Dissertation Defense
On February 25, 2000, Yaw Hanson, previously a Research Assistant with the Bruton Center, will defend his dissertation titled *Air Quality Valuation from Hedonic Models: Applications of Recent Estimation Techniques*. The public is welcomed, especially those with the interest in spatial analysis.

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**Bruton Center Seminars**

**Spring 2000**

**FEBRUARY 4**
Title: A GENTLE INTRODUCTION TO GIS WITH ARCVIEW: PART I.
Speaker: Paul Medley
Research Scientist, Bruton Center
Location: GR3.206

**FEBRUARY 11**
Title: A GENTLE INTRODUCTION TO GIS WITH ARCVIEW: PART II.
Speaker: Paul Medley
Research Scientist, Bruton Center
Location: GR3.206

**FEBRUARY 18**
Title: SPATIAL JOINS
Speaker: Ron Briggs
Associate Director, Bruton Center
Professor, UT Dallas
Location: GR3.206

**FEBRUARY 25**
Title: SPATIAL DATA ANALYSIS: AN OVERVIEW
Speaker: Jim Murdoch
Director, Bruton Center
Professor, UT Dallas
Location: GR3.808

**MARCH 24**
Title: ROBUSTNESS OF AUTOCORRELATION SPECIFICATIONS: SOME MONTE CARLO EVIDENCE
Speaker: Robin Dubin
Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University
Location: GR3.808

**MARCH 31**
Title: to be announced
Speaker: John Rees
Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Location: GR3.808

**APRIL 7**
Title: GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY BIASES IN THE MEASUREMENT OF ECONOMIC SEGREGATION
Speaker: Paul Jargowsky
Associate Professor, UT Dallas
Jeong-Dai Kim
Graduate Student, UT Dallas
Location: GR3.808

**APRIL 14**
Title: to be announced
Speaker: Brian J.L. Berry
Lloyd Viel Berkner Regental Professor, UT Dallas
Location: GR3.808

All seminars start at 12:30pm and last for about 1 hour.

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**Research Update**
This semester the Bruton Center started work on Aspen Institute-funded grant to analyze the spatial distribution of non-profit and for-profit organizations that provide social services. The project will compare the spatial patterns of several US metropolitan areas. The results of the study will aid the non-profit sector in understanding their role vis-a-vis the for-profit sector. Additionally, the study will identify geographical areas that are underserved by social agencies.

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**Conference Participations**

Jim Murdoch
Spatial dependence and the Hedonic Price of Air Quality *(with Yaw Hanson)*

Linda Loubert
Participant


Oleg Smirnov
Regional Multipliers, Location Quotients, and Spatial Patterns in the Telecommunications Industry.

Alena Smirnova
Participant