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Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

The semester is flying by yet GCI still has several public events remaining to accompany the welcomed approach of spring weather in Chicago. Two of our current faculty scholars present their research this month. Naoko Muramatsu presented her research on “Caring for Limited English Speaking Elderly: The Roles of Ethnic Social Service Agencies in a Global City” on March 1, and Claire Decoteau “HIV/AIDS and the Struggle for Life in South Africa’s Slums” is giving a seminar on March 15. We are exceedingly pleased to have the Lead Designer for Millennium Park, Ed Uhler, with us for a public lecture on March 10th to talk about Millennium Park in the Post-Daley Era. Additionally, please save the date for a conference on “Great Cities/Ordinary Lives” set for September 16-17, 2011, to be held at UIC. Still in the beginning stages of planning and development, this conference will be sponsored by the Great Cities Institute, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Departments of Sociology and Political Science in celebration of Tony Orum’s upcoming retirement and the continuing commitment of UIC to a program of teaching and engaged research in cities; a very impressive list of urban scholars have already confirmed as panelists.

We are excited to report the appointment of seven Faculty Scholars for the 2011-2012 academic year. They are:

Elizabeth Abrams-Rich and Crystal Patil from the Department of Anthropology “Innovative Antenatal Care: A Strategy for Meeting Global Health Goals in Urban Africa;”

Stephanie Riger, Departments of Psychology and Gender & Women’s Studies, and Larry Bennett, Jane Addams College of Social Work, “The Domestic Violence Court Project: Policies and Procedures When Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Co-Occur;”

Judith DeJong, School of Architecture, “The Flattening City;”

Pamela Anne Quiroz, Department of Educational Policy Studies, “Marketing Diversity & the ‘New’ Politics of Desegregation” & “Growing Up and Going to School in Different Urban Spaces;”

Sultan Tepe, Department of Political Science, “The Transformative Forces of Religion and the City: Chicago’s Muslims and the Emergence of American Islam.”



Faculty Scholar Spotlight

Naoko Muramatsu

**UIC School
of Public
Health**



“Caring for Limited English Speaking Elderly: The Roles of Ethnic Social Service Agencies in a Global City”

In her public lecture on March 1, 2011, Naoko described how global cities have become “homes away from home” for a growing number of aging immigrants. Paid care givers play increasingly important roles in the lives of limited English speaking elderly as they experience declining physical and cognitive function. As employers of those caregivers, ethnic social services agencies serve as cornerstones of urban immigrant communities. Professor Muramatsu discussed how such organizations contribute to the well-being of aging immigrants in Chicago with implications for the long-term care system in the U.S. She argued that coalitions of these ethnic organizations provide Chicago with a strong foundation for becoming an aging-friendly global city.

BIO

Professor Muramatsu’s research focuses on health and aging, access to and quality of health services, policies related to long-term care and services for older persons, long-term care workforce, and cross-cultural analysis. For more information on Professor Muramatsu, [click here](#).

This group represents a wide diversity of disciplines and research interests, and we very much look forward to their participation in the work of the Great Cities Institute next year.

We are still immersed in a productive and expansive strategic rethinking effort. This month, three administrators who direct major research units at other universities joined Rachel, Mike Pagano, and I for a day of discussion about institutional approaches to meet the challenges of fiscal austerity and shifting state and federal governmental priorities. Later this month we plan to issue a report on the future of the Institute, which will be followed by a series of meetings and retreats.

My best wishes for a productive semester,

Dennis R. Judd

Interim Director, Great Cities Institute & Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Illinois at Chicago

Upcoming Public Events

GCI Comparative Urbanisms Lecture Series: “Millennium Park’s Future in the Post-Daley Era”

Presented by:
Edward K. Uhler, FAIA
Executive Director,
Millennium Park Inc
President, Uhler Consulting



Thursday, March 10, 2011
3pm - 4:30pm @ GCI, CUPPAH 400

Ed Uhler will explore Millennium Park’s future by explaining its creation, its successes, and the factors that will affect its continued prosperity. In particular, he will discuss the history of the park site, the Mayor’s vision, the involvement of various artists, architects and landscape designers, and the public/private financing model pioneered there. This background information provides the foundation for thinking about the Park in a post-Daley era. How will the Park be maintained, what kinds of programming should take place there, and what kinds of economic impacts will it have?

Ed Uhler was the Director of Research and Planning at the Chicago Park District until his appointment in 1998 by Mayor Richard M. Daley as the Director of Design of the Millennium Park Project. He is a consultant and President of Uhler Consulting LLC and the Executive Director of Millennium Park Incorporated (MPI). He also is an Adjunct Professor of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, the Secretary of Neighbor-Space, a land trust for community gardens, a member of Mayor Daley’s Parks and Open Space Committee, and a board member of the City Parks Alliance.

Faculty Scholar Spotlight

Claire Decoteau
UIC Department
of Sociology



“HIV/AIDS and the Struggle for Life in South Africa’s Slums”

Public Lecture
March 15, 2011 @ 2pm

People living in urban slums in contemporary South Africa have the highest rates of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS in the country. Their abject poverty and lack of access to nutritious food sources, clean water, and sustainable housing contribute to poor health. Drawing on extensive ethnographic research conducted in informal settlements on the outskirts of Johannesburg and analysis of the politics of AIDS in South Africa from 1994 through 2010, Claire will argue that HIV/AIDS policy has been a venue through which the South African government has attempted to balance contradictory demands of post-colonial nation-building: forced to satisfy the demand of neoliberal global capital and to meet the needs of its desperately unequal population.

BIO

Professor Decoteau’s research focuses on social theory, cultural sociology, the sociology of health and medicine, and global/transnational sociology. For more information on Professor Decoteau, [click here](#).

HCC Public Health Forum

Exploring Policies that Support
Community Health Workers in IL

UIC Healthy City Collaborative

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
9am - 1pm @ UIC Student Center West, 828 S. Wolcott

Are you a Community Health Worker/Promotora de Salud, employer, health care provider, researcher, educational institution, advocate, or health policy leader? On March 29, 2011 professionals from each of these fields will come together to discuss ways of supporting community health workers in Illinois.

Participants of the forum include:

- Chicago Community Health Workers Local Network
- Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
- HealthConnect One
- Chicago Partnership for Public Health
- Department of Preventive Medicine at Rush University Medical Center
- CEED @ Chicago
- Illinois Environmental and Occupational Education and Research Center at UIC School of Public Health

This event is sponsored by the Great Cities Institute Healthy City Collaborative and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. For more information and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Illinois ResourceNet Workshops

Capacity Building Workshop: Improve Your Odds at Getting Funded



Wednesday, March 16, 2011
9:30am – 12:00pm @ GCI, CUPPAH 400

This workshop will identify best practices in federal grant proposal project management including developing a work plan and work team. Participants will learn about the organizational capacity needed to successfully complete a federal grant proposal, how to assess and document their community’s needs, and how to develop a time line for the successful completion of all aspects of the proposal. To register for this workshop, please [visit the event page](#).

Recent workshop- Make It Count: Utilizing Census Data to Develop Winning Proposals. With the recent publication of the 2010 decennial census hundreds of billions of federal program dollars will begin to be allocated across the country. Federal agencies and private entities will use data to determine where disparities exist and where community groups could assist. In order to help community groups utilize the updated census information to support program objectives and goals Lynne Chamber-Ketchens, Technical Assistant Advisor for GCI’s Illinois ResourceNet, recently facilitated a training workshop. The workshop brought together professionals working to collect data for the census to discuss the recently analyzed data and how the findings could be used to develop winning proposals.

PODCASTS

We convert all of our public lectures into Podcasts for those of you who can't make it to the Institute in person. Visit our website for a complete list of our past **podcasts**.

Recent Podcasts (links):

Larry Bennett
“**The Third City - Chicago and American Urbanism**”

Sharon Haar
“**Mapping Architecture's Social Entrepreneurial Networks**”

Naoko Muramatsu
“**Caring for Limited English Speaking Elderly: The Roles of Ethnic Social Service Agencies in a Global City**”

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Engaged Research



GCI Stukel Professor Michele Kelley Gives Distinguished Lecture on Collaborative Inquiry

This past month GCI Stukel Professor Michele Kelley was invited to present at the University of South Florida's (Tampa) College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. During her presentation titled “Developments in Collaborative Inquiry to Foster Community Well-being and Equity,” Michele discussed her ongoing work on innovations in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) and the challenges that exist with roles of community and university partners in joint inquiry to enhance community well-being. In addition, she explored collaborative inquiry as it relates to community development and cultural renewal, and the connections to traditions in the social justice foci of social work and public health. A new conceptual framework for capturing the process of change was introduced. Attendees were from various departments at USF as well as from community based organizations. In addition to getting a break from Chicago's winter, Michele renewed friendships with long time colleagues and pursued discussion over lunch in one of Tampa's historic neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Dr. Kelley at makelley@uic.edu or visit [our website](#).

About Michele Kelley

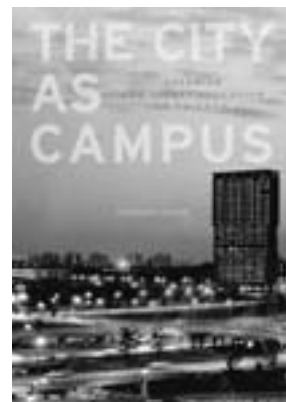
Dr. Michele A. Kelley is the 2009-2011 James J. Stukel Professor at the Great Cities Institute. She is an Associate Professor in the UIC School of Public Health, and Research Professor in Community Psychology. Her teaching and research interests are in adolescent health, youth involvement in health promotion and advocacy, the role of community resources in the transition to high school, and community health development, including capacity/community building and youth pipelines for health careers.

Research: Publications and In the Media

GCI Faculty Scholar Sharon Haar's Book “The City As Campus” Published

In her new book, two-time GCI Faculty Scholar Professor Sharon Haar, AIA, uses Chicago as a case study to construct a social and design history of urban campuses with a particular emphasis on how higher education became integrated with ideas of urban growth as schools evolved alongside the city. For more information on the book, [click here](#).

Sharon Haar is currently a Faculty Scholar at the Great Cities Institute and an associate professor of architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research and teaching focuses on urban design and theory, schools and urban development, globalization, and housing design. [Click here](#) for more info on Professor Haar.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Great Cities Institute is pleased to provide another avenue for you to get in touch with us and to keep



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Upcoming Faculty Scholar Seminars



Each year the GCI Faculty Scholars Competition brings UIC faculty from a variety of departments to the institute to begin, further, or complete research that supports GCI's mission.

Each Faculty Scholar presents their research at least once during their time at GCI.

Claire Decoteau -
March 15, 2011 @ 2pm
Sociology
"HIV/AIDS and the Struggle for Life in South Africa's Slums"

Yue Zhang -
April 12, 2011 @ 2pm
Political Science
"The Political Economy of Art Districts in Beijing and Chicago"

UIC News Writes Profile of Rachel Weber

UIC News published a profile article on Rachel Weber, Associate Director for Research and Program Development, that describes Weber's history, dedication to her family and research, and her work with external constituencies, especially relating to TIF districts and city finance. To read the complete story, [click here](#).



Rachel Weber Discusses Sweet Home Chicago Ordinance

Medill Reports quoted Associate Director for Research and Program Development Rachel Weber regarding the Sweet Home Chicago Ordinance that failed to come to a vote in early February. The ordinance proposed to designate 20% of revenue collected through the TIF program to build affordable housing. Weber described how ordinances like this are necessary for people to express their opinion on how TIF funds are deployed in as centrally controlled a TIF program as Chicago's; she also discussed the challenging mechanics of TIFs; for example, the "underlying mechanism of TIF works very well when there is a big spike in property values, and with affordable housing you're likely to get an increase, but the increment probably won't be as much as if you put in market-rate development or some form of commercial development." For the entire article, [visit the Medill Reports website](#).

GCI Fellow Phil Ashton Comments on Time Frame of Foreclosure Crisis and Home Vacancies



In an article on the heavy effect of the foreclosure crisis in increasing the number of vacant homes in the Chicago suburbs since the last census of 2000, the *Daily Herald* newspaper quoted GCI Fellow Phil Ashton as saying that the hardships of the economic recession, as seen through the foreclosures crisis, are likely temporary and "those who lost their homes could have a chance at ownership again in the next five to seven years." For the entire article, [visit the Daily Herald website](#).

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 16 - 17, 2011

Details to follow. Contact: trccoco2@uic.edu

Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference @ UIC

A look at the city and its residents from the bottom up



Panelists:

Japonica Brown-Saracino	Harvey Molotch
Robert Bruegmann	Zachary Neal
Xiangming Chen	Phillip Nyden
Andy Glarno	Tony Orum
Claire Decoteau	Mary Pastillo
Nancy Denton	Krista E. Paulsen
Peter Dreier	Wanda Ruesling
Michael Ebner	Moshe Senyosov
Roberta Feldman	Hilary Silver
Dennis Judd	Sharon Zukin*
Marka Krysan	
Jan Lin	
Richard Douglas Lloyd	*keynote speaker



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