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Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

As the academic year winds down, I want to first congratulate all university students, professors, and staff on completing the semester, and I thank you for making the Great Cities Institute part of your UIC experience. Several developments will occur over the summer and during the 2012-2013 academic year. We will be excited to welcome Dr. Howard Wial as Director of the Center for Urban Economic Development (CUED) in late June, and during the summer some or all of the CUED staff will be moving into the GCI space. In addition, we are still in the process of selecting a permanent GCI Director, and hope to be able to make an announcement in the next monthly newsletter.

Current GCI programs are also undergoing changes. Under the leadership of Kate Pravera, The Certificate in Nonprofit Management program has added several new courses, and we look forward to an expanded program in the coming year. GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber has provided the leadership for a new partnership between GCI and the Participatory Budgeting Project that will bring participatory budgeting to six wards in the city of Chicago. Just this past week, I met with the past year's GCI Faculty Scholars alongside the new cohort of GCI Faculty Scholars in a joint farewell/welcome lunch. One of the topics we discussed was how the scholars will help develop the Institute's programming theme for next year, Envisioning Equality. If you missed last month's newsletter, the new Faculty Scholars will be Simone Buechler (LALS), Benet DeBerry-Spence (CBA), John Hagedorn (CLJ), Kelly LeRoux (PA), Brenda Parker (UPP), and Nik Theodore (UPP). We welcome suggestions you may have about developing next year's program.

Enjoy the graduation ceremonies and summer!

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May 2, 2012 @ 2-4pm
Sponsored by GCI, IRRPP, and Voorhees Center

Special Event

Sabine Reh & Norert Ricken
Public seminar on current research regarding the German school system. Title and summary forthcoming.
May 14, 2012 @ 3pm

New Certificate in Nonprofit Management Course! Engaging the New Volunteer Workforce: Attracting and Retaining Volunteers to Strengthen Your Organization & Effect Social Change

Many nonprofits fail to develop the infrastructure to attract and retain volunteer colleagues. In this course, nonprofit practitioner students will learn what needs to be in place before recruiting volunteers. This course will introduce the fundamentals of a talent management approach to recruiting and retaining volunteers in today's non-profit organization. [Click here](#) for more info and to register today!

NEW PODCASTS

We convert many of our public lectures into MP3 Podcasts, made available on the GCI website.

Pamela Anne Quiroz

“Marketing Diversity and the New Politics of Desegregation: An Urban Education”
Ethnography” 4/12/2012

Robin Hambleton

“Place-Based Leadership and Public Service Innovation - An International Perspective”
4/23/2012

Marisol Garcia

“Governance and Social Innovation in European Cities”
4/24/2012

Neoliberal Urbanism Symposium

Nik Theodore, Neil Brenner,
Jamie Peck, Andy Clarno,
Claire Laurier Decoteau, Robert
Fairbanks, Cedric Johnson
4/27/2012



Weber on WBEZ's 848

GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber recently discussed the ramifications of neighborhood institutions closing down with WBEZ's Tony Sarabia. The program was part of a series on 'verse journalism,' a form of poetry that encourages writers to turn their opinions about the news into poems. [Click here to listen.](#)



Upcoming Public Event

UIC's Great Cities Institute, The Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy and the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement present:

“Race, Housing and Community: Perspectives in Policy and Practice”

Harris Beider
Professor in Community Cohesion
Coventry University, England



Wednesday, May 2, 2012
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

In his new book, *Race, Housing and Community: Perspectives in Policy and Practice* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), Harris Beider emphasizes the need for new thinking based on communities that are fluid, dynamic and multi-faceted rather than fixed, deterministic and single sided. The impact of immigration, changed policy and political circumstances necessitates the urgency of building common alliances with different groups. This means reaching out as well as within and working at the local as well as national level.

Harris Beider is a Professor in Community Cohesion at the Institute of Community Cohesion at Coventry University, where he leads applied research on race, housing and communities. Previously, Harris was Senior Fellow at the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Birmingham. Prior to his academic career Harris was Executive Director of the Federation of Black Housing Organizations (a national not for profit campaigning on race equality in housing) and Founding Director of People for Action (a national organizing using housing investment as a catalyst for neighborhood renewal). He has written extensively on race, cohesion, community and housing and spoken about these and related subjects nationally and internationally. Join us!

Nicholas Trkla Fund Supports GCI's Ian Ludwig

GCI Research Assistant and CUPPA graduate student Ian Ludwig has received financial support from the Nicholas Trkla Fund to complete his Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Public Policy from UIC. The Fund grants an assistantship to a graduate urban planning student each year to honor the memory of Nicholas Trkla, a renowned Chicago urban planner who worked on many Chicago landmarks, including Navy Pier and Wrigley Field. He also helped establish a Chicago presence for the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a nonprofit education and research institute for land use and real estate development disciplines and professions. The fund serves to attract the brightest urban planning students, like Ian, to UIC. Congratulations to Ian on the scholarship and his upcoming graduation! For the full story, [click here.](#)



Publications

GCI Faculty Scholar and CUED Director Nik Theodore had two articles come out in April:

Jamie Peck, Nik Theodore and Neil Brenner (2012) "Neoliberalism Resurgent? Market Rule after the Great Recession" *South Atlantic Quarterly* 111(2): 265-288.

Jamie Peck, Nik Theodore and Neil Brenner (2012) "Mal-estar no pós-neoliberalismo" *Novos Estudos* 92: 57-78.

Check out the podcast of the Neoliberal Urbanism Symposium (4/27/2012) that featured these three frequent collaborators on GCI's website.

GCI Fellow Thomas Lyons also had two recent articles accepted into journals:

Lyons, T., Madkins K., Karia P., Garner G. (in press) "Intimate strangers? Network relationships in group HIV prevention interventions for drug users." *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*.

Lyons, T., Johnson, A., Garofalo, R. (in press) "What could have been different: a qualitative study of marginalization and HIV infection among young men who have sex with men." *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*.

Social Media

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Feature: The Fiscal Policy Space of Cities Project

GCI will administer a project funded by the MacArthur Foundation for which GCI Fellow and CUPPA Dean Michael Pagano is the PI in collaboration with the National League of Cities (Dr Christopher Hoene) and the State and Local Fiscal Working Group of the Federal Reserve Banks (chaired by Dr. Rick Mattoon of the Chicago Fed). The 3-year \$1 million project, entitled "THE FISCAL POLICY SPACE OF CITIES: Responses to Changing Economic and Fiscal Conditions" is designed to examine the fiscal position and decision-making space of city officials in addressing the Great Recession.

In particular, the researchers argue that cities and metropolitan regions are the drivers of economic wealth, production, competitiveness, and innovation, but the capacity of cities and regions to make significant investments in future economic growth has been compromised by underlying economic conditions that have undermined the fiscal capacity of city governments to raise adequate resources and fund investment and services at appropriate levels.

The depth of this current downturn raises the question: does the current economic malaise represent an inflection point – a "new normal" – in longer-term economic cycles and the fiscal and economic capacity of cities and regions? If so, what are the pathways of adjustment for city and regional policy makers that best position them for future growth? The proposed project seeks to address these issues and questions via a multi-year collaboration with the partner organizations mentioned above. We will share more information on this very exciting project as we move forward.



UICNI Community Benefit Report Released

The UIC Neighborhoods Initiative, a core unit of GCI, recently provided their 2011 Community Benefit Report that outlines their programmatic efforts and activities that provide treatment, promote health and improve human conditions in response to community needs. Both impressive and inspiring, UICNI researched over 1,282,242 Chicago residents in 2011.

Specifically, the report, available here, summarizes the operations and locations of the UICNI Community School Health program, Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion, Certificate in Sustainable Fund Development, and Office of Faith Community Health Promotion in addition to discussing the framework of how UICNI organizes its work in to key areas, including Community Health, Children's Health Education/Youth Development, Program Evaluation/Technical Assistance, Community Capacity Enhancement, and Consumer Education and Literacy. For more information, contact Dr. Cynthia Barnes-Boyd, Director of UIC Neighborhoods Initiative at cboyd@uic.edu.

Have Questions or Suggestions? Email us at gcities@uic.edu.