

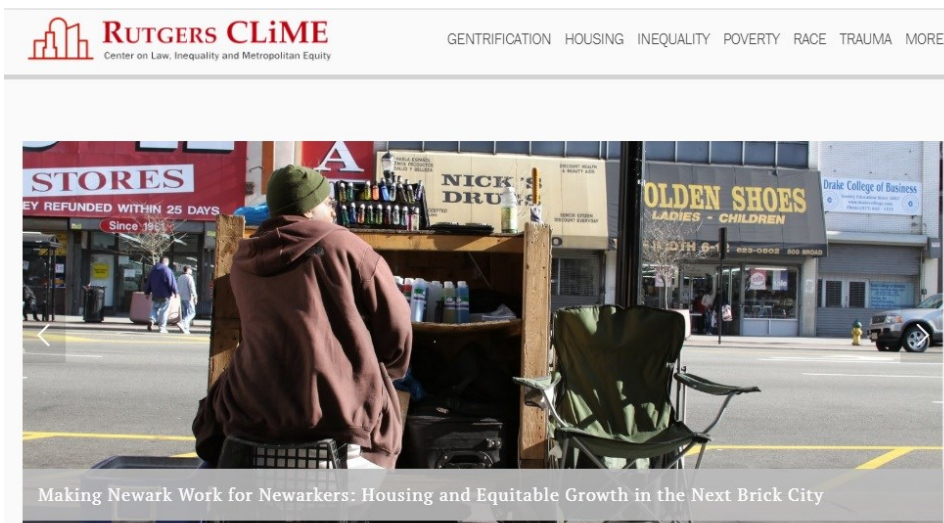


CLiME NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1, 2019

The school year 2018-19 has been eventful and productive for CLiME and the issues of structural inequality behind our work.

1. NEW WEBSITE



We are pleased to announce the launch of our new and improved website — CLiME.Rutgers.edu — that will combine under one domain all our previous searchable content— including original and linked publications—as well as the CLiME blog (**formerly endinequality.com, now end-in-equality.org**).

We outgrew the last one, but were fortunate to use the superb services of the same webmaster in designing it, Sherry Heinitz. Find us at our new domain name: www.clime.rutgers.edu.

2. NEW LEGISLATION IN NEWARK: RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND EQUITABLE GROWTH

Consistent with recommendations made by a coalition of community advocates as well as CLiME in its October 2017 recommendations to Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, the city council passed Newark’s **right to counsel enabling**

ordinance (18-0673) in late December. Right to counsel will provide at public expense free legal counsel for all Newarkers with incomes below 200 percent of the poverty line, who are defendants in an action for

eviction. CLiME is working with city officials to design the mechanics of the new system. When launched this spring, Newark will become the second city in the nation (after New York) to implement a civil right to counsel law.

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NEW LEGISLATION IN NEWARK: RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND EQUITABLE GROWTH (CONT'D)

Also implementing one of the primary recommendations made in CLiME’s October 2017 report to Newark Mayor Ras Baraka, the city council last month passed an ordinance creating the first **Equitable Growth Advisory Commission (18-1487)**.

The Commission will be comprised of a cross-section of local stakeholders from the communi-

ty development, community-based, business, real estate development and anchor institution communities.

The fifteen appointed members will evaluate the equitable impact of existing and prospective development projects and advise city government on ways to maximize development resources for *all*

Newarkers and affirmatively avoid housing displacement caused by gentrification.

CLiME continues to work with the City of Newark to develop additional anti-displacement programs based on a localized fair housing framework.

3. NEW CLiME FELLOWS

We are excited to present the three incredibly talented Rutgers University Newark students who were selected as CLiME Fellows this year. They are:

Akua Dawes, School of Law 2020

Jaynor Diaz, School of Law 2019

Cynthia Golembeski, School of Public Affairs and Administration and School of Law

Read their bios on our new [site](#).

4. NEW COLLABORATIONS

Last summer, CLiME and Visual Means at Express Newark partnered to successfully submit a seed grant for the development of interactive, artistic representations of the CLiME gentrification tool, D.R.I.M.

(Displacement Risk Indicators Matrix).

Led by **Professor Jennifer Bernstein**, a class of undergrad-

uates have been investing their boundless creativity in new representations of the data-heavy matrix. This project continues into the spring.

2000	Newark	
	Characterization	Statistic
Vulnerability		
1 EXTREME RENT BURDEN (% of households)	Moderate	23%
2 RENT (Median gross rent)	Low	\$586
3 INCOME (Median household income)	Low	\$27,058
4 POVERTY (% of households with incomes below poverty level)	High	28%
Market Dynamics		
5 AFFORDABLE RENTS (% of households paying <\$750)	High	76%
6 HIGH RENTS (% of households paying >\$900, inflation-adjusted FMR)	Low	9%
7 OCCUPANCY PERMITS (per 1000 housing units in 1997-2011)*	Moderate	24.5
"Gentrifier" Population		
8 OWNER-OCCUPIED (Number of households)	Low	21,738
8 OWNER-OCCUPIED (% of households)	Low	22%
9 NON-HISPANIC WHITE (% of population)	Low	14%
10 BACHELORS DEGREE (% of population)	Low	9%

Last fall, CLiME was selected to become a client of the Community Development Studio at the Bloustein School.

Led by **Professor Kathe Newman**, a class of masters students in city and regional planning took on

the arduous task of inventorying Newark’s issues with affordability and proposing policy solutions. This project also continues into the spring.

5. NEW RESEARCH MEMORANDA



Look out shortly for new original research memoranda on:

- ◇ COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS
- ◇ TAX-INCREMENT FINANCING
- ◇ TINY HOUSES IN NEWARK

6. RECENT EVENTS

Along with the Newark Public Library, CLiME co-sponsored a conversation in January with author and Fordham law professor **Tanya K. Hernández** to discuss her new book, *Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination*.

Coming at a time when explicit racism is resurfacing, Hernández's look at multiracial discrimination cases is essential for fortifying the focus of civil rights law on racial privilege and the lingering legacy of bias against non-whites, and has much to teach us about how to move towards a more egalitarian society.

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 Center on Law, Inequality & Metropolitan Equity
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 1000 BROADWAY
 NEWARK, NJ 07102

Invite you to a Special Presentation:
**Rutgers Law Professor David Troutt in
 Conversation with Tanya K. Hernandez,
 Author of "Multiracials and Civil Rights"**
 An Afro-Latina's examination of what mixed-race cases of
 discrimination mean for the future of civil rights

**Multiracials
 and Civil Rights**
 Tanya K. Hernández

Wednesday, January 23 2019 at 6:00pm
 The Newark Public Library
 James Brown African American Room
 5 Washington Street | Newark, NJ 07101

Co-Sponsored By:
 RUTGERS Law School, NJIS, Rutgers Law School, and The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

7. RECENT BLOG-POSTS

Read CLiME Director David D. Troutt's arguments against the contemporary use of "diverse" as an adjective to describe non-whites and conflate the meaning of affirmative action in [Ozy.com](https://www.ozy.com/stop-calling-me-diverse/).



8. CLiME IS HIRING!

CLiME, a Rutgers Law School (Newark)-based multidisciplinary center dedicated to impact research on structural inequality, seeks paid part-time research fellows for our Projects on Equitable Growth with the City of Newark. Equitable growth is the process of using redevelopment policy in order to increase institutional capacities and more equitably distribute public resources on behalf of economically vulnerable residents and stakeholders. View the full posting [here](#). Interested applicants should apply directly to CLiME Director Professor David D. Troutt at dtroutt@law.rutgers.edu.