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Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

As we make our preparations for another Chicago winter (in my case, I went to my favorite outdoor store this Sunday for a knit hat), the Institute is looking forward to some dramatic new developments.

We will begin interviewing candidates for the Director of the Center for Urban Economic Development (CUED) over the next three or four weeks. This is an extremely important position because it will position the Institute to build upon Nik Theodore's many accomplishments during his tenure as CUED director.

It will be difficult to fill his shoes, but the finalists for the position have impressive backgrounds in engaged research. We eagerly anticipate welcoming a new person on board.

For this year's GCI Faculty Scholar Competition, we have decided to incorporate a specific theme: Envisioning Equality. The Institute is asking applicants to address this theme because it speaks directly to the quality of life of residents in Chicago and its region, and it will encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and synergies among the cohort of individual faculty scholars and research teams. We anticipate that proposals addressing issues of equality and inequality in society will come from a broad array of disciplines reaching across the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, and professional fields. All tenured, tenure-track, and clinical faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above are eligible to apply for this award. The submission deadline is January 20, 2012, and application materials are available on the Great Cities Institute website.

The Great Cities Institute continues its busy fall schedule with three exciting public events in November. First at 3PM on Tuesday, November 8, Kate Pravera, a GCI Senior Associate and head of the program on Nonprofit Management and Leadership Education (formerly the Professional Education Program) will host an event titled “The Future of Nonprofits in Chicago: Practitioner Perspectives on Networking, Public Policy Advocacy, & Collaboration across the Sectors.” In addition to celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program, this event promises to be a thought-provoking discussion about the challenging fiscal environment that nonprofit organizations work within. Four leaders of Chicago-area nonprofit organizations, Maria Pesqueira, Jean Pogge, Tom Tresser, and Robert Wordlaw, will discuss how they grapple with the issues affecting their daily operations. Please note that this panel will be followed by an open reception; both will take place at Student Center East in the Illinois Room on the second floor.

At 3PM on November 10 Julie Burros, the Director of Cultural Planning at the city of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, will be speaking in the GCI seminar room on “A New Chicago Cultural Plan.” Mark your calendars; this presentation will provide a first glimpse into the transition plan for Mayor Rahm Emanuel's cultural policy.

The last public event of the month will be held at 2PM on November 29, when GCI Faculty Scholar Judith DeJong, a faculty member in the School of Architecture, presents her research on *New (Sub) Urbanisms*, in which she will describe a historic cultural convergence between the American city and suburb. We hope you can join us for these exciting events.

Best wishes for a productive semester,

Dennis R. Judd

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Upcoming Events

GCI Special Event in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the GCI Professional Education Program's Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM)

“The Future of Nonprofits in Chicago: Practitioner Perspectives on Networking, Public Policy Advocacy, & Collaboration Across the Sectors”



Panelists

Maria Pesqueira, President & CEO, Mujeres Latinas en Acción

Jean Pogge, CEO, Delta Institute

Tom Tresser, Organizer, Educator Activist and Civic Scholar

Robert Wordlaw, Executive Director, Chicago Jobs Council

Moderator: Kelly LeRoux, UIC Assistant Professor of Public Administration

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Panel: 3 - 4:30pm

Reception: 4:30 - 6pm

Student Center East

750 South Halsted Street

Illinois Room B/C

This event will expand the scope of public discourse about nonprofits in Chicago to address the broader realm of civic engagement and social change.

[Click here](#) to read an interview with GCI Senior Associate Kate Pravera to learn more about CNM's origins and impact.

GCI Special Event

“A New Chicago Cultural Plan”

**Julie Burros, Director of Cultural Planning
Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events**



Thursday, November 10, 2011, 3pm - 4:30pm

Great Cities Institute, 412 S. Peoria St, 4th FL, CUPPAH 400

Julie Burros will discuss the City of Chicago's efforts to create a new cultural plan for the city. The city's first cultural plan was completed in 1986 and proved to be enormously influential. Mayor Rahm Emanuel's transition plan cites creating a new cultural plan for Chicago as a key goal in his first year in office. Initial info about the plan and the City's progress can be found at www.chicagoculturalplan2012.org.

Julie Burros has served as Director of Cultural Planning for the City of Chicago since 2000. Previously, she worked in the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development as a Coordinating Planner and a Senior Associate at Economic Research Associates. She studied Urban Planning at Columbia University and Sociology at the University of Chicago.

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History as Urban Archaeology -
Writing Mumbai Fables

[Presentations, Q & A](#)

Bill Barnes

Regionalism in a Time of Turmoil

[Presentations, Q & A](#)

IN THE MEDIA

Rachel Weber commented on the pressure felt by the State of Illinois to grant taxi incentives to large employer corporations for job retention purposes. Read the full Chicago Tribune article [here](#).



The Chicago News Co-op quoted Weber on the difficulty of raising sufficient revenue to spur large scale development in low-income neighborhoods with use of tax increment financing. To read more, click [here](#).

The Future of Chicago Lecture Series

The UIC Department of Political Science will be hosting several exciting public events this fall. All lectures will take place from 12-12:50pm in UIC lecture Center F6 (LC F6) and will be moderated by Dick Simpson, UIC Professor and Former Chicago Alderman. GCI is a co-sponsor.

November events:

Friday, November 11, 2011

Art Turner, Sr

Former State Legislator
"The Future of State Politics"

Monday, November 14, 2011

Rita Athas

World Business President
"The Future of Chicago Business"

Monday, November 21, 2011

Ed Burke

14th Ward Alderman
"The Future of the Chicago City Council"

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Fred Hess Memorial Lecture

Jean-Claude Brizard

Chicago Public School
Superintendent
"The Future of Education in Chicago"

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Judith DeJong
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"New (Sub)Urbanisms"

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 @ 2pm

Great Cities Institute, 412 S. Peoria St, 4th FL, CUPPAH 400



In this talk, 2011-2012 Faculty Scholar DeJong will discuss the research and writing she is undertaking during her fellowship year at the Institute. Her project investigates how American cultural attitudes about urban life in the metropolis, reinforced by significant demographic change, are dissolving traditional relationships between city and suburb, and producing new spatial and formal conditions; in particular, the project aims to identify new models for (sub)urbanization.

Judith DeJong is a licensed architect and an Assistant Professor of Architecture at UIC. She teaches architectural design studios and courses in urbanism and landscape. DeJong earned her Master of Architecture in Urban Design from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design; she has practiced with several architecture firms across the United States on a variety of projects and is currently the principal of Studio 2737 LLC, an architecture and urban design firm in Chicago. Her proposal "How the Strip Mall Can Save Suburbia" was a finalist in the 2010 Build A Better Burb competition.

Engagement

Cynthia Barnes-Boyd Named New National Chair of Community and Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

Director of the GCI Neighborhoods Initiative and Healthy City Collaborative Cynthia Barnes-Boyd recently became the National Chair for the board of this nonprofit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and academic institutions. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) advances their goals on a daily basis through service-learning, community-based participatory research and other community-academic partnerships. For more information, check out their website [here](#). Congrats Cee!

GCI Hosts Russian Delegation

On October 25, the Institute welcomed 25 mid-to-high level professionals from Russia to engage in a series of discussions on the University and its connection to the city. GCI co-organized a week of activities for this delegation of emerging Russian civic, political and business leaders participating in an international education program of the Moscow School of Political Studies (MSPS). While here, the leaders met their US counterparts and thoroughly explored domestic policy issues surrounding American style federalism, good governance, transparency, the importance of civic engagement, and more. We look forward to continuing our relationship with MSPS in coming years.