



CLiME NEWSLETTER

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CLiME's projects for the 2019-2020 school year continue to advance the mission of reducing structural inequality through interdisciplinary research strategies about institutional reform and equitable growth. Highlights of this work include:

- Six **new CLiME Fellows** (see descriptions below) from Rutgers Law School, the Department of Economics and the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration;
 - A major new **Project on Equitable Public Finance** in which CLiME researchers investigate the role of public finance—primarily tax incentives and abatements—in stimulating economic development investments in more equitable and inclusive ways rather than promoting inefficiencies or gentrification-based displacement;
 - CLiME's Project on Equitable Public Finance is a collaboration with Dr. Marilyn Rubin, a Distinguished Research Fellow at SPAA (see description below);
 - Continued collaboration with Professor Jennifer Bernstein and Rutgers Visual Means in a student-led, interactive project called **Visualizing Equitable Growth**;
 - Professor David Troutt's continued work as a member of the City of **Newark's Equitable Growth Advisory Commission**;
 - Continued work on **Displacement Studies** – inquiries into the conceptual complexity of what we mean by gentrification and displacement and the implications for law and policy;
 - Providing assistance with affordable housing policy in Jersey City, applying *Mt. Laurel* to suburban gentrification and much more!
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2019-2020 CLiME Fellows

Amir Botros

CLiME Fellow | Amir Botros was born in Cairo, Egypt. As an undergraduate student, he studied jurisprudence and political science. He is a current 2L at Rutgers Law School. He enjoys

reading 18th-20th century literature, plays the violin, and is currently learning Coptic.



Ilma Husain

CLiME Fellow | Ilma Husain is a first year graduate student at Rutgers University pursuing her MA in Economics. Her research interest lies in analyzing the inequalities that exist in urban systems and working towards removing the barriers to success that prevent underserved populations from thriving. With a background in economics, Ilma hopes to study methods of equitable economic growth.



Ruby Kish

CLiME Fellow | Ruby Kish is a third-year law student at Rutgers Law School. Prior to law school, Ruby was a volunteer education advocate in her community and she also founded the Secaucus Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, a volunteer organization for parents of students with disabilities. Ruby also established a Department of Disabilities in Secaucus to address the recreation needs of individuals with disabilities in the community. As a law student, Ruby has interned with the NJ Attorney General's Office in the Civil Rights Division and Office of the Public Defender's Juvenile Division. She has worked extensively in the Rutgers Education and Health Law Clinic and is the Research and Technology Editor for the Women's Rights Law Reporter. Ruby was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to enable her to work at Advocates for Children of New Jersey after graduation where she will provide representation to justice-involved youth in education related matters. Ruby received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in Microbiology from the University of Maryland.



Wendy M. Nicholson, MPA

CLiME Fellow | Wendy M. Nicholson, MPA, received her BS in Psychology from Tufts



University, her MPA from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and is currently pursuing her doctorate in Public Administration at the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration. Her research interests include the role of race and racism at the nexus of educational, criminal justice, and governmental budgeting policies, diversity and inclusion, Critical Race Theory and Racial Battle Fatigue.

Aladekemi Omoregie



CLiME Fellow | Aladekemi Omoregie was born in Newark, NJ and completed most of her education in the same city. She is a current third year student at Rutgers Law School. Before coming to law school, she graduated from Rutgers University in Newark, NJ in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. After graduating from Rutgers, she moved to Southern New Jersey to complete a year of service in Philadelphia, PA with AmeriCorps City Year. After graduating from law school, Aladekemi will clerk for the Honorable Thomas W. Suumners, Jr. in the New Jersey Appellate Division and then will work as an associate at Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi PC.

Damilola Onifade



CLiME Fellow | Damilola Onifade is a 2L at Rutgers Law School. She attended Rutgers University and graduated with a major in Political Science. She has spent some time working in affordable housing and thus interested in researching gentrification and equitable housing options.

Equitable Public Finance Co-PI, Dr. Marilyn Rubin

Marilyn Rubin

Dr. Marilyn Rubin is Distinguished Research Fellow for the Office of Public Engagement in the School of Public Affairs and Administration. She works with faculty, staff, students, and alumni to promote community engagement in the Greater Newark area. She



is Professor Emerita of Public Administration and Economics, and former director of the MPA Program at John Jay College of the City University of New York (CUNY). She has had more than 35 years of experience working as a consultant and advisor to high-level officials at all levels of government on projects related to fiscal policy, economic development, and strategic planning. She is an elected fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA).



- Architects, Designers Talk Newark's Future

NEWARK, NJ — As Newark continues to redevelop, architects and planners explored how policy and people-centered design strategies can improve the human experience in the city during an interactive discussion Thursday at the Newark Museum of Art. NJIT and Gensler, a global design firm, hosted the "Shaping the Future of Newark: Designing Cities for People" discussion that focused on a variety of issues that impact New Jersey's largest city.

Today 4.2 billion people, just over 50% of the world's population, live in cities. By 2050, more than 70% of the world's population will live in cities, according to Roger Smith, Gensler design director of architecture.

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