

SHARING SPACE

Examining African American and Latino intercultural exchanges in dynamic neighborhoods

Co-sponsored by the Washington DC Office of Planning and American University

May 21, 2018

Format

This workshop will be a day-long meeting, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 4:30 pm, with a reception to follow. It will consist of three panels and a group discussion, with presentations and moderated conversations examining African American and Latino intercultural exchanges in dynamic neighborhoods. The workshop will take place on American University's campus and include leading researchers, practitioners and policy decision-makers from DC and around the country, AU faculty, government representatives, and civic leaders deeply engaged with this topic.

Agenda

8:30-9:00am | Arrivals and Coffee

Meeting Room: Mary Graydon 247

9:00-9:15am | Welcoming Remarks

Eric Shaw, Director, DC Office of Planning

Eric Hershberg, Director, AU's Center for Latin American & Latino Studies

9:15am-10:45pm | Panel 1 | Latinos, African-Americans, and the District of Columbia

Description: This session focuses on the current DC metropolitan Latino and African American demographic landscape. The panel will discuss emerging trends and challenges that policymakers and researchers are observing, along with the key initiatives designed to address them.

MODERATOR:

Robert Albro (American University)

PANELISTS:

Eric Shaw (DC Planning Office)

Willow Lung-Amam (University of Maryland and American University)

Mike Bader (American University)

10:45-11:00pm | Break

11:00am-12:30pm | Panel 2 | Responding to Demographic Change: Comparing the Experiences and Approaches of Other US Cities

Description: This session presents a series of case studies that draw on examples from selected cities including: Detroit, Houston, and Chicago. Each city has been identified because it has experienced demographic changes that help contextualize changes in the District. Presentations will explore the policy and programmatic approaches cities have adopted to address issues related to changing diversity, and evolving relations between African Americans and Latinos. With the benefit of hindsight, this discussion will include evaluations of challenges, successes and failures of these policies and programs.

MODERATOR:

Carolyn Gallaher (American University)

PANELISTS:

Donald Rencher (Deputy Director, Detroit Department of Housing and Revitalization)

Ruth Turley (Professor, Sociology, Rice University)

Julia Burdick-Will (Assistant Professor, Sociology, Johns Hopkins University)

12:30-1:30pm | Lunch Conversation | Community Coalition: Redefining Community and Coalition

Catered Lunch

MODERATOR:

Angela Oh (California Department of Fair Employment and Housing)

Conversation featuring: Representative Karen Bass (**Invited**) and Albert Retana (Community Coalition)

1:30-3:00pm | Panel 3 | Urban Planning amid Demographic Change: Re-Thinking Key Policy Topics Informing the Process

Description: This is a comparative discussion across metropolitan regions of issue-specific challenges connected to changes in the Latino and African American demographic landscape. It will explore the many ways such issues have been addressed through policies and practices, and associated implications. Topics have been chosen based upon their relevance to DC, and include: housing, entrepreneurship, workforce development, youth and education. Panelists will also discuss the success of efforts to build the kinds of inclusive communities and inter-ethnic coalitions that can more effectively participate in the urban planning process.

MODERATOR:

Sonya Grier (American University)

PANELISTS:

Malo Hutson (Associate Professor, Urban Planning, Columbia University)

Brandi Summers (Assistant Professor, African American Studies, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Michael Jones-Correa (Professor, Political Science, University of Pennsylvania)

3:00-3:15pm | Break

3:15pm-4:30pm | Group Discussion | Where to Go from Here?

Description: The group discussion brings attention back to the particular circumstances of DC, informed by the day's discussions of urban planning processes elsewhere, and approaches taken to key issues, including approaches to inclusion of community stakeholders. Starting with two short responses, we will move to a moderated discussion during which workshop participants will reflect on the conversation. The group will consider approaches and areas of work that deserve attention and identify the topics that researchers at AU and elsewhere should prioritize to better inform DC's urban planning, policy and community engagement.

RESPONDENTS:

Courtney Snowden (DC Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity)

Scot Spencer (Annie E. Casey Foundation)

4:30pm-6:00pm: Reception