

## **Call for Papers: Symposium on Housing, Segregation, and Poverty**

November 17, 2015 -- 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Center for Urban Research and Education (CURE)  
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The Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, New Brunswick  
The Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at Rutgers, Newark  
The Center on Law in Metropolitan Equity at Rutgers, Newark

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination concerning the sale, rental, or financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, and sex. Yet the residential segregation of whites from blacks remains high, and segregation of Hispanics and Asians from whites has been increasing. Segregation by economic status is also increasing. Much of this segregation is driven by public policies at the federal, state, and local levels, such as exclusionary zoning and the siting of subsidized housing. Segregation by race and class results in concentration of poverty, with demonstrated negative impacts on the health and well-being of ghetto and barrio residents.

In this context, it is encouraging that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the use of “disparate impact” claims in fair housing litigation and that HUD has issued new rules requiring local government and agencies to “affirmatively further fair housing.” These developments suggest the possibility of renewed national action to address segregation and concentration of poverty.

Research into the causes and consequences of the evolving spatial patterns in our nation’s metropolitan areas can make an important contribution to this effort. The Center for Urban Research and Education, The Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy, The Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, and The Center on Law in Metropolitan Equity will host a symposium centered on housing policy and the affordable housing crisis, with speakers addressing topics such as:

- exclusionary and inclusionary zoning;
- affordable housing distribution and the disparate impact decision;
- the geography of inequality and its effects;
- innovative approaches to affordable housing.

The keynote speaker (TBA) will provide a comparative perspective, outlining policies and trends in the provision of “social housing” in Western European countries and reflecting on the differences in urban form between these nations and the US.

We are inviting proposals for paper presentations addressing any of the above topics. Please submit your abstracts to [natasha.fletcher@rutgers.edu](mailto:natasha.fletcher@rutgers.edu). Invited panelists will be reimbursed for travel. Papers will be considered for an edited volume on the themes of the conference. The deadline to submit your abstract is **September 30, 2015**. You will be notified by October 16, 2015 if your paper has been selected.

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