



GCI Monthly

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Dear Friends of GCI:

As you will quickly see from a perusal of this edition of the Monthly, we are in full swing here at Great Cities. It will be the rare Tuesday in the next two months when we will not have a good topic and a good conversation underway in one of our seminar, brown bag or lecture series. See especially the events being sponsored by our new research clusters in “Governance,” “Development,” and “Healthy Cities.” Good debates over challenging topics such as the effectiveness of reform in public education, what constitutes a healthy city, and the nature and future of urban governance are engaging the staff, researchers and community partners of the Institute. Please join us in March and April. We value your perspective and we think you will enjoy the new directions we are carving for high-impact programs and projects in these and other key areas.

Look forward to a new website in the next few weeks and go to our old one to find new working papers on the engaged research of scholars from throughout UIC.

See you around the Institute.

David C. Perry
Director

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Events take place in the Great Cities conference room, located at Great Cities Institute, 412 S. Peoria Street, Suite 400, unless otherwise noted.

March

Tuesday, March 6 at 5:00 pm

Reforming Reform in Urban Schools: Efficiency, Deficiency, and Equity

A Faculty Scholar Seminar panel presentation by:

Olivia Gude, Associate Professor, School of Art and Design
UIC College of Architecture and the Arts

David Mayrowetz, Assistant Professor, Policy Studies,
UIC College of Education

Thomas Moher, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science,
UIC College of Engineering

Kimberly Potowski, Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00 pm

Civic Capacity and Urban Power: A Theory of Governance

An occasional lecture in the Governance Lecture Series

Dennis Judd

Fellow, Great Cities Institute

Professor, Department of Political Science

UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Tuesday, March 20 at 1:00 pm

Moments of Hesitation: Situating Citizenship in the Excess of Fact

Helen Liggett

Professor

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs

Cleveland State University

April

Tuesday, April 3 at 1:00 pm

Challenges in Planning for Hajj, the Annual Muslims' Pilgrimage to Makkah: Spatial Modeling for Complex Planning

Kheir Al-Kodmany

Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Program

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 pm

Title Forthcoming

Lisa Lee

Director of Jane Addams Hull House Museum

Thursday, April 12 at 3:00 pm

A Puerto Rican Community Responds to the HIV/AIDS Crisis: The Role of Social and Cultural Capital

An occasional lecture in the Healthy City Lecture Series

Michele Kelly

Associate Professor, Division of Community Health Sciences
School of Public Health

Alejandro Luis Molina

Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Tuesday, April 17 at 3:00 pm

***Art, Race and Place: Transforming Self and Community
Essie Robeson and Community Murals in Chicago:
2 Case Studies***

A Faculty Scholar Seminar panel presentation by:

Olivia Gude, Associate Professor, School of Art and Design

College of Architecture and the Arts

Barbara Ransby, Associate Professor, Department of African American Studies/Department of History

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Location: Jane Addams Hull-House

800 South Halsted Street

Chicago, Illinois

This panel is co-sponsored by Jane Addams Hull-House, The Public Square and the Chicago Public Art Group

Recent Past Events

February

Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 pm

Urban Form and the Institutional Context in Southeast Asian Cities

An occasional lecture in the Development Lecture Series by:

Tingwei Zhang, Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy Program

UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Tuesday, February 13 at 3:00 pm

Neighborhoods and Heritage: The Lawndale Experience

A Faculty Scholar Seminar panel presentation by:

Robert Bruegmann, Professor and Chair, Department of Art History

UIC College of Architecture and the Arts

Roberta Feldman, Co-director, City Design Center

UIC College of Architecture and the Arts

Charles Leeks, Director

Lawndale Office of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago

Thursday, February 15 at 3:00 pm

The Lawndale Health Promotion Project: Engaging Communities in Creating a Healthier Community in Chicago's North and South Lawndale

A Healthy City Seminar panel presentation by:

Cynthia Barnes-Boyd, Director, UIC Neighborhood Initiatives, Great Cities Institute

UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Assistant Dean, Community Health Initiatives

UIC College of Nursing

Berenice Tow, REACH 2010 Project Director

City of Chicago Department of Public Health
Michael Quinn, Education Specialist in Research, Department of Medicine
Diabetes Research and Training Center
University of Chicago

Tuesday, February 20 at 1:00 pm
Saul Alinsky in Berlin? Citizen Organizing in Modern Germany
Tom Lenz
Lead Organizer
Lake County United

Tuesday, February 27 at 3:00 pm
Gangs in the Global City: A Lecture and Book Signing
John Hagedorn
Senior Research Fellow, Great Cities Institute
UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice
UIC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

News

► Two new papers have been added to the Working Paper Series:

Does Form of Fiscal Governance Matter?: Fiscal Practices and Outcomes in Chicago Suburbs by Rebecca Hendrick, Associate Professor of Public Administration at UIC.

<http://tigger.uic.edu/cuppa/gci/publications/working%20paper%20series/pdf/GCP-07-01%20Rebecca%20Hendrick.pdf>

Optimal Leverage in Real Estate Investment with Mezzanine Lending by John McDonald, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Director, Center for Urban Real Estate at UIC.

<http://tigger.uic.edu/cuppa/gci/publications/working%20paper%20series/pdf/GCP-07-02%20John%20McDonald.pdf>

► The Office of Professional Education at the Great Cities Institute is pleased to announce the launch of our newest course in the Online Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program: Successful Program Planning and Evaluation.

This five-week course, offered entirely online, teaches nonprofit practitioners how to build effective evaluations into their programs by identifying measurable goals and objectives, developing logic models, and writing evaluation reports.

Registration ends May 7th, 2007; the class runs from May 17th - June 20th, 2007.

People

► Congratulations to **David Perry**, Great Cities Institute director, for his appointment to the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence Selection Committee. Instead of using set criteria, the committee defines urban excellence as it emerges out of their discussions of the applications. As part of his appointment, **David Perry** spent a weekend in January 2007 in Cambridge, Massachusetts reviewing applications from 92 cities and projects. The winners will be decided in the future.

► **Martin Jaffe**, Urban Planning and Public Policy Director and a Great Cities Institute fellow, was recently elected to the Regional Water Supply Planning Group of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), a group of 30 stakeholders and local officials involved in using, managing, or protecting the region's drinking water resources. Over the next three years, CMAP's Regional Water Supply Planning Group will be developing a water supply plan for northeastern Illinois. This regional planning initiative is supported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois State Water Survey, under a process established by Gov. Blagojevich's Executive Order 2006-1. In late January, Marty also was the plenary speaker at the annual meeting of the Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeepers organization of Buffalo, NY, where he spoke on innovative strategies to reduce the water pollution risks from Combined Sewer Overflows discharged from sewage treatment plants.

► Congratulations to **Emily Tapia**, Great Cities Institute graduate assistant, for her receipt of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Women's Transportation Seminar—an international organization dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation.

► **Michael Pagano**, Great Cities Institute faculty fellow, is co-editor with Robert Leonardi of the recently released book *The Dynamics of Federalism in National and Supranational Political Systems*.

► On February 16th the South Florida Sun-Sentinel cited a study by the **Center for Urban Economic Development** in an article on the success of the United Way campaigns effort to help low-income individuals buy homes.

► On February 13th the Arizona Republic quoted **Nik Theodore**, director of the **Center for Urban Economic Development**, in an article on the injuries often incurred by Hispanic workers.

► On February 12th the Chicago Tribune quoted **Nik Theodore**, director of the **Center for Urban Economic Development**, in an article on over- and under-charges due to malfunctioning price scanners at retailers such as Wal-Mart.

► On February 11th the Chicago Tribune mentioned a study on gentrification conducted by the **Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement** in an article on the names of south side neighborhoods.

► On February 10th the Baltimore Sun quoted **Nik Theodore**, director of the **Center for Urban Economic Development**, in an article on the development of indoor day laborer centers for workers in Baltimore.

► On January 18th the Chicago Tribune quoted **Atanacio Gonzalez**, associate director of the **Neighborhoods Initiative**, on the value of living in changing neighborhoods rather than only investing in them.

► On January 14th the Chicago Tribune cited a day labor study by the **Center for Urban Economic Development** in an article discussing the lack of opportunities for day labor workers.

► On January 12th the Detroit News quoted statistics from a study by the **Center for Urban Economic Development** in an article on employer opposition to the unionization of workers.

Faculty Scholar Spotlight

Kimberly Potowski, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, and Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Arresting Attrition: Spanish Language Maintenance in Chicago's Elementary Schools

Kimberly Potowski is an assistant professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and in the Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include patterns and motivations of Spanish use in the United States as well as best practices in heritage language development and the professional development of heritage language teachers. Her work has been published in many books as well as journals such as the *Foreign Language Annals* and *Southwest Journal of Linguistics*. She was a UIC Teaching Recognized Program Award recipient for the 2003-2004 school year.

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