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HCC Bimonthly Community Engaged Research: Researcher Dialog

See below for more information


Dear Friends of the Great Cities Institute,

Welcome to the New Year! Already the Institute is off to a strong and busy spring semester with engaging public events planned and exciting research advanced.

Our upcoming event calendar is rapidly filling up. GCI's Comparative Urbanisms Lecture Series kicks off on Thursday, January 27th with the distinguished Dr. Larry Bennett from DePaul University. He will talk about his new book *The Third City: Chicago and American Urbanism*, which is currently making waves in the urbanist community. Additionally, four of our current faculty scholars will present their research this semester, the first being Sharon Haar from the School of Architecture on February 1. In her seminar titled "Mapping Architecture's Social Entrepreneurial Networks," Sharon will discuss how a 'networked public sphere' is producing new forms of social entrepreneurship. Moreover, GCI's Healthy Cities Collaborative is co-sponsoring a Brown Bag event on UIC's West campus on February 3 titled "Repairing Damaged University Community Partnerships: How to/How Not To" as part of the Bimonthly Community Engaged Research --Researcher Dialogue series. GCI is also a proud co-sponsor of the "Urban Innovation Symposium" organized and presented by the Urban Planning and Policy Student Association (UPPSA) for February 4. We hope you are able to join us for all or some of these events featured below in this newsletter.

Steady progress is being made on the research and institutional front as well. GCI's Governance Cluster meets regularly to continue its work on an edited volume on the reinvention of the local state. The 2011-2012 GCI faculty scholar competition has come to a close and we are now working diligently to review the applications; already it is clear that we have a batch of excellent proposals. Finally, additional GCI strategic rethinking retreats are scheduled for the next couple months: my goal is to complete a report by early April that reflects the invaluable feedback and ideas we have gathered from the various constituencies that have generously participated in these retreats. I will keep you posted.

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



## Faculty Scholar Spotlight

Sharon Haar



UIC School of Architecture

“Mapping Architecture’s Social Entrepreneurial Networks”

Faculty Scholar Seminar  
Feb 1 @ 2pm

In her seminar, Sharon will discuss how the development of a “networked public sphere” (Yo-chai Benkler) is producing new forms of social entrepreneurship in architecture that are reviving, extending, and transforming community-based architectural practices initiated in the 1960s. Capable of mobilizing large numbers of architects across the globe for direct action on the ground in cities as diverse as Biloxi, Mississippi and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, these networked organizations are building new linkages between architects and potential clients, designers and NGOs, human needs and community capacities. Sharon will explore how network-based technologies are transforming design-based movements and will outline a framework for assessing the productivity and sustainability of these practices.

### BIO

Sharon’s research and teaching focuses on urban design and theory, schools and urban development, globalization, and housing design. Her book *The City As Campus: Urbanism and Higher Education in Chicago* has just been published by the University of Minnesota Press. Forthcoming publications include “Heritage and Sustainability in Shunde (China)” in *Heritage Cities, Heritage Sites* (Springer) and a commissioned essay for the ->

## Upcoming Public Events

### GCI Comparative Urbanisms Lecture Series:

“The Third City - Chicago and American Urbanism”

Presented by:

Dr. Larry Bennett

Professor of Political Science

Director, Public Policy Program

DePaul University, Chicago

Thursday, January 27, 2011

3:00pm - 4:30pm @ GCI, CUPPAH 400



In the first seminar of the Spring 2011 GCI Comparative Urbanisms Series, Professor Bennett will discuss his new book *The Third City: Chicago and American Urbanism*, which examines a variety of Chicago literature, interprets the mayoralty of Richard M. Daley, and reconsiders one of Chicago’s core identities—the city of neighborhoods. This talk will focus on one of the book’s principal themes, Chicago’s self-consciousness, and will further explore how this variously expressed local attribute often distorts our perception of the emergent Chicago.

Dr. Bennett’s research focuses on city planning, redevelopment, neighborhood issues, and contemporary Chicago politics.

To view an excerpt from *The Third City – Chicago and American Urbanism* visit the [University of Chicago Press website](#).



### Bimonthly Community Engaged-Research Researcher Dialogue

Topic: “Repairing Damaged University Community Partnerships: How to/How Not To”

Thursday, February 3, 2011

11:30am - 1:00pm @ UIC Student Center West, 828 S. Wolcott

Researcher dialogues provide an opportunity to share experiences, challenges and strategies to begin a community engaged or community participatory research project. Bring questions and helpful tips to share with your colleagues. This is a BROWN BAG event.

This event is sponsored by the Great Cities Institute Healthy City Collaborative and the UIC CCTS Community Engagement and Research Core. Please RSVP by January 27, 2011 by email to [sdykes@uic.edu](mailto:sdykes@uic.edu) or call (312) 996-4656.

## Faculty Scholar Spotlight cont.

*Urban Design Ecologies Reader* (Routledge). Past publications include: *Schools for Cities: Urban Strategies* (NEA/ Princeton Architectural Press, 2002). She received her Master of Architecture from Princeton University and has taught at New York University and Parsons School of Design before joining the UIC faculty.

## PODCASTS

We convert all of our public lectures into Podcasts for your listening pleasure. Visit our website for a complete list of our past podcasts.



### Recent Podcasts (links):

#### **"The Next Metro Economy: Confronting the Persistent Challenges of Cities"**

Panelists:

Gerald Frug  
Nik Theodore  
Pauline Lipman  
Karen Mossberger  
Alan Berube  
Xavier Nogueras

Virginia Parks

#### **"Trajectories of Wal-Mart Site Fight Campaigns"**

Mark Liechty

#### **"Locating Tourism in Kathmandu: 1965-1980"**

Cynthia "Cee" Boyd

#### **UIC Neighborhoods Initiative - Part 2 "Engaging Communities Through Partnership"**

## Urban Innovation Symposium

**Organized & presented by: UIC's Urban Planning and Policy Student Association (UPPSA)**

**Co-sponsored by: Great Cities Institute**

**Friday, February 4, 2011**

**Session One: 1:00pm – 2:45pm @ UIC Student Center East Rm 605**

**Session Two: 3:00pm – 4:00pm @ UIC Student Center East Rm 302**

**PechaKucha Event: 6:30pm – 9:30pm @ Work Studio**



The Urban Planning and Policy Student Association at the University of Illinois at Chicago will hold the first annual Urban Innovation Symposium. A three-part, day-long event, the symposium will bring together a diverse group of pioneering professionals for a series of interactive discussions and presentations on recent innovations in their respective fields, including community art, urban agriculture, public health, sustainable development, urban food systems, and alternative transportation.

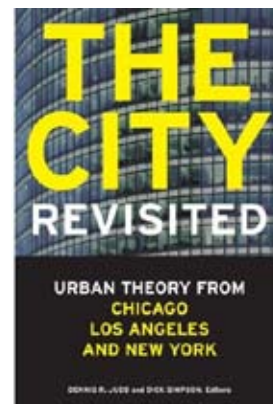
During the symposium's opening session, a panel of five notable professionals will deliver short presentations on their work. Following these presentations, the panel members will hold individual hour-long breakout sessions with the symposium's attendees. Attendees will choose one breakout session to discuss creative solution to urban challenges. A final session of presentations will be delivered later that evening at Work Studio in Logan Square, by a new round of emerging innovators. Using the PechaKucha format, these visually oriented presentations will be approximately 7 minutes in length. The entire evening will provide opportunity to network with presenters and fellow attendees.

For more information including full bios of presenters and to RSVP visit [the UPPSA website](#).

## Research: In the Media and Publications

### **Dennis Judd Edits Book on the 21st Century Metropolis**

In February 2011, the University of Minnesota Press will publish a book edited by GCI Interim Director Dennis R. Judd and UIC Political Science Professor Dick Simpson titled *The City, Revisited: Urban Theory from Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York*. This book is based on a conference held at UIC in April 2007 at which leading scholars in urban affairs held a lively debate about the extent to which the theories of the city developed in the twentieth century are relevant to the urban experience of the global era. [Click here for more information.](#)



## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Great Cities Institute is pleased to provide another avenue for you to get in touch with us and to keep updated on our public events, workshops, research, and community engagement. [Click here!](#)



## Save the Dates!



### 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.

Sharon Haar -  
Feb. 1, 2011 @ 2pm  
Arts and Architecture  
**"Mapping Architecture's  
Social Entrepreneurial Networks"**

Naoko Muramatsu -  
March 1, 2011 @ 2pm  
Community Health Sciences  
**"Caring for Limited English  
Proficient Elderly: Challenges  
& Opportunities in Multi-  
Ethnic Urban Communities"**

## Rachel Weber on TIF and Job Creation

GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber was quoted in the *Chicago Reporter* this month regarding the tendency of Chicago alderman to value construction over job creation in projects subsidized by municipal incentives. Between 2004 and 2008 the Loop and the Near South community accounted for 55 percent of all TIF money spent within the city, spurring considerable development within the downtown area. Despite the investment of public money the Loop lost 12,296 jobs, with city residents' accounting for 94 percent of the lost employment opportunity. [View article in its entirety here at the Chicago Reporter site.](#)



## Rachel Weber on TIF and Schools

Several Chicago mayoral candidates favor the notion of extending the school day to improve education, but are faced with the task of locating funding to pay for the increased instruction time. Quoted by the *Chicago News Cooperative*, GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber discussed the advantages of funneling tax increment financing funds into the schools after a TIF district has served its purpose in order to help solve the problem of school funding. [For the complete article, visit the Chicago News Cooperative website.](#)

## Rachel Weber on TIF and Affordable Housing

In an article discussing the Sweet Home Chicago proposal stalled before city council that would devote 20 percent of all development cash from Tax Increment Financing toward creating of affordable housing, the *Chicago Journal* quoted GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber on the dynamics of TIF and its dependence on rapid spikes in property values to support it. [To read the full article, click here.](#)

## Rachel Weber on TIF and Retail Development

The Medill Reports quoted GCI Associate Director Rachel Weber on the use of TIF money to fund smaller scale projects, in particular a retail complex in Albany Park named Thai Town Center. Weber discussed the ramifications of TIF money morphing into "an all-purpose general development subsidy," which in turn could distance TIF from its legal purpose. [Get the full story here.](#)

## Phil Ashton on the CRA and Subprime Lending in Detroit

In the latest issue of the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, GCI Fellow Philip Ashton's article "CRA's "Blind Spots": Community Reinvestment and Concentrated Subprime Lending in Detroit" weighs the argument over whether community reinvestment regulations were perverse incentives promoting high-risk lending, or whether those regulations had become outmoded in the face of concentrated subprime lending in Detroit, Michigan. [To read the full article, click here.](#)

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”

### The Great Cities/ Ordinary Lives Conference at UIC

Dates: Friday, September 16  
& Saturday, September 17,  
2011

More details to come!

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## Professional Education

### UIC Online Certificate in Nonprofit Management Upcoming Courses



### NEW! Beyond Burnout: Building Personal Capacity for Service and Social Change.

Five Week Online Course - January 27 - March 2, 2011

Burnout is a HUGE issue that no one likes to talk about, especially in nonprofits where today we are being asked to do more with less. Learn to replenish your reserves and restore your capacity to do the work you love.

You Will Learn:

- How working or volunteering in the nonprofit sector can lead to burnout, and why we don’t talk about it.
- Stages of Change: A proven research-based approach to change based on the work of James Prochaska
- How to REFRAME YOUR PASSION to include self-care, and restore the capacity to do the work you love

Course Highlights:

- Learn with an experienced wellness coach in a small group online setting
- Explore holistic health practices and proactive change techniques in our online wellness studio
- Enjoy MP3 downloads of relaxation/guided imagery exercises
- Finish the course with a personalized resource guide and a network of peers that share similar goals

**PLUS, Registration is now open for three March/April courses  
(3/10/11 - 4/13/11)**

**Financial Management** explores how to plan an organizational budget, implement best practices in policies and procedures, clarify the roles and responsibilities of board and staff, interpret basic financial statements and comply with legal reporting requirements. [Click here for more info.](#)

**Marketing Management** examines the critical elements of the marketing process as it relates to nonprofit organizations. Learn how the development of a strong brand and image can effectively communicate and position your messages to the media and public at large. [Click here for more info.](#)

**Strategic Management** presents the concepts of strategic planning and management with innovation and agility, so that an organization’s mission, vision, values, programs and resources may be fully aligned. [Click here for more info.](#)

### Ways to Register

On the Web: <http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/gci/programs/profed/online/reginfo.htm>

Via Email: [ExternalEdu@uic.edu](mailto:ExternalEdu@uic.edu)

By Phone: (312) 355-0423