

Editorial Message

We are pleased to introduce three new Co-Editors of the *Journal of Urban Economics*, who will work with us beginning in July 2009. They are Dan Black, Gilles Duranton, and Robert Helsley. This change is motivated by a positive development: *JUE* has enjoyed a dramatic increase in high-quality submissions over the last several years. The range of these papers continues to be quite wide, including traditional areas such as agglomeration, real estate, spatial structure, urban growth, housing, transportation, education, crime, discrimination, and local government. Taken as a group, the new Co-Editors have published in every one of these areas. In addition, *JUE* has had increasingly many opportunities to publish papers the urban dimensions of innovation, entrepreneurship, and labor economics. The new Co-Editors have, as a group, published in these three areas as well.

Dan Black is a professor in the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago and a senior fellow at the National Opinion Research Center. He received his Ph.D. from Purdue University, and he currently serves as the principal investigator for the 1997 Cohort of the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Dan's research focuses on a wide range of issues in labor economics and applied econometrics, and he has written papers that deal with location decisions, discrimination, and education. We believe that Dan will be very helpful, both in dealing with the many urban papers that deal with labor issues and by bringing superb econometric skills to *JUE*.

Gilles Duranton holds the Noranda Chair in International Trade and Development in the Department of Economics at the University of Toronto. He obtained his Ph.D. in economics jointly from the London School of Economics and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales in Paris. A Philip-Leverhulme Prize winner, he has served as consultant on regional and urban policy for various European governments and international organisations. Gilles' research interests are both theoretical and empirical, including modelling of urban systems, the scope and micro-foundations of agglomeration economies, traffic congestion, and the impacts of local public policies. His exceptional breadth will be invaluable to *JUE* going forward.

Robert Helsley holds the Chair in Real Estate Development at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. He received his Ph.D. from

Princeton University. He has served as Director of the UBC Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Research. His research focuses on the growth and development of urban areas, the operation of land markets, the economic impacts of government tax, spending and regulatory policies, as well as crime and urban entrepreneurship. Bob brings outstanding theoretical skills to the JUE, further deepening the journal's longstanding commitment to innovative conceptual research on cities and regions.

We are delighted to be able to bring three scholars of such obvious intellectual breadth and strength onto the editorial team at *JUE*. We are confident that *Journal of Urban Economics* in particular and the field of urban economics more generally will benefit from their editorial stewardship.

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