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JOIN US FOR A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

FROM THE GROUND UP: A DECADE OF COMMUNITY-INFORMED DEVELOPMENT IN WOODLAWN



"As years have passed, I have seen major changes. We became one community together. The neighborhood became safer. I have seen the young people become more community-minded." — Ms. Jeanne Clark, long-time community resident of Woodlawn, as featured in *From the Ground Up*:

Housing as a Catalyst for Community-Driven Redevelopment of Chicago's Majority-Black Woodlawn Neighborhood

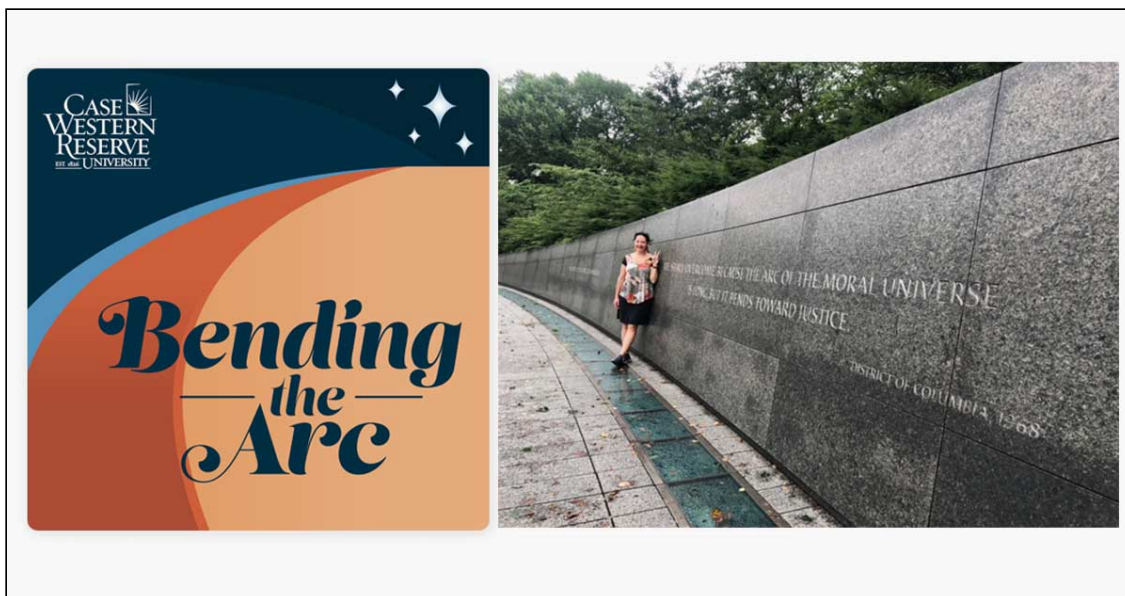
Join Drs. [Amy Khare](#), NIMC Research Director and [April Jackson](#), Associate Professor at University of Illinois - Chicago and NIMC Research Affiliate, along with an incredible line-up of Chicago experts, including Chicago Commissioner of Housing [Marisa Novara](#) and Regional HUD Administrator [Diane Shelly](#), for a webinar and roundtable discussion.

Majority-Black, low- and moderate-income neighborhoods typically do not experience investment or positive changes in the physical and social environment on the scale of what happened in Woodlawn, making this community-driven effort to change the neighborhood's trajectory an important case for national attention. The lessons offered by Woodlawn's experience are relevant for many neighborhoods across the United States where movements to achieve economic, housing, and social justice seek to rectify the hardships caused by institutional racism, disinvestment, and exclusion of communities of color by government and private entities. While there are no one-size fits all approaches, the study finds that the neighborhood changes strategies led by the Preservation for Affordable Housing (POAH) offer implications for action among policymakers and practitioners who strive to support Black-centered, community-driven redevelopment efforts that benefit existing residents.

The research brief "From the Ground Up: Housing as a Catalyst for Community-Driven Redevelopment of Chicago's Majority-Black Woodlawn Neighborhood" and the full research report "Household and Community Change within Chicago's Woodlawn Neighborhood: A Research Report for Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)" will be released during the webinar. Please [register here](#) in order to join us and receive the reports on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 1:30-3:00 (central standard time).

[Register Here](#)

OUR FIRST EPISODE WITH DR. AMY KHARE



Our work with POAH and many other Choice Neighborhoods Initiative projects across the country has us thinking about what we have learned about mixed-income communities and the challenges and opportunities of creating more inclusive and equitable neighborhoods. If you haven't listened to it, check out our first episode of [Bending The Arc](#) with Dr. Amy Khare, the Research Director at the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities and Founding Director, Dr. Mark Joseph as they explore these ideas. They also review some of the insights and ideas from the [volume of essays](#) on mixed-income communities they co-edited together.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING: LONG TERM COMMUNITY IMPACT

Curious about the impact of Atlanta's East Lake Initiative? Read Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute, Brett Theodos', recent research report about the long-term impact of the initiative on the surrounding community. Using a synthetic control method, he finds that perhaps the effects may be driven by changes of people rather than changes for people. [Read more about it here.](#)

MEET OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER

WELCOME STEVEN D. BROWN, JR, MS, MBA

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