**Neil Brenner:**
Neil Brenner, Professor of Urban Theory, recently completed a new book, titled *New Urban Spaces: Urban Theory and the Scale Question*. The book will be published by Oxford University Press in early 2019. The book proposes a radical reconceptualization of inherited approaches to urbanization. Rather than focusing on cities as bounded units, urbanization is conceived here as constitutively multiscalar. One of the central challenges of critical urban studies, Brenner argues, is to decipher the contemporary rescaling of the capitalist urban fabric across the planet.

The Urban Theory Lab, directed by Professor Neil Brenner, continues to host a vibrant colloquium for discussions of research in progress by GSD doctoral students, advanced professional and post-professional degree students, faculty, visitors and others interested in critically interrogating the theoretical dimensions of their work. Several projects are also under way related to the investigation of emergent patterns and pathways of urbanization around the world, including in zones of hinterland industrial transformation (agriculture, extraction, logistics) that sustain the global metropolitan network. For further details, see [http://www.urbantheorylab.net](http://www.urbantheorylab.net).

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**Diane Davis:**
Department Chair Diane Davis continues to work on the questions of urban governance and the politics of planning, particularly as related to mobility infrastructure. Her book (co-edited with Alan Altshuler), titled *Transforming Urban Transport*, is being published by Oxford University Press this fall. She will be presenting it at a symposium in Vienna in October where former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will comment and give a keynote. With Assistant Professor Andres Sevtsuk, Davis is pursuing a new project called “The Future of Streets” in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, in which she critically examines the impacts of technological change on transport and mobility services, and the planning, design, and governance challenges associated with these disruptions. This project deepens arguments she made recently in a book chapter published in *Governing the Smart Mobility Transition* (Marsden and Reardon, eds.) as well as in an spring 2018 article titled "Expanding the Scope of Sustainability Planning: Lessons from Stockholm’s Congestion Charging Policy" published in *Urban Planning* (Volume 2, Issue 4).

In August, Davis received research support from the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations and the German Development Agency (GIZ) to conduct a 15-month research project on mobility and transport infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa. In other news, Davis keynoted at a conference in Mexico City in January 2018 focused on the challenges of post-earthquake housing redevelopment, returning again over the summer to speak at the Harvard Club of Mexico and at another conference on Post-earthquake Reconstruction at Mexico’s National University (UNAM). She also traveled to Mexico in August with 6 GSD and 4 MIT students to initiate a project on social and economic redevelopment in Oaxaca, one of Mexico’s poorest and most environmentally vulnerable regions. She will present papers this fall at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning and Social Science History Association’s annual meeting. Next month her book chapter "Reducing Vulnerabilities through Urban Design: Strategic and Tactical Interventions to Generate Resilience in Communities at Risk" will appear in *Urban Design Companion: A Sequel*, edited by a Tridib Banerjee and Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris.

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**Dan D'Oca:**
With Interboro Partners, Dan D'Oca completed a number of projects:
- Installed a colorful canopy in Harvard's Science Center Plaza called "Wavelength"
- Immersed in a neighborhood plan for Detroit's Campau/Banglatown neighborhood
- Worked with Detroit's Planning Commission on an overhaul of the city's zoning code
- Wrapped up "Envision Cambridge," Cambridge's citywide plan
- Finished up the design of a proposed natural playscape in St. Louis
Put the finishing touches on a user’s guide to Detroit’s signage ordinance
Continued to tour in support of our new book The Arsenal of Exclusion & Inclusion

Ann Forsyth:
Ann Forsyth has been appointed as the Editor in Chief of the Journal of the American Planning Association, with a term starting in January 2019. She recently received the 2018 ACSP/FWIG Margarita McCoy Award for advancement of women in planning at institutions of higher education and the 2018 EDRA/Places Book Award for her co-authored Creating Healthy Neighborhoods: Evidence-based Planning and Design Strategies (Routledge/APA Planners Press 2017). She was the 2018 Clarkson Chair at the University of Buffalo and delivered the 2017 Abercrombie Lecture at the University of Liverpool. In 2017 she established the Healthy Places Design Lab [link to https://research.gsd.harvard.edu/healthy/], co-Directed with Jennifer Molinsky of the Joint Center for Housing Studies. In the last year she has also published several articles and chapters (full details about collaborators are available on her web site www.annforsyth.net). These include Redesigning China’s Superblock Neighborhoods: Policies, Opportunities, and Challenges (Journal of Urban Design), Housing, the Built Environment, and the Good Life (Hastings Center Report), Congested Cities vs. Sprawl Makes You Fat: Unpacking the Health Effects of Planning Density (Town Planning Review), a chapter Evidence-based Practice: Challenges in a Changing World (in Healthy Environments, Healing Spaces).

David Gamble:
David Gamble (MAUD ’97) is co-teaching an Option Studio this fall with Shaun Donovan (MArch/MPP ’95). While Harvard University’s roots are firmly planted in the City of Cambridge, the university now owns more land in the City of Boston. The interdisciplinary studio seeks to transform and grow a new neighborhood in Allston at the intersection of campus and city. The studio will explore visions for what the underutilized land will become and how the campus and the city can grow in a direction that serves as a catalyst for constructive change.

Jose Gomez-Ibanez:
Jose Gomez-Ibanez was appointed a member of Governor Baker’s Commission on the Future of Transportation. The Commission is charged with advising the Governor as to how transportation policy should respond to climate change, the development of self-driving cars, the aging of the population and other likely long-term changes. The commission’s report is due in December.

Mike Hooper:
Michael Hooper, Associate Professor of Urban Planning, has recently wrapped up several long-standing projects. The first examined post-disaster recovery and rebuilding in Haiti. The most recent article from this project, published in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, investigates the organizational dynamics of urban rubble clearance in Port-au-Prince (link). The second project examined the role that subconscious factors play in perceptions of urban density. The results of this experimental research are forthcoming in the Journal of Planning Education and Research.

Andres Sevtsuk:
The City Form Lab (http://cityform.gsd.harvard.edu/) has started the Future of Streets (http://futureofstreets.com/) research project that investigates how cities might adapt streets to newly emerging shared, electric, and autonomous transportation technology in ways that maximize multi-modal, socially inclusive, and environmentally sustainable outcomes. The project is led by UPD faculty Andres Sevtsuk and Diane Davis.

On October 15-16, the City Form Lab is also hosting an OECD International Transport Forum workshop at Harvard on "Learning from Transport Innovation in Emerging and Developing Countries". The two-day workshop invites participants from government, industry and academia.

Over the summer, the City Form Lab produced a new publication entitled "Urban Network Analysis: Tools for Modeling Pedestrian and Bicycle Trips in Cities", which will be available both in English and Mandarin. The
publication serves as a user-guide to Urban Network Analysis software users globally and describes multiple case-studies of using the tools in planning practice internationally.

Bing Wang:
Bing Wang has been appointed as a member of the Harvard China Fund (HCF) Steering Committee by the Provost Office of the University with a three-year term. Co-funded by the Harvard China Fund faculty grant and the Harvard GSD MDes Real Estate and the Built Environment program, Wang led the organization of the conference “The Next Wave of Chinese Urbanization: Impact on Economic Growth, Urban Governance and the Built Environment within and beyond China” that took place at Harvard University Shanghai Center, located in Shanghai Pudong, on June 6, 2018. More than 80 alumni in the region participated in the closed-door conference. The detailed conference agenda is available at https://research.gsd.harvard.edu/realestate/event/urbanization/.

Wang was awarded 2018 Best Paper of the Year by the American Real Estate Society (ARES) in the mixed-use properties category for her research manuscript entitled “Decision-Making Dynamics in Location Selection for Mixed-Use Resort Community Development” (co-authored with Jenny Xia). The authors will be formally honored at the American Real Estate Society annual conference in April 2019. This is the second time Wang has won the Best Paper Prize from the American Real Estate Society.