



CLiME NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

The Center on Law, Inequality & Metropolitan Equity is excited to begin the 2019-2020 school year with new research, new projects and new fellowship opportunities.

CLiME's focus on equitable growth continues, especially in Newark, where the prospects for gentrification and rising displacement risk continue, as well as the opportunities for creating a different, more equitable model of place-based development.

We are fortunate to continue our work with the **City of Newark**, officially in the form of membership on the newly created **Equitable Growth Advisory Commission**. Other CLiME projects will include **investigation into the equitable returns on the public investment in tax incentives; the meaning and measure of displacement; and the institutional rules and practices that may compound trauma for families already in crisis.**

This year, the themes of many projects continue to examine how different forms of **localism**--i.e., control of public and private resources at the local level--may enhance equitable outcomes or directly frustrate them. This year we will continue to look at how justice may result from the adoption of entirely new ideas or the enforcement of older, dormant ones.

As always we invite collaboration across disciplines to conduct publicly engaging research and advocacy strategies with demonstrated impact.

Here is some of our **most recent work** as well as **announcements of new research opportunities with CLiME**:

1. Research Memoranda Updating and Analyzing CLiME's Displacement Risk Indicators Matrix (DRIM):

These three memos were authored by **SPAA doctoral candidate** and **CLiME Summer Research Fellow Meril Antony**:

- An update on the **2000-2015 data contained in the first DRIM report** to show **new dynamics in the Central, South and West Wards of Newark**. [Read it here](#). The paper also lists all relevant new **Opportunity Zones by investments**, a capital financing vehicle based on the new federal tax law that New Yorkers would be wise to track.

- A deeper dive into some of the **DRIM variables** for those three wards. [Read the memo here.](#)

- And a **specific analysis of the Central Ward** where Newark has focused some of its greatest redevelopment efforts and resources and where sharp new displacement risks are evident. [Read it here.](#)

2. The 2019 Award for Best Paper in Race, Class & Metropolitan Equity

Can gentrification occur in suburban municipalities?

If so, do the same local governmental policies that drive it violate New Jersey's constitutional prohibitions on exclusionary zoning as set forth in the Mount Laurel doctrine and subsequent state Fair Housing Act?

These are some of the key questions addressed by author and law student **Ruby Kish**. In this provocative, brilliant and exhaustively researched paper, Kish argues that what is happening in so many New Jersey municipalities creates the same incentives to exclude affordable housing and its low-income tenants that occasioned the landmark litigation 50 years ago, and is just as violative of the New Jersey constitution.

Read "[Inequitable Gentrification: A Form of Exclusionary Zoning that Violates New Jersey's Constitution](#)" by Ruby Kish.

3. The 2019-2020 CLiME Fellowship

Each fall, CLiME offers a paid one-year fellowship to graduate and professional students across Rutgers University-Newark. We seek to work with and support highly motivated students from any discipline, who have demonstrated interests in issues of structural inequality.

The 2019-2020 CLiME Fellows will assist in the following:

- **Gentrification:** Literature reviews and best practices to inform the work of the new mayoral Equitable Growth Advisory Commission;
- **Public Finance:** Financial analyses of returns on public investment of redevelopment subsidies and incentives in state and local economic development;
- **Community Development:** Neighborhood-based affordable housing initiatives, including APRA, "anchor tenancy", limited-equity co-ops, community land trusts and tiny houses;
- **Census-based research** and mapping;
- **Child Welfare:** Legal and public health analyses of institutional trauma effects of housing-related psychological determinations in CPS proceedings.

APPLICATIONS DUE: September 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Read the [fellowship posting here](#).

4. An Annotated White Paper on Universal Basic Income

As the City of Newark embarks on a task force to study the implementation of **universal basic income**--an idea made popular by the presidential candidacy of Andrew Yang--we offer a [primer on the basics and a list of helpful sources for future reading](#).

5. The CLiME Part-Time Equitable Growth Research Fellow Position

CLiME seeks one paid part-time research fellow for our **Projects on Equitable Growth with the City of Newark**. Equitable growth is the process of using redevelopment policy in order to increase institutional capacities and more equitably distribute public resources on behalf of economically vulnerable residents and stakeholders.

Read the [Equitable Growth Research Fellow position posting here](#).

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