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Green Infrastructure Action Research: Collaboration to Look Ahead
Joan Nassauer, Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Kenyetta Campbell, Executive Director, Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance

Building Community Connections to Challenge Trauma Exposure and Economic Inequality
Jessica K. Camp, Assistant Professor of Social Work Health and Human Services, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Ann Marie Leen, Assistant Vice President-Youth Services, Director of Housing Initiatives, SER Metro-Detroit

Belle Isle and Beyond: Cultivating Ecoliteracy through the Arts
Jessica Fogel, Professor of Dance, School of Music, Theater, and Dance, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Changing the ‘School of Thought’ on childhood obesity by creating an ACTIVE classroom
Rebecca Hasson, Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Public Health, School of Public Health, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Missing School, Missing A Home: Why We Can’t Ignore Housing Instability and Homelessness in Detroit
Ines De Jesus, Senior Fellow, Attendance Works, Every School Day Counts Detroit
Jennifer Erb-Downward, Senior Research Associate, Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Building Better Futures: Innovation in Equitable Development
Marc Norman, Associate Professor of Practice, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Toward Reciprocal Relationships
Kim Sherobbi, Director, Birwood House
Craig Regester, Associate Director, Semester in Detroit, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Place Matters for our Mental Health: ACTION Youth Photovoice Project
Envision: ACTION
In this exhibit, youth capture information in photo about their community that may otherwise be difficult to express as it relates to influences which fuel the stigmas around mental health and often help to normalize knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about substance misuse among youth. Differences in neighborhood conditions powerfully predict who is healthy, who is sick and who lives longer. These differences are the fundamental causes of health inequities among city residents/urban youth/urban communities.
Organizers:
Dr. Karla Mitchell, ND, ACTION Coalition/CLASS Agency, Executive Director

Detroit Community Academic Urban Research Center
Detroit URC
The Detroit URC is an interdisciplinary, community based participatory research (CBPR) partnership that equitably engages community based organizations, health service institutions and academia to create research, programs and policies to improve health equity in Detroit.
Organizers:
Carol Gray, Center Manager, Detroit URC
Engaging Low-Income and Minority Communities in Prioritizing Community Health Benefits
Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research, Friends of Parkside
We are working in partnership with three communities (Detroit, northwest Michigan, and the Thumb) to acquire input on how best to meet their community health needs. Using a simulation exercise or “serious game”, CHAT (CHOosing All Together), we convene focus groups of community members, who use their resources (markers) to choose among spending options, making tradeoffs between competing needs for limited resources. Visit our exhibit to learn more about our projects and to play CHAT.
Organizers:
Karen Calhoun, Community-Engaged Research Program Officer at Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR), University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Maryn Lewallen, Research Staff in the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine (CBSSM), University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Culturally Situated Design Tools: Artisanal Technologies for Generative Justice
School of Information, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Weaving, beadwork, cornrows, and other artisanal practices contain “heritage algorithms” that hold Indigenous forms of math and computing knowledge. Our free online suite of Culturally Situated Design Tools (https://csdt.rpi.edu/) allow youth and adults to simulate traditional patterns of their own, learn coding and math, and physically render their creations with digital fabrication such as laser cutting, 3D printing and other techniques. These hybrid forms of culture, STEM education and economic activity can re-connect us to the generative basis for unalienated labor and environmental sustainability.
Organizers:
Ron Eglash, Professor, School of Information, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Placement/Displacement
This session will explore mult-sector efforts to prevent displacement and ensure affordable housing for low-income Detroiter.
Session Organizer:
Eric Deuweke, Lecturer in Urban and Regional Planning, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Facilitators:
Small Business Displacement
Janet Jones, Proprietor, Source Booksellers
Craig Regester, Associate Director, Semester in Detroit, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Tenant Displacement
Alexa Eisenberg, Doctoral Candidate, School of Public Health, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Claudia Sanford, Director of Tenant Organizing, United Community Housing Coalition

Retaining Low-Income Housing Units
Ruth Johnson, Public Policy Director, Community Development Advocates of Detroit
Lan Deng, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Minimizing Displacement from Tax Foreclosures
Alex Alsup, Director, Housing Stability and Community Loan Fund, Quicken Loans

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Exhibits: Lower Level
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Sustainable Futures
This session will explore how community leaders and U-M researchers are responding to the social and material landscapes of Detroit to envision and design sustainable futures.

Session Organizer:
Benjamin Gaydos, Associate Professor of Design, Department of Art and History, University of Michigan- Flint

Facilitators:
Resource Justice
Monica Lewis-Patrick, Co-founder, President & CEO, We the People of Detroit
Andrew Herscher, Associate Professor of Architecture, Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures and Associate Professor of History of Art, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
DeAndre’ J. Calvert, Community Engagement Manager, Program in Practical Policy Engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Community Leadership
Maria Salinas, Director, Congress of Communities
Dale Thomson, Chair, Department of Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Political Sciences, University of Michigan- Dearborn

Alternative Economic Models
Meghan Sobocienski, Director, Grace in Action Collectives
Justin Erickson, DNEP Program Manager, Center on Finance, Law, and Policy, Detroit Neighborhood Entrepreneurship Program, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Green Infrastructures
Shamayim ‘Shu’ Harris, Founder and Director, Avalon Village
Larry Gant, Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, and Professor of Art and Design, School of Art and Design, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Leaders Engineering Change: Building a Cradle-to-Career Education System in Detroit
Lower Level
This session will explore how the U-M School of Education, Detroit Public Schools Community District, the Kresge Foundation, Starfish Family Services, and Marygrove College are developing a radically different approach to education in northwest Detroit. By ensuring that all youth who attend the school have excellent learning experiences, educators, and environments, U-M School of Education and campus partners will contribute to the well-being and empowerment of children, youth, and families in the neighborhood. The School of Education will also extend its already robust teacher education program to support new teachers in their first years of learning to teach in Detroit. The P-20 partnership will offer a rigorous and innovative academic program to students in an environment where every adult in the building has two goals: children’s rich and robust learning and the education of urban teaching professionals.

Panelists:
Elizabeth Birr Moje, Dean, School of Education, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Ann Kalass, Chief Executive Officer, Starfish Family Services
Wendy Lewis Jackson, Managing Director for the Detroit Program, The Kresge Foundation
Alycia Meriweather, Deputy Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools Community District

Panel Discussants:
Alistair Bomphray, P-20 Partnership Project Manager, School of Education, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Denise Powell, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, Marygrove College
Nir Saar, Principal, Detroit Public Schools Community District
Kendra Hearn, Chair of Secondary Teacher Education, School of Education, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Future of Mobility in Detroit
Prosperity and development depend critically on mobility across the 140 square mile expanse of Detroit, and beyond. This session will discuss ongoing as well as new and developing ideas for mobility solutions in the greater Detroit area.

Facilitator:
James Sayer, Research Scientist and Director, Transportation Research Institute, College of Engineering, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Panelists:
Mark De le Vergne, Chief of Mobility Innovation, City of Detroit
Elizabeth Gerber, Professor of Public Policy, Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Alexandra Murphy, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Margaret S Wooldridge, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

World Cafe: Lower Level
Community Benefits and Health Equity
This interactive session will examine how community-academic collaborative research partnerships equitably engage in knowledge generation and translation, interventions and policy change strategies to achieve community benefits, environmental justice, and access to health care for diverse communities in the city of Detroit.

Session Organizer:
Barbara Israel, Professor, Health Behavior and Health Education, Director and Detroit Community Academic Urban Research Center, School of Public Health, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Facilitators:
Health Impact Assessments and Community Benefits
Natalie Sampson, Assistant Professor of Public Health, University of Michigan- Dearborn
Simone Sagovac, Director, Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition
Lauren Fink, Community Epidemiology Manager, Detroit Health Department

Environmental Justice and Air Quality: Translating Research to Action
Amy J. Schulz, Professor, School of Public Health, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Angela G. Reyes, Executive Director, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Immigration Policies and Access to Health Care
Paul Fleming, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Richard Bryce, Medical Director, Community Health and Social Services Center, Inc.

Ensuring Access to Care within Diverse Languages and Cultures
Richard Lichtenstein, Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Public Health, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Madiha Tariq, Deputy Director, Community Health and Research Center, Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS: GEM THEATRE

Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation: Making a difference by creating life-changing opportunities for youth and their families

Speaker: Angela Reyes, Executive Director, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

In 1997, Angela Reyes founded the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, a community-based organization, from her living room because she “was tired of burying children.” To reduce the violence, DHDC’s Gang Retirement program (GRACE) formed after forging a truce with leaders of rival gangs, which encouraged “retirement” in return for jobs in local Hispanic-owned manufacturing companies. Today DHDC provides Youth and Family Services, Education and Training, Support Services, Community Organizing and Advocacy to over 5,000 youth and adults annually.

Earthworks

Speaker: Patrick Crouch, Program Manager, Earthworks Urban Farm

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen’s Earthworks Urban Farm is a 2.5 acre certified organic farm located in the City of Detroit. They seek to build a just, beautiful food system through education, inspiration, and community development. As a working study in both social justice and in knowing the origins of the food we eat, Earthworks strives to restore our connection to the environment and community.

My Diversity is NOT Your Diversity: Seeing Diversity Through a Different Lens

Speaker: Oliver Ragsdale, Jr., President, The Carr Center

Founded in 1991, the Arts League of Michigan (now dba The Carr Center) has a history of providing strong programming to the community and supporting artists in the creation and presentation of work. In 2009, building on a solid legacy of service, the Arts League established the Carr Center, and it is through the Center’s programs that it realizes its mission. The Carr Center leverages the essence of the African American cultural experience to inspire, entertain, challenge, and educate.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: GEM THEATRE

Re-envisioning Justice

This panel will explore how, through collaborative and grassroots efforts, U-M researchers and community partners are attempting to alter the landscape of the carceral system in Detroit.

Session Organizer:
Francine Banner, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director, Women in Learning and Leadership, Sociology Discipline Coordinator, University of Michigan- Dearborn

Facilitator:
Lara Rusch, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Urban and Regional Studies, University of Michigan- Dearborn

Panelists:
Paul Draus, Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan- Dearborn
Juliette Roddy, Professor of Public Policy and Director of Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Michigan- Dearborn
Jayesh Patel, President and Managing Attorney, Street Democracy
Asia Johnson, Bail Disruptor