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## Lewis Center 2003-04 Annual Report

This issue of the Lewis Center Newsletter is devoted to a summary of the 2003-04 Annual Report. A full version can be found online at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/annualreports.htm>.

The Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies was established in 1988 on the basis of a five million dollar endowment gift from Ralph and Goldy Lewis. The main objective of the Lewis Center is to promote the study, understanding, and solution of regional policy issues, with special reference to Southern California. These important issues include problems of the environment, urban design, housing, community and neighborhood dynamics, transportation, and local economic development.

The academic year 2003-2004 was the fourteenth full year of the Lewis Center's operation. As the Center's activities grow, an expanding number of faculty and students have been involved in its work, and contacts with outside agencies also continue to grow. The Center's work continued within the School of Public Policy and Social Research (SPPSR), under the leadership of Director Paul Ong. J. R. DeShazo, Assistant Professor, Department of Policy Studies, was re-appointed as the Center's Associate Director. The School's name change to the School of Public Affairs (SPA) takes effect during fall quarter 2004.

The Center's Director works closely with an Executive Committee, and with guidance from an Advisory Council. During 2003-2004, three Executive Committee meetings were held to review the Center's activities and future directions. Two new initiatives were also discussed and approved for a Lewis Center GIS Lab containing data archives to be operational by fall 2004 and a Southern California Survey on issues and attitudes of interest for use by researchers, social scientists and local agencies. In addition, a joint meeting was held at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation with the Advisory Council and the Executive Committee. Attendees voiced support for the Southern California Survey and agreed to review it, suggest questions and issues of interest, and help disseminate survey information. We would like to thank Executive Committee and Advisory Council members who served for their willingness to assist the Lewis Center in its many activities. (Executive Committee members and Advisory Council members are listed at the end of this newsletter.)

## Achievements and Announcements

### 2004-05 Lewis Center Thesis Support Recipients

R. Ratzkin (Urban Planning) "Arts Clusters and Agglomeration Economy Effects as a Source of Neighborhood Economic Development"

T. DeFrancesco, T. Hastert, and J. Rosenfeld (Public Policy) "Los Angeles Terrorism Early Warning Group: A Model for Nationwide Intelligence Information Sharing"

N. Mihal and R. Moilanen (Public Policy) "Emergency Room Diversions in the West Valley"

M. Rysman (Urban Planning) "The Public Financing of Affordable Housing in the 21st Century: A Case Study of California's Tax Exempt Bond Program"

M. Boudreaux, D. Chang, S. Cheng, J.

Kamp, B. Lee, J. Lee, C. Mahfouz, A. Marquez, T. Mitchell, S. Patton, V. Ramirez, P. Ruvalcaba, E. Villablanca, and S. White (Urban Planning) "Housing Density in Los Angeles"

J. Mitchell, M. Stajura, and M. Yeh (Public Policy) "First Responders Who Wear Two Uniforms: Supervisors, Administrators, and Policy Makers"

S. Arreguin (Sociology) "Urban Latinos Accessing Higher Education"

K. Garey, S. Paulson, A. Sonenshein, and S. Toby (Public Policy) "School Site-based Budgeting in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)"

### Paul Ong Receives Community Partnership Prize

Paul Ong, a professor in urban planning, social welfare, and Asian American studies and Director of the Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, received the Ann C. Rosenfield Distinguished Community Partnership Prize alongside a half-dozen other recipients at the UCLA

Morgan Athletics Center on January 27th. In addition, each award winner received \$15,000, which is to be split between the UCLA partner and the community partner.

### Arts and Cultural Institutions in Los Angeles Report Released

This report by Houston, Bagdasaryan, and Ong contains findings on neighborhood-level usage patterns and suggests ways the arts and cultural community can continue to diversify its base of support and visitation. The full report is available online at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/research/publications/projreports.cfm>.

### California Policy Options 2005 Now Available

California Policy Options is edited by Professor Dan Mitchell and is produced by the School of Public Affairs with support from the Lewis Center. It provides insightful research and analysis of policy issues affecting the state of California. (Available online at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu>)

## Lewis Center Research Activities

The primary mission of the Lewis Center is to carry out high quality scholarly research on regional policy issues and to insure that the research is accessible to policy-makers, public opinion shapers, and public officials. In addition to income from the Lewis Endowment, the Center is supported by private and corporate foundation gifts and grants, individual donors, and research grants from a variety of governmental agencies.

The last six years represented cycles of increased proposal writing activity by Lewis Center researchers. A total of 15 research proposals were submitted to a variety of agencies. Eight of these new proposals were funded, and 7 proposals were denied. In addition, 1 new project was transferred to the Lewis Center from another university, and 2 continuation projects were transferred to the Lewis Center from another UCLA department.

The dollar amounts shown in the figure below represent new contract and grant awards resulting from proposal writing activity for each year. The 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 dollar amounts below

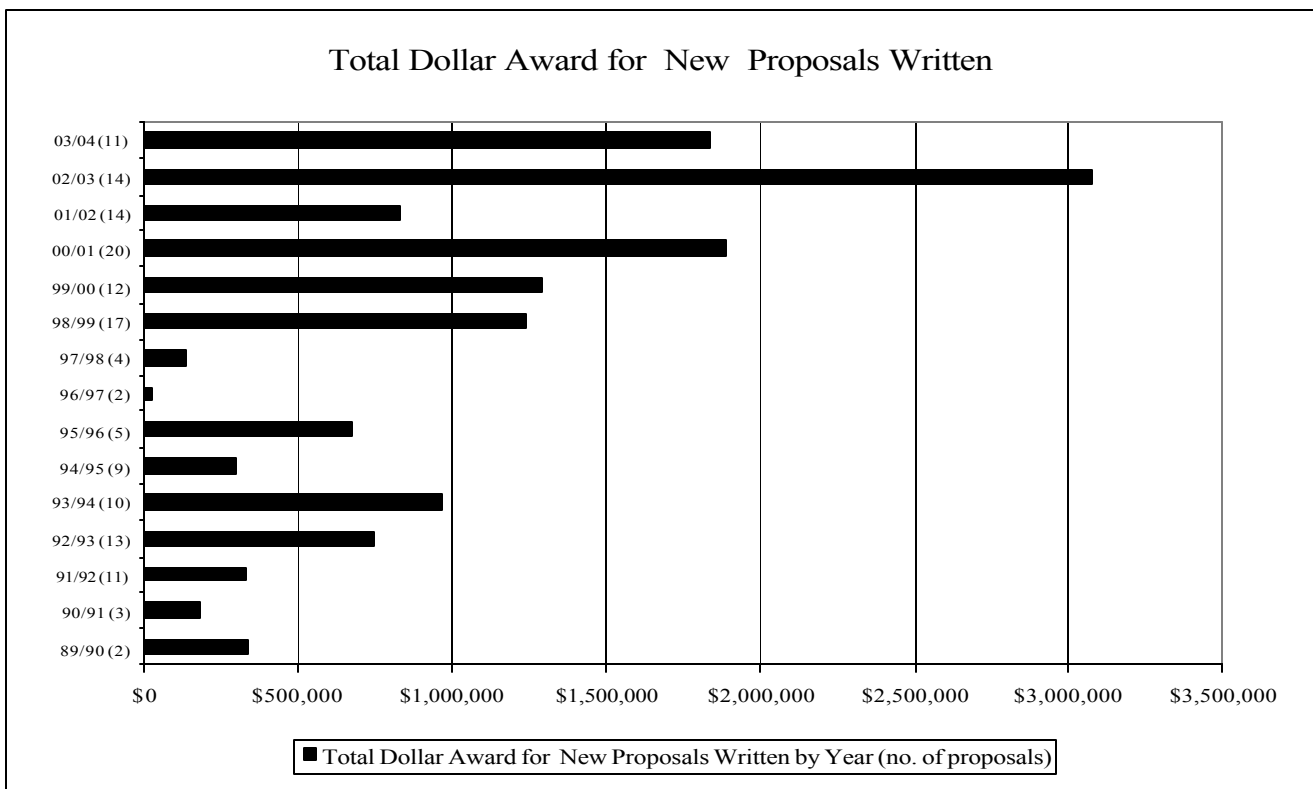
include three multi-year National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) awards that were approved for transfer from another campus department during 2002/03 and 2003/04 and from another university during 2003/2004.

During the year, 10 projects were completed and several others were near completion. Work was begun on 15 newly funded projects and a Lewis Center housing initiative. Newly funded projects included a major multi-year award from the Atlantic Philanthropies and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for \$459,017 to Ted Benjamin and Ruth Matthias (2003) to identify conditions that support continued work in home and community based services/long term care in California. Work was also begun on two major multi-year National Institutes of Mental Health projects transferred to the Lewis Center for a \$1,379,903 research grant to Ike Grusky and Naihua Duan (2003) on HIV early detection organization factors, and for a \$905,866 AIDS fellowship training grant to Ike Grusky (2003). Several other projects focused on housing, the demographic and economic status of American Indians and

Asians in Los Angeles, outreach strategies of Los Angeles cultural institutions, labor and employment. In addition, researchers worked on a Lewis Center initiative on the state of Southern California housing. Several of these projects complemented each other and generated considerable interaction between researchers.

Research and non-research (training and service) activities during the last year at the Lewis Center were supported, in large part, by public and private agency funding from research and non-research (training/service) contracts and grants. In addition, with the completion of several major projects, renewed efforts are underway to obtain new funding through agency contacts and proposal writing activity. The amounts for each year are also shown in the complete annual report on the Center's web page and reflect annual budgeted spending levels for research and non-research (training and service) and for new and continuing contracts and grants during the last fifteen years. The Center's web page is at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu>.

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In addition to research, there are also a number of active programs in the Center that encourage further research, develop interdisciplinary connections, and foster interaction with those involved in policy issues and decision-making in the community at all levels. These programs include: Lectures and seminars, conferences and workshops, award of occasional seed grants for UCLA faculty research, distinguished visiting fellows and visiting scholars, publication of a series of working papers and other publications.

### Student Research

The Lewis Center sponsored two new student research programs. A student thesis program supported master's student research focused on growth issues in Southern California for second year master's students and resulted in nine awards of \$1,000 to \$2,600 each. Student reports are on the Lewis Center website <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/studentreports.cfm>

A GIS initiative was also sponsored to encourage graduate students to work on GIS mapping projects to promote the use of spatial analysis and geographic techniques addressing planning and policy questions facing Southern California. The GIS project is at <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/research/GISProject3.pdf>

### Events

The Lewis Center calendar of events is at: <http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/events/events.cfm>. The School of Public Policy and Social Research also has a calendar of school-wide events at <http://www.spa.ucla.edu> ("Events").

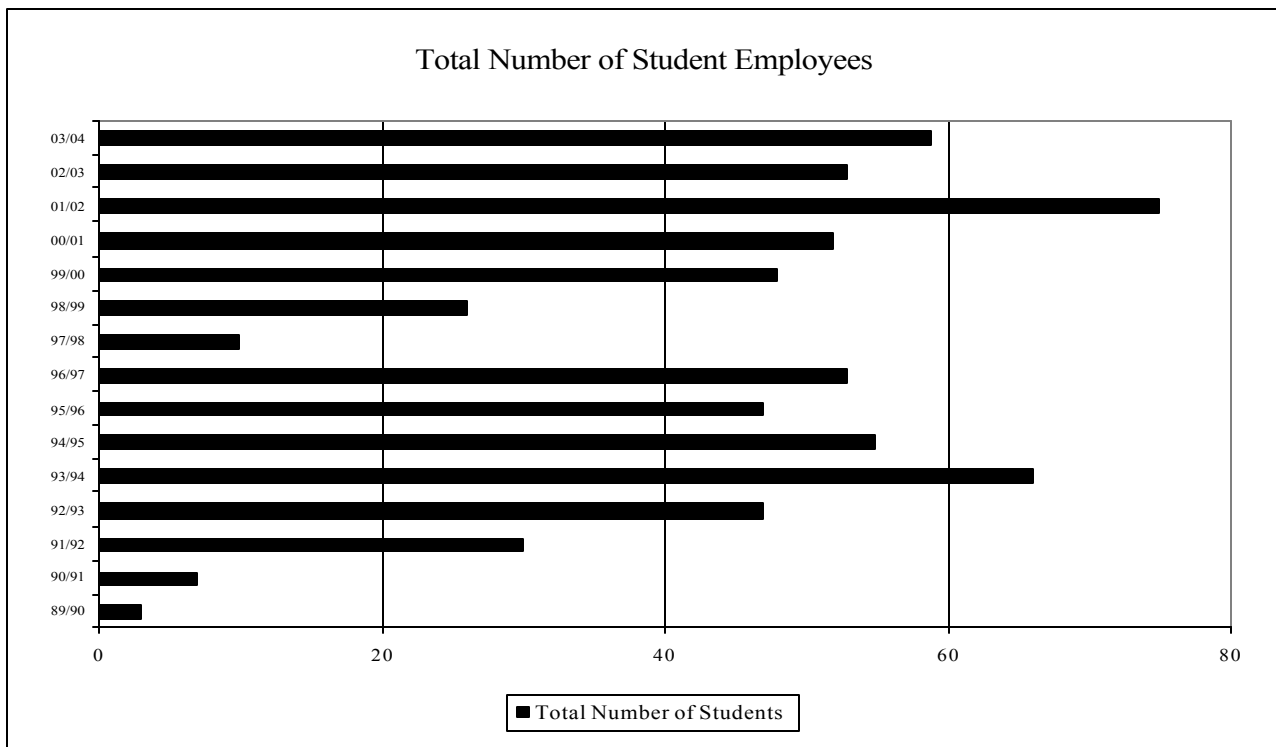
During 2003-2004, seven lectures were sponsored or co-sponsored by the Lewis Center. They included a panel discussion on November 19, 2003 on "The Future of California and the Region's Economy." The panel featured executives or faculty from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), The Milken Institute,

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Pomona College (Claremont Colleges), with Dean Barbara J. Nelson as moderator. Additional lectures addressed transportation, housing, and community development.

During 2003-2004, the Lewis Center sponsored, co-sponsored or participated in 11 conferences or workshops. They included a one-day workshop on mapping community health using geographic information systems (GIS) in health research and featured leading researchers discussing GIS methods and data, and a demonstration of GIS analytical techniques and software. Workshops were also held on gathering and using census data, the use of market-based instruments for environmental protection, and international migration. Lewis Center staff and student researchers participated in a presentation to the UC Regents on the socioeconomic status of American Indians and Asians in Los Angeles as part of a UCLA Center for Community Partnerships project.

### Student Employment

Funding from research grants has now provided a substantial amount of employment for graduate students and for some undergraduate students. The numbers of students employed by the Lewis Center since it was established are as follows:



## Lewis Center Publications

One new working paper was released during the year, and several policy briefs, project reports and thesis reports were also published. Abstracts and the texts of publications in a PDF file that can be downloaded are at

<http://lewis.spa.ucla.edu/publications/pub.htm>. In addition, the University of California eScholarship Repository includes publications and other information at:

<http://repositories.cdlib.org/lewis/>.

Lewis Center publications cover a variety of public policy issues with relevance to Southern California. Working

papers may/may not be connected to the Center's research. Policy briefs, project reports and thesis reports are connected to the Center's research and may contain a link to the original document on a funding agency's web page.

*Critical Planning*, a journal of the Department of Urban Planning, published volume 11 in summer 2004. It received funding from the Lewis Center, and contains articles by Department of Urban Planning faculty and students.

Much of the support for lectures, workshops, conferences, visitors, and publications (including working papers) comes from the Lewis Center endowment, with additional funding occasionally provided by other sources. En-

dowment and other non-contract and grant expenditures are summarized for the last fifteen years in the complete annual report on the Center's web page at:

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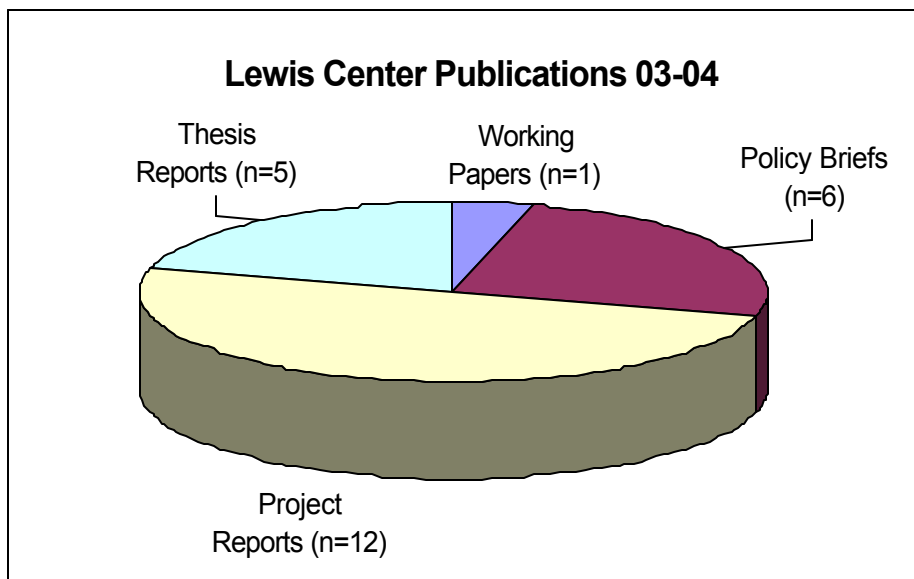
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