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## Faculty Scholar Spotlight Norma Claire Moruzzi



*Lecture Summary*  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2010**  
**2:00pm**  
**The Great Cities Institute**

Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach and based on extensive field work experience, the book project *Tied Up in Tehran* addresses one of the key paradoxes of contemporary Iran: women's fragmented experiences of shaping a modern, urban identity in

Dear Friends of GCI:

Coming back from the holiday break, we are looking forward to the upcoming spring semester as we acknowledge many important staff changes. Marilyn Ruiz, the source of institutional memory and direction at GCI for over fourteen years, retired at the end of last year. We want to thank Marilyn for all she has done for the Institute in particular and the Great Cities Commitment of the university, dedicated to interdisciplinary research to benefit all cities of world, in general.

Since Marilyn's departure we have restructured the Director's Office. We are very excited to have Urban Planning Professor Rachel Weber come on board as Associate Director, Research and Program Development, and for Joy Pamintuan to be promoted to Associate Director, Business and Finance. We have also been joined by Taryn McCook who will serve as Program Coordinator for the Director's Office.

Our Professional Education program is also undergoing changes. Our long-time GCI colleague John Mudd left his post as Associate Director of Prof Ed to return home to Louisville, Kentucky. He produced fantastic work for the GCI Professional Education program and will be missed. Happily Dr. Kate Pravera will now lead Prof Ed as Senior Associate for the Program.

Our [Faculty Scholar and Seed Fund](#) competition deadline is Friday, January 15, 2010. I encourage every faculty researcher to consider applying. Engaged research is a central element of who we are at UIC, and support from GCI is essential to pursuing the mission of UIC's Great Cities Commitment.

It's snowing today and is rather cold here in Chicago, but it's warm inside at the Institute and the coffee is good and hot. Come on by to visit anytime.

Sincerely,

David Perry

a postrevolutionary state that has explicitly Islamicized public institutions, space, and rhetoric, while also providing the conditions to enable women to emerge from the traditional private realm and engage actively as social and political agents. Although immediately after the 1979 Revolution the Iranian state tried to enforce a domestic, private, and religiously-defined traditional role for women, over subsequent decades both society and the state have become more accepting of women's public participation in education, politics, and the workforce, and accustomed to their presence in mixed public spaces. Now, the argument in the Islamic Republic is not over whether women should be part of public life, it is over how they, and the youth of both sexes, should comport themselves as public and private citizens. In order to examine this gendered process of fundamental transformation within a highly politicized Muslim society and Islamic state, *Tied Up in Tehran* focuses on women's public and private lives in the capital city, and the shifting dynamics of quotidian urban life: daily relations in the family, in the workplace, in the street, and on the body.

### *Biographical Sketch*

Norma Claire Moruzzi is Associate Professor of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies, and History, and Director of

## Awards and Commendations



Two members of the GCI community recently earned meritorious awards. We congratulate them in their success!

**Cynthia Barnes Boyd** received the Chancellor's Award for Community Based Participatory Research from University of California-Irvine. The award ceremony was held in Irvine where commendations were received from state legislators.

**Tingwei Zhang's** paper "Planning theory and reform in transitional China" was awarded Best Paper of 2008-09 (First Prize) by the Urban Planning Society of China in October.

## *Activities of The Director*



Dr. David Perry, Director of the Great Cities Institute, recently earned two grants to extend national studies of the role of universities in cities. The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and the Annie E. Casey Foundation awarded these grants.

On December 16, at the invitation of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Dr. Perry delivered a lecture in Washington D.C. The topic of his lecture was "The University as Urban Developer: The Role of Higher Education Institutions in the Cities of Canada and the United States."

In addition, Dr. Perry has joined a collaboration of scholars from Northern Ireland, England, Germany and the United States to extend work on a project titled "Contested Cities and Urban Universities." The work has been funded by several national and regional foundations in Europe.

## *James J. Stukel Professor Michele Kelley Co-Authors Article*

James J. Stukel Professor Michele Kelley co-authored an article with College of Education doctoral student Katherine Romeo (lead author) titled "Incorporating Human Sexuality Content into a Youth Development Framework: Implications for Community Prevention," published in *Children and Youth Services Review*. Professor Kelley and Ms. Romero developed the paper out of a manuscript that the latter wrote for an advanced course in adolescent health that Dr. Kelley teaches. The engaged teaching



the International Studies Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She received a Ph.D. in Political Science from The Johns Hopkins University in 1990. Her research interests focus on the intersections of gender, religion, and national identity, particularly for Jewish and Muslim women. Her book *Speaking through the Mask: Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Social Identity* (Cornell University Press: 2000) won the 2002 Gradiva Award, and she has published articles on Iranian cinema; politicized veiling in France and Algeria; contemporary feminist approaches to female circumcision; and nineteenth century intersections of religious revivalism and imperial policy. Her current project is a book analyzing transformations in Iranian women's lives since the 1979 Revolution, tentatively titled *Tied Up in Tehran: Women, Social Change, and the Politics of Daily Life*. Since 1998 she has been regularly conducting field-work in Iran, as well as participating in and conducting workshops for women's groups and contributing to local journals. She has developed close working relationships with a network of individuals, including established women's activists, senior academics, editors, and urban planners, as well as a relatively new generation of recent Ph.D.s, students, and independent researchers.

methods employed in this course exposed Ms. Romero to youth programs in the Humboldt Park community where Dr. Kelley works, influencing her decision to teach classes at Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School.

Other recent accomplishments of Dr. Kelley include her selection by the Society for Adolescent Medicine to be Co-Chair for the Qualitative Research Special Interest Group and Program Faculty for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Toronto. She also was selected to Co-Chair the Adolescent Health Committee of the American Public Health Association.

*Dr. Kelley is a social worker by training and a social epidemiologist at the UIC School of Public Health. Her main interests are adolescent health, youth-led health promotion and action research, community youth development, community based participatory research (CBPR) and participatory pedagogic approaches for youth and professional education. Currently, Dr. Kelley is involved with the Great Cities Institute Engaged Learning Project. The project seeks to assess the extent to which UIC is currently offering learning opportunities to students through formal coursework that brings students into contact with external constituencies.*

*For more information on the GCI Engaged Learning Project and Dr. Michele Kelley please [click here](#).*

*For more information on the James J. Stukel Professorship Program please [click here](#).*

## **Public Administration and Nonprofit Management Unite Online**



Building on nearly a decade of excellence in providing continuing education to nonprofit practitioners, the flagship [Certificate in Nonprofit Management \(CNM\)](#) of our Professional Education Program has been recognized for the quality of its content by the Public Administration (PA) department at CUPPA. This spring, PA will offer a four-credit, graduate level online course titled "Financial Management and Fundraising in Nonprofit Organizations" for the first time in collaboration with Professional Education. This course will integrate CNM's practiced-based modules with theoretical perspectives relating to fiscal considerations of Public Administration.

Meg Haller, the Assistant Professor teaching this course, believes that that the CNM modules will, "provide a nonprofit-centric view on fundraising and finance, while the wrap-around modules will provide additional focus on the intersections of nonprofits with private and public sector organizations." We look forward to offering this new and unique learning opportunity to graduate students here at UIC.



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## Partnership Continues with CHANCE Learning Center

The Professional Education program is proud to continue its partnership with the [CHANCE Learning Center](#) at UIC. CHANCE has developed specific target areas focused on meeting the academic needs of underrepresented students through academic support, student retention, recruitment, outreach, and graduation completion. To help meet the first target area, the Prof Ed team has worked to develop two online workshops on Time Management that will help incoming freshman and non-traditional students adjust to the demands of academia. CHANCE continues its commitment to the success of the students they serve by partnering with the Prof Ed team to develop a third workshop this spring with intention to launch in March of 2010.



### *Custom Courses*

*GCI and the Professional Education Department at UIC work with community organizations and nonprofits to develop customized management and training programs to meet each organization's specific needs. If you are interested in developing customized courses to help your organization, please contact Prof Ed Senior Associate Kate Pravera at [kpravera@uic.edu](mailto:kpravera@uic.edu).*

## Farewell and Welcome



Marilyn Ruiz, the longest serving employee of the Great Cities Institute, stepped down as Assistant to the Director on December 31, 2009. A student of UIC when the university was located on Navy Pier, Marilyn will continue her long time attachment and commitment to UIC as a volunteer with the Alumni Association.

**John Mudd**, the Associate Director of the Great Cities Institute Professional Education program has resigned to take a new post in his home town of Louisville Kentucky.

**Joy Pamintuan**: While not formally a "welcome" of a "new" member of the GCI staff, we want to recognize the important contributions of Ms. Pamintuan with her recent promotion to Associate Director, Business and Finance. For the past decade, Joy has directed the Business Management, Finance and Human Resources activities of the Institute. With the increasing complexities of these important functions, her responsibility and functions at GCI have grown, making this new appointment well deserved.

**Dr. Rachel Weber**, Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy Program since 1998, accepted the position of Associate Director, Research and Program Development of GCI. We are very excited to welcome Dr. Weber and her vast knowledge as a researcher, teacher, and practitioner.

**Dr. Kate Pravera**, the founder of the GCI Professional Education program, returns in a part-time capacity as Senior Associate of the program. We are thrilled to have Kate back with us; the

program will benefit greatly from her leadership.

**Taryn McCook** has joined Great Cities as Program Coordinator for the Director's Office. Taryn is a 2009 graduate of the MUPP program and previous GCI research assistant; she will be working directly with GCI Director David Perry.

**Aletra Nicholson** joined the Neighborhood Initiatives to serve as Visiting Program Coordinator for the ChiWest ResourceNet project; one of her main activities will be coordinating delivery of technical assistance and workshops on capacity building for community groups.

**Tim Jeffries** has come on board as a Graduate Research Assistant working on the Illinois ResourceNet project of the Neighborhood Initiative, concentrating on finding federal grant opportunities for interested non-profits and municipalities.