

Ignite Showcase, Part 1: New Partners

Wednesday afternoon 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

These 5-minute presentations give a lightning-quick overview of our new NNIP Partners and their work.

Improving Health in Cities One Neighborhood at a Time

Amy Carroll-Scott, Drexel University

Created in January 2016, the mission of the Urban Health Collaborative at the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health is to improve health in cities by increasing scientific knowledge and public awareness of the way health varies within cities, in order to promote urban policies and partnerships that reduce health inequities. The UHC has projects locally, nationally, and globally with a strong emphasis on Philadelphia—our own backyard. Our local work brings a neighborhood health lens to Philadelphia data, partnering with community advocates and policymakers who can use these data to make improve health in Philadelphia’s neighborhoods. This so far has manifested as data briefs, neighborhood health profiles, data and research trainings, and academic and cross-systems research partnerships.

Bridging the Community Data Gap

Amanda Macune, Rice University

The Kinder Institute seeks to provide data and research services to facilitate the direct practical use of data by community leaders to build capacity in Houston’s disadvantaged neighborhoods. Over the past six years, we have partnered with ten organizations in Houston on the Community Bridges Program, a unique experiential-learning program where students learn about inequality and poverty issues through an academic course and active fieldwork. The Community Bridges Fellows are placed in partner organizations to develop and implement programs and projects based on research findings to address the needs of the community. They also serve as liaisons between the Kinder Institute and the partner organizations, connecting their work back to ours as a local data intermediary.

Advancing Opportunity & Innovation in Los Angeles

Gary Painter, University of Southern California

The USC Price Center for Social Innovation has spent the last four years working with a variety of local stakeholders to develop a common platform for sharing neighborhood-level data across the greater Los Angeles region. These planning efforts have resulted in the development of the Price Center’s new Neighborhood Data for Social Change platform, a user-friendly online data resource that allows nonprofit organizations, advocacy groups, and government agencies to access reliable, aggregated data at

the census-tract level. This talk will provide an introduction to the features of the new Neighborhood Data for Social Change platform, its capacity to support other programs and activities in the community and at the Price Center, and ultimately, how this work will advance our mission to develop ideas and illuminate strategies to improve the quality of life for people in low-income, urban communities.