



# GCI Monthly

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Dear Friends of GCI:



Welcome to the Great Cities Institute and our thirteenth year of activities. As most of you know GCI is the focal point of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Commitment. We, at the institute, are committed to a full program of engaged research—literally scores of projects, which, from their inception, are founded on partnerships between our faculty and other researchers and external sites of knowledge and practice in the cities of the world. We are especially interested in projects that are interdisciplinary in their execution and we expect that they will have a high impact both on the construction of urban knowledge and on the “great cities” of the world of which Chicago is surely one.

Joining us this year are faculty scholars from Psychiatry, Public Health, Education, Business, Political Science and Public Administration. Along with them are resident fellows from an equally diverse array of disciplines and new programs in community development. We are also proud to announce a new year of GCI research in the areas of “healthy cities,” “community and economic development,” and “governance” that will occupy the core researchers and faculty in our research clusters. Our affiliate centers, the Center for Urban Economic Development [www.uic.edu/cuppa/uicued](http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/uicued) and the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement [www.uic.edu/cuppa/voorheesctr](http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/voorheesctr) are two of the most active research centers on campus.

Our Professional Education program enters its seventh year, and will bring on-line learning in the area of non profit management to literally hundreds of enrollees from around Illinois and the nation.

We also have a full and active program of community development, health service, and technical assistance underway in our foundational UIC Neighborhoods Initiative Program.

Finally, I want to talk directly about you, the reader. This year GCI will strive to provide the very best, most exciting and challenging events for your participation. Please stay in touch via the new GCI website, the Monthly, by email and phone. We hope to see you here at the Institute often. If you believe we, at UIC, can be a good partner, call us. If you feel we can challenge the urban order together with new models of change, contact us. If you want to present a project as part of GCI's events, contact us. If you want more information than we are providing via the Monthly, our website or our research and collaborations with city partners, make sure you let us know what you think we might do. In short, our mission is one of engaged research—we want you to join us in meeting our mission. At the very minimum, stop by. As I often say in this letter, the coffee pot is always on and the door is open.

Again, welcome to a new year at GCI

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.

### **September**

**Tuesday, September 11 at 3:00 pm**

A Faculty Scholar Seminar in cooperation with the Maternal and Child Health Program,  
UIC School of Public Health

***Youth Participation as a Protective Factor: Implications for the Well Being of Minority Youth***

**Michele Kelley**

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

And **Christine Bozlak**

UIC School of Public Health  
Division of Community Health Sciences

**Discussants:**

**Myrtis Sullivan**

Associate Director of Family Health, Illinois Department of Human Services

**Michael Rodriguez-Muniz**

Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center

**Tuesday, September 18 at 3:00 pm**

***Understanding and Ending the Cycle of Homelessness and Incarceration Through Permanent Supportive Housing***

**John Fallon**

Program Manager, Returning Home Initiative  
Corporation for Supportive Housing

### **October**

**Tuesday, October 2 at 3:00 pm**

***"Outing Jane Addams" and Other Museological Adventures at the Hull-House***

**Lisa Lee**

Director, Jane Addams Hull-House Museum  
University of Illinois at Chicago

**Tuesday, October 16 at 3:00 pm**

***The Roots and Resolution of African Conflict***

**Paul Tiyambe Zeleza**

Professor and Head, Department of African American Studies  
University of Illinois at Chicago

### **December**

**Tuesday, December 4 at 3:00 pm**

A Faculty Scholar Seminar

***The Relationship Between Survey Nonresponse and Urbanicity: Identifying Possible Mechanisms and Solutions***

**Allyson Holbrook**

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration  
UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

**Tuesday, December 11 at 3:00 pm**

***Title Forthcoming***

**William Wheeler**

Director of Planning and Program Development  
Region Five, Federal Transportation Administration

## **Recent Past Events**

### **Race, Regionalism, and Housing in Metro Chicago:**

On August 29, 2007 the GCI Governance Research Cluster hosted two speakers on the topics of race and regionalism, and race and housing in metro Chicago. The lecture was a success with more than fifty professionals attending.

The first speaker, Myron Orfield, is a Brookings Institution senior fellow and nationally renowned expert on regionalism. His talk "*Race, Inequality, and Regionalism*," addressed regional solutions to poverty and income disparity by race.

Dr. Orfield pointed out that Supreme Courts in 29 states have struck down school financing laws that would be able to use property taxes. However, in Minnesota, there is currently a property tax revenue sharing program as well as progressive aid to municipalities. While this is a good step in the right direction in helping to alleviate integration issues, he was also quick to point out that these reforms do not completely solve the segregation issue. Dr. Orfield mentioned that Illinois has passed a fair housing act and suburbs should deploy low income tax credit in order to help comply with this regulation.

Orfield is an associate professor of law at the University of Minnesota and executive director of UM's Institute on Race and Poverty at Law School. He is widely recognized as an expert on civil rights, state and local finance, land use, regional governance, and the legislative process.

While serving in the Minnesota state legislature, Orfield helped develop tax-sharing policies for the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. His book "*Metropolitics: A Regional Agenda for Community and Stability*" was described in *The Nation* as offering "a lasso to join constituencies and enhance cities, not whip them."

The second speaker, Tyrone Forman, is an associate professor of African American studies and sociology at UIC. His presentation, "*Race and Housing in Metro Chicago*," addressed the changing demographics of race, ethnicity, and poverty in the Chicago area.

Dr. Forman spoke of possible reasons why we have segregation; one he mentioned is benign ethnocentrism, meaning part of the reason for the increase in segregation is that black people want to live with themselves. His research shows this is not the case at all. He also pointed to studies of segregation by Amy Stuart Wells which found that white children were less likely to develop bigotry and bias towards others in integrated schools. Forman also mentioned that thanks to reforms in Illinois; municipalities are not eligible for infrastructure funding if they do not offer affordable housing options. He also pushed for Chicago to begin utilizing the low income tax credit in order to integrate.

Forman is a fellow of UIC's Institute for Government and Public Affairs. He conducts research on intergroup relations, racial attitudes, racial stratification, and adolescent health and well-being, with support from the Russell Sage Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Some of the key points of discussion within these lectures were looking at the experience of minorities in regards to segregation in schools and housing. Children of minority

descent tend to perform better in integrated schools. Also generally speaking, minorities experience fewer choices regarding housing. It was pointed out that the timing is right for Chicago to push for policy change that would help promote integration. Gathering the right mix of people from the various academic institutions and civic foundations to discuss the region's options would not be difficult given Chicago's rich diversity of organizations and resources. Coming out of the lecture, there was a general consensus that the keys to achieving integration involve regulation, litigation (enforcement of regulation), education, coalition building, and school finance reform.

These lectures are part of the GCI Seminar Series, which invite experts, practitioners, and academics to speak on current issues and innovative research. This particular lecture is organized by the GCI Governance Research Cluster -- a working group of researchers studying practices of sound and effective governance.

## **News**

### **GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE FACULTY SCHOLARS: 2007-2008**

#### **The Problem Of Urbanicity And Survey Nonresponse Bias: Evaluation, Explanation, And Possible Solutions**

Allyson Holbrook

Assistant Professor, Public Administration Program  
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

#### **Engaged Scholarship And Teaching With A Puerto Rican Community**

Michele Kelley

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

#### **Renaissance 2010, Contested Urban Development, And The Politics Of Race**

Pauline Lipman

Professor, Department of Policy Studies  
College of Education

#### **Community-Based Cultural Socialization Among Urban Adolescents: Repertoires Of Practice For Interpreting Word And World**

Yolanda Majors

Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
College of Education

#### **Conceptualizing "Courtesy" Stigma Among African-American Adolescents Whose Mothers Have HIV/AIDS**

Sally Mason

Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry  
College of Medicine

### **GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE FACULTY SEED FUND AWARDS: 2007-2008**

#### **Stress and Coping among Urban Teachers: An Exploratory Study**

Marc S. Atkins

Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry  
College of Medicine

#### **UIC's Capacity for Chicago-Based Policy Research: Tracking Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts**

Rachel Weber

Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy  
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

## **International Higher Education Partnerships: Developing an Interdisciplinary Model of University-to-University Engagement**

Alice Johnson Butterfield  
Professor  
Jane Addams College of Social Work

### **GREAT CITIES INSTITUTE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS: 2007-2008**

**GCI is pleased to welcome our 2007-2008 Research Assistants:**

#### **NEW:**

**Thea Crum** is a MUPP student with a concentration in Community Development, she will be working in the Community and Economic Development Cluster for GCI.

**Matt Fitzsimmons** is a MUPP student with a concentration in Physical Planning. Matt will be helping GCI with marketing initiatives for the Professional Education online management courses.

**Danielle Ghalayini** is a MUPP student with a concentration in Environmental Planning. Danielle will be responsible for the GCI Monthly newsletter and will be working on additional GCI communication initiatives with Joe Hoereth.

**Susan Hobson** is a CUPPA PhD student with a concentration in Community Development. Susan will be working in the Healthy Cities Cluster for GCI.

**Mary Ann Kaufman** is a MUPP student with a concentration in transportation management, Mary is also a part of the LEAP Initiative (Landscaping Ecological Anthropogenic Processes) here at UIC. She will be responsible for the Neighborhoods Initiative newsletter and assisting with various community outreach and communication projects.

**Carrie Menendez** is a first year PhD student at UPP. She will be working on various projects for GCI with David Perry this year.

**Brandon Nolin** is a MUPP student with a concentration in economic development. Brandon will be working with the office of Professional Education here at GCI, he will be preparing and maintaining course content as well as managing the Professional Education website.

#### **RETURNING:**

**Teepawat Chandadvimol (“Man”)** is an MBA student with a concentration in finance and entrepreneurship. He will be working with Joy Pamintuan in the GCI business office.

**Yamini Jha** is a second year PhD student at UPP. She will be working with Martin Jaffe on the GCI Sea Grant Project this year.

**Ratoola Kundu** is a third year CUPPA PhD student with a concentration in Community Development. She will be continuing her research work with David Perry as well as assisting him with the Honors Course on Great Cities.

**Fran Lefor** is a second year MUPP student with a concentration in Community Development. Fran will be launching and maintaining the new GCI website as well as working with Joe Hoereth and the new Vernon D. Jarrett Senior Fellow on various research projects.

**Meng Sun** is a CUPPA PhD student. Meng will be working with David Perry on joint initiatives with her home country of China.

**Rupa Venkateshwaralu** is currently in the Masters of Science in Accounting Program. She will be performing various accounting activities for GCI this year.

**Kristina Wallig** is currently in the Masters program for Public Administration. She will be working in the Governance Cluster for GCI.

## **Announcements**

► The following new papers have been added to the Great Cities Institute Working Paper Series, all of which are available in PDF format on the GCI website:

*Preparing Adolescents to Read-To-Learn in the 21st Century* by Louis M. Gomez, Professor of School Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, and Kimberley Gomez, Assistant Professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

*Engaged Scholarship at the University* by Ann M. Feldman, Associate Professor in the Department of English and Director of First Year Writing Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

*The Ecological City: Metaphor versus Metabolism* by Sharon Haar, Associate Professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

*Maximization of Non-Residential Property Tax Revenue by a Local Government* by John F. McDonald, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Director, Center for Urban Real Estate.

*Addressing Controversy in the Classroom: Teaching about Immigrant Rights in Chicago Schools* by Irma M. Olmedo, Associate Professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

*The HistoryMakers: A New Primary Source for Scholars* by Julieanna L. Richardson, the Vernon D. Jarrett Senior Fellow at Great Cities Institute.

► The Office of Professional Education at the Great Cities Institute offers a diverse selection of online courses that are aimed at helping both beginning and experienced nonprofit professionals gain the training and tools they need to advance their organizations as well as their careers.

Register now for our Fall courses:

### **Marketing Management: Promoting Your Nonprofit Organization in Today's Society**

examines the interaction between marketing, selling and fundraising through the collaborative critique of two case studies. The course examines the basic elements of the marketing process for nonprofit organizations; compares and contrasts the role and function of sales and marketing and examines the key elements of a marketing plan.

**Dates: October 25 – December 5, 2007** Cost: \$495

**Nonprofit Governance: Building an Effective Board of Directors** examines the roles and responsibilities of a nonprofit board of directors as the governing unit of an organization. The role and function of individual board members is examined in this larger context. Participants interact with peers from a wide range of nonprofit organizations to discuss common misunderstandings about nonprofit boards and explore strategies for increasing board effectiveness.

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**To register online:** <http://cnm.cuppa.uic.edu/courses.htm>

**To register by phone:** call (312) 355-0423 during business hours (M-F, 9-5 p.m. Central Time).

For additional information about any Nonprofit Professional Education or Certificate in Nonprofit Management courses please visit our Web site at <http://cnm.cuppa.uic.edu/courses.htm> or call (312) 355-0423.

## People

► We are pleased to announce one of our own Great Cities Institute faculty fellows has been named interim dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. Congratulations and our best wishes to **Michael Pagano**.

► GCI is pleased to welcome **Xiao-yu Zhang** (“Joy”) as a visiting scholar at CUPPA this fall. Dr. Zhang joins us from China where she is a professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Architecture School at Tianjin University in Tianjin, China.

► Congratulations to **John Mudd** who was recently promoted to Associate Director of the Professional Education Program here at GCI.

► GCI is pleased to welcome **Dennis Judd** who will be joining us this year as a faculty scholar. He will be working on theories of governance with the governance cluster.

► Great Cities welcomes two new staff members this year. **Joyce Shih**, Coordinator of Research Programs, provides financial management services to all sponsored projects at the Institute. **Sharon Sanders**, Program Coordinator, will be working with the Director’s Office.

► Congratulations to **Chang Lee**, Great Cities Institute UICNI program coordinator, for being accepted into the Association of Fundraising Professionals’ 2007-2008 Chicago Fellows Program. The purpose of the Fellows Program is to encourage diversity within the philanthropic profession. This program reaches people of color and/or same sex orientation working with or for grassroots, nonprofit organizations in metropolitan Chicago. The program offers educational resources and the collective professional expertise to assist individuals in building their organization’s capacity and professional fundraising skills.

► GCI is pleased have UPP Associate Professor **Tingwei Zhang** as a Faculty Fellow here at GCI this year. He will be working on the Asia and China Research Program, which was initiated with an agreement between GCI and Guangxi Institute of Architectural Design and Research (GIADR), at Guangxi University in China.

► Congratulations to **Meng Sun**, Great Cities Institute research assistant and PhD student in Urban Planning and Policy, on being accepted to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Academic Business Conference, which took place in August 2007 in Beijing. Meng Sun will presented her research, *The 2005 Chinese Craze of “Supergirl,”* with fellow PhD classmate Xian Zhang. *Supergirl* is a Chinese television show akin to *American Idol*, and Meng Sun and Xian Zhang looked at it from economic, intellectual, and social contexts. Meng Sun would also like to announce that all are welcome and encouraged to visit and attend the upcoming Olympic Games in her home city Beijing, China.

► GCI would like to congratulate **Roland Martin** in his new post as CNN Contributor. Mr. Martin gave the Vernon Jarrett guest lecture at GCI last Spring.

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