**Local Partner Presentation: The North-South Gap**

Wednesday afternoon, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m

**Partner Overview and Welcome to Dallas**

The Institute for Urban Policy Research (IUPR) at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) is NNIP’s Dallas partner. IUPR produces research and evaluation, education and outreach, and guidance and consulting services to inform, motivate, and inspire community-focused organizations who improve the quality of life in the communities they serve. Founded in 2005 as the J. McDonald Williams Institute and joining the University of Texas at Dallas in 2008, IUPR has been dedicated to providing action-oriented and results-driven services tailored to their clients’ needs.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Timothy Bray will provide a brief overview of IUPR’s history and some of the projects that have defined the first decade of IUPR. From providing research support to the *Dallas Morning News* for their Pulitzer prize winning work regarding the North-South Gap in Dallas to the Wholeness Index, which further explored social, economic, and educational disparities in Dallas, IUPR has played in integral role in the investigation of Dallas’ urban landscape.

Following Dr. Bray’s presentation, Anthony Galvan will present an overview of Dallas’ current socio-demographic landscape, and provide context for the local session, linking the past and present to the Dallas neighborhoods featured in the tours. While North-South disparities persist in Dallas, the second half of the session will focus on recent efforts to address disparities through redevelopment, cultural investment, improved social services, and the urban reintegration of natural resources.

**The City as Context: Dallas’ Divides**

The second half of this session will focus on the persistence of inequality in Dallas. Dr. Bray will use IUPR’s work on the North-South Gap and the Wholeness Index, and well as recent projects like the Mayor’s Task Force on Poverty and Translation Vickery Meadow to illustrate the face of inequality in Dallas. On both a quantitative and qualitative level, IUPR’s work has captured not only the state of inequality, but its impact on quality of life and economic vitality. After reviewing IUPR’s project-based window on inequity, Dr. Bray will facilitate a discussion with local experts and leaders, each of whom bring a unique perspective to both the problem and its solution.

**Panelists:**

**Nakia Douglas**, Principal and Educator

A native of Dallas, Mr. Douglas accepted a four year scholarship to Livingstone College Center of Teaching Excellence after graduating from Dallas’ Lincoln High School. The most recent stops on the road to his current position included tenures as Principal of Maynard Jackson Vanguard School and for the last three years, Principal of A. Maceo Smith High School. Mr. Douglas was appointed Principal of the Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy in June of 2010 and he hit the ground running. The Academy is considered a magnet school, but the focus is on college preparation. All of the students are exposed to an advanced college prep curriculum and study Latin in middle school and Mandarin and Spanish in upper school. In their 7th grade year they double block math and science, so as 8th graders they take Algebra 1 and Biology.

**John Fullinwider**, Activist

John H. Fullinwider is president of the Lumin Education Board of Directors and is a Supervising Librarian at Baylor Hospital Medical Library, Executive Director of Common Ground Community Development Corporation, and a board member for Texas Low-Income Housing Information Service and the School for Community Organizing. Mr. Fullinwider also taught in the Dallas Independent School District from 1994-2009. He co-founded Lumin in 1978 along with Executive Director Terry Ford, believing that all children can succeed, regardless of race or income. Mr. Fullinwider has numerous awards, including DISD Teacher of the Year, Excellence in Teaching Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Equal Justice Award. He has numerous published op-ed pieces, articles, and poems, as well as extensive press coverage of his community work and teaching.

**Regina Montoya**, Chair of Mayors Poverty Task Force

Regina Montoya is a Harvard-trained attorney who has been nationally recognized as one of the top lawyers in the country. She is the Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Poverty, and she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Regina was one of the first Latinas to earn partnership in a major corporate law firm in the United States, and she is a former award-winning television commentator. Regina is currently working on a book about the importance of incorporating Latinos into the economic, political and social fabric of America, and she is a frequent public speaker on a wide range of issues including health care, poverty, diversity, and children.

**Theresa O’Donnell,** Chief Planning Officer

Theresa O’Donnell serves at the city’s Chief Planning Officer, where she coordinates the activities of housing and community development, fair housing, and planning and neighborhood vitality. Soon, Ms. O’Donnell will be appointed as Chief Resiliency Officer. Until recently O’Donnell was an interim assistant manager, following a lengthy appointment as Director of Sustainable Development and Construction.

**Donald Payton,** Historian

Donald Payton is president of the African American Genealogy Interest Group, which is a branch of the Dallas Genealogical Society. Mr. Payton has spent more than 35 years tracing family histories and doing historical workshops across America. He also organizes the Miller Family Reunion in Dallas, Texas every summer. This reunion attracts more than 1,000 family members. He is a former Dallas County Historical Commissioner who has served on a special state committee to make June 19th an official Texas state holiday, and he has presented numerous Juneteenth workshops and programs in various states. Mr. Payton has also been featured in national media news events and interviews.

**Tod Robberson**, Editorial Writer at the Dallas Morning News

Tod Robberson serves on the Editorial Board at the Dallas Morning News. He served previously as international correspondent for The News from 1997-2007, based in Bogota, Panama, and London with coverage responsibilities in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Europe, and Latin America. Among other responsibilities on the Editorial Board, Mr. Robberson focused on The News’ North-South Gap work, including numerous in-depth pieces exploring the conditions of inequity and the processes and policies contributing to its growth.