

Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning

College of Urban and Public Affairs

Guided Tour Plan

Welcome to College of Urban and Public Affairs.

The College was established in 1976 as the School of Urban Affairs. CUPA is one of the oldest and most comprehensive colleges of its kind in the country. The state-of-the art Urban Center Building completed in 2001 houses the Mark O'Hatfield School of Government, The School of Community Health and Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning as well as public service centers and institutes. There are many opportunities for collaborative efforts within the College.

The Urban Center is located at 506 SW Mill Street in the heart of the University district and in the middle of downtown. The Offices of the recently renamed Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning are found on the 3rd floor in suite 350

1st Floor

The Urban Plaza was designed as a gateway to the University District, and is a stop for the Central City Streetcar. The CUPA graduate hooding ceremony takes place here each June.

2nd Floor

Gallery- Room 212

The gallery space is frequently used for presentation and events. A reception welcoming new CUPA graduate students is held here early each fall.

Rooms 220 and 270

These rooms are studios for Masters of Urban and Regional Planning students. During Winter and Spring quarters these spaces are reserved exclusively for Toulan School Students working on projects, including Planning Workshop.

240A Computer Lab and 225 GIS Lab

The computer lab and GIS lab are both available for students. All computers include the latest ESRI GIS software.

Lockers

There are many lockers available on 2nd floor for student use. They are available to admitted students on a first come- first serve basis. Please see DJ Brewington about renting a locker.

Room 280 Student Lounge

The student lounge is located in room 280. Students are able to study, hold work groups or relax between classes here. There is a microwave and refrigerator housed in the lounge

3rd Floor

The Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning Offices

The mission of the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning is to assist in the development of healthy communities through an interdisciplinary program of teaching, research and public service. Faculty and students engage the intellectual, policy and practice aspects of urban studies and planning from the local to the international levels and actively participate in the analysis, development and dissemination of the innovations for which Portland and the Pacific Northwest are known.

The Toulan School faculty and staff offices are found in suite 350/370.

College/School publications can be pickup from the front desk.

Toulan School Centers and Institutes

Each one of the centers listed below offer valuable opportunities for admitted students to gain research experience and possible funding.

The Center for Urban Studies

Established in 1966 under a grant from the US Department of Education, the Center focuses on urban policy analysis and urban and regional planning. It gives opportunities for graduate students to acquire research experience through participation in projects.

| <http://www.upa.pdx.edu/CUS/about/index.html>

Community Environmental Services

Community Environmental Services (CES) is a sub research unit within the Center for Urban Studies at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. Since 1989, CES has been conducting research and service projects in the areas of solid waste, recycling, transportation, program evaluation, and other areas of environmental resource management.

<http://www.upa.pdx.edu/CUS/researchprograms/ces.html>

Center for Transportation Studies

Currently housed within the Center for Urban Studies the Center has just received a grant from the federal government for \$16 million in funding over the next six years for transportation research, education, and outreach programs, in collaboration with University of Oregon (U of O), Oregon State University (OSU), and Oregon Institute for Technology (OIT). The funds for PSU's Center for Transportation Studies are part of the recently approved federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, And Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. Housed with CTS is **Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation**. Students interested in studying transportation related issues will find an abundance of opportunities in center.

<http://www.cts.pdx.edu/>

Student Awards

Toulan School Students have won many awards from both local and national organizations. Several of these awards are posted in the School Office.

Ethan Seltzer Office's

Ethan Seltzer, Director of the Toulan School is housed in room 350 A . His assistant, Arlene Brockel is housed in room 350 B

Dr. Seltzer's Profile

B.A. 1976 (biology) Swarthmore College; M.R.P. 1979 University of Pennsylvania; Ph.D. 1983 (city and regional planning) University of Pennsylvania. In addition to serving as the Director of the School of Urban Studies and Planning, Dr. Seltzer teaches interdisciplinary courses dealing with themes of planning and place. His research interests include the Oregon statewide planning program, regional planning, and regional and community development. He is recognized for his contributions to local and regional planning in the Portland area, and has been invited to speak in cities throughout North America. He recently served as Chair of the City of Portland Planning Commission.

Student Faculty Lounge

The faculty and student lounge can be used for meetings, lunching, informal events or studying. Faculty mail boxes are housed here.

Graduate Student Workspace and Mailboxes

The school provides work space for graduate research assistants and student organizations. In addition all students have a mail folder located by the 370 suite entrance.

Office of Student Services

Tracy Braden is the Student Services Coordinator within the Toulan School. If you have questions related to the student experience she is the person to talk with.

Faculty Offices

Found on this hallway are most of the full time faculty teaching in the program.

Bulletin Boards

Information pertaining to jobs, internships and course offerings of interest can be found here. The boards are also used to highlight the students in our programs. Additionally information about other programs is sometimes posted. Please ask before posting information to these boards.

Conference Rooms

Student organization meetings, faculty committee meetings, and classes all take place in these conference rooms. Use of the conference rooms are by reservation only. Students see Tracy Braden to book a room.

4th Floor

School of Community Health

The School's Mission is to promote the public's health and well-being through multidisciplinary education, research and service. The School of Community Health houses the Institute on Aging. Toulan School Doctoral Students interested in aging and health issues find work as graduate assistants in this school.

4th Floor Rooftop

The scenic space is used for formal CUPA functions such as student orientation and graduation brunches, as well as, informal student lunches or study sessions. Professor Barry Messer is working with a group of students on greening the roof top.

5th Floor

Center for Population Research and Census

Part of the Toulan School, the Center serves as a statewide public service and research group concentrating on population information. Founded in 1956 as the Oregon State Board of Census, it came under PSU's umbrella and changed to its current name in 1965, It houses the Oregon State Data Center, the lead agency in Oregon collaborating with US Bureau of the Census.

The staff is also active in a variety of research projects, including enrollment forecasts for school districts, market analyses, population distribution, and migration. Center staff regularly assist city, country and state government on population issues

Students find funding through the working on research with this Center.

6th Floor

Mark O. Hatfield School of Government

The Hatfield School offers students the latest in technological capabilities and exposure to a wide variety of courses spanning political science, public administration, and criminal justice. In addition, the Hatfield School draws significantly from its five Institutes and one center which conduct research and offer classes specializing in executive leadership, nonprofit management, criminal justice policy, tribal government, US-Turkish affairs, and environmental studies. The Hatfield School offers a rich variety of courses, practica, and internships where theory and practice come together.

Students from the Toulan School will find opportunities for collaboration in the Hatfield School. The School houses the Institute for Non-Profit Management and the Executive Leadership Institute. Many Toulan School students who are interested in community development or working within the non-profit sector may be interested in learning more about Hatfield programs.

7th Floor

Office of the Dean

In addition to other administrative staff, the Dean of the College is housed here.

Dean Wallack's Profile

Lawrence Wallack BA 1972 (urban studies) Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster PA; MS 1974 (alcohol studies) University of Arizona; MPH. 1978 University of California, Berkeley; DrPH 1982 University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Wallack's primary interest is in the role of mass communication, particularly the news media, in shaping public health issues. His current research is on how public health issues are framed in print and broadcast news. He is principal author of *Media Advocacy and Public Health: Power for Prevention* (Sage Publications, 1993) and *News for a Change: An Advocate's Guide to Working with the Media* (Sage Publications, 1999). He is also co-editor of *Mass Communications and Public Health: Complexities and Conflicts* (Sage, 1990). He has also published extensively on topics related to prevention, health promotion, and community interventions. Specific content areas of his research and intervention work have included alcohol, tobacco, violence, handguns, sexually transmitted diseases, cervical and breast cancer, affirmative action, suicide, and childhood lead poisoning.

CUPA Library

Housed in this library are several student projects including Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Student's Field Area Papers, Masters of Urban Studies Student's Thesis Projects and Urban Studies Doctoral Dissertations. There are also projects and reading materials from other units within the college. Located in this space are additional computers for student use. The library's hours are from 11-5 Mon-Fri.

Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies

Part of the Toulan School, this service center was created in 1991 to better connect the resources of higher education to the issues and needs of communities in the six-county Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. In addition, its community-based board, drawn from throughout the region, has worked to develop roles for the Institute as a catalyst, bringing new attention to issues of metropolitan significance and providing a neutral forum for the discussion of issues that transcend jurisdictional or organizational boundaries.

The Institute's programs include an annual forum: *Metroscape*, a magazine and atlas for the region; the *Regional Connections Project*, an analysis of the major clusters in the metropolitan economy; and the *Community Geography Project*, an effort to incorporate cutting-edge information technology in grassroots activities. The Institute maintains a comprehensive Web site from which most project products can be retrieved. Students often are assigned to work on projects within the Institute.

<http://www.pdx.edu/ims/>

Additional Information:

Keys/ Building Access

Admitted students are able to access the building after hours once their key cards have been activated. Graduate Research Assistants are given keys to the Toulan School Office

Technology

Rooms in the Urban Center have recently been equipped with mid level technology. Amplifiers, speakers' digital projectors and screens have been installed in most classroom spaces. Students wishing to make presentations are able to use this in house technology. The department also owns a TV/ VCR, DVD player, and cable sets for laptop hook ups. Other equipment can be reserved through the audio visual department with instructor permission. This building supports wireless frequency.

Campus Tours

Portland State University's Office of Admissions offers a guided tour of the entire PSU campus through the Office of Admissions by calling 503-725-5555

Housing

Campus Housing for graduate students is very affordable and PSU has many apartment buildings in the vicinity that offer a lot of amenities. There is a website which shows what various buildings offer and which ones have vacancies. The site is <http://portland.housingnorthwest.org/>.