



Friends of IPCE,



Happy fall! I hope by now everyone has settled back into the rhythm of the school year and is looking forward to another semester full of wonderful activities across campus. As always, we're particularly excited for the programs and events we have lined up for the fall.

We will be kicking off our Civic Engagement Lunch Talk series in October, which will feature research findings from last year's Civic Engagement Research Fund Award recipients. Please see our website for the full schedule, and we hope to see you at what promises to be rich, informative sessions on civic engagement.

I'm proud to say that our collection of IPCE-sponsored research has grown quite robust over the past several years, and we're pleased to add five new projects from UIC faculty scholars to our civic engagement bibliography this year. The recipients of the FY2015 Civic Engagement Research Fund Award will produce research focused on 1) identifying the Social Security eligibility information and assistance needs of LGBT older adults in Illinois, 2) developing knowledge translation collaboratives to promote healthcare justice for people with disabilities, 3) teaching and learning spatial argumentation in schools, 4) helping community leaders understand how Chicago's neighborhoods have changed over time to offset displacement and disinvestment, and 5) identifying immigrant Muslim women's civic engagement and political knowledge. As you can see, the research we sponsor around civic engagement is quite diverse and draws from expertise within a variety of disciplines to help us focus our efforts more broadly. We look forward to sharing the products of these research projects with you next year.

Our Urban Public Policy Fellowship (UPPF) leadership development program is off to a great start. We welcomed 27 undergraduate students into the program, all of whom are already hard at work in public-policy related internship sites across the city. We also plan to continue engaging the broader student body and the campus community in conversations around important issues throughout the year and will be promoting these campus dialogues once we have finalized the dates. Stay tuned.

I'm also excited that a number of IPCE staff will be traveling to Washington DC later in October for the National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation. This will be a welcomed opportunity for us to reconnect with colleagues in the field and continue to improve our own capacity to help cultivate the Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice. Speaking of DC, we are also part of a campus team pulling together an application for the Obama Presidential Library and Museum. UIC was recently named one of the four finalists invited to submit a full application in the three-state competition to become home to the Library.

On a closing note, IPCE's full fall line-up was preceded by a busy summer of data collection and report writing. We took advantage of the quiet summer months to work on several studies, two of which will be released this fall. The first is a report produced for The Chicago Community Trust exploring the impact of their May *On the Table* initiative. The second is a report sponsored by the Kettering Foundation on how the Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice might grow to become more impactful.

Please keep us close on your radar as we continue to announce upcoming IPCE and IPCE-sponsored events, as well as other Institute news.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Hoereth, PhD

IPCE Prepares *On the Table* Impact Report for The Chicago Community Trust

On October 7, The Chicago Community Trust released a report prepared by IPCE that summarizes the impact of the Trust's *On the Table* initiative. IPCE's expansive report regarding the outcomes of May 12 is available for public viewing on the *On the Table* website.



This past May, the Trust convened *On the Table 2014* as a way to engage the Chicago metropolitan region in dialogue about how to build a more sustainable future for the region and improve quality of life for all residents. Through the conversations, the Trust hoped participants would 1) share bold new ideas on how to move the region forward and 2) strengthen relationships and build collaborations needed to improve communities region-wide. The Trust invited IPCE to assess the overall impact of the initiative.

IPCE's findings respond to three important questions about the nature of the event: who participated, what was discussed, and how did conversations impact participants? The following are key observations extracted from the report about the outcome of the conversations:

1. *On the Table* successfully brought together previously connected and unconnected individuals from across the region to engage in rich conversations about how to move the region forward.
2. Survey responses reveal that respondents are interested in a wide range of issues, but education, community engagement, equity and social inclusion, and collaboration were the most common themes of the discussions.
3. The conversations revealed a breadth of interest and a depth of knowledge on issues discussed by respondents.
4. Respondents indicated an interest in working with others to address community-level issues.

Please visit www.onthetable2014.com to read the full report.

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The Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE) focuses on transforming democracy by creating a more fully engaged citizenry with more effective leaders. As a catalyst for learning and action, the Institute creates opportunities for scholars, concerned citizens, students, and government officials to actively participate in social discourse, research, and educational programs on policy issues and social trends.

Find out more about the Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement at www.ipce.uic.edu or call **312-355-0088**.

IPCE Awards Funding to UIC Faculty for Civic Engagement Research

IPCE is pleased to announce the recipients of its Civic Engagement Research Fund Award for 2014–2015. Five UIC faculty members have been selected to receive funding for their work that either furthers understanding of civic engagement theory and the practice of facilitating engagement or provides tools that enhance the efforts of civic engagement in community change initiatives. Each recipient is awarded up to \$20,000 and must submit a report of their work to IPCE for online publication.

Civic Engagement Research Awardees:

Brian Grossman, Department of Disability and Human Development/College of Applied Health Sciences: “Know Your Rights, Illinois: Civic Engagement and Social Security for Older Gays and Lesbians after Windsor”

Susan Magasi, Department of Occupational Therapy/College of Applied Health Sciences: “Developing Knowledge Translation Collaboratives to Promote Healthcare Justice for People with Disabilities”

Nathan Phillips, Department of Curriculum and Instruction/College of Education: “Supporting Evidence-Based Argumentation from Spatial Data in Schools”

Janet L Smith, Nathalie P. Voorhees Center/College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs: “The Neighborhood Change Project”

Sultan Tepe, Department of Political Science/College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: “Assessment of the Declining Civic Capacity of Muslim Immigrant Women and the Impact of a Religiously Responsive Civic Training Program”

Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Summer Highlights

The Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice (CoP) held a number of exciting events over the summer featuring opportunities for learning, connecting, and engaging with practitioners in the field.

In May, the group kicked off its 2014 event calendar with a networking event at The Alhambra Palace. A mixture of new and familiar faces mingled and connected over appetizers, and several stayed on later to participate in the venue’s Latin dancing special.

In August, the CoP sponsored a Pro Action Café with Lina Cramer, a Steward of the Art of Hosting and Principle of Wisdom Exchange. Pro Action café provides creative and inspirational conversation where

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IPCE Inducts 27 Undergrads into UPPF Program

IPCE, in partnership with the African American Academic Network (AAAN) and the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES), is proud to welcome the 2014–2015 cohort of undergraduate students to the Urban Public Policy Fellowship (UPPF) program.

From August to April, the 27 UPPF Fellows will attend biweekly seminars and workshops offering a solid introduction to the theory and practice of public policymaking, advocacy, community development, and service provision. Fellows’ seminar experience will be further enhanced by their participation in a valuable internship experience and a comprehensive research project. Fellows are paired with partner organizations for an internship suited to their interests in which they gain insight into the inner-workings of government, community-based initiatives, non-for-profits, and public policy. Additionally, Fellows identify, research, and develop a public policy research project and present their projects at an annual research conference in the spring.

The following students were accepted as Fellows for the 2014–2015 academic year:

Tania Alvarado	Brian Geiger	Nora Martinez
Charan Bashir	Melissa Godinez	Seth McClerkkin
Ruben Bautista	Melissa Gonzalez	Doris Medina
Marisol Campos	Shannon Hastings	Stephanie Moore
America Carillo	Nadia Hill	Christian Nuno
Tyler Crump	Ariana Junco	Elise Sosa
Rosemarie Dominguez	Hulliams Kamlem	Raven Temple
Stefhany Duarte	Ifreke King	Gabriela Valencia
Juan Flores	Sienna Little	Jennifer Valencia-Salas

The UPPF program is a leadership development program designed to expose historically underrepresented minority undergraduate students at UIC to key public policy issues. For more information, visit www.ipce.uic.edu and follow us on Facebook: UIC UPPF.



COMING UP

Watch your email and the IPCE website for notice of the following events/activities and more.

For All/Public Event: **Civic Engagement Lunch Talk Series**—Learn more about how civic engagement can transform democracy. UIC faculty and staff present IPCE-sponsored research that either furthers understanding on civic engagement theory or practice or provides tools that enhance the efforts of civic engagement in community change initiatives. A light lunch will be served.

UIC Campus Library Conference Room 1-470
801 South Morgan Street
Noon–1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014: “Big Data Integration to Enable Citizen Participation in Smart Cities” with Isabel Cruz, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering

Wednesday, October 29, 2014: “Training Parents of Students with Disabilities: Using Technology to Enhance Civic Engagement” with Meghan Burke, Department of Special Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Linda Sandman, Developmental Disabilities Family Clinic, UIC



Highlights from IPCE-Sponsored Events

Constitution Day

On September 17, UIC observed Constitution Day with an address by featured speaker Matthew Lippman, Emeritus Professor in the UIC Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice. Dr. Lippman spoke to a crowd of 200, primarily students, and discussed “The Hidden Constitution: National Security, Electronic Surveillance and Privacy in the Age of Terror.” His address will initiate on-going conversations on government surveillance in classes at UIC throughout the year.

Constitution Day also marked the kickoff to UIC’s Voter Registration Drive. Immediately preceding and following the event, students were able to register to vote, sign up as an election judge or poll watcher for the November 4 general election, and learn about volunteer and internship opportunities. UIC’s goal is to register 1,000 new students prior to Election Day.

Urban Forum: “The Return of the Neighborhood as an Urban Strategy”

On September 18, policymakers, researchers, public intellectuals, and citizens convened for the 2014 Urban Forum at UIC to discuss and debate the broad issues surrounding the role neighborhoods can and do play in building strong, livable urban areas.

“The Return of the Neighborhood as an Urban Strategy” was the theme for this year’s forum. Over 500 people attended the event to hear panels on building livable neighborhoods and envisioning smart neighborhoods, as well as discussions around neighbor displacement, urban capitalism, schools as catalysts for community change, and immigrant communities.

2014 Forum white papers are available at www.uicurbanforum.org. Video of the panels and discussions will be available for viewing on the UIC Urban Forum website.



Matthew Lippman talks about “The Hidden Constitution: National Security, Electronic Surveillance and Privacy in the Age of Terror” at UIC Student Center East.



Urban Forum panel members speak on various topics.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014: “From Revolution to Evolution: The Role of Social Media for Civic Engagement” with Elaine J. Yuan, Department of Communication, College of Liberal Arts and Science, and Miao Feng and Xiyuan Liu, graduate students

Wednesday, February 11, 2015: “Participatory Action Research in the Disability Community to Address Societal Disparities in Community Living and Participation” with Joy Hammel, Occupational Therapy, College of Applied Health Sciences

Wednesday, March 11, 2015: “Playground Renovations and Social Capital on Youth Park Use and Physical Activity” with Sandy Slater, Institute for Health Research and Policy, School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Administration

For All/Public Event: **Creating Impact through Engagement—Chicago**, with Tim Merry, cofounder of the Art of Hosting. In this two-day, two-city event, participants will experience meaningful engagement and learn a participatory approach to creating impact with results. **Monday, November 17, and Tuesday, November 18**, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East, **750 South Halsted Street**. To register, visit IPCE’s website (www.uic.ipce.edu) and click on the event link.

For All/Public Event: **Preparing Communities for Change** with Norm Walzer and Tracy Rogers, Center for Governmental Studies, Northern Illinois University. **Wednesday, November 12, 2014** at NIU Naperville Center, **1120 East Diehl Road**. Time TBD. *This event is sponsored by the Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice.*

Stay tuned for a listing of IPCE FY15 Discourse Award recipients and events.

Stay tuned for information about our Third Annual Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice December Convening.

IPCE Releases Study Exploring Chicago's Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice

In partnership with the Kettering Foundation, IPCE has completed a study to support the work of dialogue and deliberation (D&D) scholars and practitioners in Chicago and nationwide. *The Survey of the Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice* (CoP) explores and describes CoP members' interests and engagement, the extent to which members are connecting and collaborating, and ways in which the CoP may grow and become more impactful.

In early 2012, IPCE commissioned a separate report to better understand the landscape of people and organizations using D&D processes in the Chicago region. This study, which is available on IPCE's website, unveiled a plentiful but disconnected universe of D&D practitioners who were eager to learn from one another and to collaborate. Following the first annual dialogue and deliberation convening in December 2012, the CoP emerged as a way to create connection and begin collaboratively building a "civic infrastructure" in the Chicago region.

Results from the study on the CoP reveal the great value and promise of fostering D&D collaboration throughout the region, the many challenges involved in doing so in a sustainable and inclusive manner, and important questions and actionable insights to support the CoP's development. The report will be made available to the public in the coming months.

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participants are invited to share their questions around projects and ideas and get input from others to help move from questions to actions. Four project ideas were put forth at the event in the areas of education, environmental sustainability, aging, and citizen juries.

Additionally in August, the CoP sponsored an event with the Chicago Sustainability Leaders Network. CSLN members, partners, and leaders from grassroots organizations across Chicago came together for an evening of exploring and learning with individuals working on social change across the City of Chicago.

The Greater Chicago Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice (CoP) connects individuals in the Chicago metropolitan region who are interested in building a broad community that supports dialogue and deliberation efforts in Chicago. By laying the groundwork for a culture of dialogue and deliberation in our communities and local government, the CoP strives to transform the way we connect, interact, and make decisions together around a range of issues facing the region. The CoP Core Group is a team of dedicated CoP members who meet at least once per month to support the development of the CoP.

See **Upcoming Events** for information about the CoP's fall schedule.

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