

GCI Monthly

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Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

In a couple of weeks I expect to release the long-awaited strategic rethinking report on the future of the Great Cities Institute. As soon as it is released, we will be scheduling a round of meetings so that everyone connected to or interested in the Institute will have an opportunity to express their views and give us their suggestions. By the end of the academic year, we hope to have ample feedback so that we can issue a final version of the report. After this process is concluded I plan to seek approval from the Chancellor, the GCI Advisory Council, and the CUPPA dean so that we can begin steps to implement the recommendations contained in the report.

We have a busy schedule of events lined up for this spring. Previous to the inauguration of Rahm Emanuel as Mayor in May, GCI is co-sponsoring an all-day Aldermen Seminar on April 28 at the Union League Club of Chicago. Professor Yue Zhang will present the final GCI Faculty Scholar Seminar of the year on April 12 at 2pm with her talk “Governing Art Districts: State Control and Cultural Production in Contemporary China.” If you are not able to make it in person, you can download the podcast from our website afterward. Other recently added podcasts include Faculty Scholar Claire Decoteau’s seminar from March 15 titled “HIV/AIDS and the Struggle for Life in South Africa’s Slums” and Ed Uhler’s lecture on March 10 “Millennium Park’s Future in the Post-Daley Era.” You can click through web links to these events and the other activities sponsored by the Institute throughout this newsletter.

Our most important event this spring is a lecture on May 13 to honor David C. Perry’s 11-year service as the Director of the Great Cities Institute. To mark David’s tenure as GCI’s director, Wim Wiewel, currently the President of Portland State University, will give a lecture on “Economic Growth and Social Equity: Dilemmas for the Urban University.” As previous Dean of CUPPA and College of Business Administration, Wim has collaborated with David on several publications. It is timely to note that David’s commitment to multidisciplinary research and engaged scholarship is apparent in everything the Institute does. Over the years David put his words into action through his own scholarly work, having published widely and given numerous presentations on the role of universities in community and economic development. He has gained international recognition for this work. Currently David is serving as UIC’s Associate Vice Chancellor for the Great Cities Commitment; in this way he continues as an ambassador for GCI and the university’s urban mission. (cont...)

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At a Glance: Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 12 @ 2pm

Yue Zhang

“Governing Art Districts: State Control and Cultural Production in Contemporary China”

Faculty Scholar Seminar

Thursday, April 28 @ 9am

Aldermen Seminar

Friday, May 13, @ 3pm

“Economic Growth and Social Equity: Dilemmas for the Urban University”

Special Event to Honor Professor Perry and his 11 years as Director of GCI.

See below for more information

Faculty Scholar Spotlight

YUE ZHANG
UIC Department of
Political Science



“Governing Art Districts: State Control and Cultural Production in Contemporary China”

**Public Lecture:
April 12, 2011 @ 2pm**

Contemporary artists have long been marginalized in China as their ideas and lifestyles conflict with the mainstream political ideology. In Beijing, artists often live on the fringe of society in ‘artist villages,’ where they almost always face the threat of being displaced due to political decisions or urban renewal. However, in the past decade, the Beijing municipal government has begun to foster the growth of contemporary Chinese arts and designated underground artist villages as art districts. Prof. Zhang will discuss why the Chinese government’s attitude toward the art community has profoundly changed and how the changes in state governance have influenced the art community and shaped the trajectory of urban transformation in contemporary China.

Professor Zhang’s research focuses on urban politics, comparative politics, Chinese politics, and cultural policy.

This campus-wide event will be held on May 13 in the 5th floor Great Space of CUPPAH; please mark your calendars.

Best wishes for a productive semester,

Dennis R. Judd
Interim Director, Great Cities Institute & Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Illinois at Chicago

Upcoming Events

GCI Special Event in Honor of Professor David C. Perry and his 11 years of service as Director of the Great Cities Institute.



**A Lecture by Wim Wiewel
“Economic Growth and Social Equity:
Dilemmas for the Urban University”**

**Friday, May 13, 2011
3pm: Welcome and Lecture
5pm: Reception**

**Location: The Great Space
412 S. Peoria St, 5th FL
CUPPAH 500**



To RSVP and for more info, contact tmccoo2@uic.edu

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 16 - 17, 2011
Details to follow. Contact: tmccoo2@uic.edu

Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference @ UIC
A look at the city and its residents from the bottom up

	Panelists: Japonica Brown-Saracino Robert Braegmann Xiangming Chen Andy Clarke Claire Decoreau Nancy Denton Peter Drorier Michael Ebner Roberta Feldman Dennis Judd Maria Krystan Jan Lin Richard Douglas Lloyd	 Harvey Molotch Zachary Neal Philip Nyden Tony Oran Mary Pattillo Krista E. Paulsen Wanda Rushing Moshe Semyonov Hillary Silver Sharon Zukin*	
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PODCASTS

We convert all of our public lectures into Podcasts for those of you who can't make it to the Institute in person. Visit our website for a complete list of our past [podcasts](#).

Recent Podcasts (links):

Naoko Muramatsu

[“Caring for Limited English Speaking Elderly: The Roles of Ethnic Social Service Agencies in a Global City”](#)

Claire Decoteau

[“HIV/AIDS and the Struggle for Life in South Africa’s Slums”](#)

Edward Uhler

[“Millennium Park in the Post-Daley Era”](#)

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HCC Bimonthly Community Engaged Research: Researcher Dialogue

“Repairing Damaged University Community Partnerships: How to/How Not To”

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

11:30am – 1:00pm

Brown Bag Lunch Event

UIC School of Public Health

1603 W. Taylor Street, Room 192



Every other month GCI’s Healthy City Collaborative hosts an engaged research event that provides an opportunity for researchers to share experiences, challenges and strategies to begin a community engaged or community participatory research project. Next month’s topic discussion revolves around how researchers can repair damaged partnerships that exist between universities and their surrounding communities. Join in on the discussion and come prepared with questions and helpful tips to share with your colleagues. For more information and to RSVP e-mail HCC at sdykes@uic.edu or call 312-996-4656.

HCC “Sharing What We Have Learned Through Research” Community Seminar

“By Request: A Presentation of Topics Most Requested By Community Partners”

Friday, April 15, 2011

8:30am – 12:30pm

Chicago Urban League

4510 S. Michigan Avenue, East Conference Room

This quarter’s seminar will feature a collection of presentations that were requested in past meetings and comments in program evaluations. This seminar will enhance the capacity to plan, fund evaluate and promote community programs. In addition, it will foster mutually beneficial partnerships among CBOs and universities, while sharing research findings and new knowledge with communities.

HCC seminars are exclusively designed for community partners who are interested in increasing the effectiveness and sustainability of their organizations. The content includes program evaluation and marketing strategies to demonstrate the impact of programs. The workshops provide opportunities for networking and partnership developments.

This workshop is limited to 50 participants. Email sdykes@uic.edu or call (312) 996-4656. The Deadline for registration is April 8, 2011.

Miscellany

Faculty Scholar Sharon Haar Visits NYC

In early March GCI Faculty Scholar Sharon Haar lectured on her book, *The City as Campus* at The New School for Social Research in New York City as part of The New School Urban Festival. While in New York she also conducted interviews for her current research on Social Entrepreneurial Networks in Architecture.

Social Media

The Great Cities Institute is pleased to provide another avenue for you to get in touch



with us and to keep updated on our public events, workshops, research, and community engagement. [Click here!](#)

HCC Shared Research

African American Girls and Sex

Barbara L. Dancy, Kathleen S. Crittenden, & Hongyan Ning

Because African American girls continue to be at increased risk for sexually transmitted illnesses, HCC researchers followed over a 20 month period 396 African American girls who reported at the beginning of the study that they had never had sex. These girls were between 11 and 14 years of age. The goal of the study was to find out how many of these girls within a 20 month period would continue to not have sex.

They found:

1. For all the 396 girls, 71.5%

Illinois ResourceNet Regional Conference Collaboration for Collective Impact

Thursday, April 28, 2011

8:30am — 3:30pm

Ramada Inn, Moline, Illinois

GCI's Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative (IRN) will hold a regional conference in Moline, Illinois on April 28th, 2011 focused on collaboratives working locally and countrywide to create functioning networks of community organizations and local units of government that provide services and produce quality grant submissions.

The conference "Collaborating for Collective Impact" is designed for local units of government and organizations working together to apply for available funding. More now than ever, collaboration is necessary in nonprofit organizations of all types. In Illinois, there are growing number of "collaboratives," and intentional partnerships where organizations are joining forces to address a range of societal issues. Collaboratives run the gamut from informal networks to formal entities, which combine the efforts and expertise of various organizations to supply communities with the diverse services needed to function more effectively and efficiently.

For more info and to register, [click here](#), or visit www.illinoisresource.net under "Events."

Research: In the Media, March 2011

Indianapolis Star Quotes Rachel Weber on Gentrifying Neighborhoods

Rachel Weber, Associate Director of the Great Cities Institute and Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Policy, was quoted in an Indianapolis Star article on gentrified and changing neighborhoods in Chicago and Columbus, Ohio. The article discusses the similar experiences of the Short North neighborhood of Columbus and the Wicker park neighborhood of Chicago in building residential density.



[Click here for the entire article.](#)

GCI Fellow Phil Ashton Comments on February Drop in Foreclosure Rates in Illinois



The Daily Herald and Medill Reports quoted Phil Ashton, GCI Fellow and Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Policy, on why foreclosure rates dropped last month in Illinois, including reference to the "robo-signing" controversy wherein lenders have been accused of signing approvals for foreclosures without first acquiring the necessary documentation. For the full Daily Herald article, [click here](#).

Professional Education

Upcoming Online Courses in Nonprofit Management

From GCI's University of Illinois at Chicago's Online Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program



Registration Deadline - 04/25/2011

Marketing Management examines the critical elements of the marketing process as it relates to nonprofit organizations. Learn how the development of a strong brand and image can effectively communicate and position your messages to the media and public at large.

Nonprofit Governance explores how the concept of governance today is changing with an increased emphasis on leadership in the face of rapid social and economic change. Learn to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of a nonprofit board as you survey board roles and responsibilities, governance structure, board recruitment and retention and much more.

Operations Management provides a solid overview of the scope of operations activities within a nonprofit, as well as analysis of four significant aspects of nonprofit management: managing staff and building teams, managing volunteers, program design and evaluation and managing for high impact.

These courses will run from 5/05/11 - 6/08/11.

For more information on these courses, and special savings bundles [CLICK HERE](#).

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reported not having had sex and 28.5% reported having had sex within the 20 month period.
2. Girls, who thought their mothers knew what they were doing and where they were, tended not to have had sex within the 20 month period.
And much more...

Conclusion:
Programs designed to help girls delay having sex until they are older should provide mothers information on the importance of providing maximum supervision for their daughters.

About the Researcher:
Barbara L. Dancy's research focuses on the development and testing of innovative, culturally sensitive, HIV-risk reduction programs for vulnerable, underserved populations. For additional information about this research please contact Dr. Barbara Dancy at bdancy@uic.edu.

HCC is pleased to highlight the research and community engagement activities of UIC researchers. Each month they feature a researcher and important findings from their work. This information is shared in a format for ready use by our community partners and others interested in a specific research focus area. This summary is suitable for wide-spread distribution to others who would benefit from the evidence produced through the research. Contact information for the featured researcher is included.

If you would like more information about our efforts to share what we have learned, visit our website at <http://go.uic.edu/hcc> or email Cynthia Boyd, Director of GCI's Healthy City Collaborative at cboyd@uic.edu.