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Mapping the displaced families of New Orleans: a research agenda Friday, March 31, 2006 - Washington, DC

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina has brought a wealth of sophisticated geographic analysis of social, economic, environmental, and health data in New Orleans. As we approach the six-month anniversary of the hurricane, the Poverty & Race Research Action Council is hosting a one day meeting to explore a different aspect of the ongoing crisis – where families have moved and what is happening to them. What types of neighborhoods have displaced families been relocated to? What are the housing, health and education needs of displaced families, and are they receiving the services they need? The human and civil rights consequences of these questions are profound. The meeting on March 31 will give researchers the opportunity to share approaches with each other and with advocates, and will help to identify the data that is needed to guide policy.

Participants include:

Laura Kurgan, Spatial Information Design Lab, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University: what data is and is not available from FEMA.

Kassie Freeman, Dean of Academic Advancement, Bowdoin College: Currently working on dispersed population from New Orleans as a "Third Migration." Her work will focus on the effects of dispersion on Education K-12.

Eric Cadora, Justice Mapping Center, Jim Austin, JFA Institute: Currently working on locating dispersed prison and parolee populations and a plan to reduce state prison expenditure in Louisiana.

Jason Reece, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity, Ohio State University: using opportunity mapping to guide future housing policy and rebuilding.

Andrew Curtis, Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Remote Sensing and GIS for Public Health, Louisiana State University and Jackie Mills, Coordinator, LSU GIS Information Clearinghouse, Louisiana State University. "Public Health Concerns with Displaced Populations: Using the LSU GIS Information Clearinghouse to Facilitate Research"

John Logan, Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University: detailed demographic and housing needs analysis of dispersed New Orleans residents, by census tract of origin

Moderators

Philip Tegeler, Executive Director, Poverty & Race Research Action Council

Maya Wiley, Director, Center for Social Inclusion

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31

**At the offices of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council
and the Center for Law & Social Policy**

**1015 15th Street NW Suite 400 – main conference room
Washington, DC**

Please RSVP if you are planning to come – to Philip Tegeler, ptegeler@prrac.org