

Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

Urban Infrastructure Improvement

A Great City Online: A Study of the Internet's Impact on Chicago's Neighborhoods

Description: Steve Jones, currently head of the Communications Department in LAS, spent 2002-2003 as a fellow in the Great Cities Institute. The GCI project was based on previous work for the Pew Internet and American Life Project. The goal of the research was to better understand the conditions "on the ground" that have an impact on both the ability of Internet technology to connect citizens to their local communities, and on the ability of CTCs to enhance community development.

Dates active: 2002 -- 2003

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Partners: Pew Internet & American Life Project

Assessing the Economic Development Impact of Wal-Mart

Description: Examination of the economic development impacts of proposed Wal-Mart stores in Chicago

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Rockefeller Foundation

United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

Local 881

Center for Governmental Accounting Research and Education

Description: CGARE's mission is to promote and conduct research and educational programs aimed at increasing the accountability of public institutions. The center offers an annual symposium series, serves as the editorial office for Research in Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting, hosts international visitors, and conducts sponsored research in areas of faculty expertise. It also offers continuing education programs, professional seminars, and workshops.

Dates active:

Category: Business and entrepreneurial development
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Business Administration

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Partners:

Center for Research in Information Management

Description: The Center for Research in Information Management (CRIM) was established to promote linkages and coalition-building among the university, the business community, and governmental and not-for-profit agencies in the theory and practice of state-of-the-art information management. CRIM's activities include:

RESEARCH in the significance and management of information resources, emphasizing the strategic application of knowledge, approaches, and techniques to serve as a foundation for improved implementation in the business, government, and not-for-profit sectors.

SERVICE to the metropolitan Chicago community through dissemination of current knowledge about information management by means of seminars, workshops, roundtable discussions, informal executive briefings, technical papers and reports, corporate continuing education, and other appropriate methods.

COLLABORATION with local leaders in information management and/or technology and College of Business Administration faculty to identify emerging critical issues, undertake joint activities, and provide input for continuous improvement of the College's academic program.

STIMULATING the intellectual growth of College of Business Administration students in the theory and practice of information management through their direct participation in Center activities and through internships at CRIM partner firms, as well as by encouraging the exchange of executives-in-the-classroom and professors in the workplace.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Industry partnerships
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Business Administration

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Partners: AT&T Inc.

University Affiliates Fund

Center for Urban Economic Development

Description: CUED is a research center focused on urban economic unevenness and its implications for low-income and minority communities. CUED's mission is to address the economic needs of urban areas, emphasizing the retention and expansion of the economic base and improving conditions for low- and moderate-income communities. CUED pursues this mission by translating its research into practice on a wide range of economic and public policy issues involving access to and the quality of jobs, business strategies and outcomes, and the impact of development on neighborhoods. CUED also provides technical assistance to community-based organizations and public and private sector entities engaged in economic development planning.

Dates active: 1978 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Chicago Metropolis 2020
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Illinois Department of Human Services
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Rockefeller Foundation
United States Department of Commerce

Chicago Area Geographic Information Study

Description: CAGIS members use their expertise in Geographic Information Systems to predict future school enrollments and to plan school site location. In 2004, CAGIS provided technical services to support Illinois House Bill 430, which changed the criteria used to calculate school district poverty grant funding.

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
Education innovation

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
Illinois State Data Center Cooperative (ISDCC)
Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission
United States Census Bureau

Chicago City Council Project

Description: Provides the only complete database on Chicago City Council voting records, 2000 -- current. Data is published on the Political Science Department and Great Cities Institute web sites.

Dates active: 2000 -- present

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Partners: Citizens Information Service
Crossroads Fund
Independent Voters of Illinois -- Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO)
League of Women Voters
WBEZ 91.5 FM

Chicago Rehab Network Partnership to Study Rental Housing Market

Description: Voorhees Center partnered with Chicago Rehab Network to assess Chicago rental housing market using 2000 data

Dates active:

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
Urban infrastructure improvement

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Partners: Chicago Rehabilitation Network, Inc.

City Design Center

Description: The City Design Center's work is founded on the idea that the quality of the built urban environment – from the fixtures, furnishings, and buildings that house them, to the streets, plazas and parks that surround them, to the resulting spatial form of the overall community – is intrinsic to the vitality and diversity of the city's cultural, economic, and political life. To meet this challenge, the Center develops and advocates for innovative and effective design research and practices by providing information to improve the quality of design decisions. The CDC's work is accomplished through cross-disciplinary collaborations among faculty and students in architecture and urban design, urban planning, history and culture of cities, public and community art, environmental graphic design, industrial design, historic preservation, and other relevant design disciplines and professions. The CDC emphasizes applying research and educational programs to design ideas and practices, as well as prototypic and demonstration projects, to explore design innovation in support of its social agenda.

Dates active: 1995 -- present

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
Urban infrastructure improvement

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Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Argonne National Laboratory
Association House of Chicago
Bethel New Life, Inc.
Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA)
Cabrini Green Homes Local Advisory Council
Casa Central
Center for Neighborhood Technology
Chicago Community Development Corporation
Chicago Department of Housing
Chicago Department of Planning and Development
Chicago Housing Authority
Chicago Public Schools
Telpochcalli, Simpson Academy
Chicago Rehabilitation Network, Inc.
Chinese American Development Corporation
Chinese American Service League (CASL)
City of Chicago

City of Shenyang (China)
Bureau of Urban Planning and Land Management

City of Whiting, Indiana

DevCorp North

Edbrooke Block Club

Eighteenth Street Development Corporation (ESDC)

Erie Neighborhood House

Fannie Mae Foundation

Field Museum of Natural History

Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts

Greater North-Pulaski Development Corporation

HICA Corporation of North Lawndale

Humboldt Park Economic Development Corporation

Humboldt Park Empowerment Partnership

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Lake/Kinzie Industrial Leadership Council

Landon Bone Baker Architects

Lawndale Business and Local Development Corporation (LBLDC)

Lawndale Christian Development Corporation (LCDC)

Lawndale Heritage

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc.

Malcolm X College

Marcy-Newberry Association

Metropolitan Planning Council

National Endowment for the Arts

Near Northwest Neighborhoods Network

Near Westside Community Development Corporation (NWSCDC)

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

Northeastern Illinois University
Chicago Teachers' Center

Openlands Project

Pulaski Eisenhower Arthington Commercial Enterprise (PEACE)

Resurrection Project

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation

Shenyang Urban Construction Committee

Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP

Steans Family Foundation

Telpochcalli Community Education Project

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Services, North Central Research Station

Urban Planning Society of China

Urban Resources Partnership

Village of Burnham, Illinois
Village of Wilmette, Illinois
Village of Worth, Illinois
Washington University in St. Louis
West Side 2000 Development Corporation
West Side Consortium
West Town Leadership United
Wilmette Historic Preservation Commission
Windows of Opportunity
Woods Fund of Chicago
Youth Services Project, Inc.

Concentration in Urban Politics

Description: The Department of Political Science offers a Concentration in Urban Politics that is satisfied by completing the regular requirements for the major in political science, and completing, among the required number of electives in the major, three courses in urban politics, including:

- * Pols 210 - Introduction to Urban Politics, or Pols 211 - Chicago's Future;
- * Pols 301- Field Experience in Political Science; and
- * One additional course at the 300 level other than Pols 303.

At the discretion of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, students may substitute a course from another department for one of their three courses in urban politics.

Dates active:

Category: Undergraduate support
Urban infrastructure improvement

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Partners: N/A

Development Models and Logic of Socio-Economic Organization in Space

Description: This project explores alternative paths of socio-economic development in industrialized countries. Using methods of comparative and historical research, project partners will conduct grounded case studies of institutional change at the urban, regional, and national scales that consider changing state-civil society relations, patterns of state regulation, growth strategies, and socio-cultural dynamics. These case studies will inform theoretical work on development models and paths of urban economic restructuring.

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
International collaborations

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Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Institut Fédératif de Recherche sur les Économies et les Sociétés Industrielles (IFRESI-CNRS)
Lancaster University (United Kingdom)
Oxford University
Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria (Italy)
Università degli Studi Roma Tre
University of Newcastle upon Tyne
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (Austria)

Evaluation of intensive technical assistance in support of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) outreach

Description: Formative evaluation of technical assistance provided to community organizations and coalitions in four cities in Florida, Missouri, and Delaware

Dates active:

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Partners: Center for Economic Progress
Gateway EITC Community Coalition
Human Services Coalition of Dade County, Inc.
National Community Tax Coalition
Nehemiah (DE) Gateway Community Development Corporation
Opa-Locka (FL) Community Development Corporation

Future of Chicago Lecture Series

Description: This program offers a weekly lecture series of speakers addressing the social, economic, political, and governmental conditions of the Chicago metropolitan region. The lectures promote public debate between national experts and UIC students, with a focus on governmental issues. 15 speakers including public officials and scholars participate in the series each year.

Dates active: 1976 -- present

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Partners: N/A

Great Cities Urban Data Visualization Lab

Description: The goal of the Great Cities Urban Data Visualization Program is to establish a high-tech urban/regional data retrieval and computer visualization capacity that will serve UIC faculty, students, and external public and community agencies.

The program will 1) assemble, maintain, and arrange for access to a large number of databases relating to community and economic development and housing; 2) provide a range of pro-active and demand-responsive information services, focusing on disaggregated community and regional data; and 3) support and conduct research and teaching advancing the state of the art in the field of urban and regional data visualization and data access. The project will benefit public and not-for-profit agencies in the Chicago region and the state by enhancing their ability to access and use data related to economic and community development.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

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Partners: N/A

Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (GLATTC)

Description: GLATTC is a collaborative multi-state center that promotes: 1) state-of-the-art addiction science and the infusion of that science into professional practice, using on-going needs-assessment processes to remain responsive to the fields; and 2) effective partnership between addiction treatment and criminal justice professionals, healthcare, academia, and state and local governments.

GLATTC's mission is to make effective, culturally competent research-based treatment services available to people with substance abuse disorders, through research to practice activities for the professionals, trainers, and educators who serve them. GLATTC is based in the Jane Addams College of Social Work.

Dates active: 1998 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Partners: A Safe Haven

Administrative Office of Illinois Courts

City of Detroit, MI

Compass House

Cuyahoga County (OH) Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Agency

Genesee County (Michigan) Behavioral Health Network

Healthcare Alternative Services

Human Resources Development Institute, Inc. (HRDI)

Illinois Department of Corrections

Illinois Department of Human Services

Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration
Department of Mental Health and Addictions
 Maryhaven, Inc.
 Michigan Department of Community Health
Office of Drug Control Policy
 Nietzsche Center
 Northern Illinois Chemical Dependency Services
 Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
 Specialized Assistance Services NFP
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
 Wisconsin Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
 Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Illinois Assisted Housing Action Research Project (IHARP)

Description: IHARP is the first comprehensive database of assisted and public housing units in the city of Chicago and the entire state of Illinois, including housing owned and managed by private and non-profit developers. The database contains information about number of units, income levels of residents, location, rent levels, sponsoring agency, developer, management companies, and funding sources. Originally a development partner, UIC now provides database maintenance.

Dates active:

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
 Urban infrastructure improvement

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Partners: Latinos United

Polk Bros Foundation

Statewide Housing Action Coalition

Impact Analysis for Freight Operation Improvements

Description: Project objective is to develop a benefit evaluation framework using the outputs from state-of-the-art simulation programs developed by the team from Northwestern University. Strategy is to facilitate coordinated planning and operations among stakeholders, a process that evaluates broad impacts of proposed projects will be needed. Such process should not only quantify both positive and negative impacts, but also determine the incidence of impacts for various parties including shippers, transporters, general public, and residents around the terminals and along the freight routes.

To answer such needs, a tool to evaluate the distributions of the impacts under alternative scenarios will be developed as a post-processor to the models developed by the teams from the Northwestern University. This tool will use the traffic data provided by the simulation model to quantify both positive and negative impacts including; travel time savings for both freight and passenger vehicles, miles of empty operation, truck and rolling stock operating costs, effect on environment (through noise, air pollution, and vibration), capital and maintenance costs for roadway and rail infrastructures, change in property values near terminals and freight routes, and accidents. The information can be

used not only for outreach activities but also for long range planning at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) level to bring the freight into the mainstream of public sector transportation planning.

Dates active: Sept 2002 -- Aug 2004

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
Transportation innovations

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: National Science Foundation
Northwestern University

Metropolitan Planning Council's Community Guide to Zoning

Description: The Metropolitan Planning Council requested the City Design Center to develop a community guide to zoning to assist individuals and community groups in understanding and influencing local zoning ordinances. The CDC created a web-based guide that explains the purposes and practices of zoning, outlines current trends in land use planning, and describes tools and resources that can influence development in Chicago neighborhoods. The guide is intended to give community residents tools to develop a vision for their neighborhoods through the use of zoning codes.

Dates active: 2001 -- 2003

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Architecture and the Arts

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Partners: Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Metropolitan Planning Council
Steans Family Foundation
Woods Fund of Chicago

Oral Health Policy Shaping

Description: Partnership with Chicago Department of Public Health and School of Public Health to influence, shape oral health policy in the City of Chicago

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Dentistry

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Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health

Project Access

Description: Market research for the planning and design of Project Access, a workforce development initiative aimed at preparing workers from disadvantaged communities to enter jobs in high-demand industries and occupations identified by Illinois's Critical Skill Shortage Initiative.

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Illinois Department of Employment Security

Kennedy King College

United States Department of Commerce

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Description: The objective of this study is to establish a regional approach for improving freight transportation in the Upper Midwest based on a multi-state, multi-jurisdictional partnership of public and private sector stakeholder interests. The Upper Midwest serves as a critical corridor for domestic and international freight moving in all directions. It is projected that these freight movements will increase significantly in the future. Shifts in federal and public agency policy relative to infrastructure management and expansion, budgeting decisions and staff resource allocations have and will impact the safe and efficient movement of goods within the region. At the same time private sector interests insist on an equitable approach for all modes and allows industry to remain competitive in the region. Without proper collaboration and communication between the two sectors, and between the states and planning agencies of the region, the impacts of projected freight growth will pose an even greater challenge.

Dates active:

Category: Urban infrastructure improvement
Transportation innovations

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Partners: United States Department of Transportation

Pooled fund including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

Urban Transportation Center

Description: UTC seeks to understand and improve urban transportation through the creation, application and dissemination of transportation knowledge while also making use of the Chicago metropolitan area.

Dates active: 1979 -- present

Category: Transportation innovations
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Chicago Transit Authority
Frank Kruesi, President

City of Chicago
John A. Roberson, Commissioner, Department of Aviation

Federal Transit Administration
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Illinois Department of Transportation
Randall S. Blankenhorn, Director, Office of Planning and Programming
Jason Tai, Director, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
Diane O'Keefe, District Engineer, District 1

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Jack Hartman, Executive Director

Metra
Philip Pagano, Executive Director

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission
Ronald Thomas, Executive Director

Pace
T.J. Ross, Executive Director

Regional Transportation Authority
Paula Thibeault, Executive Director

US-China Housing Exchange

Description: The City Design Center, together with partner organizations in China organized the "Design Matters: US-China Affordable Housing Exchange" conference in Shenyang, China in September 2004. The conference addressed cross-cultural comparisons of housing design, planning and policy in China and the United States. An exhibit and catalog of exemplary housing development from cities throughout China accompanied the conference. Following the conference, the U. S. speakers were invited by the Mayor of Shenyang to review and comment on the city's five-year master plan.

As a follow up to the conference, an eight-member delegation of architects and planners, led by Wang Jian, Commissioner of the Shenyang Planning and Land Resource Bureau visited Chicago in December 2004. The delegation participated in a seminar hosted by the City Design Center.

Dates active: 2003 -- 2004

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
 Urban infrastructure improvement
 International collaborations

UIC Partners: Architecture and the Arts

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Partners: City of Shenyang (China)
Bureau of Urban Planning and Land Management
 Shenyang Urban Construction Committee
 Urban Planning Society of China

Whiting, Indiana Commercial Development Plan--Urban Business Districts Program

Description: In 2005, the City of Whiting partnered with the City Design Center to develop a plan for the best use of 60 acres of former industrial property. The objectives of the effort included providing greater public access to the lakefront, diversifying the city's property tax-base, and creating design standards to allow for peaceful coexistence between new commercial developments and neighboring homes. The result of this plan was a set of new uses that were harmonious with the city's character, supported its main street, and provided new job opportunities for this revitalizing region.

Dates active: Jan 2005 -- Aug 2005

Category: Neighborhood revitalization
Urban infrastructure improvement

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Partners: City of Whiting, Indiana