



Institute for Urban Research
Morgan State University
Annual Report
2016-2017



An aerial photograph of the Morgan State University campus and surrounding urban area. The image shows a large, multi-story brick building, likely a dormitory or administrative building, in the background. In the foreground, there is a parking lot with several cars, a brick wall, and a road with a brick median. The sky is overcast.

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In its 39th year as one of the few 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 and an administrative assistant.

The researchers' training, experience and expertise complement the projected focus of the Institute as well as the urban mission of the University. Present members of the Institute specialize in the areas of psychology, 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, compiling statistical data, land use surveying, etc., make presentations to public and private agencies, as well as community groups.

The Institute engages in many forms of action research, academic, and community service activities. It provides technical assistance to Morgan State University, and the Baltimore urban community. It also allows 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.

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 2016 and 2017.

GRANTS AND GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

The IUR continues to receive outside money for the research it does. Here is a list of funded projects for the 2016-2017 school year:

Jeanetta Churchill brought in a \$97,000 sub-grant to Morgan from Baltimore's Promise for a 5-year project (i.e., 2017-2021) to build a longitudinal dataset to track the life experiences of Baltimore City Public School Students from kindergarten through the workforce. Currently working with Johns Hopkins School of Education/BERC, she started statistically analyzing student data on foster care, juvenile justice, workforce training participation, public health, and other issues impacting students.

Clement Anyadike received and managing grant of \$76,947.49 from the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development for the period January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Under the grant funding, the IUR continues to provide research support and technical assistance to communities in Baltimore.

Tracy Rone and **S. Gibson** (MSU, SEUS) ICF submitted a \$674,040 grant proposal to Research Education Laboratories (REL), Mid-Atlantic REL to establish a Research Alliance for Urban Education housed at Morgan State University.



PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentations

Clement Anyadike. Planned and implemented program development and fundraising workshops for afforded community based organizations representatives giving them the opportunity to identify funding sources for their programs

Tracy Rone. Invited Participant. Live. Pray. Work. Eat. Illuminating Health and Educational Disparities in Baltimore through Place. 15th Annual HBCU & HSI Health Services Conference, Washington, D.C.

Jeff Menzise. Reginald F. Lewis Museum Keynote Speaker Kwanzaa 2016; Emotional Intelligence Parenting Workshop ManUp Symposium Graduate Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Youth Group Individual mentorship w/ Marvin Holmes; Appointed President of ABPsi-DC.

Ashraf Ahmed. Served in Master's thesis of thirteen students as advisor and committee members—five students of the Department of Mathematics, six students of the Department of Economics, and one student of the Department of Computer Science.

Jeanetta Churchill. Was a panelist at a Roundtable Session, "Framing Educational (In)Equity in Baltimore: From Origins to Solutions", held at the 2017 American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual conference in San Antonio, TX on Thursday, April 27th. She prepared and presented maps of social inequities by neighborhood in the context of K-12 education.

Spoke to several community groups and local conferences on the topic of removing stigma from mental illness. Audiences have included the Baltimore City Police Department, residents of transitional homes, residents of homeless shelters, nursing students, occupational therapy students, a brown bag presentation for HIV/AIDS public health workers, and a conference presentation at a state meeting for human resources professionals.

Ray Winbush. Presentations at Wilberforce University on developing think tanks at HBCUs. Keynote address at International Black Film Festival in Nashville. Spoke in NIH sponsored conference at Rice University. Presentation at Congressional Black Caucus, 2016. Workshop at Association for Classical African Civilizations in Norfolk Virginia. Workshop at Eastern Florida State College in Cocoa Florida.

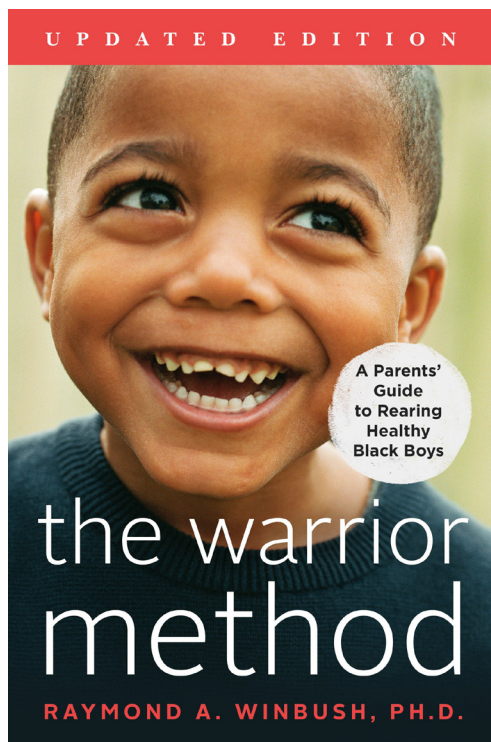
Once again, the Greater Baltimore Urban League has asked the IUR to do the *State of Black Baltimore* report for 2018. This will be the third time we have done the monograph and a strong indication of how the IUR is the "go to" institution for understanding African American life in Baltimore City.

Interviews with IUR staff are routinely conducted with local, national and international media. While it is nearly impossible to track all of them, a minimal estimate of three dozen interviews (three per month) were done by the IUR staff. These include radio, television, newspaper and online.

Individual Publications

Ray Winbush

Two book contracts were signed with HarperCollins and Black Classic Press for books on the healthy rearing of Black boys and the late Dr. Frances Cress Welsing. Both of these books will be published during 2018.



Glenn Robinson

Chapter 32 of the *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Justice* was authored by **Glenn Robinson**. He is considered one of the early experts on environmental justice and his contribution to the Handbook is noteworthy.

Ashraf Ahmed

Paper submitted to American Statistical Conference, 2017, and has been accepted.

Jeff Menzise

Authored a published Issue Guide on “End of Life Care” for the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues Forum; Co-authoring *Issue Guide on Racial and Ethnic Tensions in America* for the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues Forum (September 2017).

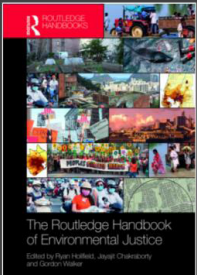
Projects

The staff of the IUR continues to work collaboratively on the development of a comparative study of three Baltimore neighborhoods, Sandtown/Winchester, East Baltimore-Midway and Ashburton Communities.

Designed and piloted a new applied research course under S. Hargett (Morgan Sociology & Anthropology) *Ethnography of Special Contexts Transforming the Cradle to College Pipeline* in Baltimore.

Participated in training Program on R software use and received a certificate on training of R computer software

Several staff member are now teaching in various departments for free both graduate and undergraduate courses.



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