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**Critical Issues in Community
Based Research Partnerships**

June 10-13, 2004 - Hartford, CT

Presented by The Institute for Community Research

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Institute for Community Research is sponsoring 'Crossroads: Critical Issues in Community-Based Research Partnerships,' a national conference that brings together community-based research practitioners, non-profit CBO leaders, educators, activists, artists, advocates and funders to look critically at the field of community-based collaborative research (CBCR). The conference will focus on the processes, designs, challenges and successes of building research partnerships, developing effective CBCR methods and models, and integrating research results and action. Through a series of interactive and experiential workshops, panel discussions, poster sessions, networking, exhibits, performances and spontaneously generated discussions, conference participants will be able to reflect upon and share their work with others. The conference will confront the difficulties of research partnerships as they attempt to cross class, ethnic, racial and disciplinary boundaries. Presentations and workshops will cross-cut fields, including health and mental health, education, environment, community development, racial/ethnic and cultural relations and cultural development.

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SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



Mindy Fullilove, M.D.
Dr. Fullilove is Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Public Health at Columbia University and a Research Psychiatrist at New York Psychiatric Institute. Since 1986, Dr. Fullilove has studied the problems of HIV/AIDS in minority communities in the United States and the relationship between health risk and the psychology of place in inner city communities.



Ron Stall, Ph.D.
Currently with the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Stall is an internationally recognized public health researcher. He is an active advocate for research, intervention and advocacy through research partnerships on HIV risk in same-sex relationships.



Virginia Boudreau
Currently with the Guysborough County Inshore Fisherman's Association in Nova Scotia, Ms. Boudreau develops working relations among Eastern Guysborough County fishers and researchers at St. Francis Xavier University to initiate projects conducive to sustaining traditional fisheries and assisting local communities to remain economically viable.



Carmen Y. Reyes
Ms. Reyes is the Executive Director of the North Central Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Over the past 15 years, she has collaborated on several community-based research projects related to the health and mental health of older adults in the North Central Connecticut Region, using data to address the service and resource needs of this underserved population.



Tom Kelly A senior staff at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Mr. Kelly is the national evaluator for their Making Connections Initiative. He is a champion of action research as an approach to informed collective action, and has actively supported action research for youth and resident engagement at the Foundation.

WORKSHOPS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Attendees will contribute to CBCR theory and methodology and learn new skills by interacting with each other and with leaders in the field through workshops, panel discussions, case study presentations, 'open space' discussions, experiential games, and arts-based programming. **We are currently accepting applications for breakout session presentations. See inside or go to <http://www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/presentapps.htm> for more information about how to send in your proposal.**

POSTER SESSION SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting project that you would like to present? Sign up for our poster session to share your work with colleagues from around the country. **See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/posterapps.htm for poster submission information.**

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY

POSTER AWARDS Posters on CBCR projects submitted by high school and undergraduate students and community members will be automatically entered into the Crossroads Student and Community Poster Awards competition. Prizes will be given for the top three student and top three community posters. **See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/stucomawards.htm for more information.**

COMPILATION OF CBCR CASE STUDIES

Before and during the conference you may submit case examples of your work that will be compiled into a CBCR Case Studies book for dissemination. This book will highlight the work taking place in this field around the country. **See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/casestudies.htm for more information.**



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PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

OF HARTFORD Through a pre-conference tour of Hartford, attendees will learn about issues facing the city and how CBCR is helping to solve some of its most pressing problems. The tour will also provide the chance to learn about the city's diverse ethnic communities and neighborhoods from Hartford residents and leaders. The tour is free to all conference attendees. To sign up, simply check your intention on the conference registration form by May 10, 2004.

ARTS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Artists are a critical component of healthy communities. ICR's cultural development programs support community-based and heritage artists and arts organizations throughout Connecticut. The conference will feature an **arts exhibit** that focuses on 'living spaces,' a concept that questions the meaning of living in virtual, emotional, social, physical and community spaces. Dance, drumming and musical performances will represent the diverse groups residing in the area. An **Artists' Marketplace** will feature the products and stories of Connecticut's many ethnic and national groups. On Friday night, an **Open Mic** will introduce you to our state's emerging performing artists. Attendees are invited to participate.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Attendees will represent community-based organizations, government agencies, independent research organizations, universities and colleges, service agencies, public policy advocates, foundations and community residents. Individuals and organizations who want to present current work, reflections, or critical analysis of CBCR projects, and who want to gain or share methods and skills in the practice of community-based collaborative research should attend. CBCR teams and partners are encouraged to come to the conference together to represent your collaborative projects.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ICR is offering a limited number of full and partial scholarships to individuals who otherwise would not be able to attend the conference. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please fill out the application at www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/scholarshipapp.htm and send it to: The Institute for Community Research, ATTN: Crossroads Scholarship, 2 Hartford Square West, Suite 100, Hartford, CT 06106 by **April 1, 2004**. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact us at 860-278-2044 ext. 286 or via email at scholarships@icrweb.org and we will fax or mail the application to you. You must also fill out the registration form, mark 'I am applying for a scholarship,' and attach the registration form with your scholarship application.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be provided to those interested through Capital Community College. Indicate your interest on the attached registration form.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH

The Institute for Community Research (ICR), founded in 1987, is an independent, non-profit research institute that conducts community-based collaborative research with residents, service agencies, community-based organizations and universities locally, nationally and internationally. We use the tools of research to build community capacity, foster collaborative community-based partnerships, and help communities locally and globally to ask better questions and get better answers about the complex problems they face. Our work is conducted with individuals of all ages, focusing on issues of health and mental health, education and cultural development.

ABOUT HARTFORD

Located approximately 2 hours from both Boston and New York, Hartford, Connecticut is one of the nation's oldest cities, dating back to 1635. Situated on the Connecticut River, Hartford and the surrounding region offer a quintessential New England charm combined with the history, excitement and entertainment of a capital city. With a current population of 122,000 residents, Hartford boasts over 180 arts, cultural and heritage organizations, restaurants offering a variety of ethnic cuisine, and live blues, jazz and rock clubs.

Capital Community College (rt.). Hartford view courtesy of the Gr. Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau (below).



The Institute for Community Research's offices in Hartford.

SPONSORS

The conference is made possible through the generous support of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Trinity College, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Joseph A. Zita Fund, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Capital Community College (CCC), located in downtown Hartford, is a public, open-door, educational institution committed to the metropolitan community it serves. The College is located in an eleven-story facility with an art deco main lobby, street-front exhibition space, and a 5-story atrium with skylight. All of the auditoriums and classrooms come with state-of-the-art technological capabilities.



Michael Bies



Conference At A Glance

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

- 11 am–8 pm Registration
- 1 pm–3 pm **Pre-Conference Tour of Hartford**
- 3:30 pm–5 pm **Facilitated Discussion Based upon Tour**
'Building partnerships in urban environments'
- 6 pm–8 pm Opening Reception & Welcome

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

- 8 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9 am–10 am **Welcome & Opening Plenary**
- 10 am–10:15 am Break
- 10:15 am–11:45 am Breakout Sessions I
- 12 pm–1:45 pm Lunch & Luncheon Keynote
- 2 pm–3:30 pm Breakout Sessions II
- 3:30 pm–3:45 pm Break
- 3:45 pm–5:15 pm Plenary Session
- 5:30 pm–7 pm Poster Session & Reception
- 7 pm–8:30 pm Dinner on your own – Visit the Taste of Hartford or other local restaurants.
- 8:30 pm Open Mic – Bring your instruments, singing voice and poetry to share with colleagues and friends!

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

- 8 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9 am–10:30 am Plenary Session
- 10:30 am–10:45 am Break
- 10:45 am–12:15 pm Featured Panel & Breakout Sessions III
- 12:15 pm–2 pm Lunch & Luncheon Keynote
- 2:15 pm–3:45 pm Breakout Sessions IV
- 3:45 pm–4 pm Break
- 4 pm–5:30 pm Afternoon Plenary
- 6:30 pm Dinner, Awards & Keynote

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- 10am–11:30 am Closing Plenary

PLENARY SESSION TOPICS

- Making scientific findings accessible to front line public health workers
- The funders role in CBCR
- Advocating for community-based research in community-university partnerships
- CBCR Ethics
- The intersection of art and research

TRACKS

Conference breakout sessions will be divided into six tracks. Below are session titles divided by track (see www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/presentapps.htm for more information on each session).

THEORY

Culture, Race & Ethnicity in Community-Based Collaborative Research (CBCR)
Power in CBCR
Applying Ecological Theory
Building Logic Models/Theory From the Ground Up
Building Local Knowledge

ETHICS

Research Ownership: Who Owns the Research Methods and Results in CBCR?
CBCR Research Ethics: Interpreting and Obtaining Informed Consent
Ethical and Methodological Considerations in Visual Documentary Research

METHODS

Integrating Mixed (Qualitative, Quantitative, Arts-Based) Methods in Research
Evaluating CBCR
Staffing Issues in CBCR
Challenges in University-Community CBCR Partnerships
Crossing Boundaries
Participatory Action Research as a Strategy for Community Change
Sustaining CBCR Research Teams
Student Involvement in CBCR: Models of Effective Strategies
Participatory Evaluation Methods
Developing International Research Partnerships
Innovative Approaches to Building Heritage/Folklore and Folkarts Programs in Non-Profit Settings

SKILLS

Using the Media to Disseminate Research Results
Accessing Research Participants in High-Risk Situations
Using Technology to Enhance CBCR Projects
Proposal Development
Games: Innovative Interactive Methods, Techniques, Critical Thinking Exercises
Empowering Youth to do CBCR
Democratizing Science by Engaging Community Residents in CBCR

UTILIZATION

Linking Research to Policy
Linking Research and Service
Using Research Skills

TOPICAL

Community Level Partnership Approaches to HIV Prevention Research
Collaborative Approaches to Substance Abuse Research and Prevention
Sustaining Approaches to Mental Health and Prevention in Multiethnic Communities and Schools
Multimedia Approaches Combining Art and Science: A Dialogue on Empowerment and Identity

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ICR is currently accepting applications for workshop and panel discussion proposals for the conference. Presentations that address ethnic/cultural diversity, racial and other forms of disparity, gaps between communities and the institutions that serve them, and ways that participatory or collaborative research partnerships can remedy these and other cultural, health and economic policy oriented problems are appropriate for this conference. We strongly encourage sessions that are participatory and interactive.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications can be submitted to a specific session/track, or can be on topics or issues not listed but consistent with the conference theme.

See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/presentapps.htm for full session descriptions and for full application procedures.

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2004.** Contact 860-278-2044 ext. 303 or email crossroads@icrweb.org if you have any questions.

LODGING

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is the official hotel for the Crossroads Conference. It is a 5-minute walk to Capital Community College. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the hotel and College for those who need assistance. Rates for conference attendees are \$95 a night.

To guarantee this rate, you must make your reservation by **May 10, 2004.**

All attendees are responsible for making their own reservations. For reservations, call 1-800-2CROWNE or 860-549-5400, and tell them you are part of the Crossroads Conference.

See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/lodging.htm for other lodging options in the area.

TRAVEL

AIR Hartford is 15 minutes from Bradley International Airport. Shuttles are available to and from the airport and hotel. Bradley hosts all major airlines.

TRAIN AND BUS Union Station in downtown Hartford provides scheduled AMTRAK service. Nonstop bus transportation to every major Northeast city also runs regularly to and from Union Station. See www.amtrak.com or <http://www.cttransit.com/content/importantLinks.asp>. Union station is a 5-minute taxi ride from the hotel and conference location.

DRIVING Greater Hartford sits at the crossroads of I-91 and I-84. It's also mid-way between New York and Boston, only 100 miles from each city. See www.incommunityresearch.org/news/CrossroadsConf/travel.htm for specific directions and maps to the Crowne Plaza and Capital Community College. Parking in the College's parking lot is available for conference attendees. Please let us know at registration that you need a parking permit.



Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)

MISS/MS./MR./DR.	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
NAME ON TAG	TITLE	
ORGANIZATION		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE	FAX	
EMAIL		

All registration fees include the following meals: Breakfast and lunch on 6/11; Breakfast, lunch and dinner on 6/12; Breakfast on 6/13.

Apply a discount of \$25 per registration with four or more registrations from the same organization. If more than one person registers from the same organization, each person must fill out a registration form.

_____ **\$115** Early Registration (before April 15, 2004)

_____ **\$155** Regular Registration (April 15 thru May 31)

_____ **\$170** On-site Registration (after May 31)

_____ **\$60** One-day Registration for SATURDAY ONLY

_____ I am part of a group from the same organization: _____ # in group

_____ I am applying for a full or partial scholarship

_____ I am interested in Continuing Education Credits

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** (No credit cards accepted)

Please make check payable to: **The Institute for Community Research**

Send to: The Institute for Community Research

ATTN: Crossroads Conference, 2 Hartford Square West, Suite 100, Hartford, CT 06106

In the memo line of your check, please write 'Crossroads Conference.'

OTHER PREFERENCES

I am planning on attending dinner on:

_____ Saturday, 6/12 _____ I am a vegetarian

_____ Special needs (list): _____

_____ I plan on joining the pre-conference tour of Hartford's neighborhoods

Cancellation Policy: There will be a \$50 fee for all cancellations up to 10 days before the conference begins (May 31, 2004). Cancellations after May 31 will NOT receive a refund (unless for an emergency).