“State of the Research”: School Closings
A Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium
June 19, 2015
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Silverstein Forum, Stiteler Hall, Univ. of Pennsylvania
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Agenda

8:30 am  Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am  Welcome and Overview of the Day
Elaine Simon, Urban Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania
Rand Quinn, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania

9:20 am  Roundtable 1: Rationales and Responses
Fractured Justice and School Closure – Jacob Fay, Harvard University
Understanding School Closures in Philadelphia – James Jack, School District of Philadelphia (formerly Research for Action) and John Sludden, Research for Action
No One Ever Asks Us: Community Led Visions for School Success – Liza Pappas and Zakiyah Ansari, Alliance for Quality Education
Branding Against Closure: Philadelphia Neighborhood Schools and the Management of Risky Futures – Julia McWilliams, University of Pennsylvania

10:35 am  Break

10:45 am  Roundtable 2: Community Engagement + Neighborhood Consequences
An Open and Shut Case: Comparing Outcomes of Community Engagement in D.C.’s School Closures – Esa Syeed, New York University
Shifting Landscapes of Power and Privilege: Public School Closures and Uneven Development in Philadelphia – Ariel H. Bierbaum, University of California-Berkeley
School’s Out: The Closing of Baltimore’s Schools – Jessica Shiller, Towson University
Neighborhoods, Philadelphia School Closures, and the Contested Politics of Place – Ryan M. Good, Rutgers University

12:00 pm  Lunch and Networking

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1:15 pm  Roundtable 3: Student and Stakeholder Impacts
The Impact of School Instability on Students’ Academic Resilience – Dena Phillips Swanson, University of Rochester and Latoya Manon, University of Rochester
School Closure: A Thin Conceptualization of Equity – Anne Galletta, Cleveland State University and Stacey Steggert, Shaker Heights High School
The Consequences of Public School Closure for Political Attitudes and Action: Lessons from Chicago and Philadelphia – Sally Nuamah, Northwestern University

2:30 pm  Snack Break

2:40 pm  Roundtable 4: Ensuring Research is Useful: A Conversation with Researchers and Practitioners
Moderated by Edwin Mayorga, Swarthmore College
Jessica Shiller, Towson University
Tieshka Smith, Philadelphia School Closing Photo Collective
Dale Mezzacappa, The Philadelphia Notebook
Liza Pappas
Zakiyah Ansari, Alliance for Quality Education

3:10 pm  Break-Out Sessions: What have we learned, how can we connect?

4:00 pm  Large Group Discussion: Making Sense of the Day and Next Steps
Facilitated by Lauren Wells, City of Newark

5:00 pm  Reception

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