

# GCI Monthly

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Symposium in celebration of Anthony Orum's retirement. UIC Student Center East, Room 302. September 16-17, 2011.

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### Comparative Urbanisms Special Event

with Gyan Prakash from Princeton University  
"History as Urban Archaeology -  
Writing *Mumbai Fables*."

**October 6, 2011, 3pm @ GCI**

Save the Date!

**November 2, 2011**

**10th Anniversary Program &  
Reception** for the Online  
Certificate in Nonprofit  
Management

Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

I want to extend my greetings to the Great Cities family and friends as we begin the fall semester 2011. The summer passed all too quickly, but August is a welcome month: as I write this I look out of my window at a campus that has once again come alive with renewed energy. You can feel it in the Great Cities Institute, too. We have already held our first meetings of GCI staff, Faculty Fellows, and Faculty Scholars. A year of change at the Institute is symbolized by the painting and redecorating we have undertaken in the foyer and in some of the offices. We are now engaged in a search for an Executive Director of the Center for Urban Economic Development (CUED), which became part of GCI's administrative structure on July 1. Other changes are underway as well. I am pleased to announce that the Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement will be moving onto the GCI floor later in the fall. The minor renovations necessary for making GCI a more congenial environment will take some time to complete, so please excuse our mess; it will be worth it in the end.



The Institute has several new people on board this fall. This year's group of Faculty Scholars is engaged in some fascinating multidisciplinary research. Sultan Tepe, from the Department of Political Science, is conducting research on the emergence of American Islam, with a focus on the Chicago metropolitan region; Betsy Abrams-Rich and Crystal Patil from the Department of Anthropology are investigating innovative antenatal care in Urban Africa; Larry Bennett from the Jane Addams College of Social Work and Stephanie Riger from the Department of Psychology and Gender & Women's Studies are examining the Domestic Violence Court Project. Judith DeJong from the School of Architecture is exploring the hybridization of suburban and urban physical development and how design affects land use policy, and Pamela Anne Quiroz from the Department of Educational Policy Studies is researching the marketing of diversity in education, the 'new' politics of desegregation, and the experience of going to school in different urban spaces.

We are also delighted to welcome David C. Perry as a Faculty Fellow to the Institute. As all of you know, David served as the director for GCI for many years, and his continued presence in the Institute is important to us. We also welcome Catherine Durose to GCI as an international visiting scholar from De Montfort University, Leicester in England. Catherine will kick off our fall schedule by facilitating a workshop on September 8 on the topic of co-production in community research.

Our flagship event this semester will be the Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference on September 16 and 17, 2011. This symposium is in celebration of Anthony Orum's retirement from UIC and will be exploring the city and its residents from the bottom up. Over 20 well-known urban sociologists and political scientists will be convening at UIC in Student Center East over the course of two days to present and discuss their individual papers that will provide the content for an edited book. We will keep you updated on this conference as well as the busy schedule of events and activities of the Institute throughout the year via this newsletter, our website, and mailing list. If you have any comments or suggestions, as always, feel free to contact me at [djudd@uic.edu](mailto:djudd@uic.edu).

Wishing you a happy and productive semester,

Dennis R. Judd  
Interim Director, UIC Great Cities Institute  
Professor, UIC Department of Political Science

## In memory of Steve Sander

Our GCI colleague, Steve Sander, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. His time in the GCI accounting department showed his depth of competency and kindness, and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts continue to be with his loved ones.

## In the Media

### Pravera Discusses Shifting Approach of Nonprofit Fundraisers

In July 2011, Kate Pravera, a Senior Associate at GCI and an expert on non-profit management, was quoted in *Crain's Chicago Business* on how fundraisers are beginning to express to donors what would happen if their organizations' programming disappeared in addition to describing the good work they do. Pravera stated that this development is not surprising given the depth of budget cuts faced by Chicago charities and other non-profits.

To read more, [click here](#).  
(site registration may be required)

### Weber Comments on Balance of TIF-funded Public and Private Projects in Chicago

On August 8, the *New York Times* quoted GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber on a Chicago News Cooperative analysis showing that tax increment financing benefitted public and private interests almost evenly, and on the reactions these findings may generate among the public.

For the full article, [click here](#).

# Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference

## Symposium in celebration of Anthony Orum's retirement

Location:

UIC Student Center East, Room 302  
750 South Halsted, Chicago, IL

Presentations followed by panel discussions.  
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## Friday, September 16, 2011

### 10am Opening remarks

#### 10:30am Panel 1: The Lives of Urban Residents in a Global World: Europe, Shanghai and Los Angeles

Moshe Semyonov: Anti-Immigrant Sentiments in Europe  
Xiangming Chen: Migrants in Shanghai  
Jan Lin: Native Voices in Los Angeles

#### 1:00pm Panel 2: Cities: Place, Space and Everyday Infrastructure

Japonica Brown-Saracino: The Fight for Place, Community and the Recent Past  
Krista Paulsen: Continuity in Three Historic Neighborhoods  
Richard Lloyd: Nashville Scenes  
Zachary Neal: Secret Gardens: Locating and Understanding Hidden Public Spaces  
Harvey Molotch: Safety and Danger in Everyday Infrastructure

#### 3:15pm Panel 3: The Lives of Urban Residents in a Global World: Berlin, South Africa, and Chicago

Hilary Silver: Immigrants in Berlin  
Andy Clarno & Claire Decoteau: Experiences of a Divided City in Post-Apartheid South Africa  
Maria Krysan & Michael Bader: Community Attachment and Avoidance in the City of Neighborhoods and Its Suburbs

## Saturday, September 17, 2011

### 9am Keynote Address: Sharon Zukin

#### 9:45am Panel 4: Cities: Novel Readings of the City and the Lives of Ordinary People

Bob Bruegmann: Meet the Jorgensons  
Michael Ebner: Islands and Archipelagos  
Nancy Denton: Using Quantitative Data in a Qualitative Manner  
Harvey Choldin: A Boy Reads about Skid Row

#### 1:30pm Panel 5: Listening to the Voices and Organizing the Interests of Ordinary People

Peter Dreier: The Potential and Limits of Community Organizing for Addressing America's Urban Crisis  
Wanda Rushing: Re-Imagining a Divided Memphis  
Mary Pattillo: All These Different Schools: Listening to Parents in the Era of School Choice  
Philip Nyden: Where is the Public in Public Sociology? What Place Do Ordinary People with Ordinary Lives Have in Creating Knowledge?

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For more information and to RSVP: [gcities@uic.edu](mailto:gcities@uic.edu).



## Save the Date!

On **November 2, 2011**, GCI's Office of Professional Education will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Online Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM) with a special guest panel and reception. CNM was one of the first online non-credit certificate programs on the UIC campus. The past, present, and future of this innovative program serving nonprofit professionals worldwide will be discussed and commemorated.



## Research and Publications

### Faculty Seed Fund Recipients Publish Article on GCI Supported Project

In the 2007-2008 academic year, GCI awarded a faculty seed fund award to the project "Stress and Coping Among Urban Teachers: An Exploratory Study," principal investigator Marc Atkins from the UIC Department of Psychiatry. This grant supported the research team in conducting a study with a sample of urban teachers related to their experience of occupation stress. This work is now reflected in the recently published paper in *School Mental Health* "A Qualitative Study of the Sources and Impact of Stress Among Urban Teachers," authored by researchers Elisa S. Shernoff, Tara G. Mehta, Marc S. Atkins, Raechel Torf, and Jordan Spencer.

According to the paper, the results from this qualitative research suggest that "at least one-half of the cases identified lack of resources, excessive workload, school-level disorganization, managing behavior problems, and accountability policies as significant sources of stress. The majority of teachers reported that occupational stress significantly impacted their personal relationships and physical health, and teachers identified human and material resources as most important to reducing work-related stress. Implications for organizationally based interventions and school policies to address urban teacher stress are discussed." [Click here](#) for a PDF of the full article.

### New Feature - Book Reviews by CNM Faculty

Check out what the Online Certificate in Nonprofit Management Faculty are reading and what they have to say about these publications as they pertain to the nonprofit world today. CNM Program Director and GCI Senior Associate Kate Pravera kicks off the series with these two reviews (clickable):

**The Networked Nonprofit: Connecting with Social Media to Drive Change** by Beth Kanter and Allison H. Fine, 2010, John Wiley & Sons  
Review by Kate Pravera, GCI Senior Associate

**Nonprofit Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability** by Jeanne Bell, Jan Masaoka and Steve Zimmerman  
Review by Kate Pravera, GCI Senior Associate

## GCI Faculty Scholar Team Awarded Pilot Grant

2011-2012 GCI Faculty Scholars Betsy Abrams-Rich and Crystal Patil from the UIC Department of Anthropology, along with their research team, have been awarded a pilot grant of \$25,000 from the Chicago Developmental Center for AIDS Research (<http://www.chicagocfar.org/>) for their GCI project.

Titled "Innovative Antenatal Care: A Strategy for Meeting Global Health Goals in Urban Africa," their collaborative GCI research project will offer a fascinating look at new community-based approaches to antenatal care.

Congratulations Betsy and Crystal!

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