

UCSUR's Brown Bag Speakers Series Presents...

# Negotiating with the Growth Machine: Community Benefits Agreements and Value-Conscious Growth



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**Friday, December 6th  
Noon-1:15 pm**

**UCSUR's 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
3343 Forbes Ave.  
(across the street from Magee-Womens Hospital)**

*Colleen Cain will join us to discuss her doctoral dissertation on Pittsburgh's first Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) in the Hill District negotiated prior to the construction of the Consol Energy Center. CBA's are legally-binding agreements allowing communities to ensure investment from developers in return for the community's support of a project. In her talk, Dr. Cain will address why communities choose to negotiate CBA's, and also describe the community-developer negotiation process. She'll also discuss the growth-related implications of the CBA on the Hill District and other communities.*

***Colleen Cain, PhD**, is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Northeast-Midwest Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan policy/research organization based in Washington, DC. She researches and produces reports for the Institute on a number of topics, including regional demographic trends, environmental health, the revitalization of older cities, sustainable communities, workforce development, and federal funding. A native of Pittsburgh, Dr. Cain received master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from the University of Florida. She completed her bachelor's degree, also in sociology, from John Carroll University. Dr. Cain's primary areas of interest and research are urban studies and inequality as it relates to race, income, gender, and environment.*

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