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**Architecture**

Jennifer Leung  
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**Asian American Studies**

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**Biostatistics and**

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Jonathan Barnett  
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Diana Slaughter-Defoe  
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**Family Medicine and  
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Carolyn C. Cannuscio

**Fels**

John Kromer  
Thomas McKenna

**History**

Michael Katz  
Eric Schneider  
Thomas Sugrue

**Music**

Naomi Waltham-Smith

**Near Eastern Languages  
and Civilizations**

Heather Sharkey

**Nursing**

Bridgette Brawner  
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Roberta Cricco-Lizza  
Linda A. McCauley  
Matthew McHugh  
Diane Spatz  
Eileen Sullivan-Marx  
Anne Teitelman  
Stella Volpe  
Barbra Mann Wall

**Political Science**

Mary Summers

**Real Estate**

Fernando Ferreira  
Albert Saiz

**Social Policy and Practice**

Ram Cnaan  
Dennis Culhane

**Sociology**

David Grazian

**Urban Studies**

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Shahana Chattaraj  
Felipe Gorostiza  
Andy Lamas  
Elaine Simon  
George Thomas

The Penn IUR Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium (UURC) facilitates **faculty-mentored, undergraduate urban-focused research**. The program includes support for a joint faculty-student research project and a semester-long, credit-bearing seminar. The UURC invites the participation of faculty from across the 12 schools to undertake research on a wide range of urban issues. Students from each of the University's undergraduate schools (Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science, Nursing and Wharton) are eligible to participate. The program will sponsor up to 10 projects. Grant funds up to \$2,000 per research team will be provided for faculty to support new and/or existing research efforts.

Projects have ranged from ethnographic studies of Philadelphia night life (anthropology) to identifying barriers to walking in disadvantaged neighborhoods (nursing and public health) to analyzing urban mass transit (engineering). UURC has yielded publications in refereed journals, leveraged other research funding and prepared undergraduates to pursue original research as an extension of the UURC project or in other areas.

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# Undergraduate Urban Research Colloquium

## UURC Participant Projects

These projects represent a sample of initiatives conducted by UURC participants across disciplines.

### Anthropology (SAS)

An Evaluation of the Feasibility of Replicating Different Models of Assisted Community Schools

Clarifying and Building on Existing Definitions of Globalization: Processes of Qualitative Social Change in Different Parts of the World

Ethnographic Exploration of Challenges to Accessing and Adhering to HIV Services Among Latinos in North Philadelphia

Ethnography of the Harm Reduction Potential in North Philadelphia Shooting Galleries

Examining the Civic Engagement of Muslims in Philadelphia

Gender in Global Community Gardens

Hopeless in Philadelphia: A City in Need

Income Generating Strategies of Three Social Networks of Puerto Rican Youth

Proposal for Reproductive Health Research Project in India

Water-related Urban Issues

### Architecture (Penn Design)

Baghdad Year Zero

Green Architecture and Urban Sustainability

### Asian American Studies (SAS)

African American Muslims: An Exploration of Identity in Philadelphia

Asian American Communities in Philadelphia: Development and Contemporary Issues

### Biostatistics & Epidemiology (Penn Medicine)

Implementing a Conflict Resolution Program Involving Storytelling at Charles R. Drew Elementary School

### City and Regional Planning (Penn Design)

Anchor Institutions: An Analysis

A Philadelphia Multi-permit Program for Ecosystem Services

Bernice Elza Homes, A Case Study in Sustainable Urban Development

Civil Society and Economic Integration in Puerto Rican and Mexican Philadelphia

Community and Economic Development Among Mexican Immigrants

Community Development in Arab and Muslim Philadelphia

Dadeok Innoapolis in Korea and the Philadelphia Innovation District Initiatives

Governance of Urban Water in Pakistan

Immigrant Community Issues in Harrisburg, PA

Measuring Walkability in Urban Environments

Planning Transit Oriented Development in Northern Virginia

Social Movements and Community Development in Latino Philadelphia

Surveying Smart Cities Initiatives

The Impact of Preservation Upon Value and the Urban Landscape

The Rise of Car Share Projects in U.S. Cities

The Role of Urban University Undergraduate Student Organizations-Community Relations

Update Research in "Is Shorter Better? An Analysis of Gender, Race, and Industrial Segregation in San Francisco Bay Area Commuting Patterns," Using 2000 PUMS Data

### Earth and Environmental Science (SAS)

Heavy Metal Contaminants in Urban Community Gardens

### Education (GSE)

Developing an Assessment of College Access Programs in Philadelphia

Evaluating the Feasibility of Developing Philadelphia Freedom Schools

History of the University of Pennsylvania's Expansion in West Philadelphia

School Reform and Head Start at Norris Square Civic Association

The Experiences of New "Teach for America" Teachers: Changing Career Goals as Connected to Experiences in Philadelphia Classrooms

The New Educational Accountability: Understanding the Logic and Landscape of Teacher Evaluation in the Post-NCLB Era

### Electrical Systems & Engineering (Penn Engineering)

Defining the National Rail Passenger System Needed in the United States

### Family Medicine and Community Health (Penn Medicine)

African Muslims on the Health of Philadelphia

Art Based Learning for Youth Life Skills Development

A Systematic Analysis of the Causes and Health Consequences of Inadequate Waste Management

Homeowners in Default or Foreclosure: Health Implications of Financial Strain

### Fels Institute of Government (SAS)

Examining Youth Advocacy Groups and Political Activity Among Philadelphia Youths

Tax Delinquent Properties in Philadelphia: An Analysis

### History (SAS)

American Necropolis: Homicide in the American City

Creating an Online GIS Version of The Philadelphia Negro, the Classic Work of Sociology Written by W.E.B. DuBois in 1898 Based on His Survey of Philadelphia's Old 7th Ward

Immigration and Urban Revitalization

The History of Homicide and Homicide as History

The Philadelphia Civil Rights Documentation Project

The Politicization of PoliceCommunity Relations and Black Urban Politics in the North, c. 1960–1980

### Music (SAS)

A Comparative Study of Urban Street Sound and Aural Flanerie

### Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (SAS)

Hip-Hop in Fes: Islam, Faith, and the Convergence of Cultures

Modern-Urban Products and Spatial Politics on the Arabian Gulf

### Nursing (Penn Nursing)

Assessing the Effect of "Girls on the Go" Program on the Fitness of 3rd–5th Grade Girls

Barriers to Walking or Bicycling for Low-income African-Americans in West Philadelphia

Development of an Urban Registry for Sexual Assault Cases

Examining the Effects of HAART on Health-related Quality of Life Among HIV Seropositive African-Americans

Examining the Health Promotion Activities of Older Adults in Urban Philadelphia

Mothers' Beliefs and Experiences: Breastfeeding in Public Urban Areas

Spatial Analysis of HIV/AIDS Prevalence and Treatment in Philadelphia

Understanding Teen Partner Violence and Pathways to Safety

### Political Science (SAS)

Efficacy of Student Volunteers with Internet Access to Assist Clients with Enrollment in Public Benefits Programs at City Health Clinics

Examining Barriers to Food Stamp Access for Eligible Philadelphians

Growing Urban Utopias: Exploring Educational Urban Agriculture in West Philadelphia

Identifying Key Causal Factors in County/State Food Stamp Enrollment Rates

Lea School Lunch and Recess Initiative

### Real Estate (Wharton)

Effects of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act Amnesty on Residential Choice

Revitalizing Chambersburg's Commercial District

The Impact of Income Distribution on School Investment in Philadelphia

Social Policy & Practice (SP2) Exploring Urban-suburban Congregational Collaborations in the Greater Philadelphia Area

The Impact of Affordable Homeowner and Rental Housing Projects in Philadelphia's Community Development Block Grant Program

### Sociology (SAS)

How the Anonymity of Urban Nightlife Affords Young Persons the Opportunity to Experiment with Adult Roles and Urban Lifestyles

### Urban Studies (SAS)

Assessing the Potential for TOD in Philadelphia

Electricity Literacy and the PJM Widget at Penn

Exploring Dynamics of Murder in Philadelphia

Grassroots Resistance to Market Based School Reform in Philadelphia

Leadership Among Community Development Finance Institutions

Special Urban Districts and Energy Efficiency Movements

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits Access in Philadelphia

Sustainable Block Program in Philadelphia

The Impact of the Franklin Institute on Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia

The Role of Community Development Corporations in West Philadelphia

Understanding Informal Real Estate Markets in Mumbai

Urban Agriculture in Philadelphia and Chicago

Urban Planning, Modernization and Economic Development in Post-Colonial States/Developing Countries