



Joseph C. Cornwall Center  
for Metropolitan Studies

*The Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies  
cordially invites you to our a one-day conference on:*

## **“CRITICAL ISSUES FOR CITIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE”**

Cities in the United States today are experiencing rapid change that brings both challenges and opportunities for improving the lives of urban residents. Nowhere is this clearer than in New Jersey, the country’s most urbanized state. In such times of change, researchers at the state’s public research institutions have a special role to play by helping the public and government policy makers to better understand and respond to complex issues. This conference spotlights issue-oriented urban research by Rutgers faculty, staff, and students, and by our colleagues at neighboring universities.

**What:** This one-day conference will allow faculty, researchers and students to describe and discuss emerging interdisciplinary urban scholarship with their peers. The conference will include both individual research presentations and panel discussions of selected urban issues. Session topics will include immigration, urban redevelopment, the foreclosure crisis, and amenities and urban design. All sessions will be moderated by Rutgers researchers. The research presented will focus on issues of special importance to northern New Jersey, although the themes are common to many urban areas.

**Who:** The conference is by Rutgers University-Newark faculty, researchers, students, and colleagues from other universities and colleges in the region.

**Where:** Center for Law and Justice  
Room 010  
123 Washington St.  
Newark, NJ 07102

**When:** Friday, April 11, 2008  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Reservation:** The conference is free but seating is limited. Lunch is provided, but you must RSVP in order to be served. Please reserve your place by March 28th to Ms. Irene Welch 973-353-1750 Ext. 221 or [irenew@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:irenew@andromeda.rutgers.edu)

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## Conference Agenda:

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### Critical Issues for Cities: Past, Present, and Future

April 11, 2008 – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

- 8:30 am - 9:00 am      Registration
- 9:00 am - 9:15 am      Welcome
- 9:15 am -10:45 am      ***Session 1: Immigrants Navigating Newark: Neighborhoods and Schools***
- Moderator:*** Mara Sidney, Department of Political Science
- Participants:***
- “Newark’s Immigrants, 1970-2000”  
Mara Sidney, Political Science
  - “Tropical Interference: Portuguese/Brazilian Conflict on Parade”  
Kimberly DaCosta Holton, Portuguese Studies
  - “Pockets of Education Excellence in Jersey City and Newark”  
Sherri-Ann Butterfield, Sociology; Jamie Lew and Alan Sadovink, Urban Education
  - “Emotional Aesthetics and a Cartography of Racial Demography among Brazilians and Puerto Ricans in Newark”  
Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas, Anthropology, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 10:45 am -11:00 am      Break
- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm      ***Session 2: Changing Neighborhoods and Communities***
- Moderator:*** Stephanie R. Bush-Baskette, Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies
- Participants:***
- “Imprisonment as a Major Urban Issue”  
Paul Shane, Social Work
  - “Public Space, Muslims, and the Urban Mosque in Greater Newark”  
Michael Nash, African-American and African Studies
  - “GIS Tracking of Neighborhood Change”  
Kelly Robinson, Cornwall Center; Leila Sadeghi, Urban Systems; and Stephanie Carter, Public Administration
- 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm      Lunch
- 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm      ***Session 3: Foreclosure: A View from the Ground***
- Moderator:*** Kathe Newman, Bloustein School of Public Policy, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Participants:***
- “Contextualizing the Current Crisis: A History of Disinvestment”  
Beryl Satter, History
  - “The Foreclosure Crisis in Newark”  
Student Members of the Community Development Workshop, Bloustein School of Public Policy, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm      Break

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

**Session 4: Amenities and Urban Design**

**Moderator:** Rob Snyder, Department of Visual and Performing Arts

**Participants:**

- “Dynamics of School Playground Use in Low-Income Neighborhoods: Four Case Studies from Newark”  
Caryn Yaacov, Urban Systems
- “The Global Game in the Garden State: Soccer in New Jersey’s Cities”  
Thomas McCabe, History
- “Designing Cities to Optimize Human Development”  
Lion Gardner, Biology, and Jeff Buechner, Philosophy

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Wrap-up

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