

## National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities



**Mark Joseph, PhD**



**Ben Metcalf**



**Katherine O'Regan, PhD**

### Event Panelists

## Leveraging the Biden administration's new Housing Supply Action Plan

On Oct. 28, join us for an exciting webinar titled **“How Best to Leverage the Biden Administration’s New Housing Supply Action Plan to Promote Housing Equity and Community Resilience.”** At this event, you will hear from Katherine O’Regan, PhD, and Ben Metcalf, authors of essays in the [What Works to Promote Inclusive, Equitable Mixed-Income Communities volume](#) . The webinar will be moderated by Mark Joseph, PhD, and will center on reflections on the Biden Administration’s urban policy and how best to leverage it to impact households and communities. Be sure to [register for the webinar](#) to receive the event’s Zoom link.

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## Connecting with historical traumas in America

PACEs Connection’s [“Historical Trauma in America” series](#) examines the historical trauma in the United States and its impact on American society through a series of virtual discussions. This series highlights several regions within the United States and outlines how unresolved historical trauma has impacted every aspect of

American life and directly shapes the sociopolitical landscape and the well-being of Americans today.

The purpose of these discussions is to make connections between America's history and the country's current mental health crisis, social determinants of health and the obvious disparities and inequities present in our communities today. The series includes a review of the concepts of collective trauma, intergenerational transmission of trauma, and historical trauma, featuring the RYSE Center's infographic on Interacting Layers of Trauma and Healing framework. [Sign up for the next session in November.](#)



(Credit: Edgar B. Dews III, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH)

Are you a visual learner? Check out this [NIH collaboration](#) that seeks to help us understand health disparities in the county where we live through an [interactive data visualization tool](#).

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## Featured podcast: “Inside the Bricks”



The second season of “[Inside the Bricks: My Changing Neighborhood](#)” is now streaming on *ideastream*. Cleveland reporter and storyteller Justin Glanville continues to highlight the changes happening in Cleveland neighborhoods and residents’ concerns about progress, diversity and the risks of gentrification.

Glanville's first season of "Inside the Bricks" focused on the mixed-income transformation at Woodhill Homes in the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood. The season ended before the City of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority won a \$35 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. [Recent coverage of the project](#) featuring NIMC's Research Director Amy Khare considered the challenges of gentrification, systemic racism and a lack of high-quality affordable housing across Cleveland.

The implementation of the Woodhill Homes transformation is progressing and you can keep up to date with it on the [Woodhill Homes website](#).

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## Reducing poverty without displacement

[New research](#) from the Brookings Institute shows it is possible to reduce concentrated poverty and increase inclusive prosperity without displacement of the local community. The authors use new data and advanced analytical tools to offer insights on the characteristics of these nearly 200 neighborhoods in the U.S. The authors identify eight indicators of inclusive prosperity.

Three external indicators signal the environment around a neighborhood supports prosperity, and five internal indicators show the residents in the neighborhood support prosperity. These indicators are as follows:

### *External—Environment and Neighborhood*

- Positive economic growth in the local metropolitan area
- Lower homicide rates in the local county
- Low risk of displacement from the surrounding area

### *Internal—Residents in Prosperity*

- Higher rates of homeownership
- Lower levels of residential vacancy
- Increases in housing density
- Greater rates of self-employment
- Presence of community-building organizations

Read the summary, full report and methodology on the [Brookings Institute website](#), and check out a [video of the discussion](#) hosted by Brookings Metro earlier this fall.

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## Meet our growing team

Several incredible people have joined our team in the NIMC over the last several months. Learn a bit more about them below!



Saniya Mansoor is the department assistant at the NIMC. She is also in her first year as a graduate student at Cleveland State University earning her master's in healthcare administration and a certification in public health. She previously held positions at Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals and MetroHealth as an administrative assistant. She likes to paint, volunteer for the local Nepalese organization and make jewelry in her free time.

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Christina Vukovich, MSSA and MNO, is a research associate for the NIMC. She provides research, evaluation and coordination support for the Washington Housing Conservancy project and works in research and evaluation within the CHOICE federal grant and Woodhill projects. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from The College of Wooster and a Master of Science in Social Administration and a Master of Nonprofit Organizations from Case Western Reserve University. She has a deep passion for immigration policy and advocacy and its intersection within housing. She loves to read, write poetry and play pickup basketball.

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Alyssa Nickell has been supporting marginalized communities in Chicago and San Francisco for over two decades through direct care, social service program development and research. In 2010, she joined Shanti Project in San Francisco as a care navigator for women living with breast cancer and transitioned to her role as Director of Research and Program Development in 2012. Nickell was a member of Shanti's senior leadership team from 2012-2022. She holds a PhD in Christian Spirituality/Religious Studies from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, (Methodology: Cognitive Science, Art History & Embodied Spiritualities), a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran

School of Theology in Chicago (Emphasis: Liberation & Systematic Theologies) and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Northwestern University. Her embodied, creative outlet is as a collaborative poet with Bharatnatyam dance troupes, increasing access to the art and spirituality of traditional Indian dance for western audiences through spoken-word poetry.

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Colette Ngana is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. Her research focus is on the experiences of burn injury survivors, particularly the intersection of housing and accidental injury. She holds a Bachelor of Science in History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts in Bioethics from CWRU. Colette is also a pottery and crochet artist and reproductive justice advocate working with local abortion rights, health, and justice organizations in Ohio.

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Dustin Major is a project manager/research associate with the NIMC assigned to the Woodhill Homes Choice Neighborhoods Initiative transformation project. He is also a doctoral student in the Levin College at Cleveland State University studying urban studies and public affairs. Prior to joining the NIMC, Dustin spent 17 years in retail leadership where he developed a community lens to the work. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Idaho and a Master of Science in Nonprofit Administration from Louisiana State University - Shreveport.

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## Work with our colleagues

Our partners at Urban Strategies Inc. are hiring for a position to support the Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities in [Durham, North Carolina](#). The salary range for this position is \$75K-\$85K. Please share this opportunity with your network.

Have colleagues or friends who would benefit from our newsletter?  
Encourage them to sign up today!

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