



GCI Monthly

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Dear Friends of GCI:

We have a very busy and active month ahead, beginning with a critically important conversation on the crisis in the sub-prime mortgage market with a GCI Community Economic Development Research Cluster panel, chaired by Professors Philip Ashton and Janet Smith of the Urban Planning and Policy Program and including guest experts Harry Pestine, Community Affairs Program Director at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Ellen Seidman, Executive Vice President of National Policy and Partnership Development at ShoreBank Corporation and Director of the Financial Services and Education Project Asset Building Program of New America Foundation; Geoff Smith, Research Director at Woodstock Institute; and Mike Van Zalingen, Director of Homeownership Services at Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago.

This event will be followed by four more seminars in November, including a session on planning and governance in China and India with presentations by some of GCI's outstanding graduate students and one on local economies and development in Ghana, by former GCI Faculty Scholar, Benet DeBerry-Spence. We will return to Chicago at mid-month for an exciting session, "From the White City to the Tourist City: Daniel Burnham, Richard M. Daley, and the Making of Chicago" by Dennis Judd and Costas Spiro. Read on for more information.

On Friday, November 2, the GCI Healthy Cities Research Cluster will hold a workshop at the Chicago Urban League entitled Developing Community Capacity for Research Participation. The event is co-sponsored by GCI, Institute for Health Research and Policy, and the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects.

The Institute recently played host to a week-long workshop and seminar in governance and policy building by the senior governmental leadership of the city of Belfast and the country of Northern Ireland and we were pleased to have equally senior governmental and political leaders present, including Mayor Richard M. Daley, governmental Liaison Rita Athus, Chief of Staff Lori Healey, Commissioner of Planning and Development, World Business Chicago Executive Director Paul O'Connor, senior planners from throughout Chicago, CEOs for Cities head Carol Colletta, Chicago Rehab Director Kevin Jackson along with UIC senior researchers and faculty Janet Smith, Dean Victoria Chou, UICNI head Cee Barnes Boyd and Atancio Gonzalez, and DePaul University political scientist Larry Bennett among others. Events took place throughout the city and included meetings at City Hall, the Jane Addams Hull House Museum, the Drake hotel and on buses that toured the city.

In short, GCI sees its mission of engaged research as ever more international—embedding our scholarship and our city in networks of knowledge that produce new globalizing discourses and challenge us to be ever cognizant of the larger world we all live in.

As usual, please read on—the events are many, the conversations are warm and inclusive here at GCI and the coffee pot is always on.

Warmly,

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.

November

Thursday, November 1 at 10:00 am

A Community Economic Development Research Cluster Panel Discussion Event

The Mortgage Lending Crisis: Implications for Our Communities

Panelists:

Harry Pestine

Community Affairs Program Director, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Ellen Seidman

Executive Vice President, National Policy and Partnership Development, ShoreBank Corporation
Director of the Financial Services and Education Project Asset Building Program, New America Foundation

Geoff Smith

Research Director, Woodstock Institute

Mike Van Zalingen

Director, Homeownership Services, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago

Moderators:

Philip Ashton

Assistant Professor, College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs

Janet Smith

Associate Professor, College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs
Co-Director, Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement

Friday, November 2 from 9:30am-4:00pm

A Healthy Cities Collaborative Event

Developing Community Capacity for Research Participation

Sponsored by GCI, Institute for Health Research and Policy,
and The Office for the Protection of Research Subjects

**Event will take place at the Chicago Urban League
4510 S. Michigan Avenue**

Tuesday, November 6 at 3:00 pm

A GCI Panel Discussion

China and India: Governance, Urban Development, and Sustainability in the Cities of the Global South

Moderator:

David C. Perry

Director, Great Cities Institute

Speaker Discussants:

Ratoola Kundu

3rd Year PhD Student, UIC, Urban Planning and Policy

Kamna Lal

2nd Year PhD Student, UIC, Public Administration

Meng Sun

2nd Year PhD Student, UIC, Urban Planning and Policy

Lan Wang

PhD Candidate, UIC, Urban Planning and Policy

Barry Weisberg, JD

PhD Candidate, UIC, Criminal Justice

Tuesday, November 20 at 3:00 pm

A GCI Seminar

From the White City to the Tourist City:

Daniel Burnham, Richard M. Daley, and the Making of Chicago

Dennis Judd

Head and Professor, Department of Political Science
Fellow, Great Cities Institute

University of Illinois at Chicago
Costas Spirou
Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences
National-Louis University

Tuesday, November 27 at 3:00 pm

A GCI Seminar

Theories of Third Space: Reconceptualizing the Conceptual

Benet DeBerry-Spence

Assistant Professor, Managerial Studies, College of Business
University of Illinois at Chicago

December

Tuesday, December 4 at 3:00 pm

A Faculty Scholar Seminar

The Problem of Urbanicity and Survey Nonresponse Bias: Identifying Possible Mechanisms and Solutions

Allyson Holbrook

Assistant Professor, Public Administration
UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs
University of Illinois at Chicago

Tuesday, December 11 at 3:00 pm

A GCI Seminar

Title Forthcoming

William Wheeler

Director of Program and Development
Region Five
Federal Transportation Administration

January

Tuesday, January 15 at 3:00 pm

A Faculty Scholar Seminar

Stigma and Risk Among African-American Adolescents Whose Mothers Have HIV

Sally Mason

Associate Professor of Clinical Social Work
Department of Psychiatry
UIC College of Medicine

News

► A Space for Dissent: Lessons from the Jane Addams Hull House Museum

On Tuesday, October 9, 2007 Lisa Yun Lee, director of the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum at the University of Illinois at Chicago presented "Lessons from One Year at Hull-House and the Legacy of Jane Addams at UIC: Engaging Publics, Counterpublics and Communities." The museum seeks to serve the legacy of Hull-House and the work of Jane Addams through engaged academic partnerships in areas such as peace and justice, labor, immigration, youth, arts, and democracy. Lee spoke of how the museum strives to reconnect with local, national, and international groups to bring this type of work into the museum today.

Lee talked about the importance of keeping the legacy of Jane Addams alive, not through a static memorial, but through active engagement with community—to create an experience where future generations can relate and be inspired and educated as a way to encourage future social activism. She also spoke about the history of Hull-House as a place where controversial issues were welcomed and addressed. One of the museum's current objectives is to create and maintain a space where active dissent can take place. Lee sees Hull-House functioning as a

space for counterpublics. Instead of just representing or reflecting the history of Hull-House or the story of Jane Addams, the Hull-House Museum can also produce and provide a space for new experiences.

Lee recited the following quote by Jane Addams, which serves as a source of inspiration for her and for the Hull-House Museum in its goal to keep Addams' story, work, and philosophy alive and active into the future:

“The only thing to be dreaded in the Settlement is that it could lose its flexibility, its power of quick adaptation, its readiness to change its methods as its environment may demand. It must be open to conviction and must have a deep and abiding sense of tolerance... It must be grounded in a philosophy whose foundation is on the solidarity of the human race.”

This lecture was part of the GCI Seminar Series, which invite experts, practitioners, and academics to speak on current issues and innovative research.

Announcements

► **GCI is currently accepting Faculty Scholar and Seed Fund applications for 2008-2009.**

Applications are available online at: www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci

► The **Community and Economic Development Research Cluster** is hosting an event on the mortgage lending crisis called “*The Mortgage Lending Crisis: Implications for Our Communities*” on Thursday, November 1st at 10:00 am. This informed discussion will be led by a panel of researchers and experts.

► GCI's **Healthy Cities Collaborative** is hosting a one-day event: “Developing Community Capacity for Research Participation.” The event takes place on Friday, November 2, 2007 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Chicago Urban League.

People

► Great Cities welcomed International Fellow **Frank Gaffikin** from Queens University in Northern Ireland in October. He visited the Institute along with research assistant **Gavin Rafferty** to work with **David Perry** and **Ratoola Kundu** on research papers connected to the Contested Cities Project – a joint research and teaching program of international scope with universities in Belfast, Jerusalem, and Berlin. This project is funded in part through the CU2 program at Queens University.

► **Ratoola Kundu**, GCI research assistant and a third year PhD student presented a paper *The Margins as the Spaces of Transformation: Exploring Multiple and Contested Citizenship Claims at the Urban Peripheries of Kolkata, India* at the 36th South Asia Conference, 2007 held in Madison (Oct 11th-14th). She acted as the Panel Chair for the session “Politics of Urban Spaces and Landscape in India”.

► GCI would like to congratulate **Cynthia Barnes Boyd**, UIC Neighborhood Initiatives Director, on being awarded a UIC City Partner Award by the University of Illinois Alumni Association. The City Partner Award was created in 1993 by a committee of alumni volunteers and campus staff members to recognize University of Illinois alumni who have gone on from UIC to contribute to the vitality of the Chicago metropolitan area in a special way.

► At the 2007 Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) conference in Milwaukee, **Ratoola Kundu** presented a paper *The Production of New Towns in Kolkata: The Role of the State amidst Global Change Agents* in the International Development Planning track as part of a panel on “Globalization, Urbanization and Economic Development”.

► Congratulations to GCI Research Assistant **Mary Ann Kaufman** on her new appointment as treasurer for the new UIC student organization called *The Diversity Committee*. Mary Ann also

traveled to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota to attend the 43rd Nobel Conference on Global Warming and Energy, October 2-3.

Scholar Spotlight

Allyson L. Holbrook, Faculty Scholar, Great Cities Institute

Allyson is an Assistant Professor in the Public Administration Program at the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at UIC. She holds a BA in psychology and political science from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and a MA and PhD in psychology from Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio. During her tenure at UIC, Allyson has helped create the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Survey Research Methods program. This series of courses is offered to graduate students from any college within the university and provides them with further education in how to conduct surveys.

Holbrook's research at GCI this year is titled *The Problem of Urbanicity and Survey Nonresponse Bias: Evaluation, Explanation, and Possible Solutions*. The research centers on nonresponse of survey participants particularly in urban areas, which have a higher rate of nonresponse versus other areas. Holbrook is seeking a better understanding of the obstacles and factors that contribute to this issue. She plans to test strategies in order to increase the likelihood of a higher urban response.

Allyson is currently working with others in her department in designing a research project addressing the design of survey questions and how that impacts psychological processes in a cross-cultural context. Using four different cultural groups, the research is focused on measuring participants' understanding of survey questions and how it may be biased. They plan to begin conducting surveys this coming spring.

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