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The Center for Health Equity has found a new home at the Levin College. Originally housed in the College of Graduate Studies, the Center was created by former Levin College Executive-in-Residence Dr. George Weiner (also the former Treuhft Chair for Health Planning and Research at the Center for Community Solutions). Dr. Weiner secured a \$1.3 million National Institutes of Health grant to conduct a three-year community-based participatory research project around obesity in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. That funding led to the creation of the Center for Health Equity. The center's mission is to provide leadership to advance the understanding of health disparities and their resolution through interdisciplinary research, community partnerships, and multidisciplinary education and to develop and implement strategies that promote health and well being for residents of Greater Cleveland.



Peter Whitt



Kendra Daniel

The Levin College has been proud to welcome Associate Director Peter Whitt and Project Assistant Kendra Daniel as they bring their expertise to the college community. With the retirement of Dr. Weiner, Whitt and Daniel are moving the Center forward even as the search for a new Executive Director commences. The new Executive Director will split his/her time between the Center for Health Equity and the Center for Community Solutions (CCS) as the Treuhft Chair, while Whitt and Daniel will devote all of their time to the Center for Health Equity.

Whitt and Daniel are working to make the center as interdisciplinary as possible and are making an effort to engage faculty across campus. Their ultimate goal is to use the diverse resources of the university to impact health equity throughout the city. For example, Whitt notes that Dr. Bette Bonder, Dean of the College of Science, and faculty from the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (HPERD) have been heavily involved in the center's flagship project in the Central neighborhood, while Dr. Mittie Jones (formerly Dr. Mittie Chandler) has been conducting evaluation of the project since its onset.

The purpose of the project, which is dubbed Advancing Central's health Together (ACT), is to work with residents of the Central community to understand their concerns about obesity and its consequences and to use community-based participatory research (CBPR) methodologies to develop effective obesity-related health interventions. CBPR actively engages the community in the processes that shape research and intervention strategies and the conduct of research itself. This project will allow the community to help structure the research, actively participate in the process, and help design the dissemination of the findings. The overall goal of the three-year planning grant is to determine if using CBPR methodologies will have better success in defining and introducing effective health inventions over the long term compared to traditional methodologies.

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Welcoming the Center for Health Equity *continued from page 1*

In recent years, Cleveland has been consistently ranked among the nation's poorest cities, and research has shown that people from minority and disadvantaged groups experience health disparities in terms of poorer access to care, higher incidences of disease, and higher mortality rates. The Building Healthy Communities (BHC) program, a grassroots initiative in which St. Vincent Charity Hospital was one of the lead partners, found that hypertension, cancer, and asthma were all major health concerns of the Central community. Research has shown that obesity/overweight is a common link to these health conditions. Overweight and obesity are major contributors to a number of other medical conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, and stroke, and are associated with higher death rates.

During the three-year planning grant, the Center for Health Equity is helping the Central community understand CBPR methods, working with residents to define a focus within the context of obesity and its consequences, developing obesity-related health interventions based on best practices, and implementing a pilot project to evaluate these interventions. To do this, the center has been meeting with residents and discussing the project and CBPR methods through a series of focus groups, town hall meetings, and individual meetings with community residents and leaders.

One aim of the Center is to use the current project as an important step for the university being viewed as equal community partners "who have a genuine relationship to the larger community around them. Projects such as the CBPR project in Central can increase citizens' trust in the university," Whitt notes, adding "if we can increase that trust and strengthen this relationship in one of Cleveland's most troubled neighborhoods, we can influence future relationships with communities. It's important for the Center and the university if we want to address issues at the community level. If you can address health disparity issues through citizen participation and good models, you can work your way back towards systems issues, and that can affect policy."

The Center has submitted an implementation grant to the NIH that would extend the ACT project by five years. The grant would allow the center to expand the project to use the lessons learned from the planning grant and expand it to more residents. The implementation grant would also help to increase the community's capacity as it relates to residents' knowledge of obesity, intervention, and leadership and, through social marketing, increase community knowledge as a whole. Adding such layers to the project, Whitt says, will "allow us to influence the community's knowledge and outcomes, including actions taken by individuals and families that address obesity."

Project Assistant Kendra Daniel has a long-standing interest in gerontology and is currently working with the Cuyahoga Department of Senior and Adult Services, in collaboration with the Levin College's Dr. Mark Salling and Dr. George Weiner, to conduct a needs assessment. They are exploring the trends seen in the country's aging population and helping the department to incorporate responses to these trends into its strategic plan.

This collaboration with Dr. Salling, director of the Northern Ohio Data & Information Service, is the first of what Whitt and Daniel envision to be many future collaborations with other Levin College research centers. The center also has a partnership called Works in Progress with MetroHealth Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University's (Case) Center for Reducing Health Disparities. This series gives faculty and research staff from both universities the opportunity to present previous or current projects around the issue of health disparities. The two centers will take turns hosting the monthly presentations. The first Works in Progress presentation at the Levin College will be Friday, October 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Sweet Seminar Room (room 241). All of the partners recognize the importance of collaboration in effecting change related to health disparities. The Works in Progress series is one example of how shared knowledge and resources can begin to make a difference.

In addition to these initial projects, the center has submitted funding proposals for several other partnerships. With Dr. Shelly Francis from Case's Center for Minority Health, they've submitted a federal exploratory grant to the NIH addressing heterosexual African American males and HIV as it relates to religiosity and spirituality.



Works in Progress

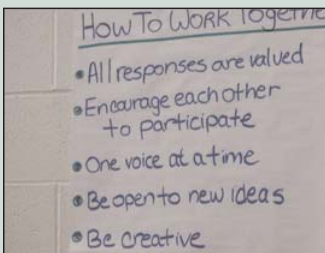
with MetroHealth's Center
for Reducing
Health Disparities

Friday, October 12
3:00 – 4:00 pm in the
Sweet Seminar Room,
UR 241

*"The Effective
Community: Education
on Disease Risk in
Hispanic Females"*
presented by

Dr. Kenneth Sparks

Director of the Human
Performance Laboratory
and Associate Professor in
the Department of Health,
Physical Education,
Recreation and Dance



Welcoming the Center for Health Equity *continued from page 3*

The Center was just been awarded a five-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach and Research on Disparities in Health and Training (EXPORT) grant in collaboration with MetroHealth and Case to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and collaborative program of recruitment, education, and retention designed to expand the workforce of health providers, researchers, and faculty working to reduce health disparities. Research has shown that patients trust providers from their same race. Healthcare providers who are from minority groups are more likely to practice in underserved areas. However, it is not enough to only recruit more individuals from minority groups to enter the health care field; it is necessary to educate them about how individual and cultural factors interact and to learn how to reduce health disparities through patient care, research, and/or teaching. The specific aims of the project are to recruit and retain students, particularly those from minority backgrounds, for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral programs related to health disparities; provide diverse undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities emphasizing knowledge and skills in research to reduce health disparities; identify, recruit, and support post-doctoral fellow and junior faculty to ensure their successful entry into academic positions focused on biomedical and behavioral/social research; and to develop and institutionalize support structures to ensure the sustainability of this initiative. The Center's portion of the grant is approximately \$940,000 over three years.

Whitt and Daniel note that the Center for Minority Health (CMH) at University of Pittsburgh has acted as a model for the Center for Health Equity. The CMH has a staff of more than 20 and uses a team approach to its work that Whitt hopes to emulate. "We'd like a staff to help support projects," he said, "but also want to conduct scholarly and academic research to support our work. We have two abstracts that will be presented at academic conferences this fall. One will be presented at the American Public Health Association Conference (APHA) and one will be presented at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Health Promotion Conference." In a unique melding of theory and practice, Daniels and Lena Grafton from St. Vincent Charity Hospital will be presenting at the APHA conference along with a resident from the Central neighborhood who has been actively involved in the ACT project.

"We're excited about being a part of the Urban College," Whitt says. "We hope to collaborate both within the college and the university and build partnerships that will benefit the entire Cleveland community."

The Center for Health Equity has received a five-year National Institutes of Health (NIH) Project EXPORT grant in collaboration with MetroHealth and Case to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and collaborative program of recruitment, education, and retention designed to expand the workforce of health providers, researchers, and faculty working to reduce health disparities. The Center's portion of the grant is \$939,207.

The Center is also the lead in a three-year grant award from the NIH totaling \$1.2 million for the Central neighborhood obesity project.

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In
Tribute
to the
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A SALUTE TO FREDERICK R. NANCE

Award & Scholarship
Friday, October 19, 2007 ♦ 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Doors Open 7:15 a.m. ♦ Program 8:00 a.m.
Cleveland City Hall and Council Chambers
Continental Breakfast and Award Ceremony



The In Tribute to the Public Service Award was established in 1985 by the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Visiting Committee to honor individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership in public life and contribute significantly to the betterment of the community.

Website <http://urban.csuohio.edu/intribute/>

THE LEVIN COLLEGE FORUM, A PROGRAM OF THE CENTER OF CIVIC EDUCATION

Great Lakes Bioneers—Cleveland October 19-21, 2007

Since 1990, the Bioneers Conference in California has gathered biological pioneers who focus on innovative biological and social strategies at the crossroads of ecology and social justice. The 18th annual “headwaters” conference will be held as always in California. For the first time, in 2007 Cleveland will join approximately 20 other Beaming Bioneers cities to receive the satellite downlinks of more than a dozen nationally known speakers.

Cleveland joins Detroit and Traverse City to become one of the Great Lakes Bioneers, building on the excitement and energy of the Bioneers conference in California.

Great Lakes Bioneers-Cleveland will be your opportunity to:

- connect with the environmental, social justice, health and spiritual networks in Northeast Ohio
- take part in building new relationships and collaborations to improve the communities of the region
- communicate about and celebrate the work taking place in our region.

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Friday, October 19 • • • 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 20 • • • 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 21 • • • 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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- Center for Regional Sustainability, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Green Connections
- New Community Project
- Nature Center at Shaker Heights
- Wellness Evolution

Envisioning Cleveland...

...an exhibition of photographs by Northeast Ohioians

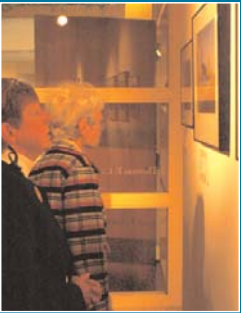
As part of its 30th anniversary celebration, Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs' Center for Civic Education is hosting a photo exhibition titled *Envisioning Cleveland* with images of Cleveland that convey hope and excitement for the future of the region.

The *Envisioning Cleveland* photography exhibition is a display of 41 judged photographic images taken by selected area artists. All entries are displayed on the Forum website at http://urban.csuohio.edu/forum/photo_contest_submissions.shtml

Dr. Helen Liggett, professor of Urban Studies at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, will present the opening reception lecture on "Photographing the City." Judges for the exhibition included David Bergholz, photographer, Dr. Liggett, and Gregory M. Donley, Senior Writer and Designer, The Cleveland Museum of Art with additional assistance from Kristien Marquez-Zenkov, Associate Professor of Literacy Education at the College of Education and Human Services and Cleveland artist Don Harvey.

Our Place in the Urban Age is a yearlong series of events celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs. The series explores the dynamic role of cities in a world transformed by technology, climate change, modern lifestyles, and a global economy. What will America's urban centers look like in what some are calling the Urban Age? What economic functions will cities serve, how will the quality of life change, and how will Cleveland and Northeast Ohio adapt? For more detailed information, visit www.urban.csuohio.edu/forum/urban_age.

The exhibit runs through December 31, 2007. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



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The Levin College Welcomes Dr. Joel Elvery

Dr. Joel Elvery has joined the Levin College as an Assistant Professor specializing in labor economics, urban economics, applied econometrics, and public economics. He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland. He comes to the Levin College from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), where he was a Research Economist with the Employment Research and Program Development Staff and an adjunct assistant professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute at Georgetown University.

Elvery's research over the past year and a half has focused on the question of what makes labor markets so different in different-sized cities. He believes that studying differences across labor markets can help researchers learn more about the underlying structure of labor markets and why some cities grow more quickly and others slowly. The latter is the broader question driving much of his current research. Learning more about the differences in labor markets between large and smaller or medium-sized cities can help determine what kind of economic development path can be expected for each city.

In his first project in this course of research, he took data on the occupational mix of businesses in many MSAs (Metropolitan Statistical Areas) to look at how the skill mix of businesses varies between large and small MSAs. He notes that there are various theories as to why businesses tend to be more productive in large MSAs. Several theories suggest that these productivity effects are greater for skilled labor than unskilled labor. To test if this is true, he used the occupational mix data to test whether firms in large cities use a more skill intensive mix of workers than similar firms in small cities. To understand the link between skill intensity and productivity, consider a law firm in a large MSA versus one in a small MSA. If skilled workers are more productive in the larger MSA, then law firms in the large MSA would choose to use more lawyers per legal assistant than law firms in the small MSA. Elvery finds that firms are more skill intensive in large MSAs. He notes that, "Industries that are both skill intensive and traded across cities, such as law offices, tend to be much more skill intensive in large cities. On the other hand, industries that are not skill intensive have essentially the same skill mix everywhere. Industries that are skill intensive but not traded across cities (e.g., doctors' offices and hospitals) fall between those two extremes."

In another research project, Elvery is working with colleague Leo Sveikauskas from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to examine measures of employment, earnings, and occupation mix for very small geographies. Elvery states that most employment research focuses on the regional or MSA level. This research will look at a much smaller geography, Elvery says, "For example, University Circle versus Brook Park. Those are very different employment centers. We want to see which centers drive productivity differences across MSAs." It's a potentially large data construction project—the Cleveland MSA has 1,250 traffic analysis zones in its Census Transportation Planning Package data. Elvery and his research partner would like to find employment centers for all MSAs and believe that the rewards will be worth the effort. "Instead of comparing the Cleveland and Chicago MSAs," he says, "we could compare downtown to downtown, or Solon to Oakbrook, Illinois." He goes on to say that some employment centers will be very similar, noting that many cities have a mall sub-center or an area close to a large airport with a heavy concentration of industry, similar to Brookpark Road in Cleveland. However, downtown Cleveland compared to downtown Chicago is very different. He believes that a few major employment centers give each local labor market its unique character.

Another research project that Elvery plans to pursue will look at how manufacturing has evolved. This project will look at data regarding the occupations of people working for manufacturers as a way to measure the economic functions that the businesses perform. Elvery notes that there are manufacturers that employ very few production workers. "We want to take their occupational structure and compare it to that of wholesale traders, warehousemen, or headquarters firms, as well as other manufacturers. We intend to use changes in occupational structure in manufacturing to infer what manufacturers are actually doing."

Elvery's research partner on this latter project, Matthew Dey, is also from the BLS. He notes, "The things you research are path dependent. The people with whom you work help you figure out which questions to pursue. I've been working at the Bureau of Labor Statistics and interacting with people there, and that's obviously influenced my research. I'm sure that a year from now, I'll be working with people here." He has been discussing one such potential project with Drs. Larry Ledebur and Ned Hill and Dr. Jim Robey from Team NEO about a project to develop measures of unionization in the Cleveland area. At the BLS, Elvery also worked with a longitudinal database that is very similar to the ES202 database in Ohio, and he hopes to have an opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Ziona Austrian and the Center for Economic Development.

Elvery is teaching Local Labor Market Analysis this fall and thus far is enjoying the move to the Levin College. "When you study economics, especially empirical economics, you learn it has a lot of real world applications," he says, "but applying it is not always encouraged in academia. The focus in economics is always on moving the discipline forward. I'm excited about being here. At Levin, I am encouraged to move the discipline forward and to apply economics to real world issues. I get to produce knowledge and then use it. That's a good thing."

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The Levin College Welcomes Dr. Sung-Gheel Jang

Dr. Sung-Gheel Jang is one of two new faculty members to join the Levin College community this fall. He comes to us from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was a research associate with the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory and the Expert Planning Information Systems Laboratory and also co-instructor for Advanced Applications of GIS (Geographic Information Systems). His research and teaching interests include GIS, environmental planning, planning support systems, spatial data analysis, disaster mitigation planning, quantitative methods, transportation planning.

As part of Jang's work at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), he conducted a sub-contract project of an EPA-sponsored project at the University of Buffalo, which aims to develop a regional economic model to estimate air pollution emissions from mobile and stationary sources due to changes in regional development patterns. For this project, Jang looked into the changes of energy/electricity demand and supply by residential, commercial, and industrial sectors in the Chicago metropolitan area using a power system simulation tool called PowerWorld. He states that this research provided him "with a unique opportunity to understand the electricity market in the regional context while taking into account the geographical configuration of physical infrastructure such as power plants, transmission lines, and distribution stations."

At the Expert Planning Information Systems Laboratory (EPIL), Jang researched how advanced information and communication technologies such as GIS, location-based services, and the Internet can help solve complex problems in the urban and regional setting. His major work in this area was participating in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)'s Technical Committee 211, developing standards to make information systems interoperable. As a result of his involvement, he was a major contributor to *ISO 19134:2007: Location-based services—Multimodal routing and navigation*, one of the ISO 19100 series of international standards for geographic information, which was published in January 2007. His last effort at EPIL was managing a project titled "Development of Architecture for Integrated Information Systems for Highway Safety Management," funded by the Ministry of Construction and Transportation of Korea.

Jang has two immediate research interests: 1) simulation of the environmental and regional economic impacts of land use change; and 2) the semantic interchange of planning information using the web ontology technologies. He notes that his research work at REAL made him want to pursue more substantive research on the simulation of complex urban system reflecting the intertwined nature between socio-economic activities and the environment on urban space. "I'd like to simulate the change of air pollution emissions resulting from changes in land use or regional development patterns by integrating the Regional Economy and Land Use (RELU) model with energy and emissions model using GIS," he says. "This implies that I may be able to evaluate various planning scenarios of land use change in terms of energy consumption and air pollution emissions with the help of a GIS-based decision support system."

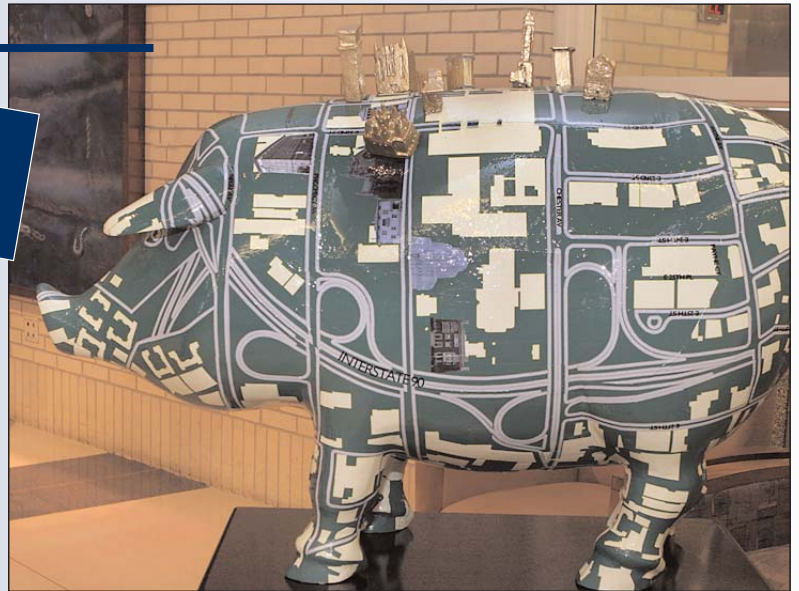
The second research topic would be "exciting and challenging" he says. "Simply put it, I'd like to explore how we can develop more intelligent planning support systems in this web-enabled or Google-able age. Would there be a way to find all related and relevant planning information using web technologies when planners are developing a plan? Current web ontology technologies enable us to search semantically matched or relevant information. To utilize the technologies, however, we should have an agreeable planning ontology." Jang adds that his research is still at an early stage and that he would welcome feedback or even collaboration from his new colleagues at the Levin College as his research becomes more concrete.

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Pig Quest

As of the end of August, the Levin College Atrium has a new permanent resident, an-almost life-sized fiberglass pig designed and painted by artist and Levin College alumna Marina Marquez ('04 BA). Titled "Pig Quest," the pig is part of an annual public art project sponsored by the St. Clair-Superior Development Corporation (SCSDC). In celebration of The Year of the Pig (according to the traditional Chinese calendar), the SCSDC put out a call to artists to submit designs for the pigs, which would be placed throughout the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood for the public to view and interact with. The project is intended to:

- To raise awareness about the Asian cultures present in this community through the Chinese New Year
- To support local artists and display their work
- To encourage economic development by drawing people into the neighborhood for shopping, eating, and leisure



The SCSDC also worked with various sponsors from the neighborhood to select a pig design. Marquez adds that, "Unlike the other sponsors, CSU selected my pig design from the CSU Art Department submissions. These designs were not part of the SCSDC submissions."

Marquez grew up in the St. Clair-Superior "Asian" neighborhood (East 49th Street & Payne Avenue and East 45th Street & Superior) and says that she "was excited about the project and wanted to be a part of raising awareness of the neighborhood through public art." Marquez used the geographic information systems (GIS) skills she learned at the Levin College as part of the design of Pig Quest. She explains that she "originally came up with a design focusing on the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood. However, I revised it when I submitted it to the CSU Art Department. My focus was to promote the CSU campus (which is part of the Asian Town neighborhood) by creating a map of the campus using GIS. I implemented the CSU color scheme of green and gold for the map and imposed photographs of all the landmark buildings on campus. The map was printed on an adhesive vinyl that was adhered to the entire skin of the pig. Using a combination of Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator, I was able to manipulate the GIS map to fit the contours of the 3-D pig. I made plastic sculptures that represented the landmark buildings on campus and inserted magnets. Before attaching the map, I cut the pig open and lined the interior of the pig with steel so that the sculptures would magnetize to the pig. The sculptures are moveable, thus becoming an interactive pig for the viewer—Pig Quest!"

Marquez acknowledges her gratitude to Kristoper Luscsay in the Cleveland City Planning Department, Don Petit in the Cleveland City Landmarks Department, and Michael Kushner for their support and expertise in helping her accomplish the Pig Quest concept. (For the curious, Pig Quest is comprised of fiberglass, steel, neodymium magnets, epoxy, acrylic (plastic), and adhesive vinyl.)

While she was designing and creating her pig, Marquez did not know that it would be displayed in her alma mater, but states that she was "delightfully surprised" when she found out.

The project has been part of a productive year for her. She notes that, "from the very beginning of the concept, I was offered another commission for the same design concept that I had to turn down. Since then, the year has been reflective of the Year of the Golden Pig—also known as the year of abundance." One thing seems to be missing, however, as Marquez adds, "I am waiting for someone to add a Spiderman magnet to Euclid Avenue..."

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You are cordially invited to a panel discussion

HALACHIC ORIGINS OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND DISCLOSURE

Examine the roots of real estate lending, corporate structures, collateral, and interest from scripture with comments on its current applicability from some of Cleveland's leading real estate professionals.

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University
Atrium, Glickman-Miller Hall, 1717 Euclid Avenue

Panelists:

Mr. Bruce Cweiber, Esq.	Precision Title, Cleveland Bet Din
Mr. Morton Levin, Esq.	The Levin Group
Rabbi Ephraim Nisenbaum	Jewish Learning Connection
Mr. David O'Neill	Colliers OM
Mr. Mitchell Schneider, Esq.	First Interstate Properties

Moderator Robert A. Simons, Ph.D., Professor of Urban Planning and Real Estate
Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

Food: A Kosher meal and refreshments will be served.

Cost: **There is no charge, but RSVP by Tuesday, October 16 to Robert Simons at robby@urban.csuohio.edu or 216-687-5258 for an accurate food and drink count.**

Donations: Donations for Levin College graduate student real estate scholarships will be accepted.

Parking: Parking is available for \$4.75 with a coupon for the Playhouse Square Standard Parking garage on Chester Avenue near East 15th across the street from the Greyhound Bus Station. The parking coupon is available at http://urban.csuohio.edu/news/halachic_10_23_07.pdf



ALUMNI AND STUDENT UPDATES

Randell McShepard ('98 MS in Urban Studies) to Vice President, Public Affairs, RPM, Inc.

Kaye Grospitch ('00 MS in Urban Studies), Coordinator of the Project 60/Active Minds program at CSU, was quoted in *The Plain Dealer*.

Sheila Samuels ('04 MPA, Certificate in Nonprofit Management) has been appointed to the City of Cleveland's Communications Advisory Council (CAC). This is part of the Mayor's Operations Efficiency Task Force.

Tanisha Briley ('05 MPA, Certificate in Local and Urban Management) promoted to Assistant to the City Administrator and Budget Manager, City of Davenport, Iowa.

David M. Brown ('07 BA) recently left The Housing Center their Fair Housing Intern. During his time at the center, Brown co-authored three lending reports, including *Cuyahoga County*

Community Lending Factbook, the *City of Cleveland Community Lending Factbook*, and *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Ohio Mortgage Lending*. Brown has just started the Master of Urban Planning program at the University of Cincinnati this fall.

Kristen Ciofani (MA Environmental Studies student) to Community Organizer, Tremont West Development Corporation.

Levin College student **Kathy Evans** was a guest columnist in *The Plain Dealer* on July 31. Evans' article is based on an experience she had while participating in the Washington Seminar.

Read it here <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/othercolumns/index.ssf?base/opinion/1185872807301040.xml&coll=2>

Will Smith (expected graduation December '07 BA) to Child Support Officer 1, Child Support Services, Cuyahoga County.

If you would like to share your latest news with the Levin College community, please notify Jane McCrone at (216) 687-2133 or jane@urban.csuohio.edu OR Frances Hunter at (216) 687-2388 or fran@urban.csuohio.edu

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

The Levin College was briefly mentioned in Thomas Suddes' column in *The Plain Dealer* on August 5.

Dr. Ronnie Dunn was a guest on WCPN/90.3 on July 30.

Kevin O'Brien was quoted in *The Plain Dealer* in an article on a proposed merger of trash pick-up in several eastern suburbs.

Kirby Date, coordinator of the Center for Planning Research & Practice's Countryside Program, spoke at a number of events over the summer: she addressed the Ohio Land Trust Association in Columbus on "Transfer of Development Rights: An Overview and Legislative Update;" she led a bus tour on sustainable development for elected and appointed Summit County officials in a joint project with the Homebuilders Association of Summit and Portage Counties; and she led a bus tour on conservation development in northeast Ohio for elected and appointed Hocking County officials and key developers, including county commissioners and township trustees and their planning and development staff.

Levin Chair Dr. Jeffrey Brudney presented at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Philadelphia.

Dr. Michael Spicer published "Politics and the Limits of a Science of Governance: Some Reflections on the Thought of Bernard Crick," in the July/August issue of *Public Administration Review* (1977, Vol. 47(4): pages 768-779).

The Center for Economic Development was noted in *The Plain Dealer* in an article on the proposed medical mart in downtown Cleveland.

Dr. Mark Salling was a guest on Town Hall Ohio on July 15, discussing poverty and hunger in Ohio. The program aired on WTVN (AM 610).

Dr. Brian Mikelbank has been named Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (the Fed) for the 2007-2008 academic year. He will be working on two major projects for the Fed. The first project will be take place in both Cleveland and Columbus assembling data to help understand the distribution of vacant and abandoned properties. The second project will look at the degree to which having a vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed property affects house price.

Dr. Roby Simons attended the European Real Estate Society meeting in London, England. He chaired a panel on indigenous tribal land claims and co-presented a paper on housing satisfaction in South Africa. Dr. Simons was also in Israel to research land claims and real estate programs.

Dr. Ned Hill was extensively quoted in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* after a presentation he gave on economic development and in the *Akron Beacon Journal* regarding that city's declining population.

Professor Norm Krumholz was briefly noted in *Crain's Cleveland Business* in an article on the proposed demolition of the Ameritrust Tower.

ClevelandSeniors.com had coverage of the **Dean's Distinguished Alumni Award** as well as a brief history of the college.

Dr. Wendy Kellogg was quoted in *Forbes* and the *Louisville Courier-Journal* in an AP article on the city of Youngstown's effort to improve quality of life by shrinking the city.

Dr. Mark Rosentraub and **Dr. Mark Salling** were both quoted in the *Plain Dealer* discussing Cleveland's shrinking population. Salling was also quoted in the *Toledo Blade* on that city's falling population, in the *Cincinnati Post*, the *Zanesville Times Recorder*, the *Youngstown Vindicator*, on WDTN.com, and quoted on radio stations WOSU and WCBE during brief reports on population loss for some cities.

Professor Sylvester Murray was briefly quoted on AllAfrica.com discussing private sector investment in the power industry.

Levin Chair Jeff Brudney gave a brown bag lunch presentation at the Foundation Center in July. His talk was entitled: "Balancing Act: The Challenges and Benefits of Volunteers."

The Great Lakes Environmental Finance Center (GLEFC) sponsored a training session with Harry Stark of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health on Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) illicit discharge program requirements on July 12 at Lorain County Community College. There were 25 participants representing local organizations and communities in Lorain and Cuyahoga counties. This was the first in a series of training sessions that will be provided by the GLEFC on storm water regulations as part of a grant received from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, a program of the Ohio EPA.

Project Manager **Daila Shimek** spoke at the Lorain County Community Alliance meeting in Elyria on Ohio EPA storm water regulations and requirements for small communities. Shimek was also asked to serve on the Stormwater Coordination Committee for the city of Olmsted Falls.

Dr. Ned Hill spoke at the City Club of Cleveland on July 18 along with Dan Cuffaro, chair of the Department of Industrial Design at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Ward 17 Councilman Matt Zone. The topic was the proposed District of Design and the Gordon Square Arts and Cultural District. The City Club talk was covered in *Crain's Cleveland Business*.

Dr. Wendy Kellogg and **Kathy Hexter** have published an article in *Ekistics: The science of human settlements*, the journal of the World Society for Ekistics. The article is titled "The role of the university in city planning: Cleveland's Lakefront Redevelopment Plan."

Dr. Ned Hill was quoted in the *Sandusky Register* discussing the Delphi Company auto parts plant in Sandusky.

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Tom Cozzens, Director of the Unger International Center, was the only representative of a U.S. university at the First International Symposium on Public Administration in Southeast Europe, which was held in Slovenia.

College Development Director **Sheila Samuels** and the Levin College's Washington Seminar were noted in *The Plain Dealer*.

Dr. Jennifer Alexander published "Administrative Discretion: Can We Move Beyond Cider House Rules?" in volume 37 (March 2007) of the *American Review of Public Administration*. Her co-author on the article was Dr. Sam Richmond from CSU's Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Iryna Lendel of the Center for Economic Development, was promoted from Research Associate to Program Manager.

Dr. Mark Salling was a guest on WKSU, discussing Census estimates of northeast Ohio's shifting population. Salling was also quoted in *The Columbus Dispatch* regarding the new Census estimates.

Kirby Date presented "An Update on the Countryside Program: Balanced Growth, Conservation Development, and Transfer of Development Rights" to the Ohio Township Association statewide bi-annual meeting in Beachwood on August 3. She also published an article entitled "The Economic Benefits of Conservation Development" in the latest edition of the Ohio Coastal Resource Management Projects' *Lake Erie Shorelines* newsletter.

Dr. Ned Hill was quoted in *The Plain Dealer* discussing The University of Akron's expansion.

Dr. Richard Klein led a group of OSU planning students on a historic tour of downtown Cleveland. Part of an international study program, this tour represented the culmination of a two-day trip throughout northeast Ohio. Special thanks to Tom Bier, Jeffrey Brudney, Wendy Kellogg, and Sy Murray for their assistance.

College Communications Coordinator **Susan Petrone** has a short story in the Fall 2007 issue of *Glimmer Train Stories*. Her story is entitled, "This Is How It Happened."

Dr. Ned Hill was noted in *The Plain Dealer* for his recent research trip to Sweden along with colleague Dan Cuffaro of the Cleveland Institute of Art as part of the proposed District of Design.

The Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service recently won a Pollie Award for its "You Should Run for Office" DVD. The award was noted in *The Plain Dealer*.

Dr. Mark Salling addressed the Cuyahoga County 2008 Economic Outlook and Budget Meeting on September 19. Salling represented both the Levin College and the Center for Community Solutions in his presentation on current and expected economic trends.

Dr. Iryna Lendel, Program Manager in the Center for Economic Development, has received funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) as a collaborator and sub contractor to a research project titled "State Science Policies: Modeling Their Origins, Nature, Fit, and Effects on Local Universities." Iryna has been working on the proposal with Professors Maryann Feldman and James Hearn from the University of Georgia. This is only the second time that someone in our college has received an NSF grant as a principal investigator or a sub contractor while working at the college.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 19 In Tribute to the Public Service

Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Avenue 7:15-9:00 a.m.

October 19-21 Center for Civic Education Forum Bioneers Cleveland Conference

Innovative biological and social strategies at the crossroads of ecology and social justice. Atrium

October 22-25 International Conference

Throughout the college

October 26 Center for Nonprofit Policy & Practice Executive Roundtable

Sweet Seminar Room (241), noon-1:00 p.m.

December 10-15 Final Exams**December 16 Commencement**

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