, and local residents to share in a discussion of the controversial proposed Hometown Democracy Amendment. This Amendment, not currently scheduled for consideration on the November ballot, would require local governments to hold citizen referenda each time they propose an amendment to their comprehensive plans. Roger Caves, professor of Planning and Urban Studies at San Diego State University, gave a keynote address exploring the rise of ballot box zoning and planning efforts around the nation. Shaw Stiller, general counsel for the Florida Department of Community Affairs, discussed the agency's position on Hometown Democracy, tracing the movement back to legislative decisions which have been eroding the power of the State's Growth Management laws. Ross Burnaman, vice president of Florida Hometown Democracy, explained the citizen-based initiative to place this referendum on the local ballot. Support for efforts to place the referendum on the ballot was voiced by citizen activist and school teacher, John Dunn, and Paula Stahmer, lawyer and conservation committee chair of the local chapter of the Sierra Club. Charles Pattison and Ryan Houck, executive directors from 1000 Friends of Florida and Floridians for Smarter Growth respectively, explained the primary reasons their groups opposed the measure and described their efforts to introduce legislation that would increase citizen participation in local decision-making without the passage of this amendment. The citizens' need for improved participation and more responsive state and local legislatures was the key theme of the event. Planners with AICP certification were able to earn two hours of certificate maintenance credit for attending this workshop. Efforts to prepare for next year's Planning Day are already underway.



Dawn Jourdan, esq., Ph.D., is Assistant Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida.

By Lee Hendricks

Students and professors alike turned out in force for the Hometown Democracy Symposium that started the Department's 'Planning Day.' Professor Dawn Jourdan organized the panel, which had a spirited debate on the merits and machinations of the movement to make comprehensive plan changes a matter of public referendum. Around 100 attended the two-hour debate.

Invited to give the keynote talk, Professor Roger Caves of San Diego State University discussed his state's experience with similar procedures enacted in the past. Some California municipalities have struggled with ballots that can run to the tens of pages, or worse, as a result of Hometown Democracy; however, proponents say that changes to the nature of the planning process are more than worth it.

Speaking next was Ross Burnaman, the man spearheading the ballot initiative in Florida that, if successful, would give Florida a similar system of comprehensive plan map changes by referendum. The long-time organizer's remarks were well received; he described Hometown Democracy Florida as a reaction to a broken system, where too many elected officials are complicit with developers, and the planning process fails to protect Florida's environmental heritage.

Standing in the middle was Charles Pattison, the executive director of 1000 Friends of Florida. While sharing many of the concerns of the Hometown Democracy backers, he felt that a ballot initiative to change the Florida Constitution was not appropriate. The speaker most directly opposed to the initiative was Ryan Houck, the political director of Floridians for Smarter Growth, a lobbying body funded by homebuilders and the state Chamber of Commerce. Houck's remarks sparked a number of sharp exchanges with other members of the panel.

After students, guests, and professors had a chance for questions, Planning Day continued with a dinner where many students were honored and Jay Stein was tapped as the Student Planning Association's Teacher of the Year.

Lee Hendricks is a graduate student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida.



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Student Co-op Program: Newberry, Florida

By Chad Riding

Since this past summer I have had the opportunity to work in a co-op position in Newberry, Florida. My co-op position is actually a combination of an internship and a research assistantship that will continue throughout my stay at UF. I work for the university, but my work goes on in the Newberry, Florida Planning Department. Newberry, as you may remember, is a small town about twelve miles west of Gainesville. During the recent housing boom, Newberry saw its population swell from 3,600 in 2000 to almost 5,000 in 2007, with much more growth on the way. The affordable housing prices and country living attracted most of the newcomers. Needless to say, there are several planning issues associated with growth—traffic, demographic change, and environment—that are making planning quite interesting.

In part, my internship in Newberry is interesting because I am getting used to Florida planning. I did an internship in summer 2007 in Madera, California and got used to California planning. Gone are the General Plan, the Conditional Use permits, the Special Area Plans, CEQA, and the State Clearinghouse. In are the Comprehensive Plan, the Comp Plan Amendments, Concurrency, Developments of Regional Impact, and DCA. Wetlands are actually a major issue here, as are hurricane evacuation routes on the Florida Strategic Intermodal (Transportation) System (SIS). My experience has been that once you get past the different names and laws, the major difference is that the state government plays a much bigger role in day-to-day operations.



The Newberry Planning Department is also big in contributing to the community. Newberry is a participant in Florida's Main Street program. As part of that program, a Newberry Fall Market Festival was held in October. Local vendors and city representatives came to the festival, and local businesses donated a bounce house. A local radio station was also recruited to broadcast from the event. Overall, it was a successful exercise in how planning and community organizations can work together to help revitalize local businesses and community spirit.

Chad Riding is a graduate student in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida from Fresno, California. He is interested in planning for rural communities. He completed his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Perspectives from a Graduating Student

By Allison Abbot

As my cohorts and I complete our final days as URP graduate students, we have taken time to reminisce about the past two years that have deeply influenced our identities as urban planners. Completing thesis research and enduring headaches over graduate school formatting requirements aside, we feel well-prepared to take on our new roles in forming the fabric of the world. As such, we have felt the need to impart our knowledge to those entering their second year while also informing alumni of the goings on of the department.

The graduating class of 2008 has been the true "guinea pig" class of the new mandatory thesis requirement. Despite some initial hedging, all of us learned the importance of understanding the intricate details of urban issues. Topics ranged from planning issues in designing a united Berlin; the benefits and struggles of a minority community's efforts in revitalization; an evaluation of HOPE VI projects; and addressing barriers to affordable housing, among others. With aid from dedicated faculty members, our final projects were more than just a requirement; resulting in arguments and findings that could be applied to the communities we worked with. That experience alone made the hours of staring at blank computer screens and receiving red-inked drafts well worth the effort. Our advice to current URP students is to choose thesis topics that reflect your passion and verve for our field. As planners, we are driven to affect positive change; a thesis provides a measurable medium through which to take on that role.

Dr. Peng's sentiments at the 2008 Annual Awards Banquet regarding an "URP Gator Nation" have been taken to heart by the 2008 class. The development of a mentoring program to connect students to past graduates is indicative of the renewed alumni network we look forward to being a part of.

Allison Abbot is a GRADUATING Urban and Regional Planning Student

Urban and Regional Planning Awards Dinner 2008

After a successful Planning Day, Urban and Regional Planning (URP) Students, Family and Friends, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff convened to participate in the department's annual awards dinner. Over 70 people attended the April 18th ceremony, which also offered an opportunity to celebrate Dr. Ernest Bartley's considerable contributions to the department, college, and university. Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng, Chair of the department, opened the awards program with words of introduction and greeting. Dr. Kristin Larsen, chair of the Awards Committee, then followed with the student awards presentations with the President of the San Felasco Section of the Florida APA, Jeff Bielling, presenting that organization's first student award. Dr. Richard Schneider, member of the Awards Committee, presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Erik Bredfeldt, Planning and Development Services Director for the City of Gainesville and graduate of the program in 1993. Dr. Ruth Steiner, who was a friend of Margaret Raynal, presented the award in her honor. Dr. Schneider then noted the initiatives underway to recognize Dr. Ernest Bartley's decades of service and commitment to the program, including a lecture series. He then introduced Student Planning Association (SPA) representative Lauren Simmons, who presented a plaque in memory of Dr. Ernest Bartley to Dr. Bartley's wife Ruth Bartley and daughter Susan Miller. The plaque will commemorate Dr. Bartley's office of many years at 466 Architecture Building. Susan Miller accepted the plaque on behalf of the Bartley family and warmly reminisced about the joy her father took in teaching in the program. Next, the students took the stage to award the Teacher of the Year to Dr. Jay Stein. The students presented their Top 10 List of Reasons to be a URP Student and closed the awards ceremony with a show of pictures taken from throughout the year. Everyone very much enjoyed the event, and we look forward to celebrating outstanding students again next year.



Mark Ludlow receives the San Felasco Section Award from Jeff Bielling



Dr. Richard Schneider presents Distinguished Alumnus of the Year to Erik Bredfeldt



SPA representative Lauren Simmons presents the Bartley plaque to daughter Susan Miller

The awards made were as follows:

Carl Feiss Urban and Environmental Design Award – *Michelle O'Carroll.*

Peter A. Kanavos – *Kate Wilson.*

Margaret E. Raynal Award – *Jeff Davis.*

Ulla Rydberg Award – *Andrew Persons.*

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In Memoriam Of Mario Ripol – *Jake Petrosky.*

AICP Outstanding Student Award – *Allison Abbott.*

Judith Mucci Scholarship – *Emily Stallings.*

Suncoast Section of the Florida APA Award – *Wade Reynolds.*

Florida Planning and Zoning Association Award – *Shane Laakso.*

San Felasco Section of the Florida APA Award – *Mark Ludlow.*

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year – *Erik Bredfeldt.*

Teacher of the Year – *Dr. Jay Stein.*

Acknowledgements:

These award were made possible by generous contributions from our alumni and friends over the years. This year, we have added the San Felasco Section of the Florida APA Award that is sponsored by the San Felasco Section of the Florida APA.

Thank you!

Prof. Kristin Larsen
Chair of the Award Committee

Sponsorship Opportunities

As you may know, the University of Florida has a big budget cut (\$22 million in October 2007 and \$47 million for 2008-2009). The Department of Urban and Regional Planning has a very limited budget and there are many activities and programs for which we could certainly use your assistance. In return for your underwriting of these activities, we would provide appropriate publicity about your support. For example, we would include a prominent credit in the Newsletter. The following is a list of events/items for which your support would be very beneficial to URP and its students.

URP Newsletter – published twice each year, the Newsletter highlights the activities of the URP Gator Nation including student and faculty research, speakers, alumni spotlight, and special events. This newsletter is distributed to over 400 alumni and friends of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

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Dr. Ernest R. Bartley Memorial Lecture Series – An annual lecture series in honor of Dr. Barley has been initiated by the department. Dr. Bartley served URP for over 30 years where he taught many a planning student to understand that “Planning is Politics.” Your gift to this lecture series will honor the memory of Dr. Bartley and allow URP to bring prominent speakers to UF to address current issues in planning.

Planning Day 2009 – After the successful Planning Day 2008, we are already planning for Planning Day 2009, which will also feature a program on a current planning topic of concern to Florida planners. Sponsors are needed to underwrite the costs of this event. Sponsors receive recognition in all program materials and complimentary registrations at selected levels of sponsorship.

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Student Scholarship - One of our goals is to expand scholarship to students. You could designate your support specifically to student scholarship.

If you have questions or need additional information about sponsoring any event or item please contact Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng, Chair and Professor, (352) 392-0997 ext 429, zpeng@dcp.ufl.edu. You can also give on-line at <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=000805>

Words from a New Planner

By Jenny Wheelock

Greetings URPer! I am excited to be writing what I hope will be the first of many “recent alumni” guest columns for the URP newsletter. Today I’m writing a little about what the “real world” is like for me, and also how my URP experience helped prepare me to be where I am today.

I started working at the City of Orlando as a Planner in the Land Development Studio in February. (As a side note to all of you who are looking ahead to graduation and finding a job, I applied for the job in September, had two interviews in December, was offered the job in mid-January, and then took an additional month to complete the hiring process and HR background screening.) I work in “current planning,” which generally falls between permitting and comprehensive (“long term”) planning. My boss likes to say that Land Development is “where the rubber meets the road.”

We deal with two boards: the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and the Municipal Planning Board (MPB). The BZA hears variance cases (when projects don’t or can’t meet the zoning requirements in the Land Development Code, they can apply for a variance to the standard – common projects that go to BZA include those that will protrude into side yard setbacks or those that don’t meet the design standards of a particular area). The MPB hears more types of cases, including future land use changes, re-zoning, conditional uses, and master plans. The Land Development Studio is also the first step in platting and subdividing property.

A typical day for me consists of a few meetings, usually with homeowners, developers, or various contractors (architects, engineers, private planners, builders, etc.) who want to make improvements to their property in ways that go beyond simply applying for building permits. Of course, we also have internal meetings to prepare for public hearings and share information on the current projects. The rest of my time is spent researching and analyzing my cases, and preparing staff reports that are given to the members of the boards and to the general public. On Fridays, I am “planner on call,” which means I answer all the random questions that people call us or come into City Hall to ask.

My time spent in URP prepared me well for this job by giving me a solid foundation of knowledge about planning, both technically and theoretically. While I do not use ArcMap, we use a program called Knowledger to look up information and create maps – I have learned it quickly because of my working knowledge of GIS. While I don’t work in Transportation or Urban Design, I often coordinate with those departments in analyzing my cases. While I don’t deal with comprehensive plan updates or DCA, understanding the process helps me put the Land Development Code into its greater context, and explain the difference between future land use and zoning to customers when I am “planner on call.” General knowledge of concepts like green building, CPTED, and active living through design has been helpful in meetings, as they come up often. Because I work in Land Development, the most applicable class I took was Growth Management Powers, taught by the late Dr. Ernest Bartley. It is extremely helpful to know the legal side of planning – often I hear Dr. Bartley’s words echoing through my head: “Planning is playing with property values” and “make sure you get all your ducks in a row.” I now understand exactly how important it really is.

Jenny Wheelock is a recent graduate (Fall ‘07) from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Florida. She entered the program in January ‘06, and can be reached at jenny.wheelock@gmail.com.

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- **Zhong-Ren Peng** published two articles as the first author: "Mobility of the Chinese Urban Poor – A Case Study of Hefei City," in *The Chinese Economy* (with co-authors Yi Zhu and Shunfeng Song); and "A Standard-based Integration Framework of Distributed Transit Trip Planning Systems," in *Journal of the Intelligent Transportation Systems* (with Co-author Eok Kim).
- **Richard H. Schneider** is completing an international survey of law enforcement and planning agencies relative to the practice and use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies. The work is a collaborative project with the Gainesville Police Department, the Florida Design Out Crime Association, and the National Institute of Crime Prevention. It is being supported by grants from the latter two organizations. This is the first-ever survey of its kind and the results will be reported at international conferences and in academic and professional journals.
- **Ruth Steiner** participated in four conferences related to her research on the role of school siting in children's travel to school this spring: the Annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC, the Society of Behavioral Medicine in San Diego, a symposium sponsored by the Devoe Moore Center at Florida State University and the Active Living Research Conference in Washington, DC. This research, which is a two-year effort funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living Research, involves Dr. Bejleri and five research assistants. The first set of results from the research has been accepted for publication in the *Transportation Research Record*. She has joined the Research Board of the Southeast Transportation Center.
- **Kristin Larsen** is continuing to work on her biography of Clarence Stein, entitled *Clarence Stein and the Emergence of the Complete Community*, currently under contract with the Center for American Places, Staunton, VA, in association with the Clarence Stein Institute for Urban and Landscape Studies, distributed by the University of Chicago Press. Her article "The Radburn Idea as an Emergent Concept: Henry Wright's Regional City" is to be published in *Planning Perspectives*. Work also continues with colleagues Ilir Bejleri, Bill O'Dell, and Eric Kramer on the Florida Affordable Housing Suitability Model.
- **Dawn Jourdan**, esq., Ph.D. is anticipating the 2008 publication of an article, with Elizabeth Garvin, entitled "Through the Looking Glass:" in the Florida State University Environmental and Land Use Law Review. In addition, Dawn's review of the book, "A New Weave of Power, People & Politics – The Action Guide for Advocacy and Citizen Participation" will appear in the next issue of the International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters. Dawn participated in a panel presentation at the National Conference of the American Planning Association on the use of landbanking as a tool to meet regional fair share requirements for affordable housing in rural areas. She will present a paper on the same topic this summer at the joint AE-SOP/ACSP conference in Chicago.
- **James C. Nicholas** has co-authored a book "A Guide to Impact Fees and Housing Affordability" to help practitioners design and implement impact fees that are equitable. Book: *A Guide to Impact Fees and Housing Affordability*, Arthur C. Nelson, Liza K. Bowles, Julian C. Juergensmeyer, and James C. Nicholas, Island Press, 2008.
- **Earl M. Starnes** co-authored with **Richard RuBino** from Florida State University the book "Lessons Learned? The History of Planning in Florida." With four years of research and collaboration of many years of planning practice, the authors trace the planning experience of Spanish Florida into statehood and the 21st Century. Land speculation, localism and community participation are themes evolving as lessons learned are strained from state and local planning and development management policies. Book: *Lessons Learned? The History of Planning in Florida*, Richard G. RuBino and Earl M. Starnes, Tallahassee, FL, Sentry Press, Tallahassee, 2008.