



**Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies
E-Newsletter – February 19, 2004**

New Directions. This month's issue of the *Cornwall MetroNews* marks the beginning of change at the Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies. New director, Dr. Stephanie Bush-Baskette, arrived on February 2, 2004, bringing fresh vision and new ideas to the Center. In coming months many of these will unfold on the e-pages of the *Cornwall MetroNews*. In keeping with this atmosphere of change the editorial staff is pleased to revamp our e-newsletter to reflect our growing dimensions.

Beginning with this issue the *Cornwall MetroNews* expands its coverage to include news and events affecting Newark, the Newark metropolitan area, and northern New Jersey. In coming weeks look for new columns and features on topics important to the region. This will include articles and commentary from within Rutgers-Newark, other scholars, and from a diverse pool of community-based leaders, activists, and organizations.

Please join us in welcoming our new director. Dr. Bush-Baskette, has already begun to re-energize the Center and chart a course for the future that promises to unite the rich resources of the university and community. Not satisfied with leading a "think tank," she is positioning the Center to "think and do"—placing scholarly research and expertise at the nexus of community engagement, policy development, analysis, and action. We invite you to visit our website at www.cornwall.rutgers.edu to follow our progress.

Announcements

Faculty News

Sidney travels to DC and Arizona. Dr. Mara Sidney, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, will participate in the National Fair Housing Research and Policy Forum on March 12-13, 2004. The forum, which includes advocates, policy makers, and researchers, will take place in Washington, DC. Dr. Sidney's talk is entitled, "Mobilizing Support for Social Justice in Housing." In January 2004, Dr. Sidney was selected to attend the Institute on Qualitative Research Methods at Arizona State University. Dr. Sidney led a session titled, "Using Computer Software for Qualitative Data Analysis."

Publications

Cornwall's Devance-Manzini co-authors chapter for HUD publication. Donita Devance-Manzini, Senior Project Manager for the Cornwall Center, co-authored a chapter, "Expanding Organizational Capacity: The Human Capital Development Initiative," that will appear in *Compendium: Building the Organizations that Build Communities* (HUD, 2004). Written with Rutgers faculty Norman Glickman and Sean DiGiovanna, the chapter examines the Human Capital Development Initiative (HCDI), an

\$8 million investment to strengthen the Community Economic Development (CED) workforce. HCIDI was the first large-scale effort to focus attention and resources to develop the industry. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research commissioned the volume. Rutgers' Roland Anglin is the editor.

Upcoming Events

Cornwall Center and the Center for Global Change and Governance co-sponsor Urban Improvement Luncheon Seminar. Dr. Elliott Sclar, Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University will present, "Can the Lives of 100 Million Slum Dwellers be Improved by 2020? Meeting the Challenges of the UN's Goal for a New Millennium," on February 25, 2004, from 12:00-1:30 PM in Room 502, Center for Law and Justice, 123 Washington Street, Newark Campus. Dr. Sclar is an expert on local economic development planning and co-chair of the United Nations task force on improving the lives of slum dwellers. If you would like to attend, please contact Ms. Desiree Gordon at 973-353-5585 or cgcg@andromeda.rutgers.edu by Friday, February 20, 2004.

Miller to present at Cornwall Center's Luncheon Seminar. Dr. Gerald Miller, Professor in the Department of Public Administration, will speak at the Cornwall Center's Luncheon Seminar on April 5, 2004, from 12:00–1:30 PM. Dr. Miller's lecture is titled "City Financial Condition: Testing Newark with the Berne and Citizen's Budget Commission Models." It will be held on the 3rd floor of the Cornwall Center, 47 Bleeker Street, Newark Campus. Please RSVP to Ms. Irene Welch at 973-353-1750, ext 221 or email irenew@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

Bush-Basketette to address Newark Women's Conference. Cornwall Center director, Dr. Stephanie Bush-Basketette, will deliver the luncheon address at the 10th Annual Newark Women's Conference, "Women Challenging the Face of Abuse." The conference will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the Bethany Baptist Church, 275 W. Market Street, Newark, NJ. Workshops will begin at 9:00 AM and continue throughout the morning. The luncheon will begin at 12:30 PM. Registration fees are \$35.00 for a full day or \$50.00 for the luncheon only. For additional information, contact Mildred Crump at NWC, Inc., PO Box 22042, Newark, NJ 07101, 973-923-8924 (phone) or 973-932-2846 (fax).

5th Annual Conference on Urban Ethics to target effects of (Il)legal drugs on the community. The Department of Philosophy and the New Jersey Medical School–UMDNJ, in association with the Cornwall Center and the Prudential Business Ethics Center, will present the 5th Annual Conference on Urban Ethics, "(Il)Legal Drugs: Profit, Health, and the Public Good." The conference will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Rutgers University's Center for Law and Justice on the Newark Campus. Cornwall Center director Dr. Stephanie Bush-Basketette will deliver the *John A. Williams Lecture on Applied and Urban Ethics*. The conference also features sessions that explore the effects of legal and illegal drugs. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information please contact Pheroze Wadia at wadia@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

New Jersey Historical Society celebrates Women's History Month. The New Jersey Historical Society will host five lunchtime programs in March to commemorate Women's History Month:

- March 3rd, 12:15 PM to 1 PM. "A Thousand Years Over a Hot Stove," New Jersey author Laura Schenone shares historical recipes.
- March 10th, 12:15 PM to 1 PM. "A Rosie is Rosie is Rosie," Elaine Muller from the Women's Center at Morris County College will discuss the role of New Jersey women in the work force during World War II.
- March 17th, 12:15 PM to 1 PM. "World War II Women in the Military." Two veterans of the Coast Guard and Army Nurses Corps share their stories.
- March 24th, 12:15 PM to 1 PM. "First Women of New Jersey," Beverly Friend explores the daily lives, beliefs, and importance of New Jersey's Native American Women.
- March 31, 12:15 PM to 1 PM. "Antique Linens and Lace," Joan Lawrence, textile expert and author, will discuss the history of lace in women's lives and New Jersey industry.

These programs will take place at 52 Park Place in Newark. Guests are welcome to bring their own lunch and light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free. For additional information please call Lily Hodge at 973-596-8500 ext. 234.

Aljira showcases the work of photographer Judith Brodsky. Aljira, Newark's contemporary arts center, will host "Bending the Grid: Memoir of an Assimilated Family: Gender and Ethnicity in the Work of Judith Brodsky," through March 31st, 2004. The exhibit highlights Brodsky's work from the series, "Memoir of an Assimilated Family". Brodsky is the founder of the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper. For additional information please visit the Aljira website at <http://www.aljira.org/>.

News

Local and regional news

Fiscal policy and taxes projected for FY 2004.

Related articles:

Essex County. "Most Essex towns see property taxes rise: Health care and municipal services cited as reasons for the increases," Star Ledger, Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/107466801694470.xml>

"Average tax hike for '04 is \$34 for county," LocalSource.com, January 22, 2004.

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=10852365&BRD=1847&PAG=461&dept_id=359925&rfti=6

Newark. "Tax hikes looming for Newark residents: James spending plan is early and includes increases in property tax, water/sewer rates," Star Ledger, Tuesday, January 27, 2004.
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"Mayor announces city budget for 2004," Vailsburg Leader, February 5, 2004.
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South Orange-Maplewood. "Proposed budget calls for tax increase," News-Record, February 2, 2004.
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West Orange. "Township faces \$3 million deficit in budget," West Orange Chronicle, February 12, 2004.
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State. "Last year's tax hike the biggest since 1990: Homeowners get hit as the blame swirls," Star Ledger, Wednesday, January 21, 2004.
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"Ideas on property tax cuts fail to impress state's mayors," Star Ledger, Thursday, January 22, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/107475465888910.xml>

"Governor vows no income tax hike: McGreevey rejects cut in NJ Saver rebate," Star Ledger, Wednesday, February 04, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/news-1/1075878715274710.xml>

"Citizens group lists ways to cut property taxes," Star Ledger, Wednesday, February 04, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/statehouse/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1075878850274710.xml>

"Tax hike for the wealthy is not ruled out: Democratic leaders say it's still possible for Jersey's next budget," Star Ledger, Monday, February 09, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-13/1076310849211830.xml>

County restructures offices

Related articles: “Economic Development Corp. gets new leader: County's affirmative action director to take charge as two offices merge, Star Ledger, Wednesday, February 11, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/107648353287090.xml>

“Essex improvement authority cut down in size and responsibility,” Star Ledger, Sunday, February 08, 2004.
<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1076222016254160.xml>

Financially ailing Hospital Center at Orange slated to close.

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“Death knell for Orange hospital?” Orange Transcript, January 22, 2004.
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“State recommends shutdown of Orange hospital: Speakers at hearing allege mismanagement at facility,” Star Ledger, Friday, January 23, 2004.
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“Hospital: Emergency room bad for business: State health department insists shut Orange facility keep department open for community,” Star Ledger, Thursday, January 29, 2004. <http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1075359486210960.xml>

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Headlines. News from the Metropolis

NEWARK

Arena deal take new shape: Yankee/Nets out, Devils sign on

Related articles: “BROOKLYN BID WINS NETS: New York developer's \$300 million victory a stinging loss for Jersey,” Star Ledger, Thursday, January 22, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-13/107475441088911.xml>

“Newark aiming for Devils arena: City revises its sports-venue proposal as Brooklyn claims the Nets,” Star Ledger, Friday, January 23, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/news-13/1074841082123260.xml>

“Newark arena deal is said to be imminent: An announcement could come by Monday, officials say,” Star Ledger, Saturday, February 07, 2004.

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“McGreevey's devil of a dilemma: Essex, Bergen or two arenas? Decision may determine fate of next year's election,” Star Ledger, Wednesday, February 11, 2004.

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“Arena plan raises many questions: Newark's revival central to debate,” Star Ledger, Thursday, February 12, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-5/107657035895190.xml>

“Mayor rolls out red (and black) carpet for Devils,” Star Ledger, Friday, February 13, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-5/1076656563140363.xml>

Newark development and redevelopment plans

Related articles: “Streetscape work planned,” Vailsburg Leader, January 22, 2004.

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=10852556&BRD=1847&PAG=461&dept_id=484498&rfi=6

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“Rehabilitation Act to help combat blight,” Vailsburg Leader, January 29, 2004.

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“Mayor puts Newark on course to build: James lists condos and 2 school pools,” Star Ledger, Friday, January 30, 2004.

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“Rutgers to build dorm in Newark: \$51 million building will house 600 students,” Star-Ledger,

Saturday, February 14, 2004.

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“Building schools and careers: Minorities are trained for construction trade in new state program,” Star Ledger, Friday, February 13, 2004.

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New correctional facility opens amid protest. “Protesters greet opening of new jail,”

LocalSource.Com, January 15, 2004.

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New organization opens dialogue for political reform. “Newark group takes new approach:

Organization shuns partisan criticism,” Star Ledger, Sunday, February 01, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1075618077119620.xml>

Newark Council demands accountability from local bank. “Newark: Bank shuns poor, minority

patrons: Council threatens to pull \$20 million in deposits from Hudson United over dearth of loans,” Star Ledger, Thursday, February 05, 2004.

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📁 IRVINGTON

Irvington makes good on promise to increase public safety policing tactics.

Related articles: "Violent crime, arrests up in township," Irvington Herald, January 15, 2004.

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"School crossing guards go wireless," Irvington Herald, January 22, 2004.

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📁 EAST ORANGE

Redevelopment and revitalization efforts underway in East Orange.

Related articles: "East Orange to remake a neighborhood: Multimillion-dollar rehabilitation in the works for a run-down zone," Star Ledger, Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1075186561273260.xml>

"East Orange plans to tear down and build a better neighborhood," Star Ledger, Sunday, February 08, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1076221880254160.xml>

"E. Orange OKs plan to redevelop 4 blocks: Housing for artists proposed for blighted portion of the city," Star Ledger, Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/essex/index.ssf?/base/news-4/107639750979190.xml>

"North Walnut redevelopment plan approved," East Orange Record, February 12, 2004.

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📁 WEST ORANGE

Mayor extols progress. "W. Orange up in value and diversity: Mayor offers praise in 'state of the

township' breakfast meeting," Star Ledger, Friday, January 30, 2004.

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West Orange officials weighing development projects.

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“Council holds public hearing on SID budget,” West Orange Chronicle, January 22, 2004.

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Property owners question siting of police facility. “Springfield property owners urge review of

facility proposal,” News-Record, February 5, 2004.

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Orange Record, February 12, 2004.

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State News

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Related articles: “Court rules state shorted 20 districts on school aid: Appeals panel's ruling in

Abbott case could add up to \$124 million,” Star Ledger, Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

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“Jersey wants justices to settle school aid fight,” Star Ledger, Thursday, February 05, 2004.

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DYFS: Substance abuse treatment for parents to receive state funding

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Links. For your information. . . .

Local state of the City/Town addresses, annual reports, and related information.

Newark: Mayors' 18th Annual State of the City Address, January 29, 2004
(Press Release)

http://www.ci.newark.nj.us/Public_Information/Press_Releases/Press_Releases_248.htm

Montclair Annual Report.

<http://www.to.montclair.nj.us/manager/2003%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

West Orange State of the Township Address, January 29, 2004.

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East Orange: Mayors New Year's Day Address, January 1, 2004.

(Press Release) <http://www.eastorange->

[nj.org/html/Press%20Releases/Mayor's%20New%20Year's%20Day%20Address.htm](http://www.eastorange-nj.org/html/Press%20Releases/Mayor's%20New%20Year's%20Day%20Address.htm)

Irvington: One-year state of the Township Address

(Delivered on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at Civic Square Park)

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Azmy, Baher and David Reiss, "Hold the Line Against Diluting Anti-Predatory Lending

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