

UCSUR's Brown Bag Speakers Series Presents...

Shrinking Cities: Are We Siting Affordable Housing in Neighborhoods of Opportunity?



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This brown bag focuses on affordable housing siting in shrinking cities. Preliminary findings from Robert Silverman, Kelly Patterson and Li Yin's 2013 HUD Sustainable Communities Research Grant (SCRG) will be discussed. A database for the ten MSAs which contained the fastest shrinking cities in the US between 2000 and 2010 was developed for that project. Data were used to analyse past siting practices for affordable housing and to develop a framework for affordable housing suitability models (HSMs) that can be applied to future siting activities.

***Dr. Silverman's** research focuses on the non-profit sector, the role of community-based organizations in urban neighborhoods, education reform, shrinking cities, and inequality in inner city housing markets. His current research projects include studies of non-profit organizations, anchor institutions, inner-city schools, and fair housing. With Kelly L. Patterson, he is author of recently published *Qualitative Research Methods for Community Development* (Taylor & Francis, 2015).*

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