



**Institute for Urban Research**  
**Morgan State University**  
**Annual Report**  
**2018-2019**

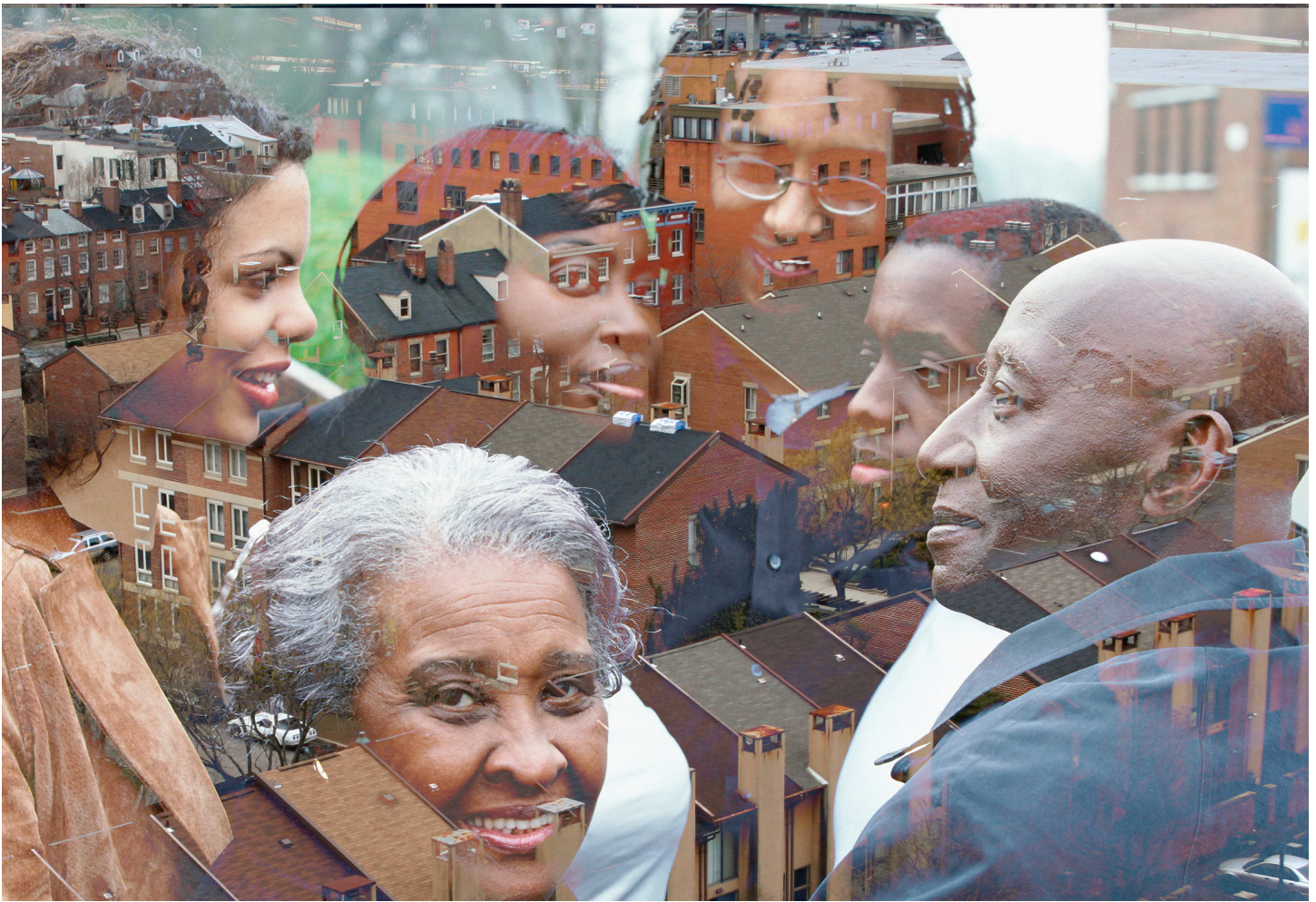




## **Institute for Urban Research Morgan State University**

**In its 41st year as one of two urban research institutes at a historically Black university, the Institute for Urban Research (IUR) continues to empower urban communities through “Intervention, Understanding and Research.”**

**The IUR’s mandate to address social issues within the Baltimore region and beyond is in tandem with the mission of Morgan State University (MSU) being Maryland’s designated public urban university.**



The Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University was established in 1978 under the provisions of the Maryland State Legislature to operate as a component of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The Institute has a core staff that includes a director, researchers, research associates who have faculty status, and an administrative assistant.

The researchers' training, experience and expertise complement the projected focus of the Institute as well as the urban mission of Morgan State. Present members of the Institute advanced degrees in psychology, anthropology, journalism, public health, sociology, transportation, demographic analysis, geographic information systems, methodology and statistical techniques, city and regional planning, mapping and education. The staff also includes graduate assistants and doctoral fellows. They undertake research, compile statistical data, aid in the development of policy analysis, conduct surveys, hold workshops, make presentations to public and private agencies, as well as community groups.

The Institute engages in many forms of action research, academic, policy analysis with elected officials and community service activities. It provides technical assistance to Morgan State University, and the Baltimore urban community. It also allows collaborative research opportunities for faculty and students of Morgan State University. Funded grants provide opportunities for outside researchers to be hired on a contractual basis to assist in fulfilling the mandates stipulated in the grants. At the Federal level, there is a hostile environment for funding "urban research." Historically, sponsored research for urban research has depended on who occupies the White House. Under the Obama Administration, funds in this area were forthcoming and fairly easy to obtain and is reflected in the past annual reports of the IUR. The current administration, which made disparaging remarks about Baltimore City has been reluctant to fund projects perceived to be "a waste of taxpayer money." Thus, "urban research" has always been subject to the political whims of those policymakers who hold the purse strings.

The Institute continues to collaborate with numerous colleges and universities in holding conferences, seminars, and educational forums.

**The following are accomplishments for the IUR during 2018 and 2019.**

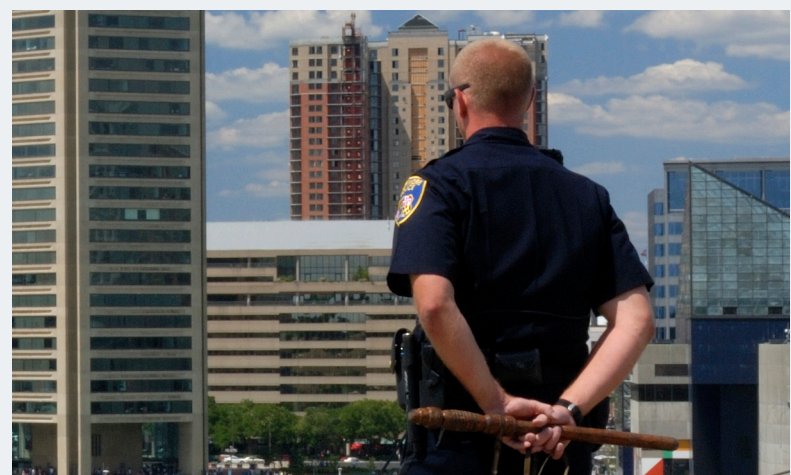
## **Grants, Proposals Written and Proposals Under Review**

**Clement Anyadike**, received grant from the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development for the period January 1, 2019 to December 30, 2019. Under the grant funding, the Community Development Research Center in the IUR continues to provide research support and technical assistance to communities in Baltimore. **Amount of grant: \$43,000.**

**Glenn Robinson** submitted a proposal to the Annie E. Casey and Kresge Foundations that requests funding for sustaining youth education and development. The proposal is designed to support, maintain, and expand our current mix of youth-orientated activities we are creating within the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University to develop a youth education and development program that is both experimental and experiential. The purpose of the proposal is to expand and evolve internal capacity to mitigate against the social, economic, and political inequalities of low income African American communities. **Amount of Proposal: \$75,000.**

**Jeff Menzise** submitted Lumina Foundation mini grant. Project MSU was a holistic approach to student success. The thesis driving this project was that students achieve when they have an identified purpose, a strong sense-of-self, pride in their institution and pride in their own future. As such, the proposed program consists of both academic and experiential learning, designed to motivate MSU students to increase classroom engagement while exhibiting more prosocial and professionally healthy thoughts, beliefs, attitudes, speech, and behaviors. The holistically developed person, is the exponentially successful student. **Not funded for \$10,000.**

**Ray Winbush** received a grant from the Monitoring Team in charge of assessing the Baltimore City Police Department compliance with the United States Department of Justice's Consent Decree for better policing in Baltimore City. **Amount of Grant: \$64,145**



## Presentations

**Ashraf Ahmed** presented paper at the American Statistical Conference on measuring poverty in developing countries.

**Glenn Robinson** hosted a Map Time meeting (a regional group consisting of Towson, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, Goucher discussing Geographic Information Systems (GIS)) at Morgan State. The workshop was well attended by GIS professionals across the Baltimore Metropolitan Region. The workshop focused on GIS capabilities at Morgan, “Geocoding Historical Census Micro-data: “Challenges and Opportunities from Pittsburgh, 1880”, Mt. Auburn Cemetery Project, and a show and tell round robin.

**Jeff Menzise** keynoted the annual Martin Luther King Day event at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. Speech was about Dr. King’s 1968 letter to the American Psychological Association.

**Tracy Rone** served as an invited panelist for the Irene Diggs Plenary, 26th Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium.

**Stacey Patton** attended the American Psychological Association meeting in Chicago and delivered a “Thought Leader” presentation on “Corporal Punishment in African American Communities: Culture or Trauma?” The session was attended by over 400 clinicians across the country.

**Stacey Patton** and **Ray Winbush** participated on a panel with at the Banneker Blake Academy of the Arts and Sciences School. The Baltimore School Board voted to revoke all-boys school charter. We met with school leaders, parents, teachers, and other community stakeholders to discuss the reasons why the charter was revoked, to discuss an appeal strategy, and to listen to the voices of the community.

**Ray Winbush** and **Jared Ball** presented a workshop on Reparations for the TransAtlantic Slave Trade at Pleasant Hope Baptist Church.

## Courses taught by IUR staff:

*Theories of Personality*, **Ray Winbush**

*Theories of Personality*, **Jeff Menzise**

*Race, Education and Social Inequality*, **Tracy Rone**

## Publications

**Glenn Robinson**, “Developing Tanzania’s Transport Infrastructure Management System (TIMS)” for presentation at the Proceeding of the 5th International conference on Transportation in Africa-America (ictaa2019) Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, October 29-31, 2019.

**Tracy Rone**, working with **Simone Gibson** on co-editing a special issue on Education for the Greater Baltimore Urban League’s State of Black Baltimore (in progress).

**Jeff Menzise**, published *Practical Psychology 101*, July 2018 and *Masonic Meditations Vols. 1-3*, July 2019.

**Jeff Menzise**, completed “Meditation and Cognitive Performance” study. In process of analyzing data, publications forthcoming.

**Stacey Patton**, (2019) “There’s No Point Responding to Trump’s Race Baiting. He Won’t Stop”, *The Washington Post*, July 30, Perspective Section.

**Stacey Patton** wrote a forthcoming piece on Black pediatricians pushing back against the American Academy of Pediatrics’ policy against spanking. It had been scheduled to run in June and on August 8, but the news cycle kept changing. The piece is now scheduled to run later this month in *The New York Times*.

**Stacey Patton** and **Tommy J. Curry** (Philosophy Professor at the University of Edinburgh) contracted with Sociology Compass to publish “Refused to See: The History of Intra-racial Familial Violence Against Black Children and Its Consequences for Contemporary Theory.” The journal piece will be published, Fall, 2019.

**Stacey Patton** contracted with Aeon to write two journal articles as a result of conference presentation at the American Psychological Association. The first article: “#DecolonizeYourParenting: How Psychologists Can Help Black Parents Stop Spanking Their Children.” The second article: “I Turned Out Fine: How Spanking Children is a Form of Trauma Bonding.” Expected publication date, early 2020.

**Ray Winbush**, (Ed.) *The Osiris Papers: Reflections on the Life and Writings of Dr. Frances Cress Welsing*. Baltimore: Black Classics Press. Publication date, September 2019.

**Ray Winbush and Natasha Pratt-Harris, (2019),** *The Community's Experience and Perception of the Baltimore City Police Department Survey*, DOJ funded grant to be released, September 2019.

**Ashraf Ahmed, 2018,** *The Effect of Foreign Aid on Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries, Proceedings of Boston Meeting of the American Statistical Conference.*



## Community Projects

**The community projects engaged in by the IUR are numerous, and because of staffing limitations could be double what they now are. Here is a partial list.**

- Collective work of the IUR staff in passing and implementing Senate Bill 350 in the Maryland State Legislature. The bill was authored by Maryland State Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and established the Taskforce on Reconciliation and Equity (TORE) that includes the IUR conducting a two-year state analysis of racism and gender discrimination at all levels of Maryland state government. Even though the SB350 was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan and \$25,000 was allocated for the TORE's work, in early July the Governor held back \$245 million that he had already allocated for various projects around the state and that included the \$25,000 for the TORE. While the IUR and Senator Nathan-Pulliam are still seeking funds to complete the initiative, the IUR is serving the Taskforce by locating, analyzing and presenting data requests by the TORE.
- Workshops continue to be held Clement Anyadike for community groups to aid them in grant writing and advising them on challenges faced in their neighborhoods.
- Working on overhauling the entire website for the IUR
- Undertaking field work and data collection for the publication of community profiles for the Highlandtown Community in Southeast Baltimore and the Mondawmin Community in West Baltimore.
- Planned and implemented Community development workshop that afforded representatives of community-based organizations the opportunity to identify funding sources for their programs
- Assisting the Health and Wellness Work group of the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus on the development of the 2030 Black Agenda.
- Collaborating with MSU's Division of International Affairs on the development and enhancements of the University's curriculum for the study abroad program.



- The staff continues to serve on Masters and Doctoral committees at Morgan State
- Participating at several levels with groups engaged with the 2020 U. S. Census
- IUR has membership on the Morgan Civic and Community Engagement Committee. The Committee's major initiative, the Morgan – Park Heights Renaissance Partnership, was officially rolled out in Morgan courses and Park Heights in Spring 2019. **Tracy Rone** has played an instrumental role contributing to developing the methodology for assessment and evaluation. The goal of refining the methodology is to develop a university-wide evaluation tool for service-learning projects so that we can more adequately measure the impact of service learning of the project on Morgan faculty and students, and participants and stakeholders in the Park Heights Community. Demonstrating how evaluation has been institutionalized and measuring impact are critical to Morgan's next application to be considered for the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.
- **Jeff Menzise** has been invited by the National Association of Independent Schools to conduct a pre-conference Equity Seminar at their annual People of Color Conference which hosts over 7,000 people, developing a “micro-aggressions in education” toolkit for them as well.
- **Glenn Robinson** continues to work with sponsored professor **Dr. Adewole Simon Oladele** in his second year as visiting Professor to promote and advocate for the proposed Tanzania Transportation Infrastructure Management Systems (TIMS) project. The Development and implementation of the Tanzania's Transportation Infrastructure Management System (TIMS) Project capitalizes on an existing Link Agreement between the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) in Tanzania and Morgan State University (MSU) of USA signed in April 2009 and extended in 2014 to 2019. The IUR will be co-sponsoring an international conference on transportation in October 2019.

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